

## Lyme Regis u3a Newsletter – March 2022

**Vacancies: Chair, Vice-Chair, Publicity, and Refreshments team**

### Talks

We are continuing to deliver presentations online until April when we will restart 'real life' face to face talks.

### March 2022:

#### **Friday 11 March 11.00 am: Virtual tour of Mapperton House**

This month's talk via zoom for members of Lyme Regis u3a will feature a live, virtual tour of Mapperton House, the home of the Earl and Countess of Sandwich. This glorious sandstone manor house, thought to be the nation's finest by Country Life Magazine, includes the Montagu family's impressive collection of paintings and other artefacts.

#### **Friday 18 March 10.00 am: Science & Technology – Steve Coles - Our Microbiome**

Links for the talks will be sent out separately. Everyone is welcome.

### April 2022: Please note that both talks will be at Woodmead Hall in Lyme Regis

Friday 8 April 11.00 am: Local organisation Word Forest

Friday 22 April 10.00 am: Science & Technology – Dave Farrier - So you want to develop an onshore windfarm? **Please note date to fit around the Easter bank holidays**

### Covid

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

PHD (25 February) – 'We have seen an increase in the number of COVID-19 patients in hospital beds in Dorset. Although the legal requirement to self-isolate has now ended, the public health advice remains the same. [We urge anyone who tests positive or has COVID symptoms to continue to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.](#) This will help to protect other people who may be more vulnerable to the virus.'

**We continue to request that just before events such as the Informal Drop-in and u3a Breakfast that everyone does a Lateral Flow test.**

For information about group risk assessments please contact Mark Gillams at [groups@lru3a.org](mailto:groups@lru3a.org)

### Membership Renewal 2022

You will all recall that subscriptions for this year were due on 1st January 2022. You'll also be very pleased to read that this is the last reminder plea I'll be making as we are now in the last days of the grace period; **members who have not paid soon will lapse and thus cease to be members of the**

**u3a.** If you have yet to pay I would urge you to do so at your very earliest convenience to enable you to take part in the upcoming talks (as we start to meet in person), the various activities and, of course, your group meetings. Not sure if you have paid? Ask me at [membership@lru3a.org](mailto:membership@lru3a.org) Rates are unchanged from 2020 and as follows:

Individual Membership £12

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

Individual Associate £8.50

Joint Associate £15

Cheques should be made payable to Lyme Regis u3a. However, if you are able, payment by Bank Transfer would be very much appreciated. Our bank details are:

Bank: Natwest; Sort code: 601357; Account Number: 51051567

When doing so it is very important to include your surname and membership number as a reference. Send me a brief email and I'll reply with your membership number. Many thanks, and I hope to meet more of you in the coming weeks! Jacqueline Petitt (Membership Secretary - [membership@lru3a.org](mailto:membership@lru3a.org)).

## **We need your help**

### **Vacancies: Chair, Vice-Chair, Publicity, and Refreshments team**

If you would like to help and support this u3a in some way contact Rachael on [chair@lru3a.org](mailto:chair@lru3a.org)

Under the rules of our constitution all committee members are required to resign from their specific roles after 3 years. I have now come to the end of my 3 year term and, in line with the Constitution, need to stand down. This will take effect from the end of April. I will still be helping on the committee in some capacity and will provide any support required for a new person willing to take on the Chair role. Mary Bohane has also resigned as Vice Chair as from the end of February and will continue on the committee as Membership Advisor. We also need someone to take responsibility for publicity and volunteers to help with refreshments (men and women please) at the meetings beginning in April. 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 31 March 2022. Contact Rachael Pope [chair@lru3a.org](mailto:chair@lru3a.org) or 01297 445575, or Ann Fleet [annfleet60@outlook.com](mailto: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.

**Please remember to do a Covid Lateral Flow test just before you come. Thank you.**

## **Breakfast**

The u3a Breakfast is on the first Saturday in the month at the Pilot Boat in Lyme Regis at 9.30 am. The next one is on 5 March 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 [chair@lru3a.org](mailto:chair@lru3a.org) or 01297 445575

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## **Group Leaders**

**\*\* Please could all Group Leaders remind their group members of the need to pay their membership fees for 2022. Thank you, Rachael**

Please remember that you need to be happy with any contact details going public as this newsletter goes on the website.

## **Group News**

### **Meet the Group Leaders event**

The Group Leaders Event was held successfully on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Uplyme Village Hall. A good variety of groups were represented and a number of them gained new members. The event marked the return for the Lyme Regis u3a to larger face to face meetings. It was therefore a milestone in our return to normal proceedings. The next Group Leaders Event will be in the autumn and we hope to promote the event to a wider audience with a view to gaining new members.

In the meantime if anyone has an idea for starting a group please let Mark Gillams, the Groups Coordinator know on [groups@lru3a.org](mailto:groups@lru3a.org). He will be keen to provide advice and address any questions you may have.

### **Possible new groups – Fencing, ‘Adventures with a Bus Pass’ and Dog walking**

We have a number of possible new groups – Fencing, ‘Adventures with a Bus Pass’ and Dog walking. Just before lockdown we had a very interesting demonstration of fencing (with swords!). Covid stopped any plans of starting a fencing group. The good news is that Nigel Carter is still willing to start a LR u3a fencing group, probably meeting in the Morcombelake Hall. Taking an idea from another u3a would anyone like to organise some ‘Adventures with a Bus Pass’? Also, last year, the idea of a dog walking group was suggested and generated some interest from pet owners. As spring is coming along and there are many dogs that think this is a brilliant idea is anyone interested in running this group? Please contact Mark Gillams, Groups’ Coordinator.

## **Trips**

Ann Fleet is arranging some trips for 2022 – 07761468608 or [annfleet60@outlook.com](mailto:annfleet60@outlook.com)

### **Lyme Regis u3a COACH TRIP to Salisbury Cathedral and shopping**

There are still a few seats available – details below. Contact Ann to book by email: [annfleet60@outlook.com](mailto:annfleet60@outlook.com)

### **Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Depart: 9.30am at Holmbush Car Park. Can also collect at Axminster and Charmouth - please advise when booking. Leaving Salisbury at 4pm. We will be stopping for a quick comfort (toilet) break at either Dorchester or Blandford Forum.

Cost: £19 for Cathedral and coach or £12 for coach only - please advise when booking. Booking and payment by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March - \*no refunds after this date\*

Method of payment:

Cheques - payable to Lyme Regis u3a and send to Ann Fleet, Seaview, 4 Highcliff Road, Lyme Regis DT7 3EW

BACS - Sort code: 60-13-57 Account number: 51051567

Reference: **please enter 'Trip' and your 'surname'**

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

#### **NORTHCOTT THEATRE EXETER**

Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. English Touring Opera: `La Boheme` (Puccini)

Assuming a party of 35: Tickets £32 Coach: £11

Pick ups in Bridport: 3.30 Lyme Regis 3.50. Picnic in the grounds (BYO) before the show

#### **PLYMOUTH THEATRE ROYAL**

Thursday August 25<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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

I have tickets on hold for all three shows but would encourage you to get back to me at: [jdbart45@gmail.com](mailto:jdbart45@gmail.com) as soon as you can to reserve seats. I will not ask for payment until mid-April.

John.

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