

Committee Members

Chairman - Bruce McDowell
Secretary - Glyn Stokes
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Membership - Liz Elmore
Groups - Ken Gardner
Speakers - Brendan Hallisey
Catering - Henry Shaw
Newsletter - Jane Cusworth

**Happy New
Year to all our
Members**

**LIVE
LAUGH
LEARN
(TOGETHER)**

Ramsey U3A Officers

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NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 9th January

Speaker — Leonard Priestley — King of the Road

True stories of a lorry driver and removal man. Not your average lorry driver!!

DECEMBER MEETING

What an amazing afternoon was had by all. Our Vice Chairman, Liz Elmore, welcomed members, the Mayor and Mayoress of Ramsey and Maurice Austin, East of England Regional Trustee to the meeting. She then handed over to the Thespians to provide the entertainment. Andy Wingham was the MC and members provided melodies and monologues, drama and dance, serenades and stories, rhymes and romance and the choir sang Christmas songs. Special thanks to our Director, Enid Hubbard, for having the patience to work with all the 'would-be' thespians to bring out the best in us. It proved that you don't have to be a professional to make people laugh and even shed a tear. The entertainment was followed by wine and mince pies.



BOURNEMOUTH HOLIDAY : 20th—24th May 2024

to include visits to Winchester Cathedral, Beaulieu Palace House & National Motor Museum, Athelhampton House & Gardens and free time to explore Bournemouth

£637 per person (£90 single supplement) Please give this your support

£50 deposit payable on completion of booking form

Price includes 5 days Dews coach hire, 4 nights half-board at the Carlton Hotel, Eastcliff, Bournemouth
ABTA protection with Greatdays Travel.

For further details or to sign up contact Jane Cusworth (01487 814984)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

This month we would like to welcome Chris Hammond, Adrian Kempster, Penny Li and Jenny Lea to our u3a. We hope they will enjoy their time with us and take full advantage of the groups on offer and continue to Live, Laugh and Learn.

It was suggested by one of our new members that to have **WELCOMERS** available in the foyer at general meetings would be a good idea. This would help visitors and 'not so new' members know who to go to if they have questions or needed help. If you feel you could volunteer to do this, please let Liz (Membership Secretary) have your details and she will make you a badge.

PROPOSED DAY TRIPS for 2024

The Travel Committee are currently considering day trips for 2024 and would like your suggestions as to which places of interest you would like to visit. Do you like stately homes, gardens, places of interest or perhaps a day at the coast?

We will be looking to book the Houses of Parliament as soon as dates become available.

Members have also requested the National Memorial Arboretum in September.

We understand that coach costs are likely to be much higher next year so we will need your support for the trips to take place and to keep them affordable. A minimum of 30 people will be required and a £10 non-refundable deposit paid when booking your place.

Sign-up sheets will be available at general meetings.

Details of day trips and holidays can be found on the Ramsey & District u3a website.

For further information, please contact a member of the travel committee.

NORTHUMBERLAND HOLIDAY : 30th September - 4th October 2024

to include visits to Lindisfarne, Alnwick Castle and Beamish, the Living Museum of the North

£549 per person Only a few places left.

£50 deposit payable on completion of booking form

Price includes 5 days Dews coach hire, 4 nights half-board at the Ramada Encore, Newcastle Gateshead
ABTA protection with Greatdays Travel.

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ACTIVITY GROUP NEWS

Group Leaders are asked to update the calendar on the Ramsey & District u3a website for 2024. Any difficulties, contact Ken.

All groups that hold money are asked to send a copy of their accounts for the year to 31st December to the Treasurer, Hazel McDowell.

**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.**

Christmas is that special time of the year when we enjoy each others company and spend time together. Many of our groups hold Christmas parties or do something special. The Metal Detectorists held their annual Christmas meal when they displayed their finds and celebrated with Pat and Helen who won the Annual Sh***y Shovel Award. Classic Film enjoyed sweets whilst watching a Christmas film. The Thespians celebrated their performances at the December Meeting with a 'bring and share' party and distribution of 'Emmies'. The Digital Photography and Model Making group joined together to enjoy a meal at the local Indian restaurant. The Lunch Club had their Christmas meal at The Admiral Wells, Holme. Family History had a Christmas Quiz.

Let me know what your groups are doing so I can include snippets in the Newsletter each month.

EAST OF ENGLAND and U3A NATIONAL NEWS

News from Liz Thackray, Chair of the Third Age Trust. At the AGM it was made clear that there is no lower age limit for members, although there is a focus on 'older people and those retired from full time work'.

The National u3a Festival for 2024 is being held between 18-20 July. Further details will be issued as they are available.

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

JOKES

Worrying works! Case in point: 90% of the things I worry about never happen.

I broke my finger last week. On the other hand, I am OK.

What do you call a line of men waiting for a haircut? A barberqueue.

Do I know any jokes about sodium? Na

Geology rocks, but geography is where it's at.