



This is a very special year for us as we celebrate 10 years of the existence of Exmouth & District u3a, and in national u3a week we also celebrate 40 years of the national u3a movement. This leaflet highlights 10 special things we are doing this year, but we also celebrate all the other activities that we organise – the monthly meetings, the 80 or so special interest groups, the wide range of social outings and events, and much much more besides. My thanks to you all.

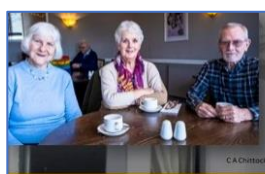
*Christine Chittock, Chair, 22 September 2022*

## 10 things taking place in our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year

- 1 January Planting of copse in the national u3a Woodland in the Brecon Beacons (100 trees – 10 for each year of our existence as a u3a) – *see page 3*
- 2 March Members' 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary coffee morning and afternoon tea parties – *see page 4*
- 3 May Supporting Exmouth in Bloom flower displays in our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year – *see page 4*
- 4 June 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in Exmouth Pavilion – *see pages 5 to 7*
- 5 June 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary quilt, with draw tickets being sold throughout the year – *see page 7*
- 6 August Thank you tea party for group organisers, meeters and greeters and other u3a members who play a significant part in what we do – *see page 8*
- 7 September 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary evening boat trip and party – *see page 9*
- 8 September National u3a week – Zoom celebration of 10 years of Exmouth & District u3a and the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the national u3a movement, plus our new YouTube video
- 9 November 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary planting of 10 fruit trees on the Exmouth multiuser path – *see page 8*
- 10 December Members' 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary Christmas lunch



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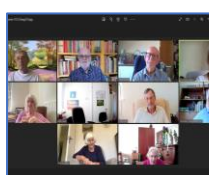
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## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: the Exmouth & District u3a Woodland Copse



If you travel due north from Exmouth for about 120 miles, you come to the Welsh town of Abergavenny. If you continue north for a further four miles there is a plot of land in the Brecon Beacons National Park near the England/Wales border, near a place called Crucorney. This plot of land is very special because this year we are planting there our own copse of 100 two-year-old saplings of native trees on our own Exmouth & District u3a designated land. There will be a plaque on display there which reads "Exmouth & District u3a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary",

and we have our own certificate (see below). So 100 native trees – 10 for each year of our existence, and we have asked for them to be a mix of Cherry, Rowan, Crab apple, Hazel and Oak.

So why are we planting these trees in this location? Well not only are we celebrating our own anniversary this year, but also the national u3a movement is celebrating another anniversary – its 40<sup>th</sup>. As part of this, u3as up and down the country have been encouraged to plant trees in what will become the national u3a woodland – and so far this year, this u3a anniversary woodland has a total of 8,200 trees by the end of this year's planting season.

The funds for planting our own copse have been donated by one of our members, and so this will not cost our u3a anything. And how better to have a lasting way to commemorate our u3a for hopefully many decades – or even centuries – to come, and help the environment at the same time.

You may have seen an article about this in the current issues of 'Third Age Matters'. Richard Lewis from Abergavenny u3a said 'the site is on steep, rough grazing land near the top of Blaenawey farm with wonderful views over the undulating farmland to the Skirrid mountain and beyond.... It's close to one of the main footpaths up the Sugarloaf'. Here is a photo that this u3a took:



Photo by Abergavenny u3a

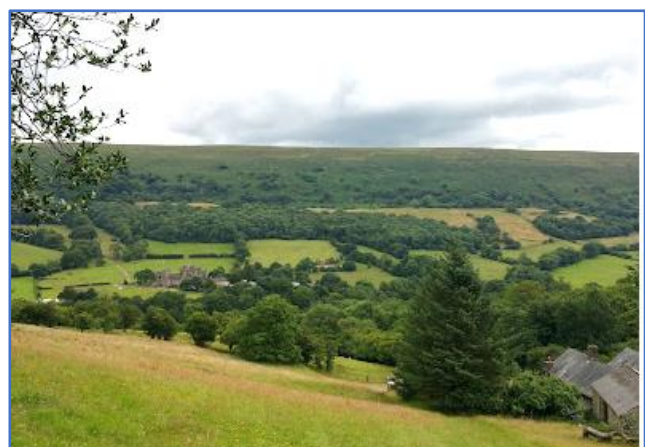


Photo by Andi Fairhurst via Google Maps



## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coffee Morning



*Photos by Christine Chittock*



## Exmouth in Bloom displays

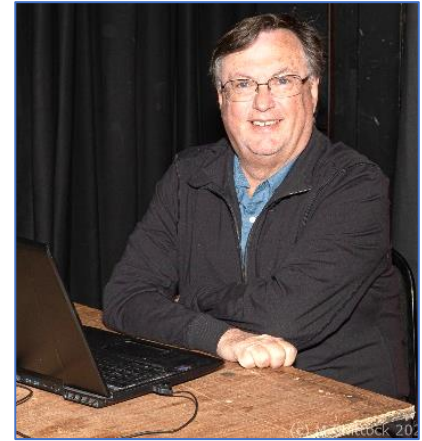


These photos show the flower displays that Exmouth & District u3a has sponsored this year as part of our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.



## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for and by Exmouth and District u3a in Exmouth Pavilion on June 9<sup>th</sup> 2022

With a clear ring of the bell and a tremendous voice Roger Bourgein, Exmouth's Town Crier opened a special 10th Anniversary celebration on the theme of 'Friendship' for Exmouth and District u3a in Exmouth Pavilion on 9th June 2022.



Up on the stage, Ian Bateman was there with his control panel making sure photos and words appeared on the screen and everything worked seamlessly, hiding the fact that a great deal of preparation had been put in. Ian's technical experience came to the fore thus ensuring that all went smoothly with perfect timing.

It was a very moving event, particularly as original steering group members and all the previous Chairs could join us at this memorable event, skilfully compered by David Hemmings. Streamed simultaneously for our members at home by John Hunt in the Pavilion and Ian McLaughlin at home we were thrilled to be joined by one of our members in Florida where it was five thirty in the morning.



Highlights included the enthusiastic 40-strong 'Singing Group' brilliantly led by Wendy Groves and accompanied so well on the piano by Jill Govier. With his 'Musical Contrasts' Harry Atkinson played a wonderful melody of contrasting tunes to get everyone in the party mood. The Latin Line Dancing Group led by Rosemary Walsh with very clear instructions paved the way for an exuberant performance with audience participation. Whether in step or not it didn't matter as 'enjoyment' was the order of the day.





It is always good on such occasions to have an unexpected and positive surprise and this came in the form of a certificate marking the planting of a copse of 100 trees in our tenth anniversary year in a u3a woodland in the Brecon Beacons National Park generously donated by one of our members and so well told by John Hunt. Please see page 8.

Members were captivated by a fun and demanding quiz organised by Linda Parsons and David Hemmings. After which members could enjoy a magnificent celebratory cake and a variety of cakes by the Bake and Taste Group led by Pam Day. Nick Ricketts as the first Chair of our u3a posed for a photo alongside former Chairs Jan Harper Shea and Sandy McQueen together with our current Chair Christine Chittock. <https://www.exmouthjournal.co.uk/news/u3a-celebrates-10th-anniversary-9037532>





Whilst enjoying a drink and celebratory cakes members watched our very own 'Contraband' led by John Smith and recorded by Ian and Elaine Bateman and Maurice and Christine Chittock and edited by Ian Bateman. So good to see and hear the talent of one of our Groups.

A visually stunning geometrically patterned 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary quilt by the 'Quilting for Fun' Group led by Clare Dawson was one of many spectacular quilts on display for members to admire. The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary quilt is being raffled to raise funds for improved accessibility for u3a members.



The finale of a kaleidoscopic audio-visual montage by Christine Chittock showcased members enjoying themselves over the last ten years and brought the event to an uplifting close.

As ever our Meeters and Greeters arrived early, got set in, helped throughout and were there after the celebrations had ended helping to clear up, all with a smile! Helped too by other members including some of our newer members.

To ensure that the event was recorded Maurice Chittock was there taking still photos and Terry Walsh videoed a great occasion. With thanks to everyone who participated and special thanks to Wendy Groves, Linda Parsons and David Hemmings who joined me in planning and organising the event starting last year and working right up to June 9<sup>th</sup> thus ensuring that we could join in but also sit and watch and look back with fond memories. Thanks too to the Pavilion staff who met with us in advance and helped on the day and who definitely enjoyed the cakes made by our Bake and Taste Group.

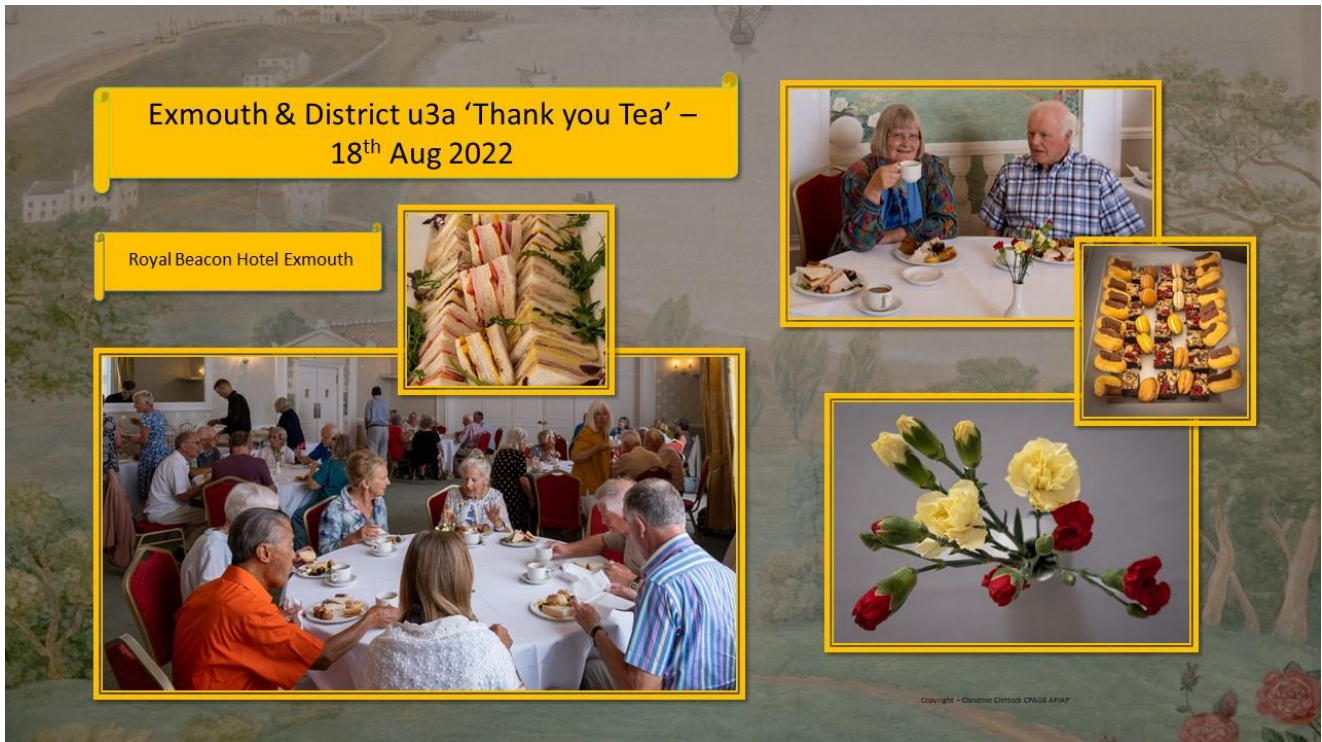
Looking forward to more 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary events organised by our Social Committee of Alice Robson, Clare Dawson, Jenny Comben and Lyn Holmes. Onwards and upwards.

*Review by Christine Chittock, Chair*  
*Photos by Maurice Chittock*





## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thank You Tea



*Collages by Christine Chittock*

## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planting of 10 fruit trees



**Exmouth & District u3a 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Proposed site for 10 fruit trees on National Trust land at Lower Halsdon Farm**  
**Proposed planting date – mid to late November 2022**



## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise

Exmouth & District u3a 10th Anniversary Cruise

15th September 2022



Many thanks to Clare, Alice, Lyn and Jenny for organising our '10th Anniversary Cruise' with Stuart Line Cruises. The evening light was lovely showing off the coast from Exmouth to Ladram Bay so well. There was such a friendly atmosphere and the wonderful spread of food and the disco were enjoyed by our u3a members. So altogether a great success!

Christine Chittock, Chair on behalf of Exmouth and District u3a

*Collage by Christine Chittock*



*Photo by John Hunt*