



### Committee Members

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

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### Ramsey U3A Officers

Welfare Officer - Fran Holland

#### Catering

Linda & Ian Hulse

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**NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2026**

**SPEAKER – MARTIN MUIR**

**Talking about his work in Uganda**

**DISPLAY TABLE – FAMILY HISTORY**

### SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our Chairman, Brendan, welcomed everyone back after the summer break. He mentioned the possibility of a new group for Play Reading and further details would be available in the near future. He also invited any new members to attend the Meet & Greet meeting this Thursday. Jane was invited to update the members on Travel (see separate article).

Our speaker, Derek Harris, was introduced and the members were taken on a journey around the canals of the UK. He talked about the narrow boats and going 'up the cut'. Derek entertained us with songs that were sung by the bargees as they manouevred their way through the various canals. He talked about the way narrow boats were originally pulled by horses and described the way narrow boats are moved through locks, tunnels and even the Falkirk Wheel.

### OBITUARY

It is with great sadness I have to report the death of Pauline Fountain. Pauline had been a member since 2012 and was an active member of the Digital Photography group for many years and also the Board Games group when it was active. Pauline was a member of the Travel Committee from the beginning and went on many day trips and holidays with her husband Fred and lately with her daughter Helen. She will be sadly missed and our thoughts go out to her family. Pauline's funeral is on Monday 12 October at 1.30pm at Gt Whyte Baptist Church. Refreshments to follow in the Church Hall. No dress code. Family flowers only.

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our new members Carol Simpson, David Sibley and Susan Fearn 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 them 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** **Departing from the Ramsey Clock at 7.30am**

The Travel Committee has agreed four day trips for 2027 and further details will be given when new year prices are released. The dates confirmed so far are below so you can put them in your diaries. It is agreed that sign-up sheets will first be available at General Meetings so members get an equal opportunity to put their names down.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Sandringham House & Garden + Norfolk Lavender

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Southwold + Adnams Brewery tour

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September - Waddesdon Manor

## NEW MEMBERS—MEET & GREET

**Thursday 10th September at 1.30pm - Ramsey Community Centre**

New members and potential members were invited to a Meet & Greet with group leaders and committee members, and also to enjoy tea and cake. 24 groups were represented with 10 group display tables.

In Brendan's absence, Nick Timms took over as MC of the event and thanked everyone for attending. He especially thanked all the group leaders who had taken the time to be there to 'show off' their groups with displays on tables and taking time talking to members.

A presentation of groups was shown and the leaders, who were present, had time to say a few words about how their groups operated and whether they had vacancies in their groups for more members. Members are always encouraged to put their names down on sign-up sheets even if there are no vacancies. If there are sufficient members waiting, then another group could be formed.

A very successful meeting with 13 new members attending and 2 who handed in their applications on the day.

**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

What type of sandals do frogs wear? Open-toad!

What is fast, loud and crunchy? A rocket chip.

What do you call an ant who fights crime? A vigilANTE!..

What social events do spiders love to attend? Webdings.

I watched a documentary last night about how pickles are made. It was jarring.