



Exmouth & District U3A

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Annual General Meeting.

There has been a good response to the voting form sent out on the 29 July so thank you to all those who have already replied. However more votes are required to reach the 20% quorum which will enable the AGM to proceed. You can vote:

- by email and post **-to be returned by the 11th August**, or
- in person at the AGM meeting. The voting arrangements at the meeting will be explained beforehand.

The easiest way to vote is to send your reply to the secretary by email making clear your voting intentions for the five agenda items (without returning the form), by typing out your vote directly into the email - e.g. "I approve all items", or "I approve items 2,5,6,7 and 8 (or whatever ones you approve)", followed by your full name.

If you require any further information such as nomination details please contact Keith on secretary@exmouthu3a.org.uk.

If you have a problem opening the voting form then please contact John on johnh@exmouthu3a.org.uk.

Forthcoming Connect on Thursday meetings:

- **'Connect on Thursday' meeting - 13th August**
Log in from 10.00 am for the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING starting at 10.30.

Please log in as soon after 10.00 am as possible for this to make sure you are connected, and then keep your computer or device connected and logged into Zoom to wait for the start of the AGM at 10.30 am.

The Trustees' report for the year will be presented by our Chair, Sandy MacQueen. Members who have not already voted 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.

11.00 or thereabouts - our annual picture quiz presented by Nigel and Pam Day. We have been running the picture quiz for about 4 years when we first started holding a monthly meeting in August. This year it will again be multiple choice and there will be 40 pictures of various things (not local) with relevant questions. Each has three options to select from. Nigel and Pam will go through the answers afterwards.

Please have pen and paper handy.

Please note that there is a new Zoom link/log-in details for the AGM and Quiz (and so please don't use the log-in details from previous Connect on Thursday events), and this new link is:

Information removed for website.

These sign-in details are to be used only by Exmouth & District U3A members and should not be shared with anyone else. If you have problems email johnh@exmouthu3a.org.uk. In the very unlikely event that we having problems with this link then, please keep an eye on your email inbox at the time for further information.

- **Connect on Thursday' meeting - 20th August**
10.15 for the start at 10.30. A presentation by Ian Bateman called 'Travels in the Pacific North West'. This talk covers Ian's journeys in southern Oregon starting in Portland with its exotic gardens and laid-back culture. Ian takes you to the foothills of Mount Hood and the Columbia River gorge. You will discover an exact replica of Stonehenge, before travelling south to Crater Lake and the weird atmosphere of the Oregon Vortex.

Followed by news and information.

Covid-19 advice from the Third Age Trust.

This update was received on the 31st July and the relevant section is on our website on the hot news page. A copy of the advice is attached (only the first 4 pages are relevant to us) and it can also be accessed through this link --

<https://u3asites.org.uk/files/e/exmouth/docs/u3acovid19advice29july.pdf>.

The key points are:

- Before starting (or restarting) an activity a risk assessment is required,
- Interest groups of up to 6 can meet, socially distancing, for an outdoor activity that has been assessed for Covid-19 safety (e.g. certain sports).
- Individual interest groups cannot take place in member's homes, apart from subsets of 2 households.
- Some activities may begin to resume providing they are in Covid -19 secure premises (see advice note for details of this). Members' homes are not deemed to be Covid-19 secure.

It is understood that further guidance will be issued shortly which may permit more activities and this will be sent to members as quickly as possible.

If you have any queries or require assistance with the risk assessments, please contact Lyn on publicity@exmouthu3a.org.uk.

'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. This will no longer be actively facilitated and instead we are being very democratic and inviting you, the members, to participate in any way that you wish. This is a golden opportunity for more members to seize this initiative and shape the conversation. And if anyone else wishes to help facilitate this, we would be delighted to hear from you.

August Newsletter

This was sent out on the 3rd August and is available on the website at

<https://u3asites.org.uk/files/e/exmouth/docs/exmouthu3anewsletteraug2020010820.pdf>.

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.