

Lyme Regis u3a Newsletter – April 2023

Talks

The talks are at Woodmead Halls. We will not be providing refreshments. The seating will be limited due to the need for social distancing. Please do not attend face to face meetings if you have any Covid/flu symptoms. Please feel free to wear a mask if you wish to.

April 2023:

Friday 14 April 11.00 am: NO TALK

Friday 21 April 10.00 am: Science & Technology - Keith Jones - The Bathing Water Conundrum

Friday 12 May 11.00 am: David Boag – Nature’s marvels

Friday 19 May 10.00 am: Science & Technology TBA

Membership

For membership queries (including your membership number) please do not hesitate to contact me at membership@lru3a.org Jacqueline Petitt - Membership Secretary)

We still need your help

We are delighted that five new people have now come forward to help on the committee. Richard Doney (Chair), Rachel Jordan (Publicity), David Ruffle, Fran Barter and Steve Miller is the Treasurer Designate, ready to take over from Alex Ruck when he comes to the end of his three year term. We would still, however, like to hear from anyone else who would be willing to contribute to the Committee or this u3a in some way. We particularly need a Speaker Finder (Andrew finished at the March meeting) and Refreshments Coordinator. How about a man to organise the refreshments?

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

Informal Drop-in

We are now meeting at the Rock Point in Lyme Regis on the last Thursday of the month at 10.00 am. The next Drop-in is on Thursday 27 April 2023. The Drop-in is open to everyone and if you want to come, just turn up.

Breakfast

We are now meeting at the Rock Point in Lyme Regis on the first Saturday of the month at 9.30 am. The next u3a Breakfast is Saturday 6 May 2023. The Breakfast is open to everyone and if you want to come, just turn up. Continental breakfast (£5.00 excluding drinks) and cooked (£10.00 or £6.00 excluding drinks). There are 7 choices of cooked breakfast.

For more details contact Rachael Pope 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

The demand for group places continues to outstrip supply. Hence we would ask that any member who wishes to share their enthusiasm for any topic with like-minded individuals contacts Mark Gillams at groups@lru3a.org. Mark will be happy to provide advice and support with setting up a new group.

Possible new groups

Allan Swannell's Italian groups are both mature study groups and as such are not suitable for beginners. If anyone has an interest in forming a beginners' Italian group Alan has kindly volunteered to let them have use of some of his collection of teaching materials and to provide advice if needed. Please contact Allan Swannell (01297 443003) or via Groups@lru3a.org.

"In the February Issue No 55 of Third Age Matters there is an article on Page 12 about a Smartphone Group being set up in Midlothian. I am thinking about purchasing a smartphone and am very much in the 'Dark Ages' when it comes to grappling with new technology. It crossed my mind that there may be other u3a members who would also like some help and information and I wondered if any knowledgeable member (with a lot of patience!) would be able and willing to lead a group if there was enough members who, like me, would like some assistance."

Anyone interested in being part of this group or willing to lead please contact Mark at Groups@lru3a.org

Trips

Ann Fleet is arranging some trips for 2023 – 07761468608 or annfleet60@outlook.com

The canal trip on 8 September 2023 is now fully booked

Theatre trip 2023 - Crewkerne, Lyme Regis and Bridport U3A`s

Contact John Bartholomew jdbart45@gmail.com

Covid

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

Simple summary - Lyme Regis, Charmouth & Marshwood Vale | Coronavirus in the UK (data.gov.uk)

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

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

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