

**Committee Members**

Chairman - Bruce McDowell  
Secretary - Glyn Stokes  
Treasurer—Brendan Hallissey  
Membership - Liz Elmore  
Groups - Ken Gardner  
Speaker - Rita Aggarwal  
Speaker - Viv Carr  
Catering - Henry Shaw  
Newsletter - Jane Cusworth  
Co-opted—Nick Tims

**LIVE****LAUGH****LEARN****(TOGETHER)****Ramsey U3A Officers**

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**NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 12th November****Speaker - Jane Wright talking about 'Mary's Meals'****Group Display - Knits That Matter****OCTOBER MEETING**

Our chairman, Bruce, welcomed everyone and mentioned what a great holiday members had in Northumberland last week. Jane updated members on 2025 holidays (see details overleaf) and day trips will be announced in January.

Bruce then introduced our speaker, Sue Jakeman, a local beekeeper. She was dressed in all her gear and explained how necessary it is for her as she is allergic to bee stings. Sue also brought along other items including a hive and had honey and other items for sale. It was extremely interesting learning about the life-cycle of the bees. One Queen bee lives in a hive with Workers (all female) and Drones (all male) and there are approximately 50,000 bees in one hive. After questions and answers it was time for tea/coffee and a biscuit, a chance to chat with friends old and new, catch up with the notice boards and look at the monthly group display. This month it was Short Walks and if you are interested in joining them, please contact the leader Nick Tims or the Groups Coordinator, Ken Gardner.

**THESPIANS CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION**

Why not celebrate Christmas this year by attending one of the performances of our Radio Play entitled '*Alice in Fenland*'.

An amazing story with glittering costumes, brilliant actors, audience participation. Come live, learn and mostly laugh with us at the Community Centre.

**Friday 13th December at 2pm and 4pm****Tickets now on sale and at the November General Meeting - £2 per person****To make sure of your ticket contact : Glyn Stokes or a committee member****HOLIDAY TO NORTHUMBERLAND**

41 members enjoyed a 5 day holiday to Northumberland, staying in Gateshead. Our excursions included Alnwick Castle & Gardens (with a visit to The Poison Garden for some); crossing the Causeway by coach to Lindisfarne and visiting the Priory (one or two even walked to the Castle). On the way back we passed Bamburgh Castle, and stopped briefly at Seahouses. Our final day was spent at Beamish, the Living Museum, where we enjoyed the trams, buses and train as well as visiting the 1900s, 1920s and 1950s. Some members even had a ride on the Victorian galloping horses merry-go-round.

## 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)

Travel Agent Greatdays ABTA Protection. Dews Executive Coach. 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.

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

**Price: £587 per person (based on 25 passengers)**

Travel Agent Greatdays ABTA Protection. 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 & Godshell

#### LIMITED AVAILABILITY FOR BOTH HOLIDAYS

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

### HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A COMMITTEE MEMBER AND HELPING TO RUN YOUR U3A?

Perhaps you had a particular skill in a 'previous age' that could be put to good use.

Please speak with a committee member as we would welcome additional support.

### 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 committee are interested to hear from those members who are unable to join groups due to them being full. If you have experienced this, please contact our Groups Coordinator, or a committee member so we can get an idea of the fuller picture. If you are interested in starting up another group, then please let us know as we are there to help and get things happening.

**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>**

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our new members this month, Gill Avery, Roy and Lorraine Moth. We hope they will take full advantage of the groups we offer and continue to Live, Laugh and Learn.

### U3A NATIONAL NEWS

National AGM taking place in October - further details when available

#### ONLY CONNECT

I'm sure a number of our members watch the quiz show Only Connect, on the BBC and will have been delighted to see a u3a team from Malvern taking part. Although they didn't win they made a very good job of getting very close.

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

### JOKES

My wife - it's difficult to say what she does. She sells seashells on the sea shore.

I rang up British Telecom and said 'I wish to report a nuisance caller. He said: "Not you again. "

I usually meet my girlfriend at 12:59, because I like that one-to-one time.

My grandfather invented the cold air balloon, but it never took off.

I like to go into The Body Shop and shout out really loud, I've already got one!