

Lyme Regis u3a Newsletter – January 2023

AGM

The AGM will take place before the talk on Friday 13 January 2023 at 10.00 am. We need 10% (50) to be present for the AGM to be valid. The talk will be at 11.00 am see details below.

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.

January 2023:

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

A humorous, artistic treat. Dr James Taylor, a former curator of the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich and avid collector of comic postcards will talk about this popular art form from the Edwardian era to the outbreak of World War 2. They entertained, inspired, instructed, motivated, persuaded and lifted up the spirits. Discover the popular subjects and styles of the masters of the medium such as Mabel Lucie Attwell, Alfred Leete, Donald McGill and Fred Spurgin; and the reasons why their popularity waned with the British public.

Friday 20 January 10.00 am: Science & Technology – TBA

February 2023:

Friday 10 February 11.00 am: Brian Lane-Smith - South West Airfields Heritage Trust

Friday 17 February 10.00 am: Science & Technology - TBA

Membership Renewal 2023

I hope you had a lovely Christmas and I wish you a Happy New Year! And now a kind reminder that subscriptions for 2023 are due on 1st January 2023. I'll be sending out personalised reminders to those who haven't paid yet (many have), in a week or so which will state how much AND the all important membership number.

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:

Its a 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

Every Best Wish for 2023, Jacqueline (Mrs Jacqueline Petitt - Membership Secretary)

We need your help

Vacancies: Chair, Vice-Chair, Speaker Finder, Publicity, Meet and Greet and Refreshments team.

Three people have come forward to help with refreshments, but we still need someone willing to coordinate.

**** Andrew Lightfoot our Speaker Finder has recently advised us of his intention to leave at the end of March. Another committee member comes to the end of their 3-year term under the Constitution in May and a further committee member is thinking of leaving. That would leave us with only four people on the committee. **There is one big question. Do you want this u3a to finish?**

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

Informal Drop-in

We normally meet at the Pilot Boat in Lyme Regis on the last Thursday of the month at 10.00 am. Due to the managers and some of the staff leaving the Pilot Boat and a new manager coming 15 January 2023 we don't know what is happening. Watch this space. Will keep you informed.

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 7 January 2023. 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 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

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

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

As 2022 draws to a close I would like to thank all Group Leaders including those that have passed over the reins of their groups to new leaders this year. I thank you all for the efforts that you have been making to run and maintain your groups and in doing so providing so many of our members with pleasant and rewarding experiences.

I have been very encouraged by the number of new groups that have been started during 2022 particularly in the last quarter of the year. If we can maintain this trend throughout next year we will be getting back to the number of groups we had prior to the lockdowns. That is one of our challenges for next year.

I wish you all a Happy New year.

Mark Gillams Groups Coordinator

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

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