

Lyme Regis u3a Newsletter – May 2021

Talks

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

May 2021:

Friday 14 May 11.00 am: **Vicky Blackmore - Dogs for Good – How expertly trained dogs create life-changing differences for people with disabilities**

Friday 21 May 10.00 am: Science & Technology – **Ian Black - Lucretius**

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

June 2021:

Friday 11 June 11.00 am: to be announced

Friday 18 June 10.00 am: Science & Technology – to be announced

A few people are still not responding to our request to identify themselves in the online sessions

**** Everyone attending the online sessions should use their full names to register instead of an alias or e.g. 'ipad 4' etc., particularly if they are not using the video setting. We would like 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.

Membership

u3a membership is 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.

Third Age Matters

As you know, U3A's magazine is automatically sent to you on a quarterly basis. However, some people have advised us that they no longer wish to receive it. Before arranging this it would be helpful to know if there are any other members who would like to stop having Third Age Matters. If this is the case please contact Graham Pitts, Membership Secretary.

We need your help

If you would like to help and support this u3a in some way contact Rachael on chair@lru3a.org
Thank you.

Trips

Recognising the unpredictability of the situation we are still planning for The Edinburgh Festival this year (Monday 16 August) and happy to hear from anyone else who might be interested in receiving information.

John Bartholomew: trips@lru3a.org

Covid update

See the national u3a website.

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

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

If you want a contribution about your group to go into this monthly newsletter please contact Rachael.

NEW: Virtual Coffee and Chat

In April Rachael Pope, Ann Fleet and Mary Bohane hosted a trial Virtual Coffee and Chat on Zoom. Eleven people attended and we felt it went well, and decided we wanted to repeat the experience. We were put into two different groups randomly selected by the technology, swapping around part way. If you want to have coffee (or tea), chat and a laugh please join us on

Friday 7 May at 10.00 am. Access from 9.45 am

I will send out a separate link. See you there, Rachael

Seafront Gardens

Merry Bolton has organised two weeding and planting sessions in the seafront gardens so far this year. If you would like to help be at the "gazebo", at the top of the gardens in the middle, at 10am next Tuesday, 4 May. Merry suggests you bring gardening gloves but has an assortment of tools available. Merry's telephone number is 01297 443334.

History

Second Wednesday in the month, 4.00 pm on Zoom

Co-ordinators: Ed and Audrey Standhaft

The group will seek to expand their knowledge and understanding of history. This will cover world history, British, local, family, biography etc.

We will each present a piece to the group once a year so that there is no burden on a few. In this way we will all be learning new aspects of history and by a variety of approaches. From time to time we may use film. Please contact by email -- aud.standhaft@outlook.com

Making Music

The Making Music group are now meeting weekly on Zoom. If anyone would like to join us please contact Rob Walker on 01297 444811

Contacts:

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

Treasurer: Alex Ruck - treasurer@lru3a.org

Groups Coordinator: still a vacancy!

Secretary: Yvonne Renouf – 01297 442847 secretary@lru3a.org

Speaker Finder: Andrew Lightfoot – speakerfinder@lru3a.org

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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>