

## **Lyme Regis u3a Newsletter – February 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.

### **February 2023:**

#### **Friday 10 February 11.00 am: Hunting the Hunter: Brian Lane-Smith, Chairman of the Southwest Airfields Heritage Trust**

An illustrated talk on the activities of American forces operating from Dunkeswell airfield during World War 2, drawing on a unique collection of photographs and some film, including attacks on German U-boats. Aspects of the construction and operation of Dunkeswell airfield also will be covered.

#### **Friday 17 February 10.00 am: Science & Technology**

### **March 2023:**

Friday 10 March 11.00 am: Laurence Egerton and Jackie Hunter East Devon Metal Detecting Club - History beneath our feet'

Friday 17 March 10.00 am: Science & Technology

### **U3a4u Reminder**

Contributions for the Spring u3a4u publication need to be submitted to Elaine Taylor our Editor by 10 February 2023. [editoru3a4u@lru3a.org](mailto:editoru3a4u@lru3a.org)

### **Membership Renewal 2023**

For those who have renewed their membership I thank you! Subscriptions for 2023 were due on 1st January 2023 and personalised reminders were sent out in mid-January to those who hadn't paid. This stated how much AND the all-important membership number. If you received one of these reminders please give it some priority and make your payment soon.

Payment can be made by posting a cheque 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 or Individual Associate £8.50

NEW Bank transfer details are:

Lloyds Bank account in the name of 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 membership queries please do not hesitate to contact me at [membership@lru3a.org](mailto:membership@lru3a.org)

Jacqueline (Mrs Jacqueline Petitt - Membership Secretary)

### **We need your help**

Current vacancies: Chair, Vice-Chair, Speaker Finder, Publicity, and Refreshments team. Three people have come forward to help with refreshments, but we still need someone willing to coordinate.

Following the recent request for volunteers several people have come forward. Discussions are taking place. We would however like to hear from anyone else who would like to contribute to the Committee or this u3a in some way.

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

### **Informal Drop-in - NEW VENUE**

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 23 February 2023. The Drop-in is open to everyone and if you want to come, just turn up.

### **Breakfast – NEW VENUE**

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 this Saturday 4 February 2023. The breakfast is open to everyone and if you want to come, just turn up. Continental breakfast only this month - £5.00.

For more details contact Rachael Pope [rachaelpoppe1@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto:groups@lru3a.org). Mark will be happy to provide advice and support with setting up a new group.

### **New group**

## **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](mailto:rhacousins@hotmail.com)

## **Existing groups**

### **Walking groups and Badminton group vacancies**

We are looking for new members. Two walking groups run on alternate Monday mornings.

Walking Group 1 usually meet away from Lyme Regis and walk 4-6miles from varied locations – Leader Sue Wilson.

Walking Group 2 always meet at Uplyme for a local walk 3-4 miles – Leader Marion Richardson.

Badminton – we play on Mondays at the Hub, Lyme Regis – 5.00pm. One court – so we mix in or sit out for 60-90 minutes depending on numbers.

For interest in these groups see our website to contact the Group Coordinators at - [www.Lymeregisu3a.org](http://www.Lymeregisu3a.org)

LR U3A - Lyme Regis U3A. Follow link to Groups etc - Sue Wilson

## **Trips**

Ann Fleet is arranging some trips for 2023 – 07761468608 or [annfleet60@outlook.com](mailto:annfleet60@outlook.com)

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

Contact John Bartholomew [jdbart45@gmail.com](mailto: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](https://data.gov.uk))

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

National u3a Newsletter - <https://u3a.org.uk/newsletter>