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NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 8th October**Speaker - Sue Jakeman 'Amusing Stories of Bees'****Group Display - Short Walks 2****SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Our chairman, Bruce, welcomed everyone back after the summer break and remarked how good it was to see so many members and visitors present. Ken, groups coordinator, asked for groups to volunteer to put on displays for next year and had been delighted how well these displays are received. It is a wonderful opportunity to show off what happens in individual groups. Jane updated everyone on the holidays arranged for 2025 (see over) and Enid updated members on the Thespian Christmas production (see below).

Bruce then introduced our speaker, Tony Harris in the guise of Winston Churchill. This was a return of one of our more popular speakers, and he didn't disappoint. Tony was full of wonderful stories about Sir Winston Churchill from his early days at boarding school, time in the forces, as an MP and as one of our greatest Prime Ministers through to his final days. His wit and humour, never far away, kept us laughing with naughty inuendoes and references to government ministers of today and how they would never have done all the things that he managed to do whilst an MP.

Then time for tea/coffee and a biscuit and a chance to chat with friends old and new, and read the notice boards.

**THESPIANS CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION**

Members will be delighted to learn that our own Thespians will be putting on a production of *Alice in Fenland* in December. Unfortunately, the Community Centre cannot accommodate 2 performances on the Tuesday.

The date will be Friday 13th December at 2pm and 4pm**Tickets on sale at October General Meeting - £2 per person**

The costume makers are busy making wonderful costumes that will make you laugh, and cry!! The players are busy rehearsing to bring you what will be a Christmas extravaganza.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our new members this month, David Fletcher, Rachael Bell-Berry and Alison Day. We hope they will take full advantage of the groups we offer and continue to Live, Laugh and Learn.

U3A HOLIDAYS for 2025

Picturesque Devon - Monday 2nd - Friday 6th June

Price: £599 per person (based on 30 passengers) with £90 single supplement (Balance due 24th March 2025)

10 Twin/Double rooms & 19 Single rooms

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4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast at The Queens Hotel, Paignton, which is only 200 metres from the beach. Excursions:

- Dartmouth Steam Railway and River Dart Cruise with time to spend in the pretty town of Dartmouth
- Powderham Castle and Buckfast Abbey
- Coleton Fishacre and free time in Paignton

We have been able to obtain more single rooms than hotels usually allocate, so if you are on your own and want a holiday with people you know, why not join us.

Isle of Wight Explorer - Monday 6th - Friday 10th October

Price: £587 per person (based on 25 passengers) 5 Twin, 7 Double & 8 Single rooms (Singles FULLY BOOKED)

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Dews Executive Coach and return Ferry Crossing

4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast at The Trouville Hotel, situated centrally on Sandown's seafront. Limited availability.

Excursions:

- Butterfly World
- Carisbrooke Castle & Osborne House
- The Needles & Alum Bay
- Appeldurcombe House & Godshill

Family and friends are also welcome on u3a holidays

Please contact Jane Cusworth (01487 814984 / jcusworth@btinternet.com) to get your name on the sign-up sheets.

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.

Don't forget to get in touch with our Groups Coordinator, Ken Gardner, if you are interested in any of our groups as there may be spaces available, or use the link on the Groups page of the Ramsey u3a website.

If your group has been doing something interesting, let me know so I can include details and photographs next month.

National online events can be found at: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>

**Coming up in October: The unification of the British Isles -Thursday 3rd October
Van Gogh: My journey through the Places he painted by Peter Webb - Friday 4th October**

U3A NATIONAL NEWS

National AGM taking place in October - further details when available

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

'OLD!' JOKES

These are not grey hairs! They are wisdom highlights.

Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind getting older, then it really doesn't matter.

With age comes wisdom and hair in really weird places.

You're not getting old, you're becoming a classic.

What do you call someone who enjoys Mondays? Retired.

Editors Jane Cusworth and Enid Hubbard with Jokes submitted by Mike Lewis