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NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 14th March

Philip Caine - Author and Raconteur

Recalling his journey 'From Barrow to Baghdad'

****SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY - PEAK DISTRICT - Monday 25th - Friday 29th September****

£565 per person (£105 single supplement)

Price includes: ABTA bonding, 5 days Dews coach hire, 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast at Leonardo Hotel, Derby. The itinerary will include: Crich Tramway, Kedleston Hall, cable car ride on Heights of Abraham, journey on Park rail, entry to Cromford Mill and Chatsworth House. Day to browse in Buxton and free afternoon in Castleton.

Speak to Jane Cusworth for further details (01487 814984) or a member of the Travel Committee.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN APRIL

The annual subscription will remain at £17 and is due at the beginning of April. Please support your u3a committee and attend the AGM at the General Meeting in April.

February Meeting

Our chairman, Dave Gilbert-Hill, welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished us a Happy Valentine's Day. Members were reminded that the Digital Photography group were displaying today in the foyer. Jane was invited to talk about travel and details are included later in the newsletter. We were then invited to sit back and enjoy our speaker for the afternoon, Mia Hansson.

Mia explained to us that she was looking for a project to do and came up with the idea of replicating the Bayeaux Tapestry. Not an easy task but one that would keep her busy for many years. She is about 2/3rds of the way through and expects to finish in 2026 when it will weigh over 25 kgs. She does the embroidery in 9 metre lengths with 7 colours as used in the original and one of these lengths was displayed on tables for us all to view.

The original Bayeaux Tapestry is in France and there is a version in Reading but unlike Mia's which is an exact replica, the one in Reading has been 'corrected'. Where legs are shown in different colours on the original, ie one red and one white; in the Reading one they are both red! Also, the stallions have all become mares and there are no naked men!

Mia was an enthusiastic speaker and it was lovely to view the tapestry first-hand.

TRAVEL NEWS - 2023 DAY TRIPS

Jane explained to everyone at the meeting that at the end of the financial year, it was noted a number of day trips had ended up with a credit balance, and as we are not here to make a profit, the money will be refunded to those members who took part in the various trips. These were primarily Felbrigg Hall, Black Country Museum and Hampton Court. Also members who had paid a deposit for Peckover House would be refunded as this did not take place. Sheila would be contacting all concerned to ask how they wanted u3a to deal with this refund. Any queries please speak with Sheila or Jane.

All documentation containing bank details will be permanently deleted or shredded.

Thursday 20th April - Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. The price will be approx. £40 per person and will include Dews coach to London and admission. **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.

JULY - Houses of Parliament & Thames River Cruise - FULLY BOOKED

The Houses of Parliament are not being very helpful and we must now wait until the middle/end of March to confirm a date, which has to be when parliament is in recess. As soon as we have a confirmed date those who have paid a deposit will be notified so they can confirm they that are still available to attend. If spaces are then available, those on the waiting list will be contacted. Please contact Jane if you want to go on the waiting list.

Thursday 19th October - Bletchley Park & National Museum of Computing. The price will be approx. £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.

Bank transfer details - TSB Bank Sort Code: 77-72-18 Account No: 13300660

ACTIVITY GROUP NEWS

The Digital Photography Group put on a display at the General Meeting for February. Really beautiful photographs and many lovely ideas were displayed on how to use your photographs to make albums, personalized mugs, etc. Next month will be the turn of Writing for Pleasure. 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 you are interested in.

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 : PEAK DISTRICT, DERBYSHIRE (SEE OVERLEAF)

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

JOKES

- What's a balloon's least favourite type of music? Pop
- What washes up on very small beaches? Micro-waves
- How does a farmer mend his overalls? With cabbage patches
- How does NASA organise a party? They planet