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Next Meeting - Tuesday 11th October at 2pm

Our own Arun Aggarwal will demonstrate fruit and vegetable carving. If you would like to join in, please bring the following items with you (items to be carved will be provided) sharp paring knife, melon baller, bowl for fruit cuttings, chopping board, Tupperware box to take bits home and eat later and don't forget your reading glasses.

**General Meeting—Tuesday 13th September**

Our vice-chairman, Bruce, welcomed everyone back after the summer break. As a mark of respect on the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September, a minute's silence was held and an expression of sympathy, written by Enid, was read out.

Jane then followed with group news and travel news (see later in the Newsletter).

Our speaker, Roy Smart, was then introduced to the meeting and spoke to us on 'Wallis Simpson and the Abdication Crisis' 1936 – Three Kings in One Year. We were entertained with a wonderful presentation and learnt many interesting facts about Wallis Simpson from her early life through to when she fled for France followed by Edward, who 'couldn't live without his love' and signed the Abdication Statement on Thursday 10th December 1936. The presentation also contained music of the era. It was interesting to learn that the British newspapers remained silent during this period – what a different time we live in now!

Message from your Speaker Secretary—Liz Elmore

I'm starting to book speakers for next year and would like to request your help. If you hear of an interesting speaker would you obtain contact details and pass them on to me or drop details into the feedback box please.

Please don't forget to use the feedback box at the end of each general meeting. Currently only around 50% of members give feedback and it would be really helpful to increase this to above 85% so we can provide more of what you like.

TRAVEL NEWS - 2023 DAY TRIPS

Thursday 20th April - Royal Botanical Gardens. The price will be £45 per person and will include Dews coach to London and admission. For those interested in going a deposit of £10 will be required at the October meeting. Payments can be made in cash or, preferably, by bank transfer. A group tour option will be considered if sufficient interest.

Thursday 6th July—Houses of Parliament & Thames River Cruise. Booking for HoP cannot be made until November but the price should be approximately £55 per member. This will include Dews coach to London, tour of the Houses of Parliament and river cruise up to Greenwich. A sign-up sheet will be available at the September meeting but deposits won't be taken until we can confirm prices.

October - Bletchley Park & National Museum of Computing. We hope to book either Tuesday 17th or Thursday 19th for this trip and the price will be approximately £40 per person to include Dews coach and admission to Bletchley Park. For those interested in visiting the Museum, entrance is to be paid on the day. A sign-up sheet will be available from September but deposits won't be taken until we can confirm a date and price.

ACTIVITY GROUP NEWS

All activity groups are being invited to show off their group with a display at monthly meetings to enable members to get a better idea of what each group does. Thank you to Short Walking for the September display.

The October meeting will see the Patchwork and Quilting group showing off the baby quilts members have been making for the Special Care Baby Unit at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital.

A member of the Climate Action Group, Joan Morters, has won an East Anglia Architecture Award for her eco home in Ramsey Heights, and will be featuring in Grand Designs on TV in the autumn.

TRAVEL NEWS - 2023 HOLIDAY

June 5th–9th : COTSWOLDS £619 per person (£145 single supplement)

To include 5 days coach hire, guided tour of Hereford Cathedral, Wye Valley Brewery Tour, journey on the Gloucester Warwickshire Railway, Guided tour of Sudeley Castle and entrance to Tintern Abbey. Staying at the Holiday Inn, Gloucester. Sign-up sheet and further details at general meeting or email Jane (jcusworth@btinternet.com)

September : BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE (price and details to be confirmed)

MEMBER DEATHS

It is with great sadness we have to report the deaths of the following members: Pam Coulson who joined us after Covid; David Morris who joined in September 2017 and had worked as a committee member; and Peter Stevens who was among the first members of Ramsey & District U3A in April 2011 and helped many members come to grips with computers. Our condolences to their families and friends.

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

JOKES

What did the buffalo say when his son left? Bison!

I used to be addicted to the hokey pokey.....but then I turned myself around.

I don't trust stairs. They're always up to something.

Editors Jane Cusworth and Enid Hubbard with Jokes submitted by Mike Lewis