

Lyme Regis u3a Newsletter – September 2021

Talks

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

September 2021:

Friday 10 September 11.00 am: **Brad Ashton – The job of a laughtime**

Comic timing. On Thursday 9th, a new play is being performed at the Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis, 'Howerd's End', featuring the clandestine relationship between Frankie Howerd and Dennis Heymer.

Then next day for our monthly talk, Brad Ashton recalls the fun he's had writing Radio and TV series for top comedians, including Frankie Howerd as well as Tommy Cooper, Les Dawson, Dick Emery, Bruce Forsyth, Hylda Baker, Hattie Jacques, David Frost and Bob Monkhouse. The talk contains many humorous backstage stories with some startling surprises.

Friday 17 September 10.00 am: Science & Technology – **Dave Farrier - So you want to develop an onshore windfarm?**

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

October 2021:

Friday 8 October 11.00 am: Pam Hogan - The Lynmouth Floods: Act of God or Act of Man?

Friday 15 October 10.00 am: Science & Technology – topic to be announced

**** 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. 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.

We need your help

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

Membership Secretary

Graham Pitts will be leaving this position at the end of the year so we are now seeking a replacement as quickly as possible. If you would like to volunteer for this role please let Rachael know so that we can arrange a smooth transfer of duties. Alternatively, if you would like to talk to Graham first, please contact him on 01297 561569

Key Duties include:

Maintaining the U3A membership database.

Dealing with enquiries and sending out membership forms, welcome letters etc.

Ordering annual printing of membership cards and their distribution

Collection of renewal fees, cash cheques or BACs and passing details to Treasurer

Quarterly advice to U3A of Third Age Matters recipients

Attendance at Friday meetings to answer queries, collect money and record attendance.

Thank you.

Risk assessments

Following the Government's relaxation of the COVID regulations on July 19th the National u3a organisation has revised its requirements for restarting face to face meetings. The requirements can be found in section 4 of

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/covid-19-advice-on-u3a-activities/897-covid-19-advice-on-u3a-activities-in-england-u3a-kms-doc-074>

Essentially a system with two layers of protection is advocated for face to face events and meetings. The first layer is the personnel risk assessment to reduce the risk of the infection being taken into the group meetings and events. The second layer is a risk assessment to reduce the transmission of the virus during meetings and events.

The aim is for each group to reduce risks to a level that is acceptable to the group leader and members and ensures that all attendees are comfortable with their participation. In this way it is hoped that many groups will return to normal activities as the pandemic finally recedes.

Group leaders will be contacted by Mark Gillams the Groups' Coordinator to offer further information and advice.

If any member has any questions on the process they are welcome to contact Mark at groups@lru3a.org

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 Mark Gillams our Groups' Coordinator groups@lru3a.org

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

If anyone wishes to start a new group please contact Mark groups@lru3a.org to provide advice and address any questions you may have.

Interested in Geology?

The Lyme Regis fossil festival are very enthusiastic about reenergising the event with a team of likeminded people. We have some of the original line up who have come back to assist and lots of new blood as well.

If any members of the u3a Geology group would like to join us in our very friendly and relaxed planning meetings we would be delighted to see you. The next meeting is on Tuesday 5th October at 6pm in the Talbot Arms and won't last more than an hour!!

If you are too busy to give up time then any ideas and suggestions will be very gratefully received. Please email Dorothy Wood dorothyannwood55@gmail.com if you have any comments.

Informal Drop-in

At the Pilot boat in Lyme Regis on the last Thursday of the month at 10.00 am. This is an outdoor event, meeting on the terrace upstairs depending on the weather. The next one is on **Thursday 30 September 2021**.

Canasta

Several games can be accommodated simultaneously in the Charmouth Library where the group meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday afternoon of each month at 14:15. For further information please contact the group leader Valerie Penn on 01297 560717.

Possible 2nd memoir writing group

Autobiography? Life writing? Auto-fiction? Memoir might not be what you think it is. We'll meet monthly, on a Tuesday, at a time reached by consensus. Please indicate your interest to Jackie Lloyd at ladyllloyd@msn.com

Dog-owners' Walking – possible new group

A couple of members have indicated their interest in this new group. Are there any other takers? If so please contact Mark Gillams Groups' Coordinator groups@lru3a.org

Archaeology

We will be continuing with monthly Zoom meetings combined with trips to sites of interest and museums for the foreseeable future. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the group co-ordinator, Maggie Davidson at davidsonmags@yahoo.co.uk or 01297 598234.

Crewkerne, Lyme Regis and Bridport U3A`s - Trip to London Southbank April 2022

Just to register interest in further information, with no commitment, get back to me at: jdbart45@gmail.com

John Bartholomew

Poetry Reading

This group needs a leader. Group members took it in turns to host the meetings so the leader role was essentially one of administration and communication. Anyone wishing to know more please contact Mark Gillams via groups@lru3a.org. The previous leader Kevin Benfield has offered to provide support and advice to any incoming leader.

Creative Writing

The U3A Creative Writing group currently has vacancies. We are an informal group, we aim to enjoy our writing, to stimulate each other's ideas and creativity through writing both fiction and non-fiction and to enjoy the fellowship that the regular informal meetings present.

Group leader: John McCallum jaamcc46@gmail.com

Garden Lovers

The Garden Lovers group hopes soon to resume activities with some socially-distanced visits to private gardens. Contact Mary Bohane on 01297 444566.

Seafront Gardens

Merry Bolton has organised several weeding and planting sessions in the seafront gardens so far this year. If you would like to take part in any future sessions please contact Merry on 01297 443334.

History

Second Wednesday in the month, 4.00 pm on Zoom. Group Leaders: 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. Please contact Audrey on aud.standhaft@outlook.com

German

We have room for a few more people now and eagerly await to hear from any members with 'O' level or equivalent. We always enjoy Kaffee und Kuchen! Please contact me for more information on aud.standhaft@outlook.com

Audrey Standhaft

Making Music

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

Walking 1

Sue Wilson can be contacted on sue.wilson44@outlook.com

Walking 2

Local walks in the Uplyme area. Contact Marion Richardson on 01297 33824

Other active groups

Other groups have been active in lockdown to varying degrees: Book group 1; French Conversation; French for Fun; Jazz Appreciation Live!; Literature; Meditation; Plant Sharing; Play Reading

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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>