

Lyme Regis u3a Newsletter – December 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.

December 2022:

Friday 9 December 11.00 am: Peter Lansdown - 'The Mary Rose, a Sailor's View'

This presentation will be delivered by Peter Lansdown, a retired naval officer and sometime yachtsman who has sailed the waters the crew of the Mary Rose would have known. Peter has a deep interest in our naval history and will present a sailor's view of the ship and life on board, navigating and sailing her, fighting her, living on board her, everyday utensils, food, fashion, hygiene, entertainment etc. Non-members of the u3a are welcome for a donation of £2.

Friday 16 December 10.00 am: Science & Technology – NO MEETING

December 2022:

Friday 13 January 11.00 am: Dr James Taylor - Brilliant British Humour in the Picture Postcard: 1840-1950s

Friday 20 January 10.00 am: Science & Technology - TBA

Membership Renewal 2023

Subscriptions for 2023 are due on 1st January 2023. The first of two morning sessions for early payments was a great success with lots of lovely people popping in to pay and staying to chat too. The second is on Friday 2nd December from 10 am to 12 at the small Woodmead Hall. Pop along with your cash or cheque (made payable to Lyme Regis u3a) and collect your pre-printed membership card.

You can, of course, post your cheques to me (made payable to Lyme Regis u3a) or better still please make your payment online and details for this are shown below. I will post your membership card to you if you provide a stamped addressed envelope or you can collect at a future monthly meeting.

As a reminder, fees are as follows:

Individual Membership £12

Joint Membership £22 (2 members living in the same house)

Individual Associate £8.50

NEW Bank transfer details are:

Lloyds Bank - Lyme Regis u3a

Sort Code 30-98-97 Account No. 73561262

Please ensure that you use your surname and membership number as a reference.

My address is : 5 Highcliff Road, Lyme Regis DT7 3EW

For any membership queries please do not hesitate to contact Jacqueline Petitt - membership@lru3a.org

Christmas lunches

We have booked Christmas lunch at the Pilot Boat Lyme Regis on Thursday 15 December at 12 noon, and Tuesday 20 December at 12 noon.

We will be in the main restaurant which is well spaced out. You can choose from the main menu which includes vegetarian, gluten and dairy free meals or a traditional Christmas lunch £9 (small) or £16 (large). You can choose and pay on the day. Please note that there will be a nut roast alternative for the veggies! To book a place contact Ann on annfleet60@outlook.com or telephone 07761 468608

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. 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 Drop-in is on Thursday 29 December 2022. Contact Rachael Pope on rachaelpoppe1@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

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 December 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 rachaelpoppe1@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.

New groups

Magicians

I wonder if any members of the Lyme Regis U3a would be interested in forming a Magicians' Group, meeting once a month in members' homes.

Perhaps you have been a lifelong amateur magician who got the bug as a child with a David Nixon magic set, like me, or just want to learn a few tricks to show friends or entertain the grandchildren with. The group would meet to learn new effects, practise old ones and discuss all things to do with conjuring and allied arts – juggling, paper-tearing, ventriloquism etc. We might also get a small show together to perform to a local care-home or to raise money for a local charity, if that were felt appropriate.

If you are interested please contact Richard Cousins on rhacousins@hotmail.com

Snooker

Fancy misspending some of your retirement?

A new snooker group has started playing on the full size table at the Royal Lion Hotel in Lyme unless anyone can come up with a better venue. There is also a table tennis table in the same room that might be of interest while waiting for your turn on the table. It is suggested that we play doubles snooker.

The suggested time is from 3pm to 5pm and on Tuesday, but we are open to alternative suggestions for the day (but not Thursdays). Guests of the hotel will have priority on the table, but the hotel say that it is rarely used on winter afternoons. We just have to bring pound coins for the snooker table coin-operated light and it would be nice if we made use of the bar for food and/or drinks.

Those interested please contact Keith Barfoot on keith@staplethorne.co.uk

Trips

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

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

Contact John Bartholomew jdbart45@gmail.com

Matthew Bourne`s ballet: "Sleeping Beauty." Thursday March 16th at 2.00 at The Mayflower in Southampton. This has virtually sold out but I have 31 tickets in The Dress Circle at £26.50!!! Total cost including travel and tip likely to be around £45. Following our last trip to Southampton the departure time will take account of any potential road works.

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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