



Committee Members

Chairman - Jane Cusworth
Secretary - Nick Tims
Treasurer- Brendan Hallissey
Membership - Liz Elmore
Groups - Glyn Stokes
Speaker - Rita Aggarwal
Speaker - Viv Carr
Officer - Tony Timme

LIVE
LAUGH
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(TOGETHER)

Ramsey U3A Officers

Welfare Officer - Fran Holland

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Linda & Ian Hulse

Publicity Officers

Enid Hubbard: Aspire
Dave Cusworth: Posters

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Bob Deaville
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NEXT MEETING - 10th FEBRUARY 2026

Speaker - Maggie James

Life as a woman in Saudi Arabia in the 1980's

Display table - IT Matters

JANUARY MEETING

The Chairman, Jane, welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished them a Happy New Year. Members were asked to consider how best the committee could manage the ever increasing rise in membership and to offer their suggestions. Other venues were being considered with a larger hall as well as ticketing meetings.

New committee members were always required, especially as we now have over 240 members. New members with fresh ideas are asked to give this request serious thought in order to keep our u3a vibrant and exciting.

Travel and Group News is on the reverse of the Newsletter.

Jane then introduced our speaker, Joanna Page, an ORCA Ocean Conservationist talking about The Challenges of being a whale in the 21st Century. We learnt that oceans are changing and becoming more dangerous for them from the large number of container ships and other ships they can come into contact with. Fishing boats that, as well as being there, also leave ghost nets and fishing equipment which the whales can get tied up in. Plastic waste can also end up inside the whales. Noise from ships and sonar is also becoming a problem for them. Tenerife is one of the best places to view the whales as it has an ideal habitat. The females stay in social groups and don't move too far away. The males, however, only stay for a short while after being born and then travel great distances only returning when they want to mate. One of the main aims of the ORCA organization is to find where the whales are in the world and try to ascertain their numbers. Their members use ferries, cruises and other ships to try to locate these amazing animals who can be as long as 20-26 feet.

After a short Q&A, thanks were given by Jane. She also asked members if they had old Christmas cards, they could be recycled at the Creative Crafts shop on the Gt Whyte.

OBITUARY

It is with great sadness I have to inform you that Hilary Hedderick passed peacefully away in her sleep on January 5th whilst staying with her daughter in Norfolk. She will be fondly remembered as a member of the Writing for Pleasure group and also as a member of the Thespians, playing opposite Bill Elmore as the bank manager to his erstwhile robber in our Christmas production. Hilary was also a member of the Theatre Group and Knits that Matter, demonstrating the beautiful wool she used to spin from various animal fur. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time.

2026 HOLIDAY—MUMBLING AROUND SWANSEA & GOWER PENINSULA

Sunday 17th—Thursday 21st May (4 nights)

Price: £630 per person (£130 single supplement)

Price includes:

- ABTA Bonding
 - 5 days Dews Coach hire
 - 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast at Mercure Swansea
 - Visits to Gower Heritage Centre, National Botanic Garden of Wales, and Cardiff National Museum
- Follow the link for full itinerary: https://ramsey.u3asite.uk/u3a_events/swansea/

DAY TRIPS FOR 2026

The Travel Committee request that all day trip payments be made by bank transfer wherever possible to avoid bank charges now being incurred. Any problems, please contact Jane (travel@u3aramsey.co.uk) / Tel: 01487 814984

Norwich Castle Museum + free time in Norwich

WAITING LIST ONLY

Thursday 23rd April Price £40pp (£10 non-refundable deposit on sign-up) Balance by 1st April

Depart Ramsey 8.30am to arrive for entrance to Castle at 11am. Return home: 4pm

Time to explore the beautiful city of Norwich and visit the Castle Mall, Norwich Market on Gentleman's Walk and much more.

Woodbridge - Tide Mill & Long Shed and Sutton Hoo

Wednesday 8th July Price TBC (£10 non-refundable deposit on sign-up) Balance by 1st June

Details to follow.

Windsor Castle

Thursday 8th October Price TBC (£10 non-refundable deposit on sign-up) Balance by 1st Sept

Details to follow.

ACTIVITY GROUP NEWS

Sign-up sheets were put out at the General Meeting for two new groups Wine Tasting and Board Games

More details about all our groups can be found on our website: <https://ramsey.u3asite.uk>

**If you are interested in joining any of the activities, please contact Glyn Stokes,
Temporary Groups Coordinator - Email: groups@u3aramsey.co.uk**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our new members Lesley Ruffle, Peter Scofield, Barbara Todd and Maralyn White.
We hope they will join some of the groups we have on offer and continue to Live, Laugh and Learn.

For more information, visit our website: <https://ramsey.u3asite.uk>

or just put Ramsey u3a in your Google search.

JOKES

What do you call a lazy kangaroo? A pouch potato.

Why did the student eat his homework? Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake.

Who built King Arthur's round table? Sir Cumference.

Why did the doughnut go to the dentist? To get a filling.