

Committee Members

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Speaker - Viv Carr
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LIVE

LAUGH

LEARN

(TOGETHER)

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NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 11th June

Speaker - Sue Paul: My Ancestor Was A Pirate

Group Display - Climate Change

MAY MEETING

Our chairman, Bruce, started the meeting by introducing one of our speakers, Val Fendley, as the newly elected Mayor of Ramsey. Congratulations and applause followed. He then went on to draw attention to the Meet & Greet for new members, which is being held on Friday 17th May. On behalf of the travel committee, Jane then updated members on what they are hoping to offer in 2025. Two holidays, one to South Devon and one to the Isle of Wight plus Three day trips to Greenwich, Bury St Edmunds & Sutton Hoo and Lincoln. Possibly a Christmas market option as well.

It was then the turn of our speakers, Alison Seery and Val from the Ramsey Neighbourhood Trust (RNT) to talk about how it was formed from lottery funding in 2012 known as the Ramsey Millions. Eventually becoming a charity in 2019. Many community based groups and activities have sprung from this with the Ramsey Community Support Hub in the library offering lots of help and support ranging from job searches to bus & blue badge assistance. SPARKS for people with additional needs, BOSH for 4-10 years and CRUNCH for 11-17 years. They highlighted the fact that although volunteers are wonderful and they couldn't do without them, paid skilled staff are always needed and funding is in short supply. There is also a Youth Café, which has benefitted from PCC funding and a Dog Café held in the Pavilion. Additional trustees are needed for the RNT charity if any members are interested in helping. Facebook is one way of keeping up to date with what is going on and there is always a report on progress in The Fens magazine.



Photo shows Bruce & Viv handing over a cheque for £100 to Alison & Val

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our new members this month, Gill Willis, Rod Hancock and John Yule. 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.

WELCOMERS are available in the foyer at general meetings to help visitors. We could do with some more, so if you feel you could help, please let Liz (Membership Secretary) have your name and she will make you a badge. Visitors really appreciate someone saying hello and making them feel welcome.

EAST OF ENGLAND and U3A NATIONAL NEWS

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

DAY TRIPS for 2024

Wroxham Barns & Great Yarmouth - Thursday 4th July - £24pp (Balance due by 12th June)

We will leave from the Ramsey Clock at 8am and should arrive at Wroxham Barns between 10-10.30am. This is a leisure and shopping complex with boutiques, craft studios and restaurant. At 12.30 we will leave to continue on to Great Yarmouth where you can enjoy fish & chips, two piers, beautiful gardens along the promenade, a model village and so much more before we return home at 3.30pm.

National Memorial Arboretum - Thursday 5th September - £25pp (Balance due by 18th July)

Optional Land Train Tour : £6.50pp

We will leave from the Ramsey Clock at 8am for our journey to the National Memorial Arboretum. An Act of Remembrance service takes place each day at 10.50am in the Millennium Chapel and is FREE for those who want to attend. The Land Train has been booked for 12 noon for those who opted for this facility. Wheelchairs and mobility scooters are £10 to hire but you will have to book in advance if you want one (please let Sylvia know). There are a wide variety of cafes and restaurants to enjoy for drinks and lunch, or you can take your own picnic to eat in the beautiful grounds. Return to the coach for 4 pm to journey home to Ramsey.

Payments: Whenever possible payment should be by Bank Transfer using **Wroxham** or **NMA** as the reference, made to **Ramsey u3a Travel**, Lloyds Bank, Sort Code: 30-99-50 A/C No: 75226568. Only when this is not possible, payment may be made by cheque payable to Ramsey U3A Travel or cash. Only fully paid up U3A members can take part in day trips.

Sign-up sheets will be available at general meetings or contact Jane Cusworth 01487 814984

ACTIVITY GROUP NEWS

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.



The **Patchwork & Quilting** group had a day recently making Bead Bags for children with life threatening conditions. Each time the children have to go through a procedure, they are presented with a bead, which they keep in their bags. Liz Elmore's grandson, Rhys (pictured with some of the nurses receiving the donated bags), is one such youngster and has already filled 3 bags!

The **Model Making** group has also been busy visiting a flight simulator that has been built in a garden in Somersham. Members were blown away by the build and also enjoyed being taken on a flight by the owner, Tim Procter.



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

JOKES

- The bed store is having a spring sale. Unfortunately, the rest of the beds are still full price.
- What do gardeners wear on their legs? Garden hose.
- What is a flower's favourite kind of pickle? A daffo-dill.
- When is it impossible to plant flowers? When you haven't botany.
- I just opened a flower shop. Business is blooming.
- What falls but never gets hurt? The rain.