

Lyme Regis u3a Newsletter – January 2021

A happy and healthy New Year to you all

Talks

We are continuing to deliver presentations online until further notice due to the ongoing Covid situation.

January 2021:

Friday 8 January 11.00 am: **Ed Standhaft – The Nazis: Ideology and opposition**

Ed Standhaft is a Methodist minister who read history and economics at Bristol University and theology and history at Cambridge. At Cambridge his supervisor was Revd. Professor Gordon Rupp who, as a senior one of the Cambridge history department, was an authority on the sixteenth century reformer Martin Luther and Germany in the period 1900-1960.

Ed, who is married to Audrey has worked in Zimbabwe and as school chaplain in Taunton and later as university chaplaincy at Bristol University. Both Ed and Audrey worked in inner city Bristol where Audrey was a Methodist minister and Ed community worker. They retired to Lyme Regis twelve years ago. Ed leads the LR u3a Religion and Ethics group.

The Nazis: Ideology and opposition

In one sense my interest in the period of German history 1900 to 1945 arose in part because my great grandfather came and settled in the UK from Germany in the 1870's and because the date of my birth, July 20, 1944 was the day that the most famous attempt on Hitler's life took place, the bomb plot at Hitler's eastern headquarters, the wolf's lair.

At university some of my history lectures were on Hitler and the Nazis between 1933 and 1945. These included a variety of assassination attempts on Hitler as well as opposition from Communist, Jews, student groups, church leaders, intellectuals and even from some of Hitler most senior military commanders.

But what was the intellectual basis that gave rise to Hitler and the Nazi movement and to what extent was Hitler influenced by writers of the 19th and early 20th century in the formation of Nazi ideology? How did the outcome of the 1914-1918 war and the Weimar Republic shape his views?

The illustrated talk on these and other issues will be considered in the meeting.

Friday 15 January 2021 10.00 am: Science & Technology – **Richard Doney - Life on Venus - or not?**

Links for these talks will be sent out separately. Everyone is welcome to both of these sessions.

February 2021:

Friday 12 February 11.00 am: Jenny Short - A Chelsea Patchwork

Friday 19 February 10.00 am: Science & Technology – topic to be announced

**** We would be very grateful if all those attending the online sessions would use their real names to register instead of an alias, particularly if they are not using the video setting. It would be nice to know who is attending the sessions. The reason for this request is to encourage more positive and friendly connections. Thank you to all those who have already done this.**

If you are on Zoom you can change your name if you right click on your image, or click on the 3 dots, and pick Rename. On Webex you can go into Set Up on the App and then My Profile and put in your name.

Covid update

See the latest (27 November) guidelines on the national u3a website.

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/covid-19-advice-on-u3a-activities>

The Outdoor Groups Risk Assessment document is on our local website (see link below).

Membership

Due to the reduced activities linked with the Covid situation and our sound financial position, u3a membership is going to be **free for existing members for 2021**. However, if you do not wish to remain a member please contact the Membership Secretary, Graham Pitts on 01297 561569 or membership@lru3a.org New or lapsed members will pay £12 for single membership, £22 for joint and £8.50 for associates.

Annual report for 2020

There will be no AGM this year. The Winter News containing the Chairs Annual Report and the Financial Statement has been delayed due to the statement still being at the auditors.

In the December monthly newsletter we asked for feedback on any possible corrections for the Minutes of the 2019 AGM. We didn't hear back from anyone so assume the minutes are accurate, other than the mistake we found in the figures.

Under Section 7 the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement states that 'The total income was £2250.80'. It should be £22,502.80. Thank you to Mary Bohane for spotting that mistake.

We still need your help!

Speaker Finder: one or two members to find people who are willing to give a presentation online.

We also need a secretary and groups coordinator and still need a volunteer to produce the printed Newsletter i.e. Spring and Autumn News.

Please contact Rachael on chair@lru3a.org or 01297 445575 if you are willing to consider any of these roles.

Trips

We are still planning for The Edinburgh Festival next year and happy to hear from anyone else who might be interested in receiving information.

John Bartholomew: trips@lru3a.org

Group News

To all Group Leaders

If anyone wants to change anything on their section of the website, John Marriage has kindly offered to do that for you. Please contact him direct on webmaster@lru3a.org

Please could all team leaders send a brief update of the status and activity (or not) of your group to Mary Bohane for the 'Winter News'.

Contacts:

Membership: Graham Pitts - 01297 561569 membership@lru3a.org

Treasurer: Alex Ruck - treasurer@lru3a.org

Groups Coordinator: vacancy

Secretary: vacancy

Webmaster: John Marriage - webmaster@lru3a.org

Vice-Chair: Mary Bohane - 01297 444566 vice-chair@lru3a.org

Chair: Rachael Pope - 01297 445575 chair@lru3a.org

Links:

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

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

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