

NEWS BULLETIN No. 23

Forthcoming Connect on Thursday meetings:

Connect on Thursday sessions from September – In the last Bulletin we said we would be having informal open sessions on the first and third, and where appropriate the fifth Thursday of the month. This means that in summary the programme for September is:

3 September: Informal open session

10 September: Monthly meeting: 'Incredible India' by Chris Upton ARPS. A welcome return by Chris from Nottinghamshire - <https://www.chrisuptonphotography.com/>

17 September: Informal open session

24 September: Presentation 'Photo Books' by Bryan Webb MA, one of our own members

'Connect on Thursday' meeting – 3rd September

10.15 for the start at 10.30. This will be our first Informal open session. It may be that one of our Groups may like to take the initiative in leading a session. Or members may be willing to give an informal short presentation. Perhaps members will just like to share a photo and talk about it, or share other resources (show and tell). Or it may be that members are just happy to chat with each other.

Would a Group Organiser like to volunteer to talk briefly about the work of their Group at this session? Please contact John Hunt (contact details at the end of this bulletin).

'Connect on Thursday' meeting – 10th September

10.15 for the start at 10.30. 'Incredible India' by Chris Upton ARPS. A welcome return by Chris from Nottinghamshire - <https://www.chrisuptonphotography.com/>

India: A fantastic country where people, colour, noise, traffic, culture, poverty and beauty assault your senses and provide countless photographic opportunities. From Delhi, with its colonial history, to the vibrant and colourful Rajasthan and ending in marvellous Mumbai the presentation captures the spirit of this wonderful land.

Chris is a professional photographer, specialising in Travel, Landscape and Social Documentary photography. He is an Associate of the Royal Photographic Society.

Chris has received awards in national photographic competitions and has twice been commissioned to photograph in Thailand on behalf of the Tourism Authority of Thailand.

Please note that there is now 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:

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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 are having problems with this link, please keep an eye on your email inbox at the time for further information.

'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.

As we have said before, this is no longer 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.

Unfortunately, though, for the past two weeks no one else has contributed to this conversation, and so unless there is a response from members, sadly we will no longer hold these sessions after next week.

Facebook Group

Membership numbers are now fairly settled at 158. But even now, only a few stalwarts contribute items, each of which adds variety to the subject matter. Popular this last week were posts about potentilla, the Eiffel Tower, Exmouth Coastwatch, Swiss lake and cow, trees at Arnside Knott and a drawing of a Devon seaside town. A wide variety of subjects I'm sure you'll agree. So why not join us and see what more we have to offer?

Newsletter

The September Newsletter will be circulated next Tuesday. If you wish to contribute anything (articles or photos) for the October Newsletter, the deadline for receipt of copy is Thursday 24 September.

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NB these will be updated as necessary.

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Please take care, stay safe, be alert and continue to join us on Tuesday (next week only) and Thursday mornings.

Ian McLauchlin, Secretary.

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