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Next Meeting – Tuesday 12th July

Our speaker will be Amanda Bakewell from Recoup

‘Cutting the confusion around plastic recycling’

Holiday to Enniscorthy, Southern Ireland 27 June – 01 July

Apologies for the delay in sending out this newsletter but we’ve been enjoying the Ramsey & District U3A holiday in Southern Ireland. Twenty-six members enjoyed a wonderful week staying at Treacy’s Hotel, Enniscorthy. We had an early morning start on the Monday as our ferry from Fishguard to Rosslare departed at 11am but our driver, Elaine, from Dews Coaches drove superbly and we all caught up on some of our sleep. The Vikings famously made Waterford their base in Ireland’s Ancient East, and our first day was to visit Ireland’s oldest city. We enjoyed a tour of the Waterford Crystal factory before joining our guide for a walking tour of the Viking Triangle and learning many historical facts with lots of Irish craic.

Our next day saw us in Avoca, which is a typical Irish Village where the popular BBC series Ballykissangel was filmed. On to the Mount Usher Gardens to enjoy the Tree Trail with over 80 exceptional trees alongside the River Vartry. Such a beautiful relaxing place in which to enjoy superb Irish ice cream.

Our delights didn’t stop there as on our last day we visited Kilkenny Castle and the Dunbrody Famine Ship. Kilkenny is a beautiful little town and the day we visited was market day with local food and street food to sample. The castle itself commands a crossing on the River Nore and dominates the town.

We went on to be given a Boarding Ticket for the Dunbrody ship and experienced what it was like as a Steerage passenger in 1846 crossing to Savannah. These ships were called Coffin Ships and for 6 weeks passengers were allowed on deck for no more than one hour a day, in small groups. Death rates commonly reaching 20%.

As well as the lovely places we visited, in true u3a fashion we also enjoyed quizzes on board coach. The Singers & Groups quiz was won by Sheila & Dave Gilbert-Hill, the Sweetie quiz was won by Maureen & Diane Fletcher with the General Knowledge quiz being won by Stuart & Diane Fletcher just one point ahead of Malcolm and Madeleine Jackson.



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Indoor Street Party –14th June

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was a milestone that needed to be celebrated in style. While the country enjoyed a four-day holiday with Trooping of the Colour, lighting beacons, a grand lunch when streets were traffic free and neighbours met to eat together and reminisce on other occasions when they were young and did exactly the same thing, our u3a waited for another week before holding our own indoor street party.

The proceeding began with our chairman, David Gilbert-Hill offering the loyal toast to Her Majesty the Queen. Then it was time to eat.

The tables were bedecked with union flags with napkins and plates to match, sandwiches were cut in triangles and 'Her Majesty's Marvellous Muffins' were resplendent in union flag tulip cases (made by volunteer u3a bakers). Much happy chatter accompanied the food while each table tried to finish the obligatory quiz.

Then it was time for our tribute to the Queen. Eight members of the Thespian group spoke about one decade of the Queen's rule adding their own thoughts and comments. It started with John Austin, who actually watched the Coronation from The Victoria Memorial outside Buckingham Palace as a chosen Army Cadet on official parade. Other members of the Thespian group who took part were June green, Terry Hubbard, Anne Fieldhouse, Mike Lewis, Sheila Ritchie, Bill Thompson, and Jane Cusworth.

Bill Elmore and Eileen Wade won the prizes for the best dressed for the occasion and thanks were given to everyone who helped arrange the event before we went home having celebrated this unique event in style.

ACTIVITY GROUPS

Please note that this area of the Newsletter is for groups to let members know what is happening within their own groups. Let me have photographs or text you would like to see in the newsletter.

Metal Detecting will be holding their annual BBQ in July. As well as enjoying food they have a couple of competitions for the members to show off their 'finds'.

Digital Photography are visiting Wicken Fen for a special photoshoot when the dragonflies will be in abundance.

Family History will be holding their annual Summer Party in July.

For more information, visit our website: www.ramseyu3a.org.uk

An older gentleman shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlour and pulled himself slowly, rather painfully looking, onto a stool. After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split. The waitress smiled kindly at him, asking, "Crushed nuts?" The older gentleman replies, "No..... arthritis."

Speaking to her 93-year-old grandfather, a young woman asked, "Grandpa, what were your good old days?" Grandpa's reply? "When I wasn't good, and I wasn't old."

I like having conversations with kids. Grownups never ask me what my third favourite reptile is.

Your newsletter is under new management, however our thanks go to Mike Lewis who has agreed to send us some of his inimitable jokes to finish each edition.