

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rachael pope1@outlook.com) or 01297 445575, or Ann Fleet [annfleet60@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:gillsteinberg45@gmail.com))

### **Trips**

Ann Fleet is arranging some trips for 2022 – 07761468608 or [annfleet60@outlook.com](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jdbart45@gmail.com)

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