

**Committee Members**

Chairman - Brendan Hallissey  
Secretary - Nick Tims  
Treasurer - Glyn Stokes  
Membership - Liz Elmore  
Groups - Vacant  
Speaker - Rita Aggarwal  
Speaker - Viv Carr  
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**LIVE****LAUGH****LEARN****(TOGETHER)****Ramsey U3A Officers**

Welfare Officer - Fran Holland

**Catering**

Linda &amp; Ian Hulse

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**NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 9th JUNE 2026****SPEAKERS - Bruce McDowell & Arun Aggarwal****Guiding us to better photography on our digital phones****Both Iphone and Android will be demonstrated so don't forget to bring your mobile phones with you and get ready to snap, snap, snap.****MAY MEETING—15th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The new Chairman, Brendan, welcomed everyone to the 15th Anniversary Celebration. He then asked our outgoing chairman, Jane, to say a few words on the history of the Ramsey & District u3a and where we are today. Past and present Chairmen were then joined by our guest, Val Fendley, Mayor of Ramsey, to cut the Anniversary Cake.

Following this a PowerPoint presentation was screened with brief outlines and pictures of the activity groups currently available to members. This was followed by, John Pilbeam, who entertained us with songs from the 60s and 70s that we were able to sing along to. As this was a celebration meeting, a fun raffle was held with the winners splitting the money taken. The winners were 1st Susanna Brooking, 2nd Jackie Holman and 3rd Liz Morgan.

Unfortunately there was no running water for tea and coffee in the Community Centre so members enjoyed soft drinks with their celebration cake whilst chatting with friends old and new. More photos of the day in the Gallery on the website <https://ramsey.u3asite.uk/gallery/>

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

A warm welcome to our new members Debbie McDonald and Vicky Skinner. We hope they will join us at the 'New Members Table' at General Meetings from July to enjoy tea and biscuits and a chat alongside long-standing members, committee members and group leaders to learn more about Ramsey & District u3a and what it can offer. We hope members will consider joining the committee or leading activity groups of their own. U3a is about living, laughing and learning together.

## 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 (jcusworth@btinternet.com)

**Sutton Hoo and Woodbridge Tide Mill & Longshed - Wednesday 8th July** **WAITING LIST**

**Windsor Castle - Thursday 8th October** **WAITING LIST**

**Approx. Price £50 per person**

Windsor Castle is the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world and was founded by William the Conqueror in the 11th Century. It has since been the home of 40 monarchs. The castle includes the State Apartments that are used today by the Royal Family, the historical rooms that were built for Charles II and private apartments created for George IV.

The Undercroft Café has everything you need from a quick coffee and cake to a delicious lunch. In the grounds of the castle you can find St George's Chapel, a 500-year old medieval marvel.

We will depart from Ramsey at 7.45am and return from Windsor at 4pm.

## HOLIDAY TO SWANSEA

31 members enjoyed a holiday to South Wales, staying at the Swansea Mercure Hotel. We had some wonderful days out including a guided coach tour of the Gower Peninsula and also visit the quaint seaside resort of Mumbles. Our visit to the National Botanic Garden of Wales was a particularly cold and windy day but it didn't deter our garden lovers from taking in some of the walks. Unfortunately the rain caught us out a bit in Cardiff but the National Museum provided plenty of interesting exhibits and terrific art gallery and a café. It was also an opportunity for 2 members to meet up and have lunch with family! Photographs of the holiday can be seen in the Gallery on the website <https://ramsey.u3asite.uk/gallery/>



Our Dews coach was comfortable as always and Tony, our driver, gave us time for a long comfort stop in Gloucester on the way to Swansea and in Worcester on the way home. A great opportunity for some to visit the Cathedrals and even catch the lunchtime organ recital in Worcester. As usual we had a couple of coach quizzes to pass the time. The first was won by Pauline Fountain and the second by John & Pat Taylor. A number of the members enjoyed card games in the evenings following dinner, making it a very sociable holiday.

## ACTIVITY GROUP NEWS

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

**If you are interested in joining any of the activity groups, please contact a member of the committee or email: [groups@u3aramsey.co.uk](mailto:groups@u3aramsey.co.uk)**

**2026 u3a FESTIVAL - This bi-annual event is again being held at York University this year between the 1st to the 3rd of July and there is a link from our website if you are interested.**

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

or just put Ramsey u3a in your Google search.

## JOKES

- I like telling dad jokes. Sometimes he even laughs.
- If it wasn't for the last minute, nothing would get done.
- Archaeologist: someone whose career lies in ruins.
- I'm so good at sleeping that I can do it with my eyes shut.
- What do rich people say when they tickle babies? "Gucci, Gucci, goo."