



RAMSEY & DISTRICT U3A

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NO MEETING IN AUGUST

NEXT DATE FOR THE DIARY—Tuesday 8th September 2026

JULY MEETING

Brendan, our chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting and began by announcing the following.

From January 2027 the entrance fee for the General Meetings will go up to £2 per person, which will cover the slight increase in hall rental and to be able to bring members good quality speakers.

On September 10th there is to be a Meet and Greet for all new members over the past year and will be held at the Community Centre. Invitations will go out to members in the near future. It is hoped that group leaders will support this event so members get a good feel of what we have to offer as a u3a.

Jane was then invited to update on Travel - see below. It was then over to our speaker, Debbie Land, from The Shuttleworth Collection based near Biggleswade. Debbie explained the history of the Shuttleworths and how the collection of classic cars and aircraft had been built up over the years since 1928. Since 2014 Shuttleworth House has been owned by a Trust and visitors to the site can now enjoy the collection plus Shuttleworth House and The Swiss Garden. It was interesting to note that cars from Shuttleworth take part every year in the London to Brighton run.

It is hoped that when we come back in September the new extension to the Community Centre will be in operation.

TRAVEL

The travel committee has taken the decision to organize one holiday in September / October each year but to extend it from 5 days to 7 days. This will enable members, friends and family to have more time to explore wherever the holiday is based as well as enjoying the various venues we visit during the week. Two sheets were put in the foyer for Day Trips and Holidays and members were asked to put down suggestions for the travel committee to consider.

Please feel free to contact any member of the travel committee with suggestions or comments for both holidays and day trips.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our new member Rob Taylor who we hope will join some of the groups we have on offer and continue to Live, Laugh and Learn. We look forward to welcoming him and others to the New Members Table for tea and biscuits at General Meetings in the future.

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)

Windsor Castle - Thursday 8th October WAITING LIST

Price £46 per person £10 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT NOW DUE TO CONFIRM YOUR PLACE

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 7.30am and return from Windsor at 4pm.

DAY TRIP TO WOODBRIDGE & SUTTON HOO



A most enjoyable day was had by 45 members who joined the Dews coach (with air conditioning!) on one of the hottest days so far. Luckily the weather was slightly cooler than it was in Ramsey and members were able to visit the Long Shed to see the Anglo-Saxon ship being constructed. There was also time to visit the Tide Mill Museum situated on the banks of the River Deben, which still produces flour on a regular basis. We then went on to the National Trust Sutton Hoo site where we had a guided tour of the grounds and the opportunity to visit Tranmer House. Some of our members were ably assisted by the use of trampers to help them get around. Our thanks to Terry Hubbard for supplying the coach quiz, which was won by Hazel & Bruce McDowell.

ACTIVITY GROUP NEWS

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

We are pleased to confirm that Sheila Gilbert-Hill has agreed to lead the Family History Group with admin assistance from Jane and Roy. Anyone wishing to join the group should contact Sheila via the Family History Group page on the website.

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

There is also the opportunity to join **interest groups online (IGO)**. If you open the Ramsey u3a website and look under the Groups menu you can click on 'u3a trust online groups', which will take you straight to many, many activities that can be enjoyed without even leaving your home.

For more information, visit our website: <https://ramsey.u3asite.uk>
or just put Ramsey u3a in your Google search.

JOKES

*Yesterday I saw a chap spill all of his Scrabble letters on the road. I asked him, "What's the word on the street?"

*The numbers 19 and 20 got into a fight. 21.

*A bear walks into a bar and says, "Give me a whisky and soda andcola." " Why the big pause? " asks the bartender. The bear shrugged, "I'm not sure; I was born with them".

*How does a rabbi make his coffee? Hebrews it.

*What do you call a rooster staring at a pile of lettuce? A chicken sees a salad.