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NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 11th April

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING + Speaker

Barbara Meyer, Big cat photographer presenting
"Big cats from around the globe"

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

£557 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 / 07779 101493) or member of the Travel Committee.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION — ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION DUE 1st APRIL

The annual subscription will remain at £17. Please support your u3a and attend the AGM

MEET AND GREET—Friday 12th May

An opportunity for new members to come and meet Group Leaders and view the displays put on by various group. Learn more about your u3a and how to use the Ramsey & District u3a website to keep up to date with all the latest information. Your chance to ask questions in an informal setting.

March Meeting

Bruce McDowell stood in for our Chairman, who is away on holiday, and after the usual safety notices invited Maureen, Groups Co-ordinator, to bring us up to date on group news. The display this month was by the Writing for Pleasure group and Bill Thompson took the opportunity to welcome members to view their work. He also thanked Hilary Hedderick for the work she had put in to producing a book of all their 2022 projects. Jane Cusworth was then invited to update members on travel, details of which are included in this newsletter. Please continue to support the holidays and day trips so we can continue to bring you exciting places to visit.

Bruce then introduced our speaker, Philip Caine. Philip is an author, speaker and raconteur and kept everyone enthralled with stories of his life and his many career reincarnations, which began in the hotel business, then developed in the oil industry. Thirty years were spent in places such as the North Sea, Algeria, Nigeria, Kazakhstan, Russia, Baghdad and Dubai before he retired in 2015 and became an author. Philip has written seven fictional adventure thrillers and two crime thrillers, which he hopes will soon become a tv series.

TRAVEL NEWS - 2023 DAY TRIPS

Thursday 20th April - Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Those members booked for this trip please note that pick up will be at the Ramsey Clock at **8am**.

Houses of Parliament & Thames River Cruise

Further information on this day trip will be available in due course.

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, you must book your time slot as soon as possible to guarantee a place and pay the admission of £7.50 on the day. Sign up and pay your £10 deposit to book your place on this trip.

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

A Theatre Group has been suggested. If you are interested please let Maureen Fletcher, Groups Coordinator, have your name.

There will be no group display in April as this is our AGM but displays will be back in May with the Metal Detecting Group.

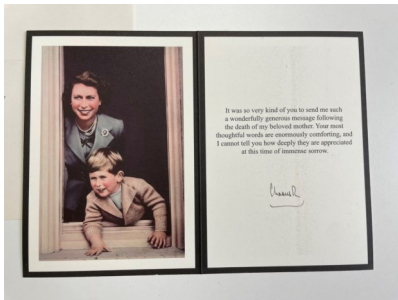
All group news is available on the Ramsey & District u3a website or on the notice board at the monthly General Meetings.

There is a network of over 70 u3a national subject advisers, whose role is to provide subject advice on both the setting up of a group in their particular speciality, and the sustainability and development of existing groups. Advisers may provide groups with new ideas, resources or a different approach and some can provide connections and networking opportunities with other groups with similar interests.

Some subject advisers keep in touch with group convenors through newsletters or blogs proving a useful way of sharing suggestions or good practice, plus some also organise study days.

They cover a wide range of subjects from American Archaeology to Yoga, with a real mix of academic, practical and leisure activities in between. A list of subject advisers and their contact details can be found in each issue of Third Age Matters.

U3A NATIONAL NEWS



National Office received a letter and photo from the King thanking u3a members for their wonderful generous messages following the death of his beloved mother. A Book of Condolence had more than 600 messages from across the movement.

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

JOKES

- Q: What do you call someone who is afraid of Santa? A: A Clausterphobic.
Q: Why did the cross-eyed teacher lose her job? A: Because she couldn't control her pupils.
Q: What stays in the corner and travels all over the world? A: A stamp.
Q: What do you call a fake noodle? A: An Impasta.
Q: What did the femur say to the patella? A: I kneed you.

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