



NEWS BULLETIN NO 21 (Website): 14th August 2020

Hello from Christine Chittock, your new Chairperson.

I will write more extensively in my first 'Chat from the Chair' in the September newsletter but for now I would like to extend a huge thank you to our members who participated in our AGM, whether by voting in advance or logging-in on the day to our virtual AGM. It was reassuring to know that we had exceeded the 20% needed for quorate before the virtual AGM started, so thank you for that.

At the AGM thanks were extended to all who contributed on the day to ensure that our first virtual AGM ran so smoothly. Presentations were made to both Sandy McQueen and Keith Phillips as 'retiring' Chair and Secretary respectively with special thanks for their hard work on our committee.

We had great fun and quite a challenge with a varied and interesting quiz set by Nigel and Pam Day and the winners will be announced in the September newsletter.

Our new committee will meet for the first time in September via Zoom when we will extend a warm welcome to new committee members Jan Collett and Ann Howard.

Christine Chittock, Chairperson

New Committee for 2020/21.

At yesterday's AGM a new committee was voted in as follows:

Christine Chittock	Chair
Ian McLauchlin	Secretary
Richard Morgan	Treasurer
Camilla Benyon	Committee
Maurice Chittock	Committee
Sheila Clarkson	Committee
Jan Collett	Committee
Lyn Holmes	Committee
Anne Howard	Committee
John Hunt	Committee
Olwen Smith	Committee

The Trustees report presented at the AGM by outgoing Chair, Sandy MacQueen, will be posted on the website shortly as will the draft minutes of the meeting when these have been approved by the new committee.

Forthcoming Connect on Thursday meetings:

- **'Connect on Thursday' meeting - 20th August**
10.15 for the start at 10.30. A presentation by Ian Bateman 'FRPS MPAGB AV-AFIAP APAGB <http://www.ibateman.co.uk/ian/> 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.
- **'Connect on Thursday' meeting – 27th August**
10.15 for the start at 10.30. 'The Arts in Exmouth and Beyond' - a presentation by John Hunt. If you are interested in art, music, theatre and comedy, literature, film and dance, this informal interactive presentation could appeal to you. We will explore what's been happening in all these areas of the arts locally (and further afield if there is time), and consider how things could develop in the arts world at these times of uncertainty. Followed by news and information.

Please note that from the beginning of August there is a new Zoom link and log-in for Connect on Thursday meetings (and so please don't use the log-in details from Connect on Thursday events before the end of July). This new link is:

(details omitted 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 any problems, then email johnh@exmouthu3a.org.uk. In the very unlikely event that we having problems with this link, please keep an eye on your email inbox at the time for further information.

Covid-19 advice from the Third Age Trust (TAT) for restarting interest groups.

After last weeks report, detailed advice has now been received which is aimed at assisting interest groups to restart. This advice, dated the 7th August, is attached. It has also been posted on our website on the hot news page alongside previous advice from TAT.

The key points include the following:

- Group organisers must notify the committee before restarting an interest group.
- Organisers must undertake a written assessment of the location which must be Covid-secure, the activity and how members will participate before commencement. This includes sports facilities and community halls.
- Where larger groups come together for organised activities or risk assessed activities in Covid-19 Safe premise, not more than 30 can attend.
- Members are advised NOT to share cars.
- Members must undertake their own personal assessment before deciding whether to participate in any activity.
- No interest groups can meet inside a private house.

There is further guidance relating to sports, walking, external non sporting activity, sedentary interest groups, and arts/crafts/model making and creative groups. Specifically board games, cards etc are still not possible.

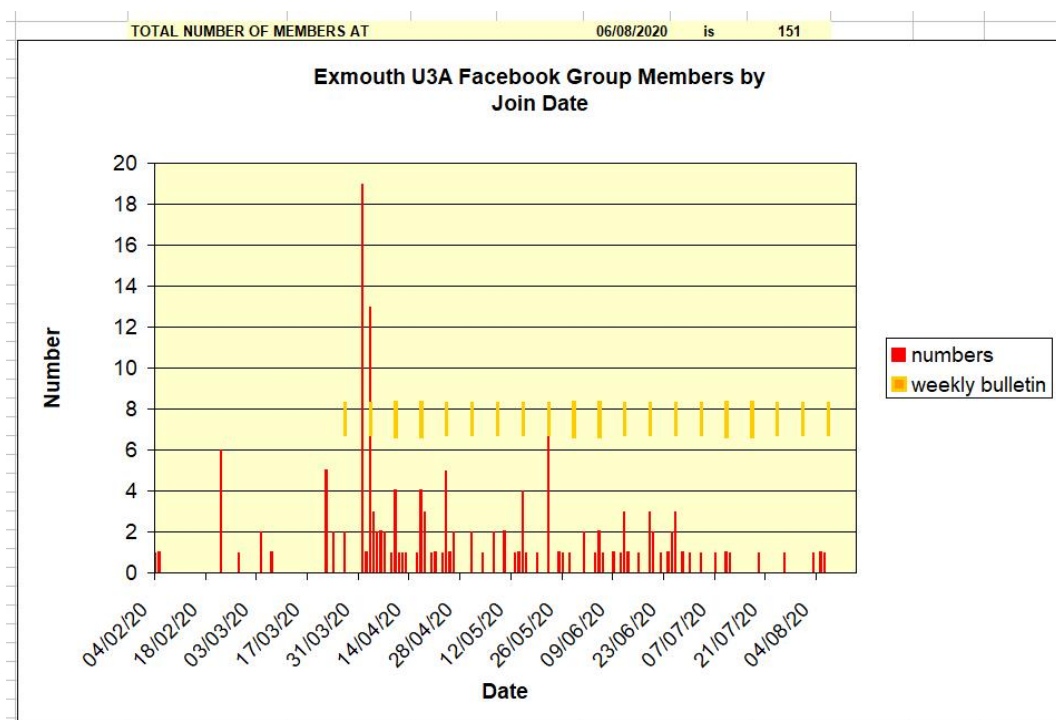
If you have any queries or require assistance with risk assessments etc, please contact Lyn on publicity@exmouthu3a.org.uk.

'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.

Facebook Group

Membership numbers are still creeping up but now only slowly and we have reached 151. Maybe others will be more interested as winter approaches! The chart below shows the rate of joining together with the dates of the weekly Bulletin. Note the connection, especially early on.



Favourite contributions this week have included rose hips, wild flowers, seascapes, ragwort, a snooty alpaca and decoration of the Exmouth Beach seating area. Something there for everyone!

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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NB these will be fully updated to reflect the changed committee roles in due course.

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

Ian McLauchlin, Secretary.

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