

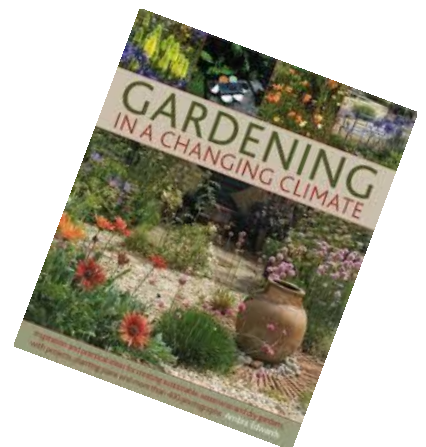
Newsletter for **August 2018**

Our next meeting is on **Thursday August 16th 2018** 1:45 pm for a 2:00pm start

" Following recent changes to the way the Charity Commission interacts with the U3A we had to make changes to the Constitution. Our previous constitution was somewhat out of date so the committee have drafted a new Constitution based on the model published by the U3A. This has now been reviewed by the central U3A and the next step is to seek formal approval from the branch at a Special General Meeting (SGM). Therefore we will take time at the beginning of the August meeting to include an SGM before the speaker. The draft Constitution will be circulated well ahead of the meeting. Please discuss with a committee member any questions you may have well ahead of the SGM so we can keep proceedings brief"

The speaker for **August 16th will be Dr Keith Lucas and will be on climate change and our gardens.**

Dr Keith Lucas will talk about the effect of climate change on the plants in our gardens and how it is affecting agriculture and wild life throughout the year. Dr. Keith Lucas has made an in-depth study of this topic over many years, so come along and hear a very well-informed talk. Many of you will remember Dr. Lucas when he came and gave us a most fascinating talk about the use of plants in helping Forensic Science and I'm sure this talk will be as equally informative.



Ambling Group Thursday September 6th will be along Greywell, Whitewater river and Basingstoke canal and will be led by David Dickinson **01252 879056** meeting at the Fox and Goose PH, Greywell and will be departing at 11am prompt.

Walking Group Thursday September 6th will be decided on the day and will be led by Tony Buckle **01276 501271** Meeting as usual at Frogmore Campus car park and will be departing at 9:15am prompt.

Walkers Too Group Thursday September 13th the walk will be decided on the day and will be led Patsy **01252 843764** Meeting as usual at Frogmore Campus car park and will be departing at 10am prompt.

Book Group



The book group will meet on the **30th August** and the book for discussion is 'The Colour of Milk' by Neil Leyshon.

Pub Lunches 2018

2nd Wednesday at 12:30 pm



For further information please contact
Mike Pippard

THE MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW

If you are wishing to join next year, please contact Sue Puxley to give your name and £10 at the August monthly meeting. Or post a cheque made payable to Blackwater U3A to Sue Puxley 58, Frogmore Park Drive, Blackwater GU17 0PJ

THE MORE WHO JOIN THE BIGGER THE PRIZE !!

The speaker for **September 20th 2018** meeting is Mel Rees from the **Hogs Back Brewery**

A most popular subject and speaker with many of our members. Mel is returning with the latest news from the brewery including, beer (green tea), ciders and lagers, all delivered in his informative and amusing way. Samples will be available.



Message from Min

"Thank you to all our members for braving the roadworks and the heat to make our garden party such a fun occasion. Thank you also to the Yateley U3A Pétanque group for introducing us to such an enjoyable game. And finally, thank you:

- to the helpers who turned up early to get the party area set up and make the punch
- to those of you who brought in plants for our swap table
- to the Craft Group for providing the beautiful bunting we used to mark our boundary
- to the Hawley Fair committee for lending us the stakes and rope

Looking forward to next year already "



Message from Pam

We still have spaces for Rummykub which is every second and fourth **Thursday evening** of the month **7-9pm** in each other's house. We are willing to teach if anyone is interested.

Message from Phil Photography Group

The new amalgamated Photography Group will have its first meeting on **25th September** in the Gallery Room at the Tythings. The subject is "Summer" and no doubt members will have many pictures to show. The meeting starts at 2.00 p.m. and, no doubt, tea with biscuits will be served at some time during the proceedings. New members are more than welcome whatever their ability.

Message from David Dickinson

I thought the Summer Party went very well and it was great to welcome some friends from the Yateley U3A whose presence encouraged many of our members to try their hand at Petanque, regardless of the outcome I think everyone enjoyed the fun on a beautiful afternoon. It would be great if some of those who were unable to attend this year could join us next year I am sure they would enjoy the occasion as much as we did.

Message from David Sparkes



I have been editor of the newsletter now for several years, but I feel now is the time to retire. I will continue until the end of the year **December 2018** this being my last one and I will leave the committee **December 31st 2018**.

I have enjoyed doing it over the years, when I started it was a new thing for me to learn and thank you all for your help and support. But I feel it's time to move on to another chapter in my life.

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Phil. Rowling Members' Welfare officer

Please contact Phil direct to report any illness or bereavement or ask about accessibility to a particular event. [01252 870879](tel:01252870879) or rowingphilip@gmail.com

	Venue	Time/date	Contact	Phone number
Ambling (approx. 2 miles)	Various	1st Thursday in each month at 11am	Chris Bowen	01252 872709
Art	Darby Green and Frogmore Social Hall	Mondays 11am- 1.00pm	Jerry France	01252 671325
Books	Private House	Last Thursday in the month - 2 pm	Chris Bowen	01252 872709
Bowls (summer)	Fleet Social Bowling Club	Every Tuesday at 11am	Bob Atkins	01252 871899
Bridge	Private House	Every Monday at 2.30pm	Toni Spencer	01276 423428
Canasta 1 & 2 and other card games	Private house	Wednesdays 2pm (1) (2)	Pam Cuthbertson Clive Singer	01252 872221 01252 324304
Crafts	Private House	Every other Monday afternoon, 2-4 pm	Jean Huckle	01252 878152
MOTO	St. Barnabas Church Blackwater	Second Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm	Pam Cuthbertson	01252 872221
Photography	The Tythings, Yateley	4th Tuesday of the month, 2.00 to 4.00pm	Phil Rowling	01252 870879
Pub Lunches	Variable	2 nd Wednesday in every month at 12:30 pm	Mike Pippard	01344 772595
'Rummikub'	Private House	2nd and 4th Thursday in every month, at 7.00pm	Pam Cuthbertson	01252 872221
Ten-Pin Bowling	Farnborough Recreation Centre	Every second and fourth Wednesday at 2.00 p.m.	Bob Atkins	01252 871899
Trips and Excursions	Various	To be arranged.	Phil Rowling	01252 870879
Various Sports Table Tennis, Curling	Frogmore Leisure Centre	Friday 1.30pm to 2.30pm	Val Green	01276 512838
Walking (approx. 7 miles)	Various	First Thursday in every month.	Roy Spencer	01276 423428
'Walking Too' (approx. 5 miles)	Various	2 nd Thursday in every month	Rosemary White	01276 503813

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