

Blackwater Valley



**NEWSLETTER  
FOR DECEMBER 2009**

# Christmas Party

on Thursday December 17th

Please bring a small plate of festive food.



**Punch will be provided.** There will be a special raffle, displays of Line Dancing and Arts and Crafts. *Group Leaders are invited to bring along any photographs or other exhibits which illustrate what their groups have been doing during the year.*

**We welcome new member:-** Mrs Lesley McMahon.

**100 Club:-** the November winners were: (1) Derek Stevens (2) Claire Charters (3) Philip Braithwaite  
We drew also for December, winners were: (1) Pam Joy (2) Susan Bunce (3) Gil Puxley

**The Craft Group** will be selling some of their work this month. (The charity table is being discontinued).

**New U3A Booklet.** We have received a number of copies of a booklet called 'This is U3A' which gives a brief outline of what the U3A is about. If you have a friend who is interested in joining and would like a copy, please contact one of the committee.

## **GROUPS** *(see overleaf for details of all groups)*

**Walking.** There will be a walk on January 7th to Bagshot Heath (approximately 6 miles through Pine Woods and open heath). Details from Roy Spencer.

**Strolling.** The Stroll on 14th January will be a Jubilee walk round Yateley.

Meet as usual at 9.45am at Frogmore Community Centre car park for a 10am start.  
Optional pub lunch. For any further details contact Christine on 01252 879006.



**Ambling.** The Amble on January 7th will be to Moor Green Lakes. Park at Moor Green Car Park on Lower Sandhurst Road (not at Horseshoe Lake). Meet there at 11.00am. Optional lunch at the Golden Pot, Eversley.



**The Book Group** will not meet in December. The January 28th meeting will be at the Golden Retriever at 12 noon.

**2nd Thursday Pub lunches:** January 14th - The Heron on the Lake, Fleet.  
February 11th - The Cricketers, Cricket Hill, Yateley.



### **Hoped-for New Groups**

Is there anyone who might like to run a new Genealogy Group, or a Photography Group?

**10-pin Bowling** The next 10-pin bowling is on 27th January at 1.45pm.

**A request for help** We need more people who could arrive at 1.15pm to help in setting up the hall with chairs, and who could help with the teas.

**The Okehampton holiday - June 14-18th 2010** Places are still available. See Blanche if you are interested.  
A deposit is required as soon as possible.

### **Events.**

(a) The U3A Trust has organised a family history study meeting on Wednesday 24th February 2010, 1.45pm until 5pm. This is being held at The Royal Geographical Society, London SW7 and costs £18 per person.

(b) U3A members are invited to a cinema screening of 'La Traviata' on Tues 26th Jan 2010, 11am until 1.30pm at the Odeon Cinema, Shaftesbury Avenue. Tickets cost £12 with a maximum of 2 tickets per applicant.

For more details and application forms for either of the above events, see Pam Joy or Chris Bowen.

**U3A Summer Schools.** We have details of U3A Summer Schools in 2010, these are available in the folder at monthly meetings.



The speaker at our next meeting on January 21st will be

**Mrs Sheila Hill**

talking about

**“A civilian's year in Afghanistan”**



**Jan Mains.** Sadly we have to say goodbye to Jan Mains who has recently moved to Somerset. Jan was the leader of the Genealogy group and was also active in the MOTO group. We wish her much happiness in her new home. We will not now be able to accept donations to the 'Many Tears' charity that Jan supports, but you can contact them via their website.

## Blackwater Valley U3A Groups

Group	Venue	Time/date	Contact	Phone number
100 club	At the Monthly meeting	Each month	Carol Pascoe	01252 651872
Ambling	Various	1st Thursday in each month at 11am	Chris Bowen	01252 872709
Art	Darby Green and Frogmore Social Hall	Mondays 11am- 1.30pm	Anne Thalmessinger	01276 34412
Books	Private House	Last Thursday in the month - 2 pm	Christine Bowen	01252 872709
Bowls (summer)	Fleet Social Bowling Club	Every Tuesday at 11am	Bob Atkins	01252 871899
Canasta and other card games	Private house	Wednesdays 2pm Thursdays 7pm	Jackie Barkaway	01276 502812
Computing	Yateley CAB	Tuesdays 2 pm (not 2 <sup>nd</sup> tues of the month)	Meg Thomson	01276 33727
Crafts (1)	Private House	Tuesdays 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.	Blanche Burrell	01276 510957
Crafts (2)	39 Lawford Crescent Yateley	Every other Monday afternoon, 2-4 pm	Jean Huckle	01252 878152
Garden Visits	A different place each month	Fourth Thursday in the month (in the new year)	Anne-Marie Langford	01252 547311
Gardening	Variable	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in the month (morning)	Bill Camp	01276 32549
Gym	Frogmore leisure centre	Friday 10.30-11.30 am	Ann Atkins	01252 871899
Line Dancing	The Tythings, Yateley	Every Tuesday at 6 pm	Meg Thomson	01276 33727
MOTO	Poppies Cafe, Yateley	First Wednesday of the month at 8pm	Pam Cuthbertson	01252 872221
Mini-Breaks	Various	Check noticeboard	Pam Cuthbertson	01252 872221
Pub Lunch	Variable	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday in every month at noon	Blanche Burrell	01276 510957
Strolling	Various	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday in every month	Toni Spencer and Christine Heckscher	01252 874416 01252 879006
Ten-Pin Bowling	<u>Farnborough Recreation Centre</u>	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday in most months, <u>1.45 p.m.</u>	Blanche Burrell	01276 510957
Theatre trips	Check notice board for details		Blanche Burrell	01276 510957
Walking	Various	First Thursday in every month.	Roy Spencer	01252 874416

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