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**LIVE**  
**LAUGH**  
**LEARN**  
**(TOGETHER)**

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**NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 9th July**

**Speaker - Jonathan Clough – Raising the Curtain on the Aurora Borealis**

The Northern Lights provide one of the most spectacular natural phenomena on earth. This talk will include many images of this amazing sight and will explain how the borealis are formed and what the different colours and shapes mean. The Northern Lights have been visible throughout the evolution of man, so Jonathan will also talk a little about some of the ancient legends and folklore associated with the Aurora.

**Group Display - Theatre Group**

**JUNE MEETING**

Our chairman, Bruce, welcomed everyone to the meeting and after the usual notices, introduced our speaker for the day, Sue Paul. She talked on the interesting subject of Pirates! Her talk was based on her work as a research historian and it was interesting to hear about what made people become pirates, and what happened to them afterwards. Pirates played an important part in the Indian ocean, causing havoc for the East India company. She also had stories of some famous individual pirates, and references to how a pirate could easily have been one of our ancestors.

As a committee we do take notice of the traffic light system in place to monitor speakers and it was noted this was not one everyone particularly enjoyed. However, next month’s speaker has been seen by our chairman and his wife, so it is with their recommendation that we can look forward to seeing you all again next month for, what promises to be, a fascinating talk (see July meeting above).

**OBITUARY**

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Ron Croll. He had been a member since 2012 and with his wife, Gill (leader of the Knits that Matter group), always enjoyed attending the general meetings, supporting the u3a holidays and day trips, classic film group and lunching with the lunch club. He will be sadly missed and our thoughts are with Gill and their families.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

A warm welcome to our new members this month, Sheena Bentham and Mary Fielding. 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 on the national website.

## D-Day 80 Celebrations

Ramsey celebrated the 80th anniversary of D-Day on Thursday 6th June and Ramsey & District u3a were represented by our chairman, Bruce, at the Flag Raising and Dedication in the morning and by our vice-chairman, Liz, at the Evening celebration and national beacon lighting.

Ramsey Town Council held a D-Day poetry competition and our own Chris Haughton, a member of the Writing for Pleasure group, was invited to read his poem out at the event. Well done Chris.



## DAY TRIPS for 2024

**Wroxham Barns & Great Yarmouth - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July - £24pp**

**SEATS STILL AVAILABLE**

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

Contact Jane Cusworth 01487 814984 in you are interested in joining either trip.

## MEET & GREET

A very successful Meet & Greet was held on Friday 17th May at Ramsey Community Centre. New members were invited to attend to learn more about their u3a and to meet group leaders. Four display tables were available for around 20 members to view and nine leaders were given a few minutes each to explain what their group was about. A new member and leader of the Harmonica group, even gave an impromptu demo. Tea and cakes were available and members took the opportunity to chat to the leaders and members of the committee and to sign up for some of the groups.

## 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.**

Members of the Writing for Pleasure group submitted poems to the Ramsey Town Council D-Day event. One member was invited to read his at the D-Day Celebrations. See above.

**Please let me know what your group is doing so I can include details and even photographs in the monthly Newsletter.**

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

## JOKES

I failed maths so many times at school, I can't even count.  
I used to have a handle on life, but then it broke.  
When life gives you melons, you might be dyslexic.  
It takes a lot of balls to play golf the way I do.  
Never trust atoms; they make up everything.