

Lyme Regis u3a Newsletter – November 2022

Talks

The talks are at Woodmead Halls. We will not be providing refreshments. The doors will be open from 10.30 am. 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 symptoms. Please feel free to wear a mask if you wish to.

November 2022:

Friday 11 November 11.00 am: My TV Times: Eric Harwood

Eric will treat us to an unashamed name-dropping journey through 40 years of British television. He revisits his 5 decades in the media and considers how and why our TV has transformed. En route, Eric tells of filming with Earl Spencer after his sister's tragic death, encounters with Eddie Izzard, Bob Geldof, John Peel, Enoch Powell, Liz Taylor and the legacy of John Lennon. As well as exploring his 10 walking series with outdoor girl Julia Bradbury.

Being Remembrance Day, we shall start the meeting with a 2 minute silence.

Non-members of the u3a are welcome for a donation of £2.

Friday 18 November 10.00 am: Science & Technology – Richard Doney - "Tis true: there's magic in the Webb of it".

December 2022:

Friday 9 December 11.00 am: The story of the Mary Rose

Friday December 10.00 am: Science & Technology – **NO MEETING**

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 \(data.gov.uk\)](#)

Membership Renewal 2023

Calling all early birds! The window for 2023 subscriptions is now open (although not due until 1st January 2023). We have arranged two open mornings for you to make your advance payments at the Woodmead Small Hall on Thursday 24th November and Friday 2nd December from 10 am to 12 noon on both days. Pop along with your cash or cheque (made payable to Lyme Regis u3a) and collect your pre-printed membership card.

Can't make either day? Don't fret! You can post your cheques to me (made payable to Lyme Regis u3a) or better still please make your payment online; details 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 (2 members living in the same house)

Individual Associate £8.50

NEW Bank transfer details are: Lloyds Bank - 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 any membership queries please do not hesitate to contact Jacqueline Petitt - membership@lru3a.org

We need your help

Vacancies: Chair, Vice-Chair, Publicity, Meet and Greet and Refreshments team. Three people have come forward to help with refreshments, but we still need someone willing to coordinate. 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 Drop-in is on Thursday 24 November 2022. Contact Rachael Pope on rachael pope1@outlook.com or 01297 445575, or Ann Fleet annfleet60@outlook.com or 07761 468608. 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

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 5 November 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 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.

The biannual event to meet the Group Leaders meeting was held on the 28th. There was a tremendous turnout by the Group Leaders. Unfortunately this turnout was not matched by the number of members who turned up. The committee is very keen to learn why there was little interest from the membership. If anyone would like to share why the event did not appeal this time please let any committee member know. Feedback is essential if we are to achieve improvements in our activities.

This month we have exciting news of another brand new group.

Snooker

Fancy misspending some of your retirement?

A new snooker group is being planned that will play on the full size table at the Royal Lion Hotel in Lyme unless anyone can come up with a better venue. There is also a table tennis table in the same room that might be of interest while waiting for your turn on the table. It is suggested that we play doubles snooker.

The suggested time is from 3pm to 5pm and on Tuesday, but we are open to alternative suggestions for the day (but not Thursdays). Guests of the hotel will have priority on the table, but the hotel say that it is rarely used on winter afternoons. We just have to bring pound coins for the snooker table coin-operated light and it would be nice if we made use of the bar for food and/or drinks.

Those interested please contact Keith Barfoot on keith@staplethorne.co.uk

Rare Book Group

If anyone is interested in seeing what the Rare Book Group run by Bob Speer is up to please see <http://ex-lib.com/The-Sanctuary-Bookshop-Diary->

Trips

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

Theatre trips 2023 - Crewkerne, Lyme Regis and Bridport U3A`s

Contact John Bartholomew jdbart45@gmail.com

Potential trips: looking, at the moment, just to receive indications of interest whereupon I will send more details before asking for any kind of commitment.

MY FAIR LADY

Mayflower Theatre Southampton - Thursday Jan 26th. 2.00pm. All-in cost £75

The Lincoln Center Theater's critically acclaimed, multi-award-winning production of **My Fair Lady** is set to tour the UK after a West End run. This sumptuous production, featuring over 30 members of cast on stage and a full orchestra, is the first major revival of Lerner & Loewe's much-loved musical on tour for over 15 years and a truly `lovely` way to celebrate the theatre scene back in bloom!

NB: To avoid potential traffic issues this trip will leave between 09.00 and 09.30

LONDON SOUTHBANK

Three nights accommodation at The Premier Inn County Hall. Currently looking at last two weeks in April. Final choice of date will depend on what suits most people and availability of theatre tickets. Traditionally we have booked for The Royal Opera House, The Globe and other London theatres. All the venues on the river, music and galleries, are easily within reach.

Cost: best price for a standard double room for three nights on free cancellation £400. (£67 pppn)
Transport by coach – allow £60 per person

EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Five days, four nights - August 14-18

Coach to Bristol Airport. Afternoon flight by EasyJet. Current advertised price for return £125
Central hotels: Travelodge £615 (£77 pppn) Premier Inn is preferable but prices not yet advertised.
We have managed to overnight trips several times and are happy (here in the office) to handle all the bookings and provide further guidance.

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