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NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 14th February



Mia Hansson - Recreating the Bayeux Tapestry

Our speaker for February is Mia, the woman who got bored and decided that she wanted a project that she couldn't finish in a hurry. She started on this Bayeux Tapestry replica in July 2016 so please come along to see how much has been completed and hear what it has meant for her.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REQUIRED

Our Chairman, Dave Gilbert-Hill, opened the January General Meeting by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. He advised everyone he would be standing down as Chairman at the AGM in April. It is hoped members would consider putting themselves forward as new committee members are needed in order that Ramsey & District u3a could continue to offer members interesting speakers, and a wonderful variety of activity groups. The positions held by committee members can be found at the top of this page, new members contribute their ideas and concerns at meetings while learning how the committee works and possibly assist other members carry out their duties with a view to stepping into their shoes at a later date. Like everything else in the u3a, the committee live laugh and learn together to make our u3a the amazing organization it is. Please speak to a committee member to find out more.

General Meeting—Tuesday 10th January

What an amazing afternoon we had at our January General Meeting; a real trip down memory lane. Brian Bignell, a professional photographer in the 60s came to talk to us on the many bands and performers he photographed and what life was like with the stars at that time.

The talk opened with the track 'In my Life' by Lennon & McCartney and Brian's talk was interspersed with snippets of tracks from the groups at that time and we were given the opportunity to guess who they were. Brian was also around between 1963 - 1967 when The Gaiety Ballroom in Ramsey was one of 'the' places to appear and be seen and he photographed many very famous people. However, Jimi Hendrix never quite made The Gaiety as he cancelled on the morning he was meant to appear, to go to King's Lynn instead!

It was a wonderful afternoon of reflection on those heady days and to see original images of Cliff Richard, The Beatles, The Who, The Rolling Stones, Dusty Springfield, The Searchers and many more was magical. A number of anecdotes, which perhaps should never be written down(!) were interesting to hear. An era of alcohol, drugs and anything else they could think of, but whatever it was, they don't make music like that any more.

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 is required to reserve your place. **There are still places available.** The balance for the trip must be paid by 15th March and can be by cash or cheque at the General Meeting or bank transfer using Kew as the reference. Contact Jane if you are interested.

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

This trip has now been confirmed and the price will be £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 is required to reserve your place. The balance will be due by 10th May. A waiting list is in operation should anyone have to cancel.

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. Sign up and pay your £10 deposit to book your place.

PLEASE NOTE - the final price of all day trips will depend on the number of members attending. The more members on the coach, the lower the price. Payment for trips can be made by cash or cheque at General Meetings or by bank transfer using the title of the trip as your reference.

THIRD AGE MATTERS (TAM) - MAGAZINE

As part of your u3a membership you are eligible to receive copies of TAM, the National Magazine. However, it may be the case that you no longer get much value out of receiving TAM, you never read it or you dislike magazines dropping through your door. If this is the case, please be aware that you do not have to continue receiving it: just let the membership secretary (Bruce McDowell) know and he will amend your record accordingly and help you do your bit for saving the planet.

ACTIVITY GROUP NEWS

The Travel Group was the activity putting on a display at the General Meeting for January. Don't forget to look at the display each month to learn more about our wonderful activity groups and what they have to offer our members.

The opportunity to sign-up for an activity group is always available, although some have a waiting list, and this can be done by contacting the Groups Coordinator, Maureen Fletcher or speaking to the group leader of the activity.

What a wonderful take up there has been for the new Line Dancing group, which will take place on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at Forty Foot Village Hall. Over 20 members have already signed up so if you are interested please let Maureen know asap.

All group news is available on the Ramsey & District u3a website or on the notice board at the monthly General Meetings.

TRAVEL NEWS - 2023 HOLIDAY - CHANGE OF DATES & ITINERARY

June 19th–23rd : COTSWOLDS £559 per person (£90 single supplement)

To include 5 days coach hire, bed, breakfast and evening meal at The Oxford Belfry Hotel, Thame. The itinerary will include a day at Blenheim Palace, guided tour of Sudeley Castle, a journey on the Gloucester Warwickshire Railway and a visit to Oxford and the Bodleian Library. If anyone is interested in signing up please email Jane (jcusworth@btinternet.com) or call on 01487 814984.

September : BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE (price and details to follow as soon as available)

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

JOKES

Senior citizens have taken to texting with gusto. They even have their own vocabulary:

BFF: Best friend fainted; BYOT: Bring your own teeth; FWB: Friend with beta-blockers.

We'd finally built our dream home, but the builder had a concern about the placement of a bathroom window for our walk-in shower.

"I'm afraid your neighbours might have a good view of you au naturel," he said. My wife put him at ease. "Don't worry, they'll only look once."