

Lyme Regis u3a Newsletter – April 2022

Vacancies: Chair, Vice-Chair, Publicity, Meet and Greet and Refreshments team

Talks

We are restarting 'real life' face to face talks in April at Woodmead Halls. We will not be providing refreshments due to the high Covid infection rates locally. The doors will be open from 10.30 am. The seating will be limited due to the need for social distancing.

April 2022:

Friday 8 April 11.00 am: Simon West - Word Forest

Managing Director Simon West will present the truly inspiring story of the Lyme based charity The Word Forest Organisation. Over the past 5 years, the charity has planted trees, predominantly in Kenya, built schools, empowered women and facilitated education. Following a severe drought, the focus has been on Kenya in order to help recovery there and also because trees grow ten times faster than elsewhere on the planet.

Friday 22 April 10.00 am: Science & Technology – Dave Farrier - So you want to develop an onshore windfarm? Please note date to fit around the Easter bank holidays

May 2022:

Friday 13 May 11.00 am: Bob Machin – An evolution of a landscape

Friday 20 May 10.00 am: Science & Technology – Richard Doney - Crystals and Chips

Covid

Public Health Dorset (PHD) <https://www.publichealthdorset.org.uk/your-health/protecting-your-health/latest-updates-on-covid-19-in-dorset>

PHD (25 March) – 'Infection rates are at very high levels in our communities, so you should keep taking steps to reduce the spread of the virus. By taking public health precautions, you can help to protect those who are most vulnerable and reduce pressure on essential services.'

For information about group risk assessments please contact Mark Gillams at groups@lru3a.org

Membership

Please could all Group Leaders remind their group members of the need to pay their membership fees for 2022.

For any membership queries contact Jacqueline Petitt - membership@lru3a.org

We need your help

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If you would like to help and support this u3a in some way contact Rachael on chair@lru3a.org

Under the rules of our constitution all committee members are required to resign from their specific roles after 3 years. I have now come to the end of my 3 year term and, in line with the Constitution, need to stand down. This will take effect from the end of April. I will still be helping on the committee in some capacity and will provide any support required for a new person willing to take on the Chair role. Mary Bohane has also resigned as Vice Chair as from the end of February and will continue on the committee as Membership Advisor. We also need someone to take responsibility for publicity and volunteers to help with refreshments (men and women please) and 'Meet and Greet'. This organisation can only continue to be a success if people are willing to come forward to help. Thank you.

Informal Drop-in

We meet at the Pilot Boat in Lyme Regis on the last Thursday of the month at 10.00 am. The next one is on Thursday 28 April 2022. Contact Rachael Pope chair@lru3a.org or 01297 445575, or Ann Fleet annfleet60@outlook.com or 0776168608. The Drop-in is open to everyone and if you want to come, just turn up. Tea and Coffee will be £1.50 a cup.

Breakfast

The u3a Breakfast is normally on the first Saturday in the month at the Pilot Boat in Lyme Regis at 9.30 am. Please note, for this month only, the next one is on 9 April 2022 not 2 April. The breakfast is open to everyone and if you want to come, just turn up.

There are two breakfasts available. A smaller breakfast with one of everything (£7.50) and the larger breakfast with two of everything (£12.00). Tea and Coffee will be £1.50 a cup.

For more details contact Rachael Pope chair@lru3a.org or 01297 445575

Group Leaders

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Please remember that you need to be happy with any contact details going public as this newsletter goes on the website.

Group News

If anyone has an idea for starting a group please let Mark Gillams, the Groups Coordinator know on groups@lru3a.org. He will be keen to provide advice and address any questions you may have.

We are delighted to announce that two of the proposed new groups now have sufficient interest for the groups to get underway with their activities. As it happens both groups still have a small number of vacancies remaining. Details are given below.

Art and Craft

This group is for anyone who enjoys art and/or crafting. There is no tuition, we all bring our own projects to work on. At the moment these range from, painting, sewing, embroidery and lino cutting. However, the hall we meet in has tables, chairs and a kitchen – so as long as you can carry it – bring it. Although there are no structured lessons, we are all willing to share our knowledge and skills.

We meet every second Monday afternoon of the month at Hallett Community Hall, Queens Walk, Lyme Regis from 1 to 4.30. If you'd like to find out more about the group please email Jayne Avery at jayne.avery@btinternet.com

Current Affairs

The new Current Affairs group has now met twice. We meet on the third Tuesday every month at 10:30 for about two hours. In this time we discuss two current subjects. We could probably do with say two additional members. Members are expected to put some thought into the subjects to be discussed and these are notified 4/5 days before the meeting. A small amount of homework is also expected so that we can have a meaningful and intelligent discussion.

Anyone who might feel this might be for them can telephone the Group Leader, Gilbert Bland, on 07754545590 to find out more.

Trips

Ann Fleet is arranging some trips for 2022 – 07761468608 or annfleet60@outlook.com

Friday, 29th April – Coach to Salisbury Cathedral and shopping

There are 3 seats left for our Salisbury trip on Friday 29th April. We will be departing from Axminster, Charmouth and Lyme Regis (please advise when booking). £19 for Cathedral (entry only) and coach or just £12 for coach only. *We will be stopping for a quick comfort (toilet) break at either Dorchester or Blandford Forum.*

Contact me ASAP to book by email: annfleet60@outlook.com

Friday, 5th August – Coach and entry to Taunton Flower Show - Details to follow.

Monday, 5th September – Coach and Exeter Canal Cruise - Details to follow.

Proposed theatre trips 2022 - Crewkerne, Lyme Regis and Bridport U3A`s

NORTHCOTT THEATRE EXETER

Wednesday May 25th at 7.30pm. English Touring Opera: `La Boheme` (Puccini)

Assuming a party of 35: Tickets £32 Coach: £11

Pick ups in Bridport: 3.30 Lyme Regis 3.50. Picnic in the grounds (BYO) before the show

PLYMOUTH THEATRE ROYAL

Thursday August 25th at 2.30 pm `Singing in the rain.`

Assuming a party of 35: Tickets £38 Coach: £15

Pick ups in Bridport: 10.15 Lyme Regis 10.35 Arrive Plymouth by 12.30 to allow time to find lunch or BYO

MAYFLOWER THEATRE SOUTHAMPTON

Friday October 14th at 2.30 pm `The Lion King`

Assuming a party of 35: Tickets £65 Cheapest available; it's very popular. Coach £14

Pick ups in Lyme Regis 10.15 Bridport 10.35 arriving in time to have lunch

I have tickets on hold for all three shows but would encourage you to get back to me at: jdbart45@gmail.com as soon as you can to reserve seats. I will not ask for payment until mid-April.

John.

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