

Committee Members

Chairman - Bruce McDowell
Secretary - Glyn Stokes
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Membership - Liz Elmore
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Speaker - Rita Aggarwal
Speaker - Viv Carr
Catering - Henry Shaw
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LIVE

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(TOGETHER)

Ramsey U3A

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DECEMBER MEETINGS

Tuesday 10th Christmas Fun with Quiz & Mincepies

Friday 13th at 2pm and 4pm

Doors open half an hour before each performance

THESPIANS CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION 'ALICE IN FENLAND'

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

NOVEMBER MEETING

Unfortunately, due to a family bereavement, our speaker for November had to cancel. However, we were very lucky to welcome Dr Arun Aggarwal (a Ramsey member), who kindly agreed to step in and provide an interactive quiz afternoon on food and healthy facts vs fallacies. This was very well received and I'm sure everyone learnt something. It is amazing how many 'old wives tales' are still believed today. Members then enjoyed tea/coffee and biscuit whilst chatting to their colleagues.

RAMSEY & DISTRICT U3A IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Our Chairman has been busy on our behalf representing the u3a at the Mayor's Civic Service on the 13th October. He also attended the Remembrance Parade and Service on Sunday 10th November, laying the Ramsey & District u3a poppy wreath and attended at the War Memorial Service at 11am on the 11th.

Ramsey & District u3a were invited to provide a judge for the Ramsey Rotary Club Hadge Yeandle Community Volunteer Awards for 2024. A panel of three independent judges, including our own Rita Aggarwal, were given the task of selecting the overall winner. They chose Madeleine Jackson (a u3a Member), who served as Chair of Governors at Abbey College for over 30 years, and was commended for her contributions to the school and the community. Many congratulations Madeleine.

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A COMMITTEE MEMBER AND HELPING TO RUN YOUR U3A?
WOULD YOU MAKE A GOOD CHAIRMAN?**

Perhaps you had a particular skill in a 'previous age' that could be put to good use. If you feel this is you, please speak with a committee member as we need additional support in order to survive.

U3A NATIONAL NEWS

Bruce attended the National AGM via zoom where members voted on a resolution to change the articles of association of The Third Age Trust, to change the governance structure of the u3a movement. The resolution was passed with 905 out of 1073 total votes in favour of the resolution. The Third Age Trust will now move towards having a smaller Board of Trustees and a new Council with regional representatives.

It was agreed that the annual subscription made to head office will stay at £4.

The Woodland 40th Anniversary tree planting, to which Ramsey members contributed, is progressing well. The trees are not yet strong enough to allow general visitors but we will receive regular updates.

If you enjoy cruising, why not take advantage of the discount options available in the u3a magazine Third Age Matters and earn your u3a some additional funds. Tried and tested by our chairman and his wife.

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.

Have you thought of getting more active? There are spaces available at Table Tennis or maybe Line Dancing. Some of the Line Dancing members recently attended a Hoe Down at The Camp. Knits that Matter are always happy to welcome new members to make items for the many charities they support or just to do your own knitting.

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

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

OBITUARY

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Tony Lavender. Tony had been a member of Ramsey & District u3a since 2014 and, before he moved to live with his daughter, was a very keen and regular member of the Bridge Group. Our thoughts are with his family.

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)

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

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

LIMITED AVAILABILITY FOR BOTH HOLIDAYS

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

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

JOKES

My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo. I had to put my foot down.

I went to buy some camo pants but couldn't find any.

I was wondering why the frisbee kept getting bigger and bigger, but then it hit me.

When life gives you melons, you might be dyslexic.

I used to think I was indecisive. But now I'm not so sure.

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