



Exmouth & District U3A

NEWS BULLETIN NO 8: 15th May 2020

Information for members.

In previous bulletins we have provided contact details for a range of local services to assist members during the lockdown. If we receive information about any others that we feel will be useful then we will include these.

If you need to refer to previous information, the bulletins are available on the newsletter page of the website and on our Facebook Group pages. Alternatively please contact one of the committee members.

Interview on ExmouthAiR Radio 106.4

Sandy MacQueen, our Chair, has recorded an interview about how we are adapting to the new situation with our local radio station. This is scheduled to be broadcast on **Monday 18th May at 11.30 am.**

"Connect on Thursday" meeting on 21st May.

Starting time: **15.00.** News and information followed by a 15 minute presentation by one of our members, **Sheila Haycox, ARPS, MPAGB/AV, EFIAB** called '**An Island in the Sun**'. It has all the ingredients of being an idyllic place set in the Caribbean but Sheila will describe and uncover unusual facts and potted history about a fascinating island in the sun.

The Connect on Thursday meetings are available for all members up to a limit of 100 at the moment. There's no need to let anyone know in advance, just click or tap on this link at the time to join in:

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If you want to try this out for the first time and are feeling unsure, please contact John Hunt.

"Connect on Thursday" meeting on 28th May

Sign on 10.15 with a 10.30 start. News and information followed by a presentation of between 15-20 minutes by one of our members, **Susie Aubrey, entitled 'Clipper 96 – A Round the World Yacht Race'**. Susie's keynote presentation will be about her experiences on the very first 'Clipper Race' telling us about the realities of life on board, the wildlife they encountered and tales of the competition itself.

Please note that following feedback from members, it is clear that a morning session is preferred to an afternoon session. So from June all “Connect on Thursday” meetings will take place in the morning, signing in from 10.15 am and starting at 10.30 am.

“Connect on Thursday” meeting on 4th June

10.15 for a 10.30 start. News and information followed by a presentation by one of our members.

“Connect on Thursday” meeting on 11th June - advance notice of external speaker

10.15 for a 10.30 start. The speaker will be **David Keep ARPS, DPAGB, FBPE, AFIAB** with an hour’s presentation on **'Underwater Photography – from sharks to gannets'**. More details in future bulletins.

Computer and related problems

Our U3A Tech Team is on hand to help members with any technical problems or issues they may have with the use of their computer, tablets or mobile phones or the use of any software or apps. The team have successfully dealt with over 30 queries so far.

It doesn’t matter how trivial the problem may be, the team are happy to assist you; please email or telephone John Hunt.

Connect and Learn website

If you have not done so recently, do take a look at our Exmouth & District U3A Connect & Learn website at <https://sites.google.com/view/connectandlearn>. In particular we would like to hear from you about the latest topic on music. Has this been useful? Any comments, suggestions or additions? Please post on our Facebook Group or email John Hunt.

Facebook Group.

The Facebook Group goes from strength to strength and continues to attract a lot of interest. As an exercise, Ian McLauchlin has looked at the number and content of views over the last week or so. The average number of views per item is 50% of Group Members. He thought it would be useful to note the most popular items by view: a tie between Animal 3D illusion and Marina aerial view, followed closely by Sandy’s Garden and her Book titles. Posts featuring gardens, plants and forests all continue to be generally popular, while the large variety of contributions from members adds something of interest for everybody.

Membership is currently 97. Nearly a round 100. Let's get there next week!

If you have never used Facebook before and want some guidance please contact Ian McLauchlin.

Together on Tuesday: your invitation to join our first Watch Party on our Facebook Group

Following the success of the presentation on 'How do we see things that aren't there?' that Ian McLauchlin gave at one of our 'Connect on Thursday' events last month, he is coming back with this subject by popular demand! Ian has created a short video of his presentation, and the world premiere of this will take place on **Tuesday 19 May at 10.30 am** in the first of our 'Together on Tuesday' events on our Facebook Group at our 'virtual cafe'. All you need to do is to go onto our Facebook Group a couple of minutes before, and you will be able to see it live, followed by another

short surprise video, and then you are welcome to join in the discussion immediately after by posting your thoughts and comments.

If you have not already joined our Facebook Group, just click or tap on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/exmouthU3A/>, and then you will be prompted on what to do next. If you have any problems or want to know more, please contact Ian.

Newsletter – “Living the Lockdown” photos for the June edition

Thank you to those who have already sent your lockdown photos to John Hunt. But we would like some more please! Anything taken by a camera, phone or other device will be fine and any format will be fine too. Please send them before the closing date for the June newsletter which is **Saturday 23 May** – contact details below. They can be sent by email as an attachment, via the free We Transfer service (<https://wetransfer.com/>) or via a link if you save them in a cloud service. All photos will be acknowledged with the copyright remaining with you.

In addition, short reports from groups would also be very welcome.

Contact details

Telephone contact service for members.

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Feedback

We welcome contributions from members for the bulletin, so please forward your comments, suggestions and ideas.

Take care and stay safe.