

**Our next meeting is on Thursday September 20<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**

**Blackwater Valley U3A.  
Minutes from SGM  
Hawley Memorial Hall  
Thursday August 16th. 2018.**

The meeting opened at 2 pm with a welcome from Min (chair) to all U3A members. After a few notices there followed the **Special General Meeting**.

Members were reminded that the U3A New Constitution had been distributed to all for their consideration because we now have to Register with Charity Commission. After a short discussion about the Constitution and suggestions received from the members, the following proposals were put to the meeting,

1 In section 7.vi the word "consecutive" should be inserted in all clauses to allow people to return to office if time has elapsed after a previous term.

Approved by majority show of hands.

2 Throughout the document to replace the pronouns he/his with suitable gender

neutral term.--- Approved by majority show of hands.

3 Subject to the changes agreed in 1 and 2 above, to accept the new Constitution to be effective from August 16th 2018--- Approved unanimously.

**Constitution was duly approved.**

All Committee members have been on the committee for some time and we are looking for U3A Members to volunteer to join the committee, especially as we are in need of a **Speakers** secretary and **Newsletter** editor as both Jackie and David are retiring from these positions. It is important we have new committee members very soon.

SGM closed approx. 2,25pm.

Afternoon continued in the usual format.

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The speaker for **September 20<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**Ambling Group Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup>** will take place at Wildmoor Heath nature reserve Crowthorne and will be led by Phil 01252 870879. Meeting at Reserve car park off Sandhurst Road and will be departing at 11am prompt.

**Walking Group Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup>** will be around Ash and Aldershot and will be led by Karin and Mike 01276 504979. Meeting as usual at Frogmore Campus car park and will be departing at 9:15am prompt.

**Walkers Too Group Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup>** Rosemary said at the moment she is not sure if there will be a walk in October and that she will advise the group directly

**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.



**Book Group**

The book group will meet on the **27<sup>th</sup> September** and the book for discussion is 'Tiger Hills' by Sarita Mandanna.



**Pub Lunches 2018**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 12:30 pm**

**Message from Sue THE MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW**

If you are wishing to join next year, please contact Sue Puxley to give your name and £10 at the September monthly meeting.

**THE MORE WHO JOIN THE BIGGER THE PRIZE!!**

The winners for the monthly draw in August were  
David & Susan Lewinton

**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 or change the day if anyone is interested. **The night will change to Tuesday night in October 2018**

**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 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 after next years AGM

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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The Sports Group had their annual BBQ unfortunately the weather was not so good but their hosts David & Sue saved the day with David cooking on the BBQ in the rain and Sue accommodating everybody inside. Well done you are stars and everybody said thanks to you both they all enjoyed themselves.



WALKING "TOO" GROUP IN July 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](tel:01252870879) 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:01252872709">01252 872709</a>
Art	Darby Green and Frogmore Social Hall	Mondays 11am- 1.00pm	Jerry France	<a href="tel:01252671325">01252 671325</a>
Books	Private House	Last Thursday in the month - 2 pm	Chris Bowen	<a href="tel:01252872709">01252 872709</a>
Bowls (summer)	Fleet Social Bowling Club	Every Tuesday at 11am	Bob Atkins	<a href="tel:01252871899">01252 871899</a>
Bridge	Private House	Every Monday at 2.30pm	Toni Spencer	<a href="tel:01276423428">01276 423428</a>
Canasta 1 & 2 and other card games	Private house	Wednesdays 2pm (1) (2)	Pam Cuthbertson Clive Singer	<a href="tel:01252872221">01252 872221</a> <a href="tel:01252324304">01252 324304</a>
Crafts	Private House	Every other Monday afternoon, 2-4 pm	Jean Huckle	<a href="tel:01252878152">01252 878152</a>
MOTO	St. Barnabas Church Blackwater	Second Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm	Pam Cuthbertson	<a href="tel:01252872221">01252 872221</a>
Photography	The Tythings, Yateley	4th Tuesday of the month, 2.00 to 4.00pm	Phil Rowling	<a href="tel:01252870879">01252 870879</a>
Pub Lunches	Variable	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in every month at 12:30 pm	Mike Pippard	<a href="tel:01344772595">01344 772595</a>
'Rummikub'	Private House	2nd and 4th Thursday in every month, at 7.00pm	Pam Cuthbertson	<a href="tel:01252872221">01252 872221</a>
Ten-Pin Bowling	Farnborough Recreation Centre	Every second and fourth Wednesday at 2.00 p.m.	Bob Atkins	<a href="tel:01252871899">01252 871899</a>
Trips and Excursions	Various	To be arranged.	Phil Rowling	<a href="tel:01252870879">01252 870879</a>
Various Sports Table Tennis, Curling	Frogmore Leisure Centre	Friday 1.30pm to 2.30pm	Val Green	<a href="tel:01276512838">01276 512838</a>
Walking (approx. 7 miles)	Various	First Thursday in every month.	Roy Spencer	<a href="tel:01276423428">01276 423428</a>
'Walking Too' (approx. 5 miles)	Various	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday in every month	Rosemary White	<a href="tel:01276503813">01276 503813</a>

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