

## Lyme Regis u3a Newsletter – March 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.

### March 2023:

#### **Friday 10 March 11.00 am: Laurence Egerton and Jackie Hunter - History beneath our feet'**

Come and meet two, true detectorists, Jackie and Laurence. These members of East Devon Metal Detecting Club will talk about and display some of the artefacts they have found, dating from Neolithic to Victorian and everything in between. Very far from buttons and ring pulls, this includes the Seaton Down Coin Hoard, one of the largest collections of 4th century Roman coins ever found.

#### **Friday 17 March 10.00 am: Science & Technology TBA**

### April 2023:

Friday 14 April 11.00 am: TBA

Friday 21 April 10.00 am: Science & Technology TBA

### Membership Renewal 2023

It must seem that the renewal window has been open for months ... and it has indeed been open since before Christmas! March, however, is the final month and so if you are one of the minority of members still to pay your subs then please give it some priority and make your payment very soon. Between us Mary Bohane and I, during this open window, have processed hundreds of renewals and welcomed 28 new members. Thank you, dear members, for wanting to be a part of Lyme Regis u3a in 2023 and a massive BIG THANK YOU from me to Mary for your help!

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 (including your membership number) please do not hesitate to contact me at [membership@lru3a.org](mailto:membership@lru3a.org) Jacqueline (Mrs Jacqueline Petitt - Membership Secretary)

### **We still need your help**

Following the recent request for volunteers three people have come forward. They will take up their roles, including Chair and Publicity, at the next Committee meeting 16 March 2023. We would still, however, like to hear from anyone else who would be willing to contribute to the Committee or this u3a in some way. We particularly need a Speaker Finder (Andrew finishes at the March meeting) and Refreshments Coordinator. How about a man to organise the refreshments?

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 30 March 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 March 2023. The breakfast is open to everyone and if you want to come, just turn up. Continental breakfast only this month - £5.00 including drinks. A cooked breakfast will be on offer at the April breakfast.

For more details contact Rachael Pope [rachael pope1@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto:groups@lru3a.org). Mark will be happy to provide advice and support with setting up a new group.

#### **Possible new groups**

Allan Swannell's Italian groups are both mature study groups and as such are not suitable for beginners. If anyone has an interest in forming a beginners' Italian group Alan has kindly volunteered to let them have use of some of his collection of teaching materials and to provide advice if needed. Please contact Allan Swannell (01297 443003) or via [Groups@lru3a.org](mailto:Groups@lru3a.org).

"In the February Issue No 55 of Third Age Matters there is an article on Page 12 about a Smartphone Group being set up in Midlothian. I am thinking about purchasing a smartphone and am very much in the 'Dark Ages' when it comes to grappling with new technology. It crossed my mind that there may be other u3a members who would also like some help and information and I wondered if any knowledgeable member (with a lot of patience!) would be able and willing to lead a group if there was enough members who, like me, would like some assistance."

Anyone interested in being part of this group or willing to lead please contact Mark at [Groups@lru3a.org](mailto:Groups@lru3a.org)

### **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)

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