



Exmouth & District U3A

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Our U3A Tech Team

We have now set up our technical advice team of volunteers (the "Tech Team") who will try to help with technical issues and the support you may need with computers, laptops and mobile phones or with software or apps on them. We are very pleased to welcome Mick Cox as the latest member of the team, joining Christine & Maurice Chittock, Ian McLauchlin and John Hunt, so we can now offer this service to all our U3A members. In these extraordinary times we are having to depend on technology more and more, and so we hope this will be useful.

If you have any problems, issues or questions, please go to our U3A Connect & Learn website first to see if the answers are there. Information on computers etc is at <https://sites.google.com/view/connectandlearn/computers> and video-calling and teleconferencing is at <https://sites.google.com/view/connectandlearn/videocalls>. These pages are constantly being updated.

Then if you need help, please send an email to John Hunt at johnh@exmouthu3a.org.uk. If it is urgent, or you don't have an email address, or you don't have a broadband or wi-fi connection, please phone him at (and leave a message if there's no reply). He will be able to deal with it himself or pass it to another member of the Tech Team who will get in touch with you direct.

Connect on Thursday - a chance to join together in our video-conference

Quite a few members were able to join our "Connect on Thursday" videoconference (using Zoom) on 9 April, and as we had a positive response to this we will organise this every Thursday until further notice. The next one will be on **Thursday 16 April**, this time at **3.00 pm**. It's open to all members (although there is a limit of 100, so feel free to join in ahead of the time if you can to avoid disappointment!). It will be for about an hour with the topics decided at the time and should be good fun, and members can stay on for as long as they wish afterwards. It's a great way to meet up whilst staying at home, and have conversations and share things.

To join just click or tap on this link:

Details removed for website – please contact John.

If you have not already signed up for Zoom (it's free), it does not usually take long. More advice on what to do is at <https://sites.google.com/view/connectandlearn/videocalls>

Exmouth and District U3A Facebook Group

Since the existence of this Group was publicised in the last Bulletin and in the April Newsletter, there has been a steady influx of new members. So 19 members joined on 1 April and since then the total number has now reached 61 and rising. The group is managed by Ian McLauchlin who has made a deliberate effort to post a variety of topics. As well as a need to include updates from local sources on the coronavirus, Ian has also included links to online interest topics, aided by John Hunt, such as Museum Guides, Theatre Performances, Podcasts and a variety of things to do. There is also a touch

of humour and photographs from nature to help ease the feeling of isolation. Feedback has been very positive. All such posts are welcome. For further information please contact: lan@exmouthu3a.org.uk.

Trading standards update

Our recent speaker, Janet Quinn from Trading Standards, has sent the attached information on recent scams associated with the coronavirus.

Exmouth Mutual Aid Covid 19

This is a new local initiative of a now national organisation supported by Exmouth Town Council providing voluntary help for urgent errands such as collecting food, medicines etc.

The helpline is manned 7 days week from 9am to 5pm: **07494 462057**

The email address is : exmouthcovidhelp@gmail.com

Shared Reading Group

This has now started using Zoom and will be meeting fortnightly on Thursday mornings at 11.30 with the next meeting on April 23rd. If you are interested please contact the secretary who will pass on your interest: secretary@exmouthu3a.org.uk

An Introduction to Sociology

This new distance learning programme is being offered by one of our members and will be for 10 weeks based on the Open University format. It is set at Level 4 and Alan is looking for about 16 participants.

Please contact the secretary who will pass on your enquiry: secretary@exmouthu3a.org.uk.

Feedback

As always we welcome any comments, suggestions and ideas which will assist our members to keep in touch and perhaps to develop new interests or experiences.

Please take care and stay safe.