

**Committee Members**

Chairman - Bruce McDowell  
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**NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 13th June**

**Speaker - Angelo Errico from Co-op Legal Services on Tax, Care & Toy Boys**

**Details on NEW Day Trip on Thursday 6th June overleaf - payment at June meeting.**

**U3A Day Trip to Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew**

36 members enjoyed a wonderful day at Kew in April and we were blessed with a beautiful day to wander at our leisure. What an amazing place to find in Richmond, to discover the world of science behind the botanical collections, with over 50,000 living plants across the UNESCO World Heritage site. There is the Princess of Wales Conservatory, the Temperate House, the Palm House, Kew Palace and the beautiful Cherry Walk in full blossom to name but a few. So many beautiful plants and trees and exotic species from all over the world. A place to visit in all seasons to experience the ever changing splendour.



**May Meeting**

Our new chairman, Bruce, welcomed everyone to the meeting and spoke of the Coronation of King Charles III, which had taken place on the Saturday and been watched by many members. Four cakes had been baked for the meeting, drink had been provided, and Bruce led everyone in a toast to the new King and cut the Coronation Cake.



Travel news was given by Jane, promoting a new day trip to Grimsthorpe Castle (details overleaf), then Bruce introduced our speaker, Lucy Lewis.

Lucy made us smile with stories of the hidden world of bomb disposal training and how she came to be the UK's first female bomb disposal expert. From joining Sandhurst to rushing to her first bomb disposal call-out, Lucy's story, detailed in her book 'Lighting the Fuse' is full of high stakes and tense situations that for most of us, are beyond comprehension. Her story was humorous and deeply inspirational – joining the military in the 1980s just as women were taking on more dangerous roles, Lucy's every move was watched and scrutinised. This didn't hold her back as she fought against sexism and achieved something no woman had ever done before.

Lucy's book *Lighting the Fuse* is an eye-opening memoir, that reveals the hidden world of being a woman in the military and how a young woman with an ordinary background, made history – not just once, but twice.

We were then all invited to tea/coffee and a piece of delicious Coronation cake. The monthly display was provided by the Metal Detecting Group.



## TRAVEL NEWS - 2023 DAY TRIPS

### Houses of Parliament - Held over until Easter Parliament Recess in 2024

**Grimsthorpe Castle, Park & Gardens, Bourne - Thursday 6th July.** The price will be £30 per person and will include C&G Coach and a guided tour of the Castle including the 'Crown and Country: Grimsthorpe and Coronations' exhibition. We will leave Ramsey Clock at 9.30am and return at 4pm. The Park and Gardens will be yours to explore at your leisure. It is a 3000 acre parkland with wildlife, a lake and medieval woodland. The Kitchen Garden is a favourite spot for visitors. Light snacks are available or there are lots of places to enjoy a picnic in the grounds. **Please call me to book your place asap (01487 814984).** Payment will be due at or before the June meeting.

**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.

***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.***

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

£557 per person (£105 single supplement) **PLACES STILL AVAILABLE**

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.

### ACTIVITY GROUP NEWS

A very successful Meet and Greet Meeting for new members was held on the 12th May. 27 members and 23 group leaders and committee attended. Bruce, our chairman, welcomed everyone and introduced Barbara Cordina our East of England Regional Trustee; Maureen, Groups Coordinator, introduced the various leaders and each outlined how their particular group worked. Jane gave a short demonstration on the Ramsey & District u3a website. Members were free to mingle and talk to leaders to find out more about specific groups of interest.

**Group news is on the Ramsey & District u3a website or on the notice board at General Meetings.**

### U3A NATIONAL NEWS

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.

### OBITUARY

It is with great sadness we report the death of John Proud. He was one of our newer members and a very keen metal detectorist who enjoyed belonging to the Metal Detecting Group. Our thoughts are with his wife and family at this time.

**For more information, visit our website: [www.ramseyu3a.org.uk](http://www.ramseyu3a.org.uk)**

### JOKES

What bow can't be tied? A rainbow.

What washes up on very small beaches? Micro-waves.

Have you heard the one about a skunk? Never mind, it really stinks.

What do you call a parade of rabbits marching backwards? A receding hare line.