



Committee Members

Chairman - Bruce McDowell
Secretary - Glyn Stokes
Treasurer - Hazel McDowell
Membership - Liz Elmore
Groups - Maureen Fletcher
Speakers - **Ken Gardner**
Catering - **Henry Shaw**
Newsletter - **Jane Cusworth**
Officer - **Brendan Hallisey**

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NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 9th May

Our toast to King Charles III including drink and cutting the Coronation Cake

followed by our speaker, **LUCY LEWIS**, the UK's first female bomb disposal officer
presenting "Lighting the fuse"

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.

MEET AND GREET—Friday 12th May

An opportunity for new members to come and meet Group Leaders and view the displays put on by some of the activity groups. Learn more about your u3a and how to use the Ramsey & District u3a website to keep up to date with all the latest information. Tea and cakes available. A chance for members to ask questions and chat in an informal setting. Contact Liz, membership secretary, if you haven't received your invite.

April Meeting - AGM

The Ramsey & District u3a AGM was held at the start of the meeting and after welcoming everyone, the various officers gave their reports for the year. The treasurer advised we were in a good financial position enabling subscriptions to remain at £17 per member. Thanks were given to Arun Aggarwal for carrying out the examination of the 2022 financial accounts. The Groups Coordinator updated everyone on the current groups numbering 27. Quite a lot of groups have waiting lists so we were looking for members to take on leadership responsibility or utilise bigger premises. Membership was currently at 188 and the response to renewals had been excellent. Thanks were given by the incoming Chairman, Bruce McDowell, and to the outgoing Chairman, Dave Gilbert-Hill, for his service during the past year. A token of appreciation was given to Dave and also to Ann Reynolds, who was stepping down from the committee. Those committee members staying on were voted for unanimously as were the four new members, shown in red at the top of the sheet. Formal closure of the AGM was declared.

Bruce then introduced our speaker for the afternoon, Barbara Meyer, a wildlife photographer, who gave an interesting presentation on *Big cats from around the globe*. After first explaining the genetics of a 'big cat', she then went on to show many beautiful photographs of both endangered and critically endangered species.

TRAVEL NEWS - 2023 DAY TRIPS

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

For those interested in visiting the National Museum of Computing, admission of £7.50 is paid on the day. However, you must book your own time slot as soon as possible to guarantee a 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

Sadly the Wood Turning group had been disbanded through lack of support. Thanks were given to Malcolm Jackson for leading the Table Tennis group who were now continuing with the members leading. The group display in May will be the Metal Detecting Group. Chat or email Maureen Fletcher with any queries or suggestions on activity groups.

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

The **Knitting that Matters** (KTM) group have been especially busy leading up to Easter knitting little chicks and bunnies, that sit on a Cadbury's egg, for the Francis House Children's Hospice.

Each year the Hospice sells these items to raise funds, which are desperately needed as Covid years meant they couldn't follow their usual Easter fundraising campaign.

As a matter of interest they have so far received 22,701 chicks and/or bunnies and 22,686 chocolate eggs. Should make for a sizeable amount of money once sold.



U3A NATIONAL NEWS

WORD Games—AILEEN'S GAME

I know a number of members enjoy Wordle but do you want to be more competitive? In the National Newsletter for March, Ian, a member of East Sussex u3a, has created his own game which he has made available for u3a members to play. It is a 5x5 grid where you and the computer pick alternate letters to make words. For those who like a competitive edge, there is an Aileen's Game leaderboard published with the top player's scores. You can find the details on the following link: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning/national-programmes/aileens-game>

So come on Ramsey & District u3a — let's see you at the top of the leaderboard.

Any member interested in **u3a Summer Schools**—Registration is now open and more details can be found in this month's issue of The Third Age magazine or on the National Website.

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

JOKES

My uncle named his dogs Timex and Rolex. They're his watch dogs.

I used to run a dating service for chickens, but I was struggling to make hens meet.

What does a pig put on dry skin? Oinkment.

Which is faster, hot or cold? Hot, because you can catch cold.