

Lyme Regis u3a Newsletter – August 2022

Talks

The talks are at Woodmead Halls. We will not be providing refreshments. The doors will be open from 10.30 am. 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 symptoms. Please feel free to wear a mask if you wish to.

August 2022:

Friday 12 August 11.00 am - Wildlife Quiz – David Bailey

On the 'Glorious Twelfth' (glorious if you are not a grouse, that is), Lyme Regis u3a will enjoy a presentation by acclaimed wildlife photographer David Bailey. David has made many media appearances and published two books, Wildlife Wanderer and Wildlife wanderings, with two more scheduled. He has also delivered a variety of projects for Wildlife Trusts and the National Trust. So we are promised an extremely well informed feast for our eyes!

Friday --- August 10.00 am: Science & Technology – NO TALK

September 2022:

Friday 9 September 11.00 am: Dr Bygrave - Forde Abbey

Friday 16 September 10.00 am: Science & Technology – Steve Coles – Our Microbiome

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 \(data.gov.uk\)](#)

Membership

Please could all Group Leaders remind their current 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

Vacancies: Chair, Vice-Chair, Publicity, Meet and Greet and Refreshments team. Three people have come forward to help with refreshments, but we still need someone willing to coordinate. Covid allowing we aim to provide refreshments for the first time at the next Meet the Team Leaders event on Friday 28 October at the Uplyme Village Hall.

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

Hybrid meetings - combining face to face and online attendance

The committee is aware that online meetings will be preferred by some parts of our membership particularly in the winter months. Other members have a preference for face to face meetings. The ideal solution is to combine the two into a hybrid meeting. The committee is seeking advice from any member who has experience or the knowledge to advise the committee on what organisation and what equipment is required to run hybrid meetings from the Woodmead Halls. Hybrid meetings may have a speaker in the hall or may have a speaker online.

If anyone can provide this advice please contact Mark Gillams at groups@lru3a.org to discuss this further. 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 Drop-in is on Thursday 25 August 2022. Contact Rachael Pope on rachael pope1@outlook.com or 01297 445575, or Ann Fleet annfleet60@outlook.com or 07761 468608. 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 – CANCELLED for AUGUST

**The cancellation is due to the pressure on staffing at the Pilot Boat in August.

We meet at the Pilot Boat in Lyme Regis on the first Saturday of the month at 9.30 am. The next u3a Breakfast is on Saturday 3 September 2022. 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 rachael pope1@outlook.com or 01297 445575

Group Leaders

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

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.

We have exciting news of a potential new group which is starting to look for members now.

Brand New Creative Writing Group

Is anyone interested in joining a creative writing group? I am new to U3A but would like to start a group for novice or more experienced writers to get together for exchange of ideas and encouragement. I envisage it being like a 'book group' model, with a different vague topic every month, which people can interpret however they like and share (or not) with the group. I thought it might be fun to also arrange some trips for local literary festivals, which I have found quite inspiring in my writing journey. I am quite happy to host here in Beer, or we can make a decision about premises or rotating around different homes, after we meet for the first time. As far as frequency goes, perhaps monthly at first, on a Tuesday during the day, but more frequently if we love it! Contact Lesley Smith l.j.smith@btinternet.com to register your interest.

Garden Lovers

The following visit is planned for August. Unusually entrance is free!

Kingston Maurward Gardens and Animal Park

Kingston Maurward, Dorchester DT2 8PY – open between 10am and 4pm Wed 10 August. Car-sharing encouraged. For further information contact Gill Steinberg (01297 445072 or gillsteinberg45@gmail.com)

Trips

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

Monday, 19 September – Coach and Exeter Canal Cruise

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

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

Contact John Bartholomew jdbart45@gmail.com

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Links:

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

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