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NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 13th December - FULLY BOOKED

Ramsey U3A Thespians will be entertaining you with their production

'A Christmas Barrel'. ALL TICKETS HAVE BEEN SOLD.

General Meeting—Tuesday 8th November

Our Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and Jane Cusworth updated everyone with 2023 day trips and holidays (see later in the Newsletter).

Our speaker was Historian Chris Carr, giving a talk on Yule Logs and Boy Bishops. Chris appeared in period costume as Lady Constance Stafford who lived from 1450-1475 and had been married when she was 8 years old. She described her costume and the different layers and how only the linen undergarment got washed. Her shoes were really pointy, which was the fashion at that time. Chris went on to tell us about some of the customs observed at Christmas and we were invited to taste Mince Pies (with real meat as it was the Victorians who removed the meat), Figgy Pudding and Medieval Gingerbread. I wasn't too excited by the mince pies but the other two were really tasty.

TRAVEL NEWS - 2023 HOLIDAY

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

To include 5 days coach hire, bed, breakfast and evening meal, 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 2023)

National/Regional u3a News

The Board of Trustees are considering forming a 'representative council' to listen to members. This was suggested after its resolutions to raise the annual subscription fee every year in line with the State Pension increase were defeated at October's AGM. More details can be found in the Annual Report, available at u3a.org.uk/events/agm-2022.

Did you know we get newsletters from the Regional Trustee and also the Regional Team? You can view them via our links page on the Ramsey & District u3a website. Look under the **Information Tab** for the "Links" Page.

TRAVEL NEWS - 2023 DAY TRIPS

Thursday 20th April - Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. The price will be £45 per person and will include Dews coach to London and admission. £10 non-refundable deposit will be required to book your place. Please give this day trip your support as there is so much to enjoy at Kew.

Thursday 6th July—Houses of Parliament & Thames River Cruise—FULLY BOOKED

The price will be approximately £55 per member. This will include Dews coach to London, tour of the Houses of Parliament and river cruise up to Greenwich. £10 non-refundable deposit will be required to book your place.

Thursday 19th October - Bletchley Park & National Museum of Computing. The price will be £41 per person (subject to confirmation nearer the date) to include Dews coach and admission to Bletchley Park. For those interested in visiting the Museum, entrance of £7.50 is to be paid on the day but booking is recommended. Deposits will be taken at the January meeting.

ACTIVITY GROUP NEWS

Thanks to Bill Elmore and his group for the wonderful display of items made by the Wood Turning Group, which were on display at the November meeting. What amazing talent we have within our midst.

January will be the turn of the Travel group to give you a flavour of some of the wonderful holidays and day trips that members have enjoyed.

REMINDER: Please note that Joan Morters (a member of the Climate Change Group) will be on Grand Designs on Wednesday 7th December at 9pm, Channel 4. Her house won an award and is featured on the programme.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Our Chairman, proudly displaying his own father's medals, had the honour of parading from the Abbey Gate and laying the wreath at the memorial service on Sunday 13th November on behalf of the Ramsey & District u3a .

SAD NEWS

It is with great sadness that we report the sudden death of Paul Tricker who had been a member of the Ramsey & District u3a since 2016. He was a regular at the Classic Film Group and a very keen Bridge player, being one of the best players in the u3a group with a very sharp brain. He will be sadly missed.

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

JOKES for Christmas

Why was Santa's little helper depressed?

Because he had very low elf esteem.

What do you get when you cross a duck with Santa?

A Christmas quacker.

What do you call an elf that can sing and dance?

Elvis.

What is Santa's favourite snack food?

Crisp Pringles