Newsletter for November 2017



Our next meeting is on Thursday 16th November 2017 1:45 pm for a 2:00pm start.

The Speaker for November 16th will be Jackie Robertson who will tell us about Battersea Dogs Home

Due to personal reasons our speaker for November Patrick Read has had to cancel, but we are pleased to welcome Jackie Robertson who will tell us about Battersea Dogs and Cats Home. Entitled "The History and Work of the Home" Jackie will talk about the founding of Battersea and various historical landmarks along the way right up to present day. She will explain what actually happens to the animals in their care, how they are looked after and how they are re-homed.



Dogs and cats featured on the stamps were all abandoned by their owners, but later rehomed by the charity. They were beautifully photographed by Steve Hoskins.

Ambling Group on Thursday December 7th will be around Yateley Common meeting at Cricketers PH, Cricket Hill, Yateley, and will be led by Chris 01252 872709 departing at 11am prompt.

Walking Group on Thursday December 7th will be confirmed on the day and will be led by Ken Lambert 01276 32692 meeting as usual at Frogmore Campus car park departing at 9:15am prompt.

Walkers Too Group on Thursday December 14th will be decided on the day and will be led by Anne Cleary 01252 879569 meeting as usual at Frogmore Campus car park departing at 10am prompt

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Book Group

November 23rd

"The Shadow of the Wind" by C. Ruiz Zafon



Pub Lunches 2nd Wednesday at 12:30

November 8th Rackstraw Farm, Sandhurst

December 6th Toby Carvery, Frimley

This later date is provisional and a week earlier than normal and requires pre-booking with a £5 deposit.

A date for your diary Christmas Party 21st December 2017

Grandpa Spells



Through popular demand and such positive feedback we have re-booked the same group of musicians who enjoy playing Traditional Jazz.

Come along and clap your hands and tap your feet while you enjoy a Christmas snack meal with your friends

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Message from Jackie

As many of you are aware I have organised a few events over the last couple of years, i.e. Dipley Mill, Skittles evening and Windsor Boat Trip amongst others. From your feedback I know that you have enjoyed them and have asked for more, such as can we do the Windsor Boat Trip again with the fish and chip supper? The last two skittles events were organised by members who are not on the Committee and they proved very successful.

We would love more members to take on the organising of some events or outings rather than leaving it to the Committee all the time, and maybe you could do it with a friend rather than by yourself. We would give you all the assistance needed i.e. payments 'etc'.

Message from Pam

We now have spaces for Rummykub and Canasta. Rummykub is every second and third Thursday evening 7-9pm of the month in each other's house. Canasta is every Wednesday 2-5 pm again in each other's home. We are willing to teach if anyone is interested.

Appeal for Volunteers

The Red Cross runs a Mobility Aids Loan Service at the back of the Oakland's Medical Centre near St. Peter's church in Yateley. They loan out wheelchairs, commodes and other related items on a short term basis to those who need it. No charge is made although donations are appreciated. There are some second hand items for sale.

This service in run by volunteers and more volunteers are needed. Volunteers do two duties a month. Would you like to join this worthwhile service? If you like meeting and helping people you would enjoy this work. The Red Cross encourage people to work in twos so perhaps you and a friend may like to join our service so we can serve our local community in Yateley and those in the surrounding area.

If you are interested and would like to know more please contact Jacky Cowley on 01252 878059.



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We are very proud to say that **Norma Pynn** who is a member of our photography group has had two of her photographs selected to go into the New Yateley Guide "Congratulations Norma"



