



News

Heritage Coast Lyme Regis



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Scottish dancing

Recent Gardeners' Group visit



John Lello (Died 27th July 2017)

John laid the foundations of an organisation which now provides endless diversion for more than 650 members. He was helped in this by a strongminded and forthright committee. And, of course, he was more than a Chair: he gave erudite talks on a range of subjects himself and, a result of the distinguished career he had at all levels, was able to persuade people of some consequence in the life of this country to give time to come and speak to us: from Colin Dexter to Sir Neville Marriner and more recently, Major General Sir Robert Corbett, the last Commandant of the British Sector in Berlin, and Lady Gifford, Lady Mayoress of London.

John was a large presence (in more ways than one) at our meetings and continued to be active as President when he passed on the role of Chair. I think it is probably true that all subsequent Chairs found themselves persuaded to take on the position after being `identified` by John and, in my short tenure, he was always interested in developments and generous with his advice. It is no part of this short appreciation to attempt to place John`s immeasurable contribution to The Heritage Coast U3A in the context of his wider career, but it was almost certainly more the case with John than it would be with most of us, that this was but the tip of a very considerable iceberg. We thank you, John, for your energy, your imagination and your perseverance on our behalf. We are all very lucky that you were in the right place at the right time.

John Bartholomew

From the Chairman

Dear Members

Welcome to the Autumn U3A News, in it you will find interesting articles and information to help you take part in activities. If you want to join something, or start a new group do it NOW. Don't wait for a better moment, it may not come.

Here in Dorset we are approaching a time of austerity, one way this will affect us as a group is the changing attitude to public transport. As the County Council removes subsidies from bus routes, the buses stop running and those who do not drive get out less. I want to ask you to look out for these people. For example: when you are going to a monthly meeting is there a neighbour who needs a lift to get there? The U3A was set up to help people to stay healthy and active by meeting people and doing things, whether it is a sport such as badminton or a more cerebral activity such as learning a language, using the brain keeps it going. Offering a lift to people would help them to join in.

Last month I went to a West Dorset U3A Network Meeting, we discussed the ups and downs of running our U3As. They all looked healthy with numbers of members increasing (ours is over 650!) and, like us, they have difficulty finding group leaders and committee members. This U3A needs people to volunteer. Is it your time to come forward?

I hope to see many of you at the AGM in November. Val Doney (Chairman)

HERITAGE COAST U3A GROUPS

INSURANCE - Did you know that £3.50 of your yearly subscription goes to the national U3A office? Part of it pays for your insurance. A member on a U3A activity is insured under most circumstances. However, if your accident involves a car or coach you are covered by the vehicle's insurance and not the U3A. Also, if you pay a teacher regularly to lead your group, the U3A will not get involved. Your teacher must have Public Liability Insurance to cover you.

Every effort is made to ensure that the information listed is correct. If you're interested in joining a group please contact the Group Leader, even if there is a Waiting List.

GROUP NAME	INFORMATION AND VENUE	TIME	CONTACT
GROUPS WITH NO FIXED DAY			
GARDEN LOVERS	Visits to gardens throughout the Summer months. Meetings to share plants and seeds and occasional newsletter		Mary Bohane 01297 444566
JAZZ APPRECIATION	Room 1A, St. Michael's Building, Lyme Regis	7.30pm – 10.00pm	John Wood 01297 445490 u3a@johnhwood.plus.com
TURKISH FOR BEGINNERS	Flexible, weekly, in Group Leader's home		Dennis Hebden 01297 443615
MONDAYS			
BEGINNERS ITALIAN	1 st and 3 rd Mondays of the month in members' homes	10.00am	Allan Swannell 01297 443003
BOOK GROUP Waiting list	1st Monday in the month in members' homes	3.00pm	Marilyn Trask 01297 792046 taylortrask@btinternet.com
CREATIVE WRITING	2nd Monday of each month in members' homes	2.15pm	Philip Peed 01297 442808
PLAY READING Waiting list	Fortnightly - in members' homes	2.30pm	Frances Barter 07986 794722 francesbarter@tesco.net
SCOTTISH DANCING	Weekly at Woodbury Community Hall, Axminster EX13 5TL. September - May There will be a small charge	10.00am – noon	Sue Taylor 01297 551445 David Acland 01460 65981
SPANISH LEARNERS	Fortnightly in members' homes	10.00am	Allan Swannell 01297 443003
SPANISH BEGINNERS CONVERSATION	Monthly in member's homes	10.00am	Allan Swannell 01297 443003

WALKING 1 Waiting List	Fortnightly. Meet Uplyme Village Hall car park. Walks of 4 to 6 miles organised by members on a rota basis.	9.30am	Jim Moseley 01297 443170
WALKING 2	Fortnightly alternating with Walking 1. Meet Uplyme Village Hall car park.	10.00am	Marion Richardson 01297 33824
TUESDAYS			
BADMINTON	Woodroffe School, Lyme Regis	6 -7pm	Susan Gale 01297 444260
BEGINNER'S DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY	This course has finished but will resume if 8-10 members wish to join. It may be different day.		John Marriage 01297 443469
BOOK GROUP 2	3 rd Tuesday Members Homes Waiting list	Afternoons	Dawn Armstrong 01297 678932
INTERMEDIATE GERMAN CONVERSATION	1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays at Group Leader's home	2.00pm- 3.00pm	Audrey Standhaft 01297 442427
CREATIVE CLAY Waiting List	Fortnightly at Group Leader's Workshop. Small charge for materials.	10.00am to 12.00	Janet Steer 01297 631831
CURRENT AFFAIRS 1 Waiting List	Fortnightly at Group Leader's home	10:15am- 12:30pm	Iain Paterson 01297 631193
CURRENT AFFAIRS 2	Fortnightly at Group Leader's home alternating with Group 1	10:15am- 12:30pm	Iain Paterson 01297 631193
FRENCH CONVERSATION Waiting List	Fortnightly in members' homes	10.00am	Maggie Allison 01297 443983 Keith Robson 01297 442183
FRENCH FOR FUN	Fortnightly in members' homes	10.00am	Kay Luckraft 01297 599416 kay.luckraft@talktalk.net

GEOLOGY Understanding our local landscape	Fully booked for 2017-18 year but contact leader for next run		Geoff Townson 01297 561337 geofftownson@btinternet.com
ITALIAN INTERMEDIATE Waiting list	Fortnightly at Chideock	10.00am	Allan Swannell 01297 443003
MAH-JONG Beginners and experienced players welcome	2 nd and 4 th Tuesday of the month at Group Leader's home.	2.00pm	Nina Haskins 01297 445497 ninahaskins97@gmail.com
RUSSIAN LANGUAGE GROUP	1st and 3rd Tuesdays at Fernhill Hotel, Charmouth. On bus routes X53 and X51	10.00am-noon	Gerald Clark 01395 488605
TENNIS Waiting list	Weekly Charmouth Tennis Club	10.00am – 12.00	Joyce Beadle 01297 442279
WEDNESDAYS			
CURRENT AFFAIRS 3	Alternate weeks at a member's home	10.00am - 12 noon	Guy Barnes 01308 427430 valandguybarnes@gmail.com
BRIDGE FOR IMPROVERS and SUPERVISED REVISION	Weekly Whitchurch Conanicorum Village Hall	2.15 for 2.30 – 4.30	Alan Woodbridge 01297 489055
DRAWING FOR BEGINNERS	Fortnightly Wednesdays The Elms, Charmouth	10am-12.30	Geoff Townson 01297 561337
MAKING MUSIC	Mornings at Members' homes. Newcomers very welcome		Sue Calder 01297 561302
MEMOIR WRITING	New course of six weeks to start September at Guildhall, Lyme Regis	10.00am - 12.00noon	Jackie 01297 443516 ladylloyd@msn.com
POETRY-READING	First Wednesday in every month. Old School poets pre-1950 will be read and discussed.	2.00pm	Nina Haskins 01297 445497 or email Kevin Benfield: kevin@wordsonwords.co.uk
QIGONG	Weekly at St Michael's Church Hall, Lyme Regis.	5.30pm	Dave Edwards 01297 443696

RELAXATION, BREATHING AND MEDITATION Waiting list	Fortnightly in Group Leader's home.	2.30pm	Pamela Moseley 01297 443170
THURSDAY			
FRENCH EXPERIENCE (INTERMEDIATE) Waiting List	Weekly in members' homes - Learning the language through written materials, games, documentaries and films in French and French conversation.	10.00am-12.00	Jan Robertson 01297 560450 Wendy Howard 01297 445195
ITALIAN CONVERSATION	1 st and 3 rd Thursday in the month at Kilmington.	2.30pm	Allan Swannell 01297 443003
LITERATURE	1 st Thursday in the Month at the Lyme Regis Guildhall. Restarts on 5 th October	2.00pm	Guy Barnes 01308 427430
NEEDLES AND STITCHES	Fortnightly - Hallett Court in Queen's Walk. Lyme Regis. Needlework of all types	2.00-4.00pm	Ann Fudger 01297 444901 Janet Moyes 01297 444697
RELIGION & ETHICS – (formerly THEOLOGY)	1A St. Michael's Business Centre, Lyme Regis	10.30am	Ed Standhaft 01297 442427
SCRABBLE	Fortnightly in members' homes	2.30pm	Brian Chambers 01297 443443
SHORT TENNIS	Weekly, Musbury Village Hall	2.00pm	Jill Menzies 01297 444863
STRINGED INSTRUMENT GROUP	New learners or refreshers		Rosalind Tarry 01297 444476 rmtarry@gmail.com
TABLE TENNIS	Weekly at Lyme Regis Baptist Hall. Small charge for room.	2.00pm	Brian Watson 01297 32060
FRIDAY			
CANASTA GROUP	Charmouth Library Meeting Room, 2nd and 4th Friday of the month	2.15pm until 4.15pm.	Valerie Penn 01297 560717
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	Selected monthly dates at the Woodmead Hall -15 th Sept, 20 th Oct. 17 th Nov. Small charge	10.00am – 12:00noon	John Marriage 01297 443469

FRIDAY cont.			
FAMILY HISTORY GROUP Waiting list	Monthly at Charmouth Central Library. On bus route. Parking at rear.	10.00am - 12.00noon	Sue Bradley 01297 792426
BIRD INTEREST and WATCHING	Last Friday in the month	10am	Marjorie Waters 01297 445388
SATURDAYS			
BREAKFAST CLUB	First Saturday in each month – alternating venues Bellcliffe Cafe and Courtyard cafe	9.30am	Rachael Pope 01297 445575
THE CYCLE GROUP abilities ranging from electric bikes to avid cyclists. New members are welcome.	The cycle group offers friendly low key riding, intended for leisure and enjoyment, on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. The rides are of moderate pace and length, and include stops for refreshment.		clivegodfrey@gmail.com annvgray@hotmail.com 01297 442532 07800 662596
SUNDAYS			
SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB	in a variety of Inns	2 nd Sunday	Di Wilkinson 01297 678639
SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB 2	in a variety of Inns	4 th Sunday	Ann Macnair 01297 560611

AGM

10.00am Friday November 10th 2017

*If there are any issues that you wish to raise at the AGM please advise Chairman Val Doney at least two weeks prior to the AGM (i.e. 27th October).
Tel:01297 442148 vjdoney@gmail.com*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Proposals for Committee Members even if not for a specific duty

Please detach and send Nomination slip to reach the Secretary:
Mary-Jane Jones: Flat 3, 38 Silver Street, Lyme Regis, DT7 3HS by noon on
Friday 27th October 2017.

We would welcome volunteers at any time. Val Doney Chairman



Election to The Committee:

The formal purpose of this sheet is to call for nominations to our Committee of Management for the 12 months beyond the AGM and/or expressions of interest in specific tasks.

The AGM is required to elect individuals to the offices of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and up to four other committee members. Our constitution requires us to have a committee of at least five and no more than eight although we may co-opt up to two more if necessary.

The current position: Chairman (Valerie Doney), Vice-Chairman (Mary Bohane) and Secretary (Mary-Jane Jones) and Treasurer (Mike Moyes) are willing to serve on the committee for the next year.

Sue Wilson (Newsletter), Penny Rose (Groups), Chris Boothroyd (Publicity) and Shane Ridley (Systems Administrator) are willing to serve as committee members for the next year.

The committee traditionally meets four times a year for about two hours on each occasion.

U3A HERITAGE COAST : NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE, NOVEMBER 2017:

I propose..... for the position of.....

Proposed by::.....Signature

Seconded by:.....Signature.....

Date:.....

I agree to stand for the above position.

Signature of nominee:.....

GROUP NEWS

Literature Group - This Group continues to meet in the Lyme Regis Guildhall on the 1st Thursday of each calendar month at 2.00pm. The 2017 /18 program starts on the 5th of October when we will discuss "Bonjour Tristesse " by Françoise Sagan which shocked France in 1954. Contact Guy Barnes 01308 427430 if you are interested in joining us.

Geology 2017-18 - This is fully booked with a short waiting list. More information available from Geoff at geofftownson@btinternet.com or 01297 561337.

Drawing for Beginners - This New Group was open to those who had asked for an Art for Beginner's group. It is now full, but will take a waiting list. More information is available from Geoff at geofftownson@btinternet.com or 01297 561337. It will be held Fortnightly Weds 10 am - 12.30 pm, The Elms (upstairs), The Street, Charmouth. There will be Ten sessions - five Oct 18 - Dec 13 and five Jan 17 - March 14

Scottish Dancing Group - We restart on Monday 18th September. We welcome back our current dancers and anyone else who would like to join us. Beginners, experts, on your own or with partner, all are welcome. We meet at 10.00 Monday mornings at Woodbury Community Hall, Axminster. It is just off the A35 at the western end of Woodbury Lane with free parking! We get a bit of exercise, have a lot of laughs, and relax for a chat half way through with drink and biscuit. If interested either turn up or call Sue 01297 551445 or David 01460 65981 (The Dancing Master).

Making Music Group - We meet on alternate Wednesdays at a member's home to play a variety of music, ranging from the Beatles, 'crooner' classics to Mozart, on a variety of instruments. New members (of all levels) welcome. For any further details contact: Sue Calder 01297 561302.

Play Reading Group - We broke up for the summer holidays with a hilarious play by Mike Harding. We followed this by a tea party which members contributed to. We have a lovely supportive and fun group with excellent readers.

I have a very short waiting list which I will deal with at the start of the new "term". We will continue to meet on alternative Mondays at two o'clock in members' homes. Our first get together will be at Pam Moseley's on the 4th Sept. Until then, hope we all have a good summer. Frances Barter 07986 794722.

Book Group 2 - This Group is up and running and going well. We already have a waiting list. We usually meet on the third Tuesday of the month, in the afternoon. Dawn Armstrong 01297 678932.

Science & Technology Group - The programme for the rest of the year is
Sep 15 Steve Coles - Senile Dementia
Oct 20 Jim Wiles - How to MOT a Nuclear Power Plant
Nov 17 Richard Pinion (Sidmouth U3A) - The Science of Christmas
We have lively talks, with plenty of discussion! All U3A members welcome, Fridays 10:00 - 12:00 in the small Woodmead Hall. We ask for a 50p contribution to the hire of hall and refreshments. John Marriage 01297 443469 www.refracted.net

The Digital Photography for Beginners group - has now finished its latest series of meetings, and can run again when there enough prospective members (8-10) - contact me to go on the waiting list. John Marriage 01297 443469 www.refracted.net

Possible NEW Digital Photography Self Help Group - aimed at those who wish to improve their digital photography from a basic level. It is hoped that a number of participants from this year's enjoyable and highly beneficial Beginners Digital Photography Group run by John Marriage will form the nucleus of this group. The intention is to improve our skills by a combination of shared experiences, problems and advice, experimentation, themed assignments, group reviews of each other's photographs and so on. John Marriage has kindly offered to contribute with his extensive experience in all areas of photography. Numbers will be limited. If interested please to contact Mark Gillams on mark.gillams@gmail.com or 07754 309609 for further information. The initial introductory meeting is pencilled in for Tuesday morning on either September 19th or 26th at my home in Lyme Regis.

Italian and Spanish Group - Summer Report 2017. In writing this, I am working with the report I wrote in 2012. It is remarkable how the years fly by and not much changes generally. So this is my 5 year update! Note the correct consequential use of "So"! It seems to me that we need to run a class on correct use of English - not for us but for the younger generations - many of them being interviewed on the BBC, professionally educated but incapable of saying anything without the obligatory opening "So".

Year 2017 is turning out to be another year of the three groups running with little change. The most notable change has been my absence from the intermediate group, and the others on some occasions. I became a Board member at Lyme Regis Brewery once again, and this impacted my ability to keep a number of sessions clear for the groups each month. I am now Chairman of the company and things are getting much more settled, enabling me to now consider getting back to focusing on my lovely groups of Italian enthusiasts. The most rewarding aspect of this is that I judged that the Intermediates were running themselves really well, and I could afford to leave them to it for a while. They have fully justified my decision and are ploughing along really well without me - I do occasionally drop in on them. I continue to look after the beginners as best I can - in fact I would like to appeal to you all to consider joining us. We could do with a couple of new learners, because we have lost a few and the others just love starting all over again!

The conversation group is actually running better now than it did in earlier years. Dear Sydnie Bones is ever willing to host the meetings - and the Summer party. This year it was for the first time we could remember not quite sunny enough to go out into the garden. Consequently numbers suffered a bit.

Our Winter all-groups gathering has settled into a routine of a lunch at Italia in Coombe Street - a week or so before Christmas. I look forward now to arranging this. Sorry - perhaps I should not be talking about Christmas - there aren't any cards in the shops yet! I would once again like to thank all those who have taken part in our groups. I sense that you all enjoy it and get something out of it. I shall of course be pleased to hear from anyone who wants to consider joining us.

Our meetings are as follows : Learners - First and third Mondays every month except August and Bank holidays - 10 a.m. at homes of members. Room for a couple of starters.

Intermediates - Every other Tuesday morning to fit in with the French group - at Chideock. Group actually full for now but do let me know if you are interested.

Conversation - First and third Thursday in the month bar August - 2.30 p.m. at Kilmington. Room for a couple more.

I should perhaps also mention the Spanish Group. I am pleased to say this group has settled into a good routine. I have regrettably had to let my learning slip due to work pressure, but I keep an eye on it and Rosemarie Hearn is doing a great job of running the class. They meet second and fourth Mondays each month to fit in with the Italian learners. They are full at the moment but again I keep a list of those interested in joining.

Please ring me on 07780 682989 or email me on allanswannell@gmail.com. You may gather that we focus on making it enjoyable, so if you want to learn Italian in jolly company just contact me.

SHORT STORY

OH WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE - Philip Peed, Monday Creative Writing Group

‘Thank you Ladies and Gentlemen, that brings to a close the fifth Annual General Meeting of Castle Green U3A. It is now my pleasure to introduce our speaker Mark Collier, who is a member of the Creative Writing Group. He has published a book of some of his short stories and last month his first novel was published. Now a chance to hear a little more about the man behind them.’

Mark introduced himself as retired. He said that when a teenager he had been interested in portrait photography and had hoped to pursue it as a career. However, he was soon on a different path. While at Technical College in 1967 he attended a lecture by a guest speaker called Gerry. Talking to him afterwards about career opportunities Gerry explained he was leading one of the camera crews on a film about the Battle of Britain and would Mark like a holiday job. Three months paid work, photography and flying, Mark jumped at the opportunity.

His big break came when Gerry suggested him as an assistant for filming the Italian Job. He then had to juggle his studies with film work for the final six months of his photography course. Mark mentioned he then worked on several of the Bond movies and travelled to many countries. Along with filming work he had also started finding locations and in the early 1990’s set up his own company - running it until retiring and moving to Castle Green in 2010. The last location he had researched and suggested was Glen Etive for Bond’s ancestral home in Skyfall. Since retiring he was still sometimes asked to assist with location finding and this kept him from under his wife Jean’s feet. Whilst working he had often thought up alternative endings for films or how they could take a different course so he enjoyed the Creative Writing group which allowed him to write the stories his way.

He answered questions on a variety of topics including his novel about a widow who moved to the Italian Lakes and discovered one of her neighbours was a jewel thief. When the meeting ended and he had accepted the customary round of applause he felt his mobile vibrate in his pocket. ‘Hello Jody. Yes it went well thanks. That sounds good but talk to your mother about it. Yes, see you on Sunday. Bye.’

The weekend soon arrived. Mark was in his study researching a possible location in Croatia for one of the scenes in the 25th Bond film. There was a knock on the door. ‘Come in.’

‘Hi dad, mum said you were up here. Lunch will be ready in ten minutes.’

‘Goodness is that the time, been here long?’

‘About half an hour, it was chucking it down when I got here, my coat’s drying out in the utility room. You coming down?’

‘Yes. I’ll follow you. There’s a bottle of Mïet in the fridge. A thank you for my speech the other day.’

Over lunch Jean thought Jody was holding something back. It was as if she was waiting for the right moment to say something. ‘Come on Jody, what’s bothering you?’

She was about to say it was nothing but thought better of it. She had been wanting to talk to her parents for a few months. ‘How’s the book selling dad?’

‘The publishers seem pleased, You did a good job with the writing Jody.’

‘They were your good ideas. It was fun writing someone else’s book even though my name is not on the cover.’

‘Never mind. Hopefully your half of the royalties will be useful.’ Jody was looking down at her plate.

Jean looked across at her. ‘That’s not what you wanted to say, is it dear?’

‘No mum it isn’t. I’m worried about you and dad. Let me finish. Dad, I’ve been

reading your Writing Group stories on line. Don't get me wrong. They are very good, but you don't write them do you Dad?'

There was a pause. 'No I don't. I do go to the meetings when I am here, otherwise I send them to the group leader and someone else reads them.'

'You write them, don't you mum.'

'Yes I do. They are your father's ideas, but I write them. I quite enjoy it.'

'That's not the point. So tell me dad, what are you doing if I'm writing your novel and mum's writing your monthly stories?'

'Well dear, I'm still finding a few locations for films. I'm doing some research for the upcoming Bond film. That's what I was doing this morning.'

'There's something you're both not telling me.'

'Don't worry dear.' said Jean. 'There's nothing shady going on in this house. It's just that your father wanted to slow down and take things a little easier for a while.'

'Well no more lies then please. I don't believe the champagne was a thank you from the U3A because there are eleven other bottles in the box in the utility room.'

After she had gone Jean and Mark sat in the lounge wondering what, if anything, they could tell Jody. Eventually Jean broke the silence. 'I suppose that now you have retired from your Government job there is nothing to tell her.'

'No I suppose not. Friday's leaving do seems a long time ago and then it seems only a few hours ago.'

'It'll take you time to adapt. I thought it was nice of the Minister to come along and say a few words.'

'It was good of him to acknowledge the support you have given me. Don't forget we are covered by the Official Secrets Act for life so we can't really tell Jody.'

'No I suppose not. Were those good wishes from the KGB and the CIA genuine?'

'No idea.'

'Harrods in Edwardian Times'

In May, U3A members were pleased to welcome back Yvonne Bell with her extensive knowledge of life in Edwardian times and specifically the development of the Harrods store during the period 1900 - 1914. When doing her research Yvonne had been amazed to receive a reply to a request to visit the store and given unlimited access to their archives as well as being invited to become their official Archivist. With her solid historical knowledge and frequent comical anecdotes we learnt of the development of the store from a small house in the village of Knightsbridge in 1849 to the shop we know today. The renovation to restore Harrods to its Edwardian splendour was started by Al Fayed revealing the dome in the food hall and the interior and exterior tiles produced by The Royal Doulton Factory. Harrods had so many firsts. The first to use live models, and in 1905 set up a telephone order room open day and night. In 1910 the place to be seen was The Georgian restaurant named for King George V where Ivor Novello could be found playing the piano. Gentleman could wait in their club while their wives shopped and then ladies could retire to their Tea Rooms (whilst their husbands settled the accounts) reached probably by the first ever escalator in a London store. Uniformed attendants would wait at the top ready to revive the ladies with brandy should the shock of using a moving staircase prove too great for their delicate constitution. Another fascinating and informative talk enjoyed by us all.

Irene Roper



GARDEN LOVERS GROUP -the remaining visits to be made this year:

14 Sept (coach) - Coleton Fishacre, near Brixham
20 Sept at 14.00 - Mapperton, just outside Beaminster

For more information for Mapperton, contact Mary Rogers -
(stonefarmcottage@btinternet.com, 01297 489452),
for Coleton Fishacre, Pam Melhuish (pammelhuish@gmail.com, 01297 446007).

UPCOMING THEATRE TRIPS 2017/2018

Joint ventures- Crewkerne, Heritage Coast (Lyme Regis) and Bridport U3A`s



MAYFLOWER THEATRE SOUTHAMPTON - Thursday September 28th. 2.00pm.

“BEAUTIFUL”. THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL SOLD OUT

“THE NUTCRACKER”. ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET Saturday Dec. 2nd. 2.30pm

Rear stalls £36.50 (reduced from £44.50)

Cost all-in likely to be around £47-£50pp SOLD OUT

“WAR HORSE” - Bristol Hippodrome - Wednesday October 25th. 2.00pm

I have sold all I have but can get more if required.

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL August 13-17 2018

Essentially four nights in a central Travelodge.

Flights from Exeter or Bristol. All-in cost for travel and accommodation likely to be
around £350/£400pp. 26 signed up so far!

Contact me for more details. I will be looking for confirmation in September.

NEW OFFERS:

“MISS SAIGON” - Thursday March 8th. 2018 2.00pm. Southampton. Just noting
interest. Rear stalls: £43.50 reduced from £49.50 for a group. Depending on take
up likely to be £55 all-in. This is already selling fast.

RETURN TO LONDON AND THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 2018

In outline: June 21st and 22nd. 2018. Two nights in Covent Garden Travelodge likely
to be £50pppn for shared room; travel around £50pp.; tickets for `Swan Lake` (June
21st) and/or `La Boheme` (June 22nd) likely to be around £30 each. Or do your own
thing in London.

Taking expressions of interest at the moment. I won`t know about availability of
ROH tickets until the new year.

jdbart45@gmail.com

Adventures by the Sea

Deirdre Dee our speaker for July gave us a humorous frolic through the British Seaside
Holiday. It became fashionable in the late eighteenth century. George III went into the
waves at Weymouth with an orchestra to accompany him (presumably from the shore)
and the “whole town came out to watch”. Queen Victoria used bathing machines for her
modesty and made her family join into this healthy pastime.

The world followed. At first only the well off could go to the sea, and they often went
abroad where they could be more relaxed, and in places the weather and sea were
warmer.

In England the Prince Regent built his crazy Turkish Pavilion in Brighton. Other towns
tried to overcome the British Weather by building beautiful glass conservatories for
people to meet, walk and listen to music. Many were called Winter Gardens, some still
exist.

As the railways made travelling faster and cheaper the rest of the populace joined in. This changed the type of activities offered by some towns, theatres with variety shows, ballrooms for large dances, piers with amusement arcades and cheaper faster food came along. Things have been changing ever since, Deirdre quoted the modern day seaside shows that have TV personalities bringing in the punters, and more organised activities for the amusement of visiting children and adults.

Deirdre sang songs from the shows, she even had the audience joining in - just like the "old days". But her final message was the seaside holiday would endure, it changes to fit the demands of the paying holidaymakers.

Val Doney

Forthcoming events: Meetings held at Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis unless otherwise indicated.

10.00am - 10.40am - coffee/tea and biscuits. 11.00am - talk

Wednesday 13th September - 'Ancient Egypt: a History in Eight Objects'

Illustrated talk by **Janet Diamond**

Janet's U3A talk in May 2016, about her life in Cairo, was well-received, so we welcome her return to share a very different way of looking at Egypt. The inspiration for this presentation came from two sources: the Radio 4 programme 'A History of the World in 100 Objects' and a course which she undertook through the University of Manchester called 'Ancient Egypt: A History in Six Objects'.

Finding them both so interesting, she was inspired to make her own selection of objects for this presentation. She features a series of items with differing purposes, artistic styles, materials and periods, and from different museum collections

around the world - each item with its own interesting story to tell. They are taken from across the main periods of ancient Egypt, beginning with predynastic times (c.4400 BC) and finishing with the Ptolemies (323 - 30 BC) in the dying days of the Egyptian Empire some 4000 years later.



Friday 13th October, Social Meeting - Coffee & chat



An opportunity to come and chat, also to talk to representatives of the activity groups. You can join new groups and may even consider starting your own. The committee members and many group leaders will be there. At 10.00 there's a special welcome, with extra cakes, for new(ish) members (those who've joined in the previous 12-18 months, or the last five minutes). Bring your friends.

Friday November 10th 10.00am ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

with guest speaker

The AGM will be held at the start of this meeting, hearing from Val Doney a summary of the year's varied activities ranging across the many groups, monthly talks, trips and visits, and from Mike Moyes about the state of your U3A's finances. This also gives members a chance to ask questions, to make suggestions, and to elect (or change) your committee.

At around 10.30am we shall break for coffee and chat before the talk starting at 11.00am. During this break you can book tickets for the Christmas Quiz on Friday 8th December. For arrangements, see the next entry. Details of the guest speaker will be given in the October Newsflash.

Friday December 8th - commencing 11.30am - 3.00pm. (Doors open 11.00am)

QUIZ

“Universally Challenged?”

The U3A Third Annual Christmas Quiz

Woodmead Halls will once again rock with laughter and shudder with racked brains for our December event. Quizmaster John Bartholomew, recognising that Christmas-induced mental softening will already be setting in, promises that the number of truly abstruse questions will be fewer than last year; the jokes will remain as frequent.

The quiz is for U3A members only, with participation strictly by pre-booked ticket. Tickets will first be available at the AGM on Friday 10th November. Any spaces left after the AGM will be offered through the Members' Newsflash. The last day for booking tickets will be Tuesday 5th December.

There will be 18 tables with 6 people on each. You can book individually, joining a table with other members (this can be a very social occasion) or book as a team of 6. If acting for a team, please note that bookings will be taken only if you have the names of all members of that team with you at the time of booking: no exceptions will be made!

Payment of £4.00 per person is made on arrival, with ticket, at the quiz, not at time of booking. Be aware that parking in Woodmead Halls car park costs £1.00 per hour if you don't have a Resident's Permit.

A snack with drinks will be served at lunchtime: vegetarian food will be available if noted at booking. Please bring your own food if you have other dietary needs.

Friday 12th January. The Wonders of Bees



Bee expert **Bridget Strawbridge** will bring insights into the astounding world of bees.

A social gathering will follow the talk to bring further cheer to January.

