

Lyme Regis u3a Newsletter – April 2024

Talks

The talks are at Woodmead Halls. Please do not attend face to face meetings if you have any Covid/flu symptoms.

**There will be refreshments before the meeting – 10.15 to 10.45 am. Philippa Fortescue is now our Refreshments Coordinator.

April 2024:

Friday 12 April 11.00 am: Alan Harrison - Nine Lives of an RAF Fast Jet Navigator 1962-1980

Friday 19 April 10.00 am: Science & Technology – John Marriage - What's to Dye For?

Talk in Axminster - Friday May 3rd 2024, 6-7pm at the Minster

Axminster in Flames: The English Civil War in East Devon

Mark Stoye - Professor of Early Modern History, University of Southampton

£5 - Tickets from Axminster Heritage Centre or on the door

Profits go to Axminster Heritage Centre

Social Media

Ann Fleet and Lorraine Vandersyde have set up a Lyme Regis u3a Facebook page

See <https://www.facebook.com/groups/www.lymeregisu3a.org/?ref=share>

Membership

For any membership queries please do not hesitate to contact me - Jacqueline Pettit
membership@lru3a.org

Informal Drop-in – Bell Cliff Cafe

The Drop-in is at the Bell Cliff Café at 10.30 am on the last Thursday of the month. The next Drop-in is on Thursday 25 April 2024. This event is open to everyone and if you want to come, just turn up.

For more details contact Rachael Pope on rachael pope1@outlook.com or 01297 445575 or Ann Fleet on 07761468608 or annfleet60@outlook.com

Breakfast – Bell Cliff Cafe

We are now meeting at the Bell Cliff Café on the first Saturday of the month at 9.30 am. The next u3a Breakfast is Saturday 6 April 2024. The Breakfast is open to everyone and if you want to come, just turn up. The breakfast choices will cost £8-11.50. Everyone is welcome.

For more details contact Rachael Pope on rachael pope1@outlook.com or 01297 445575

Group Leaders

*Please remember that you need to be happy with any contact details going public as this newsletter goes on the website. Group Leaders are reminded to let Mark the Groups Coordinator know if there are any changes to the membership of their groups.

Group News

Garden Lovers

If you love gardens, tea and cake, why not join a group of garden lovers? We visit gardens privately, usually in shared cars, having made a prior appointment with the owner. We do not go on days set aside for the National Garden Scheme but use these dates as an indication of when the garden is likely to be at its best. Lifts can be organised for anyone who does not want to drive.

The Garden Lovers group are planning visits to 7 gardens this year starting with Slope Manor, one mile south of Beaminster, at 2.30pm on Thursday 25th April. To join this trip contact Gill Steinberg (01297 445072 or gillsteinberg45@gmail.com).

For further details about the Garden Lovers group contact Mary Bohane (01297 444566 or marybohane@yahoo.co.uk).

French Club

We are looking to recruit one or two new members to The French Club. For information - our level can probably best be described as intermediate. Our meetings consist of conversation plus reading and translating articles in French which may be from a French newspaper or magazine - in fact anything which has caught a member's eye and which s/he wishes to share with the group.

We take improving our conversational French seriously but it is also important to us that we enjoy our weekly meetings.

If anyone is interested in checking us out they should not hesitate to get in touch with Wendy on 01297 445195 for further information.

Meet 'n Eat – Lunches

7 April The Three Horseshoes, Burton Bradstock

5 May Hunters Lodge Axminster

2 June Bowd Inn Sidmouth

7 July The White Hart Colyford

4 August The Crown Bridport

1 September Talbot Arms Uplyme

6 October The Ship Inn Axmouth

3 November The Cobb Arms Lyme Regis

1 December Lyme Regis Golf Club

Contact Lorraine Vandersyde on trips@lru3a.org if you would like to take part.

Day Trippers

Tuesday 16 April Swanage Railway & Corfe Castle

Contact Lorraine Vandersyde on trips@lru3a.org if you would like to attend.

Jewellery Making

The Jewellery Making/Repair group is now weekly on Wednesday afternoon 2 - 4pm at my home in Uplyme. For any more information please ring me on 07513271702. Angela Cooper

Short Tennis

The weekly sessions run every Thursday from 2 to 3.30pm at Musbury Village Hall and all necessary equipment is provided. We share the cost of the hall on a termly basis. We have vacancies for approximately 3 or 4 new members. If you would like to give the game a go please contact Sharon Young on 07530 002287 or syoung5727@gmail.com

The Monthly Catalyst

Meets on the 1st Thursday of the month 10am until 11.30am at the Bradshaw Room, The Heritage Centre, Silver St, Axminster, EX13 5AH. The Heritage Centre has a lift for anyone who struggles with stairs. Contact Rachel Jordan 07837233177 rachelbramble@yahoo.co.uk

‘I wanted to be an Actor but ended up as a Social Worker’

Between 10am and 11.30am on 4th April 2024 Rachel Jordan will chat about her career as a Community Worker and social worker.

We need your help

The position of Groups Coordinator will become vacant as Mark is moving away in the summer.

The main duties of the Groups Coordinator are as follows:

1. To act as a focal point for communications between the Group Leaders and the Committee. This includes items for the newsletter and the u3a4u publications.
2. To monitor group membership and update the administrative system accordingly.
3. Provide advice and support to Group Leaders particularly on the starting of new groups.
4. To maintain the group pages on the website and deal with any web contact forms.
5. Attend committee meetings, normally 4 or 5 a year.

Training and a gradual handover can be arranged.

The position offers a chance to make a significant contribution to the running of our u3a and yet the bulk of the work can be undertaken at times that suit the individual. No two groups are the same which makes the role that much more interesting.

For further information or a chat please contact Mark on groups@lru3a.org.

Phillippa Fortesque **still needs a few more people** (men and women) to assist with refreshments when required.

This organisation can only continue to be a success if people are willing to come forward to help. Thank you.

Dorset Council

Regularly publishes bulletins for residents (you can sign up to receive them directly). You may find these recent ones of interest.

Cost of living support. <https://rb.gy/8tvro>

News from the Dorset AONB. <https://rb.gy/1v4pq>

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Links:

Lyme Regis u3a website - <https://www.lymeregisu3a.org/>

National u3a website - <https://www.u3a.org.uk/>

National u3a Newsletter - <https://u3a.org.uk/newsletter>