



Exmouth & District U3A

NEWS BULLETIN NO 18: 24th July 2020

Forthcoming 'Connect on Thursday' meetings:

- **'Connect on Thursday' meeting - 30th July**
10.15 for the Presentation at 10.30. 'Voyage to the North Pole' by Nova Fisher, one of our members. An avid traveller Nova has visited over 100 countries. This is sure to be an interesting session. The presentation will be followed by news and information.
- **'Connect on Thursday' meeting - 6th August**
10.15 for the start at 10.30. 'Escape from Slovenia' a welcome return for **Ian McLauchlin**, committee member.
It was June 1991. 'Wouldn't it be relaxing to visit somewhere a bit different?' or so we thought. Slovenia sounds good, with its lakes, mountains, medieval farm buildings, picturesque gorges and wild flower meadows. And not forgetting the Brown Bear Café. Unexpectedly, Slovenia declared Independence and suddenly there were soldiers, tanks and warplanes everywhere. In fleeing to safety, we visited four countries in a day. And we lived to tell the tale!
Followed by news and information.

Link to the 'Connect on Thursday' meetings on Zoom

The 'Connect on Thursday' meetings are available for all members up to a limit of 100 at the moment. There's no need to let anyone know before, just click or tap on this link at the time to join:
Information removed for website.

'Together on Tuesday' on Facebook - Tuesday 28th July

Join us just before 10.30 am next Tuesday in our virtual café on our U3A Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/exmouthU3A>) for an hour of chat and the chance to share things - perhaps a short video, some photos or something else of interest? This uses text chat, so you can either type in or dictate your views, comments, ideas, questions and whatever else you would like to share. So please participate as the only way we will be able to continue to do this is if more members post comments and other things here at the time.

Facebook Group

Members now number 147 of whom 17 are Group Organisers. It would be good if U3A Groups participated on Facebook as this is a ready made platform for continuing Group Activities while so many U3A members are isolating. This last week favourite topics have included information about Cosmos flowering plants, photo of Comet Neowise over the River Otter, information about Flensburg - Germany, a wonderful photo of the evening sky over the Exmouth duck pond and a food tip on a delicious looking Lebanese breakfast dish. All of these and many more are waiting for new members to enjoy. Why not Join?

August Newsletter

This will be sent out on the 1st August and will also be available on the website.

If you have any articles or photos which you would like to include in the next newsletter, please send them to John Hunt before the deadline date of **Monday 24th August**.

Annual General Meeting on Thursday 13th August

Details of the agenda and nominations were sent out with last week's bulletin.

- **Minutes of the 2019 AGM**
These are attached for approval at the AGM. They have been posted on the website since last June. The direct link for this is:
<https://u3asites.org.uk/files/e/exmouth/docs/agm2019minutes090518.f.pdf>
- **Accounts for year ending 31st March 2020.**
The draft accounts are attached and will also be posted on the Admin page of our website - <https://u3asites.org.uk/exmouth/page/47654>. Please note that the draft accounts are subject to scrutiny by our independent examiner.
If you have any queries please address these to Richard Morgan, Treasurer, at treasurer@exmouthu3a.org.uk
- **Membership subscription.**
As mentioned previously, it is proposed to keep the membership subscription rate at £12 per member for 2021/22.
- **Voting.**
Within the next week, a voting form will be issued to all members with details on how to respond by the closing date of the 11th August.

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Please take care, stay safe, be alert and join us on Tuesday and Thursday.