



Committee Members

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Speakers - Brendan Hallisey
Catering - Henry Shaw
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NO MEETING IN AUGUST

COMMITTEE CHANGES

Maureen has decided it is time for her to stand down as Groups Coordinator, which she has been doing for over four years. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication in supporting our groups; many are long-standing but others have benefitted from her valued assistance in promoting and setting up new ones. Groups are what makes a u3a vibrant and stimulating and Maureen has been a very positive influence during her tenure.

We now welcome Ken Gardner who steps into the role of Groups Coordinator and Brendan Hallisey will look after our monthly speakers. Please give them your support and submit any suggestions you may have for new groups and speakers. Liz Elmore will step in as Vice-Chairman to support our Chairman, Bruce.

July Meeting

Chairman, Bruce, welcomed everyone to the meeting with the usual notices and update on travel. He then thanked Maureen for her service to the groups and presented her with some flowers. Ken then introduced himself as Groups Coordinator.

Our main speaker was Arun Aggarwal who, together with Rita Aggarwal and Bill Thompson answered questions on Positive Actions in the Climate Crisis put to them by the Chairman and members of the audience. It was mentioned that Joan Morters, one of our Climate Change group members who designed and built an eco-friendly home in Ramsey Heights, has an open day on Saturday 29th July. Please let me know if you are interested in going so I can let Joan know. We were also encouraged to find Climate Hero online and calculate our carbon footprint.

We were then all invited to tea/coffee and time to socialize with our colleagues. The Book Groups had a display featuring a quiz with first lines of famous books for members to test their knowledge. For those interested, the quiz is below and the answers will be printed next month if you haven't already Googled them!

1. Call me Ishmael
2. Happy families are all alike, every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.
3. Mr & Mrs Dursley of number four Privett Drive were proud to say that they were perfectly normal thank you very much.
4. When he was nearly thirteen, my brother Jem got his arm badly broken at the elbow.
5. There was no possibility of taking a walk that day.
6. It was a bright cold day in April and the clocks were striking thirteen.
7. Once there were four children whose names were Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy.
8. It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.
9. He was an old man who fished alone in a skiff in the Gulfstream and he had gone 84 days now without taking a fish.
10. It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife.
11. It was a queer sultry summer the summer they electrocuted the Rosenbergs, and I didn't know what I was doing in New York.
12. Whether I shall turn out to be the hero of my own life or whether that station will be held by anybody else, these pages must show!

****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.

U3A Day Trip to Grimsthorpe Castle and Gardens

Thirty-two members went on a day trip to Grimsthorpe Castle and Gardens on Thursday 6th July. What a wonderful gem to find so near home. Grimsthorpe is situated near Bourne in Lincolnshire and we were given a 1-hour tour of the Castle and learnt about the history of the estate and the families who have lived there and the current owner. We were shown the bedroom where Camilla slept when she visited with Prince Charles. The walled kitchen garden was incredible and we finished with a 1-hour coach tour of the estate in the capable hands of Mick, our guide, who regaled us with many anecdotes and historical knowledge.

Our final day trip for 2023 is to **Bletchley Park & the National Museum of Computing** on Thursday 19th October. Places are still available and with support the price will be £41 per person. This will include coach and admission to Bletchley Park. Payment for admission to the Museum of Computing (£7.50) will be paid on the day. Please contact Jane if you want to join us.

ACTIVITY GROUP NEWS

The Metal Detecting Group held their annual summer BBQ at Ramsey Bowls & Golf Club at the beginning of the month. Partners were invited as well as our Chairman, Bruce and his wife and our Groups Coordinator, Maureen and her husband. Members exhibited finds that had been unearthed during their digs and competitions included a raffle won by Brian King and a Wordsearch won by Angela Boulby. Excellent food and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

Definitely the month for BBQs as the Family History Group are looking forward to theirs, courtesy of Sandy Boyle's garden. Beautiful surroundings where members can enjoy their bring and share food.

**Group news and dates can be found on the Ramsey & District u3a website,
on the notice board at General Meetings and in the Aspire magazine**

EAST OF ENGLAND and U3A NATIONAL NEWS

The East of England Region will be publishing a monthly bulletin, which will be issued to all members. This is to keep us advised of current events that we can take part in.

We are pleased to advise that our own Arun Aggarwal will be giving a presentation on Thursday 7th September on 'Positive Actions in the Climate Crisis'.

There are also a number of National Learning Events that members can join and these can all be found on the National website with a link to Eventbrite, who will be running them. Why not take a look to see if anything looks of interest.

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

JOKES

I just found out the company that produces yardsticks won't be making them any longer.
The past, the present and the future walked into a bar. It was tense.
Apparently, you can't use the words "beef stew" as a password. It's just not stroganoff.
My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo. I had to put my foot down.