



## Exmouth & District U3A

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#### **“Connect on Thursday” meetings on Zoom**

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.

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

#### **Forthcoming “Connect on Thursday” meetings:**

- **“Connect on Thursday” meeting on 28th May**  
**Sign on 10.15 with a 10.30 start.** News and information followed by a presentation of 20 minutes by one of our members, **Susi Aubrey**, entitled **‘Clipper 96 – A Round the World Yacht Race’**. Susi's 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.
- **“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, **Cherida Warner**, called **‘A Year from Here’**. One year Cherida and Peter gave up their jobs, purchased 'Round the World' tickets, and backpacked using public transport, hostels and Airbnb. Join us to find out where they went, how they got there and what happened on the way.
- **“Connect on Thursday” meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> June with an 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 the next -bulletin. Further information: <https://www.davidkeepphotography.co.uk/underwater>

#### **Facebook Group**

We've now reached 105 members and growing. It's interesting to note that a few stalwarts check in first thing in the morning, possibly to see what photos from nature are posted THAT day! Every week there are updates on the covid19 front from both East Devon and Exeter Councils. There continues to be a large variety of subjects posted, from popular science podcasts and streaming performances, such as the earlier CATS, to visits to art galleries and a large variety of quite different posts. Recent examples from U3A Groups include posts on Botany and a quiz about local Blue Plaques.

For something more to like in your lockdown life, why not join up now?

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, or if you have never used Facebook before and want some guidance please contact Ian McLaughlin.

### **'Together on Tuesday' - our virtual U3A cafe, every Tuesday from 10.30 am**

Why not make yourself a coffee (or tea) and join us just before 10.30 am each Tuesday on our U3A Facebook Group 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. And please encourage other Exmouth & District U3A members to join in the conversation then too. We look forward to being Together on Tuesday!

### **Connect and Learn website**

There is a wealth of information, features and ideas on 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.

### **Newsletter – “Living the Lockdown” photos**

Thank you to those who have already sent your lockdown photos to John Hunt. But we would still like some more please! Anything taken by a camera, phone or other device will be fine and any format will be fine too. 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.

### **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.

### **Calling all lockdown Foodies out there - brilliant cooking challenge**

Linda Nicholls, organiser of the Food Appreciation Group, has set up a challenge for her group and other like minded U3A groups such as Wine Appreciation, Bake and Taste etc. Along with Jill Pritchett, Linda has put together a package of information around preparing a new recipe, tasting it with a matching salad and pairing with recommended wines. Susi Aubrey has volunteered to set up a virtual discussion to compare notes, at a date in June.

In addition the Facebook group would also be a great format for posting views and photos. For more information, please contact Linda or Jill via the secretary.

### **Contact details**

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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.