

NEWS BULLETIN No. 24

Future News Bulletins

We hope you have been enjoying these weekly bulletins and have found them useful during this period. We produced them originally from the beginning of lockdown to cut down on the number of emails that members receive from us by drawing together the latest news and information in one place, particularly the information on use of technology during lockdown. We have now decided that they will not need to be published weekly but possibly just on an occasional basis according to what news we have to share and according to the needs of members. The newsletter will continue to be published and circulated on a regular basis at the beginning of each month. And a great way to keep up to date with news and information is to join our Facebook Group -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/exmouthU3A>

Third Age Trust High Street Project

<https://sources.u3a.org.uk/2020/08/21/the-national-u3a-high-street-research-project/>

Exmouth and District U3A have signed up for this national project and I am expecting to receive details of how we can take part before the end of next week.

Members (researchers) are being asked to walk down their local high street by the end of September 2020, take a note of what businesses there are, and take photos of the shop fronts. This information will be fed into a database. We are particularly interested in members helping out from Budleigh Salterton, Lypstone, Topsham and Woodbury.

Researchers will then revisit the same high streets in 18 months' time to note any changes that have taken place. The findings, including anecdotes from U3A members who recall high streets of the past, will form a landmark report for publication by the Trust in 2022, so helping to raise the U3A's profile in its 40th anniversary year.

If you would like to take part please e-mail Christine Chittock, Chair chair@exmouthu3a.org.uk and copy to John Hunt, Newsletter Editor newsletter@exmouthu3a.org.uk and Ian McLaughlin, Secretary secretary@exmouthu3a.org.uk

Forthcoming Connect on Thursday meetings:

'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.

'Connect on Thursday' meeting – 17th September

10.15 for the start at 10.30. Informal Open Session. Over to members: 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.

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

Unfortunately, in recent weeks no one else has contributed to this conversation, and so sadly the session on 1 September was our last. But if anyone else would like to start these up again and lead on this in the future, please post something on our Facebook Group or email John Hunt direct.

Facebook Group

The Facebook Group remains popular and now has 160 members. Favourites this last week have been independent bookshop query, a stream in Switzerland, newspapers available online from Devon Libraries, Sea Thrift plants, Stonehenge panorama, Exmouth Art group 'River in landscape' paintings and a list of keyboard function keys. What could be more eclectic than that mix? Join us to find out more, at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/exmouthU3A>

Newsletter

This month's newsletter was published and distributed on 1 September. A big thank you to all our contributors. If you have any views or comments about this newsletter, or if you wish to contribute anything (articles or photos) for the October Newsletter, please contact John Hunt using the email address below. The deadline for receipt of copy for next month's edition 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 Thursday mornings.

Ian McLauchlin, Secretary.

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