



RAMSEY & DISTRICT U3A

AUGUST NEWSLETTER - VOLUME 14 ISSUE 8



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NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

SPEAKER - DEREK HARRIS, the Canal Man

Talking about characters from canal life

DISPLAY TABLE - KNITS THAT MATTER

NO AUGUST MEETING - COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE

The new extension is now in operation along with the Flowers Meeting Room. The kitchen is now complete and will be used for our September General Meeting. Hooray, more space for everyone to move around in. However, the current entrance is still being used until the Building Inspector has been and signed everything off. At that point, the old entrance will become a fire exit only and the new entrance will come into operation.

GROUP NEWS - PIANIST REQUIRED

Do you play the piano? Would you be able to play for our **Sing for Fun** Group?

Meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10am to 11.30am

You don't need to be a concert pianist, just someone who can read music.

OBITUARY

It is with great sadness I have to report the death of Steve Hammond following a struggle with Motor Neurone Disease. Steve, and his wife Shirley, have been members since 2018 and supported many of the day trips and holidays with Ramsey u3a. Steve was one of the early members of the Metal Detecting Group and assisted Brian King to run this group over the past few years. He will be sadly missed and our thoughts go out to Shirley and his family.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our new member Paul Ryan 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 £45 per person **BALANCE OF PAYMENT NOW DUE****

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.

NEW MEMBERS—MEET & GREET

Thursday 10th September at 1.30pm - Ramsey Community Centre

On Thursday 10th September from 1.30pm new members are invited to a Meet & Greet meeting which will enable them to meet group leaders / coordinators and members of the committee. 'Put names to faces' and have tea and biscuits.

A presentation will be shown detailing when Ramsey & District u3a was inaugurated and a short account of current groups and officers. The Chairman, Membership Secretary and Groups Coordinator will also explain the different aspects of running our u3a.

It is hoped that all groups will be represented so new members can learn about the various activity groups available to Ramsey u3a and to discuss in more detail should they wish. Some members may have to go on a waiting list for particular groups but if enough members are interested, it could be the opportunity to start another group. Members have the opportunity to 'try out' different groups before committing by visiting once.

If you are interested in joining the Meet & Greet meeting and haven't received an invitation please contact either the membership secretary, Liz Elmore, or the Chairman, Brendan Hallissey. Contact details are on the website.

Learn more about your u3a and how you can contribute to continue to Live, Laugh and Learn

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

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 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

- *Where can single men over 65 find younger women who are interested in them? In the bookstore, under fiction.
- *Why should you marry someone older than you? As your looks fade, so will their eyesight.
- *Why do retirees smile so much? Because they can't hear a word you're saying.
- *What's the key to a structured retirement? A rigid nap schedule.
- *Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind getting older, then it really doesn't matter.