

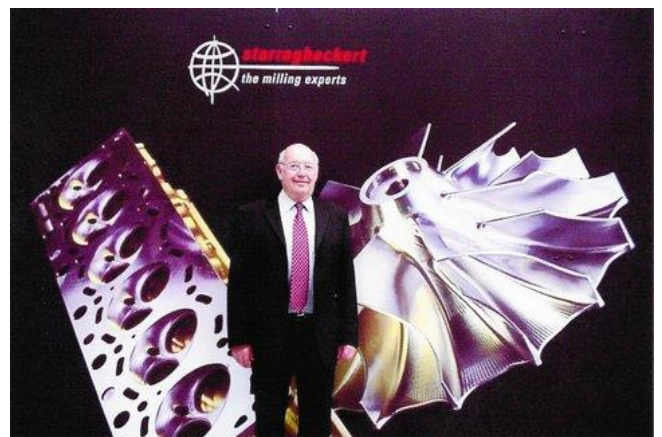
Blackwater U3A Newsletter for December 2018



The time has come to say goodbye from being the editor of the monthly newsletter for the Blackwater Valley U3A.

I have looked upon it as being another chapter in my life, it has been something that I have enjoyed doing as I have learnt a lot and I would like to thank all of you that have given me support and most of all your positive remarks on the newsletter.

I was an engineer by trade and I used to manufacture parts for the Aerospace and Automobile Industry, so I apologise for sometimes using bad English, or a comma or a full stop that has been in the wrong place.



Regards

David Sparkes

Ps I am pleased to say Phil will be taking over the position as editor in 2019 so we know that it will be well looked after



It's our Christmas Party on **December 20th
at the Memorial Hall, Hawley **1:45pm for a**
2:00pm start**

Bring along a plate of food to share (if you have a special diet better that you do not share it) Punch will be supplied as usual.

This is one not to miss the committee have booked Steve Cantwell who is a member of The Magic Circle for our Christmas Party.

Steve Cantwell is a Psychologist, Hypnotherapist, Mentalist and Magician.

This will be a unique and unforgettable experience the magic will leave you entertained and energised.



Ambling Group January there will be no walk this month.

Walking Group **Thursday January 3rd** will be advised on the day due to unpredictable weather conditions and will be led by **Roy 01276 423428**. Meeting as usual at Frogmore Campus car park and will be departing at 9:15am prompt.

Walkers Too Group **Thursday January 10th** will be advised on the day due to unpredictable weather conditions and will be led by Rosemary and **Jean 01276 503813** Meeting as usual at Frogmore campus car park and will be departing at 10am prompt.

The speaker for our meeting on the **17th January 2019** will be Diana Mitchell who will be talking about Highclere Castle and the Downton effect. Diana is the Head Guide at Highclere Castle



YOUR BLACKWATER VALLEY U3A NEEDS YOUR HELP FOR 2019

We have been searching for someone to take over from Jackie as speaker secretary without success. We are now thinking that we could form a speaker subcommittee which might suit a group of friends willing to share the role. This subcommittee would report to the main committee but wouldn't all need to attend the committee meetings. Once again, if anyone thinks they could take this on please discuss it with any of the committee members.

Book Group

There will be no book meeting in December but you can exchange the current book for the new one at the Christmas party or as otherwise arranged. Meeting as usual in January at a date to be decided.



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John Barkaway was very happy to win the £42 monthly draw for October

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Message from Meg

Please make your **2019** membership payment at the monthly meeting or post them to Meg at Primrose Cottage, 83 London Road, Blackwater GU17 0AD. Please make cheque of £12 payable to Blackwater Valley U3A.

Message from Pam

We still have spaces for Rummykub which is every second and fourth **Tuesday evening** of the month **7-9pm** in each other's house.

Pam has informed the committee that she will be giving up the position as Groups Coordinator after the AGM in **2019**. If somebody would like to take over this position please discuss it with a committee member.

Message from Phil Photography Group

Please note that there is no meeting in December as the 4th Tuesday falls on Christmas Day. January's subject: "The Festive Season".

Message from Jackie & David Dickinson

Trip to The HOGS BACK BREWERY.

Saturday 30th March 2019. 3.30 pm start. £15 per person.



Jackie is away on holiday and has handed over the details of the visit to Dave Dickinson until her return.

We have had a good response but Dave says there are still a limited number of places available. Our guide on the day will be Mel Rees who will keep us all entertained during our visit, which will also include sampling. If you would like to join us on the visit please contact Dave asap to avoid disappointment and reserve your place on the tour which costs £15.00 per person.

If enough people are interested, we will look into hiring the yelabus which will take the hassle out of driving there and back, and allow you to partake in the unlimited free beer on offer without worrying. If this interests you please let me know when you book up.

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Sports group, Ten pin bowling and Bowling group

Christmas celebrations at Heron on the Lake



What a difference in a year my great grandson Oscar 2017 and him this year at Bushe Café, Blackbushe Airport 2018



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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** or rowlingphilip@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 Tuesday 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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