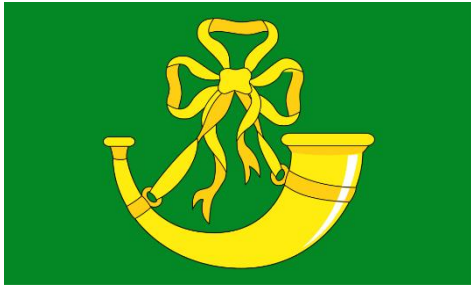


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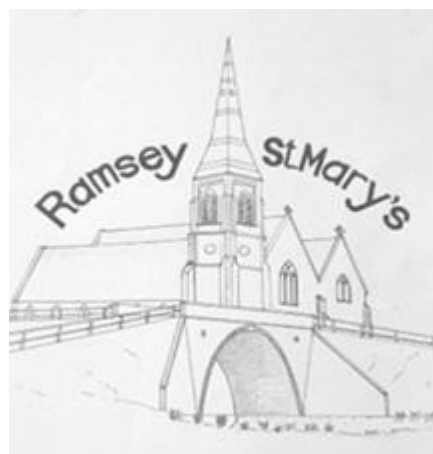
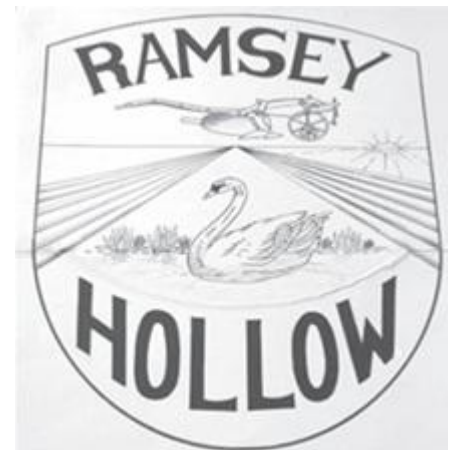
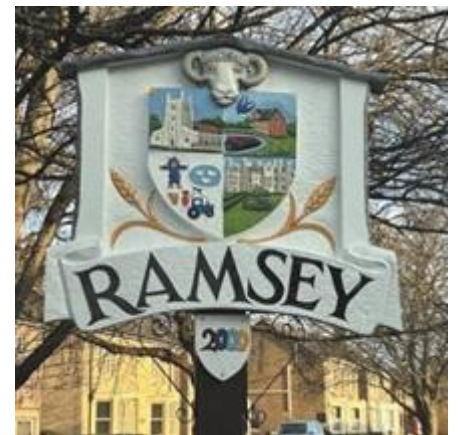


Huntingdonshire



Fenland

Ramsey & District u3a is in the market town of the same name in the Huntingdonshire district of Cambridgeshire; welcoming members from.





The early history of the town is obscure and there is no mention of it in the Domesday Book of 1086. This may be because Ramsey Abbey was an important Benedictine monastery. In the order of precedence for abbots in Parliament, Ramsey was third after Glastonbury and St Albans and thus it enjoyed royal privileges.

The medieval economy was dominated by garden produce, cloth trade and alehouse keeping. Fisheries also played an important part in the fen economy, along with livestock. Throughout the Middle Ages, the waterways of the fenland formed commercial transport routes that ran through the heart of the region.

By 1200 the town had grown enough to be granted a weekly market and later, an annual fair held at the green by the church.

Ramsey's fortunes waned until the fens were drained in the 17th and 18th centuries. Many people were drawn to the rich, reclaimed agricultural land, including the Fellowes family, whose descendent, Lord De Ramsey, still lives on his estate near Ramsey

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