

## Lyme Regis u3a Newsletter – April 2021

### Talks

We are continuing to deliver presentations online until further notice due to the ongoing Covid situation.

#### April 2021:

Friday 9 April 11.00 am: **Mark Elliot - Returning the Eurasian beaver to Devon (and England)**

Mark Elliott is the Beaver Project Lead at Devon Wildlife Trust

Join us for this introduction to the Eurasian beaver, and the story of its reintroduction to Devon, and now the rest of the country. This 45 minute talk on zoom will explain the effects of beavers on the environment and how their positive effects can be maximised, while managing any conflicts that they cause.



Friday 16 April 10.00 am: Science & Technology – East Devon AONB - Grey Long-eared Bats

**Links for these talks will be sent out separately. Everyone is welcome to both of these sessions.**

#### May 2021:

Friday 14 May 11.00 am: Dogs for Good

Friday 21 May 10.00 am: Science & Technology – to be announced

**[A few people are still not responding to our request to identify themselves in the online sessions](#)**

**\*\* Everyone attending the online sessions should use their full names to register instead of an alias or e.g. 'ipad 4' etc., particularly if they are not using the video setting. We would like to**

**know who is attending the sessions. The reason for this request is to encourage more positive and friendly connections. Thank you to all those who have already done this.**

If you are on Zoom you can change your name if you right click on your image, or click on the 3 dots, and pick Rename. On Webex you can go into Set Up on the App and then My Profile and put in your name.

### **Membership**

u3a membership is free for existing members for 2021. However, **if you do not wish to remain a member please contact the Membership Secretary, Graham Pitts** on 01297 561569 or [membership@lru3a.org](mailto:membership@lru3a.org) New or lapsed members will pay £12 for single membership, £22 for joint and £8.50 for associates.

### **Third Age Matters**

As you know, U3A's magazine is automatically sent to you on a quarterly basis.

However, some people have advised us that they no longer wish to receive it. Before arranging this it would be helpful to know if there are any other members who would like to stop having Third Age Matters.

If this is the case will you please let Graham Pitts, Membership Secretary know before 30th April.

### **We still need your help!!!!**

We **still need** a Groups Coordinator. This role entails liaising between the committee and the group leaders, maintaining the u3a Beacon system details for the groups, and keeping the Groups website section up to date. This role could be split between two people.

Please don't be put off by the mention of specific roles. If you would like to help and support this u3a in some way, please make contact.

**Contact Rachael on [chair@lru3a.org](mailto:chair@lru3a.org) or 01297 445575 if you are willing to help. Thank you in optimism!**

### **Trips**

Recognising the unpredictability of the situation we are still planning for The Edinburgh Festival this year (Monday 16 August) and happy to hear from anyone else who might be interested in receiving information.

John Bartholomew: [trips@lru3a.org](mailto:trips@lru3a.org)

### **Covid update**

**See the national u3a website.**

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/covid-19-advice-on-u3a-activities>

## Group News

Thank you to Iain Paterson for all his hard work for the Current Affairs groups since 2011. He is leaving us to move to Exeter. All the best for the move Iain.

### To all Group Leaders

If anyone wants to change anything on their section of the website, John Marriage has kindly offered to do that for you. Please contact him direct on [webmaster@lru3a.org](mailto:webmaster@lru3a.org)

If you want a contribution about your group to go into this monthly newsletter please contact Rachael.

### NEW: Virtual Coffee and Chat - a trial run

In 'normal times' Ann Fleet and Rachael Pope hosted a social informal drop-in at the Pilot Boat pub once a month. Instead we are going to trial a Virtual Coffee and Chat on Zoom. Ann, Rachael and Mary Bohane are going to host this session. It will be a bit 'trial and error' the first time, but we have been practising getting in and out of the Breakout Rooms without losing anyone! You will be put into small groups that are randomly selected by the technology. If you want to have coffee (or tea), chat and a laugh please join us on

**Friday 2 April 10.00 am. Access from 9.45 am**

See you there, Rachael

### Knitting Team

The group have knitted a total of 313 chickens to go over crème eggs for the St Michaels and Uplyme primary schools. All different shapes, colours and sizes. They looked lovely. A total of 27 people contributed to this project.

123 chickens for Lyme Regis St Michael's Primary School and the staff.



**Names of contributors:**

Debbie Bridge; Sue Bradley; Ann Bartlette; Shirley Williams; Barbara Whitely; Fran Barter; Janet Moyes; Janet Plummer; Sue Wilson; Jacqueline Pettitt; Jayne Avery; Betty Wood; Eileen Osbourne; Chris Cooper; Sue Rowe; Kay Hicks; Molly Spencer; Jane Tee; Jane Newby; Audrey Standhaft; Ruth Day; Maggie Allison; Anne Lindsay; Margaret McConkey; Audrey Hicks; Jane Godfrey; Rachael Pope

190 chickens for the children at UpLyme Primary School



And one chicken made by each of the 27 contributors



Thank you to all the people who took part in this project. The schools were thrilled to receive the chicken and eggs.

### **History – NEW GROUP**

Second Wednesday in the month, 4.00 pm on Zoom

Co-ordinators: Ed and Audrey Standhaft

The group will seek to expand their knowledge and understanding of history. This will cover world history, British, local, family, biography etc.

We will each present a piece to the group once a year so that there is no burden on a few. In this way we will all be learning new aspects of history and by a variety of approaches. From time to time we may use film. Please contact by email -- [aud.standhaft@outlook.com](mailto:aud.standhaft@outlook.com)

### **Lyme Literature Group**

During the third lockdown we have been having regular meetings using Google Duo. We meet once a month to discuss a list of books we have all selected. Each member gives a brief introduction to the book he/she has chosen and then we all join in. We are keen to discuss style and background, socially and in the context of the literary canon.

The two books we have covered so far this year have been: Small Island by Andrea Levy and Death in Venice by Thomas Mann. In March we are looking at My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante. Frances Barter 07986794722 or [francesbarter@francesbarter.plus.com](mailto:francesbarter@francesbarter.plus.com)

### **Making Music**

The Making Music group are now meeting weekly on Zoom. If anyone would like to join us please contact Rob Walker on 01297 444811

### **Contacts:**

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Groups Coordinator: still a vacancy!

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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>