



**NEWSLETTER**  
**FOR OCTOBER 2009**

Our speaker on October 15th will be

**Mrs Heather Hook**

talking about



**We welcome** new members Sue Mills and Val Green.

**100 Club**:- the September winners were: (1) Carol Matthews (2) Meg Thomson (3) Gil Puxley

**Charity Table-Top Sales** in October and November will be in aid of Macmillan (Cancer Nurses). Please bring good quality items for sale for this worthy cause. Garden produce, jams, chutneys, fruit and veg. would be very welcome.

**Art Group**. On the 28th September the Art group enjoyed a demonstration and workshop, given by the artist Sara Knight, using mixed media. Many thanks to Anne for organizing this fascinating day.

**Jan Mains** will continue to be receiving items to help dogs and cats, please bring to the next monthly meeting anything you can donate off her WISH LIST – see [www.manytears.co.uk](http://www.manytears.co.uk)

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

**Walking**. The next walk will be on Thursday November 5th, led by Roy Spencer, at Puttenham, Compton & The Hogs Back, a country walk of just under 7 miles. For further details contact Roy on 874416.

**Strolling**. The Stroll on November 12th will be from Crondall to Montgomery's Farm. For more details contact Christine Heckscher (879006). Meet at Frogmore Leisure Centre car park at 10am for car sharing.

**Ambling**. The next Amble on November 5th will be to Finchhampstead Ridges. Park at the Ambarrow Court car park. Optional lunch at the 'Bird in Hand' Little Sandhurst. There will be no December amble.



**The Book Group** will be meeting on Thursday October 22nd to discuss 'A cold heart' by Jonathan Kellerman. The November meeting will be on the 12th (earlier in the month than usual).

**The Gardening group** will meet on the 20th October at Bill's house.

**Garden Visits** - The visit on Thursday October 22nd will be to the Manor House at Upton Grey, near Basingstoke RG25 2RD. This is one of the most authentically restored 1908 Gertrude Jekyll gardens in the country, and is owned by the Lutyens Trust. Tel: 01256 862827. Cost approx £4. Meet at Hawley Memorial Hall at 1.30pm. Anne-Marie Langford has made special arrangements to visit this property, and those wishing to go on this visit must give their names to her by telephone (01252 547311) by no later than Sunday Oct. 18th.



**2nd Thursday Pub lunches etc.**

12th November at "The Highwayman", Monteagle Lane, Yateley (*originally fixed for October*).

Blanche is currently taking bookings for lunch and evening meals at Farnborough Tech on Thurs 26th November and a trip to Canterbury Christmas Market on Saturday December 19th.

Our speaker on November 19th  
will be **Mr Ken Crick** talking about  
"Dragonflies and their habitats  
in the Blackwater Valley"



(photo - Philip Martin)

## 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                            | 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<br>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<br>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 (summer season)          | Anne-Marie Langford                  | 01252 547311                 |
| Gardening                    | Variable                             | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in the month (morning)        | Bill Camp                            | 01276 32549                  |
| Genealogy                    | Private House                        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday in every month 10 to 12 noon   | Janet Mains                          | 01252 872395                 |
| 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<br>01252 879006 |
| Ten-Pin Bowling              | <u>Farnborough Recreation Centre</u> | 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday in most months, 1.45 p.m.   | 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                 |

### Blackwater Valley U3A Committee:-

|                 |                               |            |              |                |  |
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**Our monthly Newsletter.** This is sent out about a week in advance of our monthly meetings to all members who are on email. Do please let Philip Martin know if you are not receiving it, by sending him an email to the address shown above.

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