



NEWS BULLETIN NO 19: 31st July 2020

Annual General Meeting on Thursday 13th August

This year all members are requested to submit their votes by email or post in advance of the AGM (whether or not you are able to join the AGM via Zoom). You can of course still vote in person at the AGM meeting.

- **Voting Form**

This was sent out on Wednesday and your response is required by the 11th August.

- **Quorum**

Under our constitution, a 20% attendance at the AGM is required. This year, however, in view of the special circumstances, the votes received by email and post will be added to those who attend in person.

If the 20% quorum is not reached then the AGM will be deferred one month when the requirement for the quorum will not be required.

- **Connecting to the AGM**

We will be giving details of how to connect to the AGM which is being held as a Zoom meeting in next week's bulletin which will be circulated on Friday 7 August.

Membership renewals 2020

The start of the new U3A membership year was April 1st. Notices have been given repeatedly since February, so we have to conclude everyone who wanted to renew has now done so. All non-renewed members have therefore been marked as "Lapsed", and cannot take part in the AGM, in voting or other U3A activities. Please contact membership@exmouthu3a.org.uk if you do still want to renew, but at this late stage it cannot be guaranteed being in time for you to take part in the AGM.

Forthcoming 'Connect on Thursday' meetings:

- **'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.

- **'Connect on Thursday' meeting - 13th August**

10.00 for the Annual General Meeting starting at 10.30.

The Trustees' report for the year will be presented by our Chair, Sandy MacQueen. Members will be asked to vote on approving the minutes for the AGM 2019, the accounts for the year

2019/20, the proposed subscription charge for 2021/22, the nominations for committee and the appointment of the independent examiner.

The AGM will be followed at about 11.00 by our annual picture quiz which this year will be presented by Nigel and Pam Day.

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. For the meeting on 6th August, just click or tap on this link at the time to join:

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Please note that the Zoom link and connection details for the meeting on 13 August and for future meetings will be different. Details will be circulated in future editions of the bulletin.

'Together on Tuesday' on Facebook

Please 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.

Facebook Group

Now 148 members and the rate of joining is slowing down. It would be good if you could mention the Facebook Group to fellow U3A members who may like to join. Favourite contributions this last week have included violinist David Garrett, history of Exmouth Marina, unusual sculptures, Zoom meeting memories, Eric Morecambe statue and the video of Exmouth from a powered hang glider. But the overall favourite by a long way was the photograph of the Milky Way over the Geoneedle. If any of these whet your appetite why not join up?

August Newsletter

This will be sent out on the 3rd 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 published in September, please send them to John Hunt before the deadline date of Monday **24th August**.

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