

Lyme Regis u3a Newsletter – July 2022

Talks

We have restarted talks at Woodmead Halls. We will not however be providing refreshments. The doors will be open from 10.30 am. The seating will be limited due to the need for social distancing.

July 2022:

Friday 8 July 11.00 am: Maggie Davidson - Hillforts

What do we *really* know about the Iron Age Hillforts around Lyme Regis?

There are a number of Iron Age Hillforts within a 15 mile radius of Lyme Regis, including Lambert's Castle, Coney's Castle, Musbury Castle and Pilsdon Pen, and larger and more imposing structures like Maiden Castle, Woodbury Castle and Hambledon Hill further afield. Built around 2,500 years ago, they have been investigated and theorized about by antiquarians and archaeologists over the past 300 years. This talk to Lyme Regis u3a will examine how these investigations and analyses have informed, and in some cases transformed, our understanding of the purpose, construction and use of these sites.

The speaker, Maggie Davidson, set up the Lyme Regis u3a Archaeology Group in 2020 which has been researching and visiting these hillforts since then. With a diploma in Archaeology and having participated in excavations in the UK and Bolivia, Maggie has a passion for prehistoric and landscape archaeology.

Friday 15 July 10.00 am: Science & Technology – Peter Williams - Exoplanets

August 2022:

Friday 12 August 11.00 am: Wildlife Quiz – David Bailey

Friday --- August 10.00 am: Science & Technology – **NO TALK** (in September Steve Coles will talk about our microbiome)

Covid

Public Health Dorset (PHD) <https://www.publichealthdorset.org.uk/your-health/protecting-your-health/latest-updates-on-covid-19-in-dorset>

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

We need your help

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

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 one is on Thursday 28 July 2022. Contact Rachael Pope on rachael pope1@outlook.com or 01297 445575, or Ann Fleet annfleet60@outlook.com or 0776168608. 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

The u3a Breakfast is on Saturday 2 July 2022 at 9.30 am. 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 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. It is important that the committee can welcome all new u3a members to our organisation. Also, if your group has any vacancies please let Mark know so that new group members can be found via our monthly newsletter.

Group News

If anyone has an idea for starting a group please let Mark Gillams, the Groups Coordinator know on groups@lru3a.org. He will be keen to provide advice and address any questions you may have.

Garden Lovers

Scheduled for July we have a visit to Springfield, a nice flat garden with ample parking and not too far away. The address is Springfield House, Colyford EX24 6QW, and the visit takes place on Wednesday 6 July at 2pm. Contact Pam Melhuish (01297 446007 or 07986 934526 or pammelhuish@gmail.com) if you would like to come. Mary.

Rare Book Group

After a two year Covid related hiatus, the *Rare Book Group* of the *Lyme Regis' U3A* re-convened on June 10th to explore an exceedingly rare book from 1515, dedicated to *Lucretia Borgia* by Renaissance scholar *Pietro Bembo*. Lucretia has become infamous in history, but this is largely undeserved.



The photo, above left, shows the group pouring over this little gem measuring 6 x 10 cm (see below)...and still encased in its original vellum!

Lucretia herself can be seen above right, when young. Considered a great beauty...we see her here c1495, at around the age of 15. The poems and love letters between her and Bembo surfaced in 1816, via Lord Byron's travels in Italy. When he reached the Borgia archive in the *Biblioteca Ambrosiana* in Milan, he pronounced them "*The Prettiest Love Letters in the World*".

Contact Rob Speer on books@sanctuarybookshop.co.uk if you are interested in joining this group.

Trips

Ann Fleet is arranging some trips for 2022 – 07761468608 or annfleet60@outlook.com

Monday, 5th September – Coach and Exeter Canal Cruise - Details to follow.

Proposed theatre trips 2022 - Crewkerne, Lyme Regis and Bridport U3A`s

PLYMOUTH THEATRE ROYAL

Thursday August 25th 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 14th 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

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