


Details of the 'Connect on Thursday' presentations

for October, November and December 2020 via 'Zoom' at 10:15 for a 10:30 start

If you haven't joined us before do come along on a Thursday morning, because as you can see we have a great list of presenters.

Date	Presenter	Description
<p>8 Oct Monthly meeting</p>	<p>Adrian James https://langdalegardens.co.uk/</p>	<p>'Three West Country Gardens' Based in the village of Offenham near Evesham, Adrian is a regular speaker to groups & societies throughout Worcestershire and the surrounding counties. On a freelance basis he supplies plant & garden images to a specialist horticultural image agency for use in publishing & advertising.</p> <p>This talk is unashamedly quite simply an opportunity to explore three extraordinary and superb gardens in the West Country: Marwood Hill Garden in north Devon, Mapperton House & Gardens in Dorset, and Yeo Valley Organic Garden in Somerset.</p> <p>Marwood Hill is set in typical rolling Devon countryside, laid out around a valley with a stream running through, and with great views from the higher ground. Mapperton is steeped in history, has had an interesting development over the years, and to this day exudes a delightfully melancholic air – it is a garden where you just want the world to stop for a while! Yeo Valley Organic is new and exciting, it has been designed and laid out to the highest standards, and it has impeccable royal connections too! A presentation for many interests but particularly for our gardening and botanical groups.</p>
<p>15 Oct</p>	<p>Mike Hull, Devon County Council https://www.red11td.com/academy/driver-training/driving-safer-for-longer/</p>	<p>Drive Safer for Longer: Please e-mail Ian McLauchlin secretary@exmouthu3a.org.uk if you would like to attend this workshop. There is a limit of 20 per workshop. If you can't make this session there is another workshop on 29th October.</p> <p>This FREE Driving Safer for Longer workshop (via 'Zoom') is provided by Red One in conjunction with Devon County Council. "The workshops are offered to various community groups throughout Devon which are aimed at keeping older drivers on the road safely for as long as possible. Driving is one of the most risky activities we are likely to do in our lives, and yet once we pass our driving test many of us have no further training. Driving techniques have, and do change over the years. The workshop is informal, interactive, fun and very informative. "</p>

22 Oct	<p>Ian Bateman FRPS MPAGB AV-AFIAP APAGB, one of our own members https://www.ibateman.co.uk/ian/</p>	<p>Travels in the Pacific North West (Part 2) A welcome return by Ian who always gives us inspirational photos with interesting stories. This time Ian will cover the Oregon coast, Olympic Range, Vancouver Island, Vancouver and Seattle. Ian is an international award winning photographer and International Judge. He is President of the Western Counties Photographic Federation.</p>
29 Oct Workshop	<p>Mike Hull, Devon County Council https://www.red11td.com/academy/driver-training/driving-safer-for-longer/</p>	<p>Drive Safer for Longer: Please e-mail Ian McLauchlin secretary@exmouthu3a.org.uk if you would like to attend this workshop. There is a limit of 20 per workshop. This FREE Driving Safer for Longer workshop (via 'Zoom') is provided by Red One in conjunction with Devon County Council. "The workshops are offered to various community groups throughout Devon which are aimed at keeping older drivers on the road safely for as long as possible. Driving is one of the most risky activities we are likely to do in our lives, and yet once we pass our driving test many of us have no further training. Driving techniques have, and do change over the years. The workshop is informal, interactive, fun and very informative. "</p>
5 Nov	<p>Informal Open Session</p>	<p>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.</p>
12 Nov Monthly meeting	<p>Dr Todd Gray MBE https://humanities.exeter.ac.uk/history/staff/gray/</p>	<p>'Cathedral Yard Fire, Exeter' Just over four years ago at approx. 05:30 on Friday 28th October 2016 a fire started above the Castle Fine Art Gallery in the Cathedral Yard in Exeter. The blaze quickly spread to the adjacent Well House Tavern and completely gutted the iconic 18th century Royal Clarence Hotel, leaving only the exterior walls in place. This proved to be Exeter's most devastating fire since World War 2. Dr Gray was awarded the Freedom of the City of Exeter in 2018 for his services to history. He has written more books on Exeter than any other historian – 14 of his 48 books are about the city and his research has played a role in helping Exonians become more aware of their history and the ancient buildings around them.</p>
19 Nov	<p>Informal Open Session</p>	<p>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.</p>

26 Nov	Robin Kanarek, one of our own members	<p>'Zoom into a Jewish home' Show, tell and enquire. An interactive question and answer session for members. Guess what this object is?  Find out the answer during the session.</p>
10 Dec Monthly meeting	<p>Dr James Taylor FRSA MA (Hons)</p> <p>https://jamesmstaylor.expert/</p> <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Taylor_(British_author_and_historian)</p>	<p>'Brilliant British Humour in the Forgotten Art of the Picture Postcard.' A look at the millions of humorous postcards that were produced from the Edwardian era to the outbreak of World War II – not just for entertainment but to boost morale, to inspire, instruct, motivate and to persuade. Dr. Taylor looks at popular themes and some of the masters of the medium, showing also the reasons why their popularity with the British public eventually waned.</p> <p>Dr. Taylor is a British author, expert on maritime art, and former curator of the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich. He is the author of 'Pack Up Your Troubles - How Humorous Postcards Helped to Win World War One' and many other books.</p>

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