

Exmouth and District u3a: Details of the monthly meetings Jan to Dec 2023

You are most welcome to join us in Exmouth Pavilion for our monthly meetings at 10:00 for a 10:30 start to approx. 11:45. We have a 'Link Up' table in the Pavilion Café for new and recent members; a chance to get together and have a chat and find out more about our u3a. Our Social committee will be in the main hall and you can find out about forthcoming activities and outings. Where possible we will 'live stream' our monthly meetings for our members who are unable to attend 'in person'. Please see our newsletters and e-mails with details of our arrangements. We will keep you informed of any changes. <https://u3asites.org.uk/exmouth/events> <https://sites.google.com/view/connectandlearn/whats-on> As you will see we have a most interesting programme in 2023. Please note that there is no monthly meeting in August.

2023 Thurs 12 th Jan	John Walters http://johnwalters.co.uk/	'Devon's Wildlife – Shore to Moor' An overall view on wildlife as seen by a wildlife photographer and ecology consultant using his own photographs and field sketches to explore the wildlife of Devon from the rock pools on the coast to the high moorland including cuckoos and their meadow pipit foster parents, dancing adders, long-tailed tits and the world's largest slug!
2023 Thurs 9 th Feb	Candy Adkins https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jackie_Moggridge	'Spitfire Girl' As seen on the Antiques Roadshow with Candy talking about the remarkable flying skills of her mother Jackie Moggridge. An extraordinary, inspiring and fascinating story of an Air Transport Auxiliary (ATA) girl, Spitfire expert and pioneer. The ATA which was set up during the Second World War was a British civilian organisation that ferried new, repaired and damaged military aircraft between factories, assembly plants, transatlantic delivery points and maintenance units. Find out about Jackie's role in the ATA and so much more about her amazing life.
2023 Thurs 9 th Mar	John Davidson https://www.exeterschool.org.uk/news/2018-09-07/Long-standing-member-of-staff-retires-after-42-years	'Rewilding' With many species in the UK in decline the idea of rewilding places has received considerable attention over the last 20 years. John's illustrated talk looks at what rewilding means, and what is involved in rewilding a landscape. Plans to introduce missing species such as beavers and large predators like the wolf or lynx will be discussed. Also considered is the importance of rewilding (or wilding) smaller areas and why human intervention may be required to help natural processes. John taught geography, geology, and world development at Exeter School until 2018. He organises talks for Exeter Forum.

Thurs 13th Apr	Maggie Duffy http://www.maggieduffy.co.uk/	‘Pot Pourri ’ We are delighted to welcome back Maggie Duffy who gave us a wonderful performance in April 2022. We were entertained by a wonderful mix of songs, stories and poems and many local tales which she incorporated into her work ensuring that oral history was recorded and shared with us; so essentially a ‘true’ historian. This time with a different collection of her work; spoken, sung and played on guitar we are sure that this will be a great follow up to last year’s performance.
Thurs 11th May	Ian Bateman FRPS MPAGB AV- AFIAP APAGB https://www.ibateman.co.uk/ian/	AGM followed by ‘An Audio Visual Extravaganza’ A welcome return by one of our own members who has entertained us both in the Pavilion and via ‘Zoom’. Ian is an accomplished and award winning photographer. An International Judge of audio visuals (AVs) he is a master of the technique of producing superb AVs with interesting and often intriguing story lines, excellent well-chosen photography with well-timed music and sound effects. Ian gives many presentations both in the UK and abroad and is much sought after. A session not to be missed.
Thurs 8th June	Richard Kay www.lawrences.co.uk	‘Trick or Treat? Fakes & Forgeries in the Art Market’ Richard Kay who is Director of Paintings at Lawrences Auctioneers has given talks to U3A members with tips on how to spot a forgery and we welcome him to our u3a with his knowledge and expertise. Some examples of works that were believed to be original but turned out to be fakes are quite amazing including paintings with a pigment of a much later date and even wormholes being driven into the back of a piece to make it look authentic. Sometimes the provenance of works appear to be impeccable and would hold a high reserve price at auction but not everything is what it seems. Come and find out more about the art market at this presentation and you may have some surprises.

Thurs 13 th July	Hugh de Souza https://exmouthcoastwatch.co.uk presentations@exmouthcoastwatch.co.uk https://www.bsac.com/news-and-blog/coast-clever-with-hm-coastguard-campaign/	HM Coastguard Agency <p>Some of our members have been or currently are members of Exmouth Coastwatch. Hugh currently works as a Coastwatch volunteer for Exmouth Coastwatch. Today more than 50 stations keep a visual watch around the coastline of England and Wales. Technological advances and better telecommunications have improved safety at sea but there is no substitute for a watchful pair of eyes by a trained member of Coastwatch.</p> <p>Hugh will talk about the important and indispensable work of HM Coastwatch Agency and their campaigns such as 'Coast Clever' which features footballer Adeyayo Akinfenwa who educates audiences about the importance of checking tides and how to stay safe near cliffs and mud.</p>
Thurs 14 th Sep	David Bailey https://www.davidbaileyphotographywales.co.uk/	'Wildlife Wanderings' <p>David's passion and love for nature will be evident in this presentation with his skilful capture of wildlife; hares, goats, adders, spoonbills and many other animals. We will be entertained both by his superb photographs and his stories behind his observations of wildlife across the seasons; year round residents, those who hibernate or who are nocturnal and winter migrants.</p>
Thurs 12 th Oct	George Hislop talks@exmouthlifeboat.org.uk https://rnli.org/find-my-nearest/lifeboat-stations/exmouth-lifeboat-station	'Lifeboats' <p>An in depth view of The RNLI and its workings. George will cover crew selection and training, the boats, large and small, lifeguards, water safety, international work and fundraising. Living so close to the sea our u3a members will no doubt have seen the high speed all weather lifeboats (ALBs) and the Inshore lifeboats (ILBs) which usually operate closer to shore and this presentation will be a chance to find out more.</p> <p>Come and find out about the essential work of the volunteers who support our magnificent RNLI.</p>

Thurs 9th Nov	Ciaran Stoker MA	<p>'A Great and Desperate Venture: Belgian Refugees in Devon in the First World War.'</p> <p>Ciaran has delivered this most interesting talk both in person, to Exeter Forum, to Historical societies and via 'Zoom' He is an Employability and Placements Adviser, for a number of modules and programmes within the college of Social Sciences and International Studies at Exeter University. He graduated from the University of Exeter with a BA in History in 2015 and an MA in Medieval Studies in 2016.</p> <p>In 1914 when Belgium was invaded 250,000 Belgians came to the UK and it remains one of the largest ever migrant movements to the UK. Often from extended families the refugees included their domestic staff, men, women, young and old and a diverse workforce that included businessmen, fishermen and agricultural workers. School places were needed as more than 50% were under 20 years old.</p> <p>Come along to find out more about this relatively unknown period of our history.</p>
Thurs 14th Dec	Sheila Parker	<p>'From Tiller Girl to Vernon Girl'</p> <p>Growing up in Liverpool, Sheila joined the Tiller Girls and then became a Vernon girl. With original footage of the time and stories of stars met along the way there will be plenty of audience participation.</p> <p>Sheila worked at the London Palladium with Cliff Richard and the Shadows, Harry Secombe & Jimmy Tarbuck and then later she won the TV show the 'New Faces'. In June 1989 the Vernon Girls reformed at the request of Cliff Richard to appear with him at 'The Event', Wembley Stadium.</p>

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