

Our next meeting is on **Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup> 2018** 1:45 pm for a 2:00pm start

**Our U3A membership fee will be £12 from October 2018 This will be in line with other U3A clubs**

**The speaker for October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting is Richard Anderson about the Catacombs Kensal Green Cemetery**



Princes and Paupers, the great and the good, the famous and infamous are amongst over 1500 notable personalities who are buried at Kensal Green.

Richard who is a tour guide at Kensal Green has many weird and interesting facts like who was responsible for the word Macbeth never to be spoken on stage. A most fascinating and intriguing talk.

**Ambling Group Thursday November 1<sup>st</sup>** will be around Shepherd Meadow, Sandhurst which will be led by Chris **01252 872709** and will be departing at 11am prompt.

**Walking Group Thursday November 1<sup>st</sup>** will be approx. 6.5 miles starting from Finchampstead church and around The Ridges and will be led by Ken Lambert **01276 32692**. Meeting as usual at Frogmore Campus car park and will be departing at 9:15am prompt.

**Walkers Too Group Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup>** will be advised on the day due to unpredictable weather conditions and will be led by Jane and Hazel **01252 511018**. Meeting as usual at Frogmore campus car park and will be departing 10am prompt.

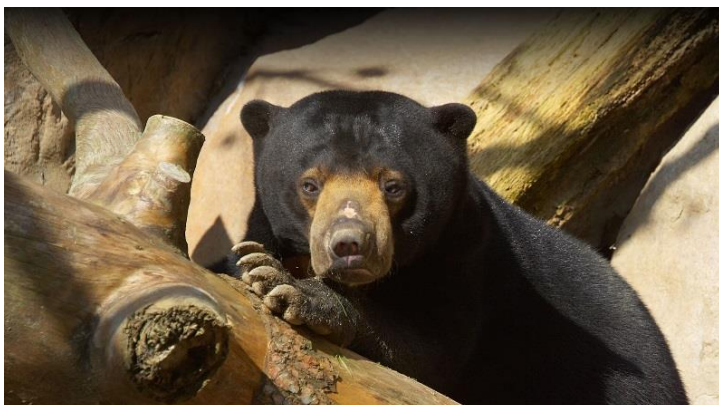
**The speaker for November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting is Tony Buckle and will be about Orang-Utans, Sun Bears and Dragons**



**Orang-Utans, Sun Bears and Dragons. By Tony Buckle.**

Tony who is a member of our own U3A talks about the plight of Orang-Utans and Sun Bears who having been displaced from their forest habitat has given rise to the Borneo Orang-Utan Survival Foundation which has created sanctuaries in Borneo where rescued animals are taken into care and are prepared for their eventual return to protected forests

The talk will describe the natural history of the Orang-Utan and Tony will give an account of how, together with volunteers he spent two weeks working in one of these sanctuaries followed by a visit to the Komodo National Park in Indonesia where he encountered Komodo Dragons.





**Book Group**



The book group will meet on the **25<sup>th</sup> October** and the book for discussion is 'The Whispering City' by Sara Moliner

**Message from Phil Photography Group**



The first meeting of the amalgamated Photo Group took place on 25<sup>th</sup> September with members from both Blackwater Valley and Yateley joining together in the Gallery Room at the Tythings.

If numbers attending marked success, then this was a very successful meeting.

With some lessons to be learnt, a format now needs to be put in place to enable everyone time to enjoy the limelight of displaying their work. It's quite simple any more than three pictures per member far exceeds the time allowed. It's a problem but a delightful one to have!

Taking advantage of the economies of scale could see updated equipment in the future but already the new grouping has had a marked success in downloading additional photo editing software.

**Meeting next on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, the theme for the month's compositions is "Light and Shade".**

**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**.

**Message from Jackie**



Following on from Mel Rees visit to us at last month's meeting it is proposed that we organise another trip to The Hogs Back Brewery in **March 2019**.

At the moment the Brewery have every Saturday free next March, that's the 2nd, 16th, 23rd and the 30th.

The cost is £15 per person. Maximum of 20 people on a tour. I'm proposing to book the tour that starts at 3.30 pm and finishes at 5.30pm.

I will be putting up a sign-up sheet at the next meeting to see how many of you are interested in going and what date is the most popular.

If you cannot make the meeting but would like to sign up for it, give me a ring on **01276 502812**.



**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** being my last newsletter and I will leave the committee at the end of 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.

I am pleased to inform you that Phil will be taking over as Editor of the newsletter in **2019**

**YOUR BLACKWATER VALLEY U3A NEEDS YOUR HELP  
FOR 2019**

We require somebody to take over from Jackie as Speakers Secretary and also somebody to take over from Pam as Groups Coordinator



**Sue Puxley was very happy to win the £35  
monthly draw for March**

**The good news is that the Prize Draw winnings will be £42  
each month starting at the October meeting**

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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:01252 870879) or [rowlingphilip@gmail.com](mailto:rowlingphilip@gmail.com)

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

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