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Lyme Regis & surrounding area

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Letter from the Chair

The new constitution was approved at our AGM on 8th November 2019. The following people were voted in as committee members/trustees: Rachael Pope (Chair); Mary Bohane (Vice-Chair); Ann Fleet (Secretary); Graham Cummings (Treasurer); Penny Rose (Groups' Coordinator); Sue Wilson (Newsletter); Kate Pitts (Speaker Finder), Susie Butter (Publicity) and Graham Pitts (Membership Secretary). We did not receive any other nominations from our request in the last Newsletter.

Thanks was given to all the volunteers. Thanks to the group leaders, those who help with refreshments, moving of furniture at meetings, registering attendees, technical support, and those who have helped with 'meet and greet'. Thank you to all the committee members, and also Val Doney, who have supported me in my new role as Chair. Particular thanks to Mike Moyes who has been our Treasurer for 8years. He was presented with a gift, and the committee will be sharing a meal with him.

As we go into 2020 we want your ideas and suggestions. You don't have to be a committee member to contribute. Most of all we need people to lead groups. Too many of our groups have waiting lists and we need people to branch out and start another group.

Rachael Pope

Update from Groups' Coordinator Penny Rose:

A new group, called **Seafront Gardens**, has been formed to plant and care for three of the beds in Lyme's seafront gardens. The three beds are to either side of the central "gazebo" at the top of the gardens and to the left of the path by the garden entrance to the Alexandra Hotel. The group is led by Merry Bolton (merrylymeregis@gmail.com). Following one final tidying session this year the group will be restarting their efforts in spring next year. Phone Merry on 01297 443334

MEMOIR WRITING 2 - If you are interested or have renewed interest in joining this proposed group, Jackie Lloyd is willing to start a 2nd Group. Please contact her on 01297 443516 or ladylloyd@msn.com

BOARD GAMES GROUP - If you are interested in joining this proposed new group, please contact Wendy Alexander 01297 445152

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP - If you are interested in joining this proposed new group, please contact Pam Melhuish 01297 446007 or pammelhuish@gmail.com

BOOK GROUP 3 - Is anybody willing to join and co-ordinate a 3rd Book group? The existing groups have members on their waiting lists. It is not an arduous task and Dawn Armstrong 01297 678932, who runs Book Group 2, is very willing to help set it up.

PAINTING GROUP - There have been some repeated requests for a Painting group but we need a leader who is experienced enough to guide members who may be beginners. If there are offers, please contact Penny Rose on 01297 561076 or pennyrose2009@gmail.com

BOULES GROUP - Several members would like to start a Boules Group. If you are interested in joining them please contact Joan Pitt on 01297 631363 or joan.pitt1@icloud.com

Marjorie Waters has decided to terminate her leadership of the **BIRD INTEREST GROUP**, for personal reasons. We thank her very much for all the years she has spent leading nature walks for our U3A. She is extremely knowledgeable on all nature matters and many members have gained greatly from her expertise. Would anyone like to take over her role? Please contact Penny Rose if you are interested.

Recently we staged a "You the Jury" day which worked extremely well. Is anybody willing to organise a second one?

Suggestions for new Groups: **Cryptic Crossword Group** or "Isn't that interesting" Group (which could cover almost anything for alert minds!), **Chess, Learning Excel, Website building, Tai Chi.**

Please ring Penny Rose 01297 561076 if you are interested in leading any of these suggested groups or have any other ideas for new groups.

Forthcoming events:

Monthly Meetings held at Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis, DT7 3PG.
10.00am-10.40am - coffee/tea and biscuits. 11.00am - talk

Friday December 13th: QUIZ pre-booked ticket holders only (one table still available to book - ring Sue Wilson 01297 444606)

Friday January 10th - Post war New Towns



Matthew Denney - valuer and auctioneer with special interest in late 19th century and 20th century design and architecture.



Friday February 8th: Social meeting with coffee. An opportunity to chat with other members and to talk to representatives of the activity groups. You can join new groups or consider starting your own. The committee members and many group leaders will be there. Bring your friends!
PLEASE NOTE: 10.00 am start.



Friday March 13th - The Ice Age in west Dorset and east Devon - Professor Jim Rose
Emeritus Professor of Geography, Royal Holloway



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL January 1st 2020

Please see separate enclosure or attachment.

New members since August 2019 are already paid up for 2020

SITUATIONS VACANT - I realise I have been producing this Quarterly Newsletter for Lyme Regis U3A for 8 years now. Doesn't time fly - it really has to be time for someone else to give it a go! If you have some Desktop Publishing skills please contact me to find out more- Sue Wilson 01297 444606 or sue.wilson44@outlook.com