

Blackwater u3a

Newsletter

September 2026



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A letter from the Chair

21st Birthday Celebrations

Yesterday I attended the celebration of 21 years of Blackwater U3A. There was a huge turnout – more than expected or booked. Please do tell us if you are coming when something special is planned. The sight of committee members and helpers running around with extra tables, cloths, chairs, napkins and such made for a slightly chaotic start to the afternoon.

Anyway, we had a great speaker from Essex Wildlife Trust, who told us all about the many and varied species of birds, animals, creepy crawlies and landscapes that surround us. I had no idea there was so much on our doorstep.

Then on to the main event....

So, was it my speech that held you all spellbound? Or the reminiscences of past chairs?

No, it was the scones, jam, cream and strawberries, which were excellent and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Never forget – the way to a heart is through the tummy every time!

My thanks to all who organised and worked so hard to make the meeting such a success, not forgetting the flower ladies for the lovely table decorations.

6th August
Chris Walker

Deadline for the October Newsletter

The deadline for the October Newsletter will be **Friday, 18th September**. Please submit items in the usual way to Di Martin: dironmar@btinternet.com

Support and Befriending Group

If you are in need of some help or support, please telephone one of the following numbers and they will try to put you in touch with someone who can help.

Dennis Eraft	01621 829758
Christine Wright	01621 853171
Roger Wilson	01621 842455

Treasurer's Request

When making payments by Bank Transfer please make payments for the following categories:

Membership Payments/Diaries

Sort Code: 60-13-37 Account No: 49519611

Account: Blackwater U3A

Quoting: 'Membership' or 'Diary'

Group Activities/Events

Sort Code: 60-13-37 Account No: 49532057

Account: Blackwater U3A No 2

Quoting: 'Theatre' / 'History' etc.

Payments by cheque should be made payable to 'Blackwater U3A'. Payments can also be made at the Monthly Meetings by Debit/Credit Cards.

Thank you, *Chris Daines*

Message to Group Co-ordinators

If you have anyone joining your group from one of our Cluster Group, please complete a Cluster Group Member form and send this to me so that I can add the individual's details to Beacon. The form is available on our website under 'Forms'.

Gerry Davis - Membership Secretary, 01621 843217

Blackwater u3a Facebook Page

I'd like to share more information and photos about the different groups on our Facebook page. If you have any news or photos, I can include to help promote your group, please let me know. I would like to hear from anyone who has an event or group they would like to share information on.

I can be contacted via the Blackwater u3a Facebook Messenger or by email karengrove64@gmail.com or 07834 763006

Karen Grove

Table Tennis 1 & Tai Chi

Table Tennis 1: Please note that we now have a waiting list in operation. Should you wish to join us in the future please contact me.

Tai Chi: Monday afternoons 2pm till 4pm. We are still accepting new joiners of any standard.

To BOTH above it would be very helpful if you could let me know that you no longer wish to come to these groups as it will let me take on new joiners.

Co-ordinator: Peter Harden 07754536639

Table Tennis 2

We meet on Thursday afternoons at West Maldon Community Centre between 2.30pm and 4.30pm. We have four tables for our use and play doubles and singles, depending on numbers. The group is now full; however, I am happy to add names to a waiting list.

Co-ordinator: Kath Little 07762 312838

Pétanque Group

The Pétanque group is extremely popular, consisting of members from Blackwater, South Woodham Ferrers, Limebrook and Maldon. Attendance is averaging over a dozen at a time and total membership is nearly thirty.

The Pétanque group is at full capacity so there will now have to be a waiting list. If anyone would like to set up a second group, I would be happy to assist in getting it started.

Play takes place every Tuesday afternoon in the Maldon Promenade Park meeting at 2pm. Please arrive 10 minutes before so we can allocate teams.

Co-ordinator: Phil Hopkins 07902 918574

Golf Group

The Golf group is a small friendly group which plays at different local golf courses on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. All members have a list of dates and venues. If you are interested, please contact the co-ordinator.

Our next meeting is on Friday 11th September at Bunsay Downs golf club. Meet at 10.15am in the car park.

Co-ordinator: Peter Holmes

01621 854108 peterholmes4427@gmail.com

Walking Group

September 24th - Goldhanger Church corner, CM9 8AS

October 22nd – Hatfield Peverel Village Hall, CM3 2HP

November 26th – Tesco, Fullbridge

We walk on the fourth Thursday of the month, starting at 10am. New walkers would be very welcome and if you are interested, please ring me, or see me at the monthly meeting.

Co-ordinator: John Mayes 01245 222530

Country Dancing

The first session of the 2026-2027 season starts on **Thursday, 10th September**. We hope new members will consider joining us and existing members will continue to support our friendly and inclusive Country Dancing Group and try to encourage others to come along to help keep the numbers buoyant.

Remember dancing is known to be very beneficial for the wellbeing; it involves gentle exercise, some thought and coordination and working as part of a friendly supportive group, all factors which can make such a difference to life's happiness!!

Co-ordinator: John Rogers 07860 162328 or email

diana.rogers2@btinternet.com

Canasta

We meet every third Thursday of the month in the Linton room, from 2-4pm for fun games of Canasta.

New players always welcome.

Co-ordinator: Stephy Eraut 07710 677789

Card and Board Games Group

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month in the Linton Room from 2-4pm.

Co-ordinator: Sheila Rowsell 01621 740820

Rummikub

There were ten members at our August meeting making three groups: one of four members and two of three members. Elaine, Helen and Sylvie won in their groups. Well done to them.

Rummikub is good fun and a nice chat as well with good company. If anyone would like to join us, you would be very welcome.

Co-ordinator: Patricia Harding 01621 843099

Cribbage Group

Twelve of us enjoyed a free session of crib this month and also received some tasty treats from Chris for our refreshments. Ron and John won all 4 of their games against Sue F and me, so well done them. Sue W had the highest score in one hand with 18 points.

We meet every second Wednesday at WMCC at 2.00pm.

Co-ordinator: Terri Hardcastle 07934 349959

Flower Arranging

As we do not meet in August our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 22nd September from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Linton Room when our arrangements will be on a harvest theme.

Co-ordinator: Di Martin 01621 856347

Gardening Group

Our visit for 21st September is to "Furzelea", Bicknacre Road, Danbury, CM3 4JR. Cost £10 to include entrance and light refreshments.

My apologies but I am unable to attend the September meeting so there will be no sign-up sheet. If you wish to visit this garden, I would be very grateful if you could text or email me, and I will add you on the list of people that signed up in August.

Co-ordinator: Sandy Cowan 07734 795426

Blackwater u3a Community Garden

The team usually meet on a Friday morning for about an hour and volunteers are always welcome.

If interested please contact Dorreen for further information dorren@dorreenlinton.uk or 01621 853428.

Dorreen Linton 01621 853428

RAGs (Real Ale Group)

For our September meeting please see the Blackwater u3a web page.

Co-ordinator: Paul Allen 07712 052303

Curry Club

Nine members of the group paid another visit to Maldon Spice in August. The restaurant was selected again because it has air conditioning and with the recent heatwaves that seemed a prudent choice. In the event, it was a much cooler evening so that we did not need the air conditioning for most of the evening.

We had our usual welcome and the food was very tasty, although some of the main dishes were on the cool side. I tried the Chicken Tikka Mango Bhuna Balti; others sampled the fish curries, the prawn massala, the Chicken Maynamothi along with the usual selection of naan bread and rice and dhal.

While many enjoyed the Cobra beer some of us sampled the house white/red wine which went very well with the spiced food. It was a convivial evening and a good time was had by all. As before, a 10% group

discount was applied when we went to pay. The restaurant was doing a healthy trade.

The photos are courtesy of Bob McNiff and Brian Butcher, thank you



We have started to meet at the earlier time of 6.30pm to ensure that if there is a delay with food being served, we are not eating too late. In fact, on the last two occasions this has not been a problem. We have also stopped meeting on Fridays because the restaurants are much busier, we now vary between Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Our next meeting will be on the 30th September. Members of the group will be notified of the venue via the WhatsApp group.

There is a waiting list to join this group.

Gerry Davis, Curry Club Coordinator, 01621 843217.

Members on Their Own (MOTO) GROUP

On a bright sunny day in August, we met for coffee at The Lakeside Café, The Hythe, Maldon.

Another Saturday we went on a 2 hour Cream Tea Cruise sailing on "Thistle". The weather was just perfect – not as hot as it had been during the week.

If you are interested in joining this group or finding out more about it, please contact the Co-ordinator.

Co-ordinator: Robyn Slade
01621 928536



Reading Group

This month's book, "Maureen Fry and the Angel of the North" by Rachel Joyce, is the third book in the Harold Fry trilogy. Although it was a popular choice and well received, we felt that it would not make a lot of sense as a "stand alone" book and you really needed to have read the previous two books to fully appreciate the characters and the story line.

We meet Maureen, Harold's wife, who is going to make her own journey to see the garden of Harold's friend, Queenie. She is incensed that Queenie has dedicated part of her garden to Maureen's dead son, David. Maureen is a lonely, rather bitter and angry figure who has never fully recovered from her son's suicide. During the journey Maureen stays with Kate, in a type of eco commune, in a converted truck, and not in the comfortable semi she had expected with a warm meal on her arrival. She leaves the next morning without a goodbye and arrives at Queenie's garden. She finds the wooden memorials to Harold and to David and returns later, determined to take away David's piece of wood, but in the

process, injures herself and she is now dependent on help from people she had previously dismissed.

This is a novel about self-discovery. Maureen returns home with some understanding of why David killed himself and a greater understanding of herself. Many years had been wasted in sadness, grief and anger. Being taken out of her comfort zone gives Maureen the realisation that she can forgive herself as there was nothing she could have done to help her troubled son. She returns to her husband, a happier and more enlightened woman, finally able to find some peace and joy in life. We gave it an average mark of 8.

Co-ordinator: Gill Swanson 07975 920460

Wine Tasting Group

Each year the Wine Society of Great Britain invites wine experts to a blind tasting and from the results of this they produce their list of Championship Wines. This was the basis of our tasting at the end of July. A case of Championship wines was ordered and from this box of 'goodies' six were selected for sampling.

A crisp French Sauvignon Blanc was the first to be tried, followed by an Austrian blend of Grüner Veltliner, Müller Thurgau and Muskateller. The final white was an Italian Passerina Abruzzo. The three wines had quite distinct characteristics and flavours, with the Austrian proving to be the most popular, followed by the Italian.

The red trio started with an Australian shiraz. This had a spicy nose, little or no tannins and was very smooth. The Bordeaux claret which followed was also an excellent wine with notes of chocolate and pepper. The final wine, a Spanish Monastrell proved to be the most popular red with rich flavours of blackberries and very soft tannins.

Surprisingly for such a good selection of wines, they were all under £10 per bottle. Thanks Peter and Jacky for a very interesting tasting.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 25th September, to be hosted by Val and Roger.

Co-ordinator: Frances Butcher 01621 853352

Local Theatres Group

Bleak Expectations

Friday 16th October 2026 at 7:45 pm

Maldon Town Hall

Tickets: £12.00

Dickens with a dash of Monty Python. A hilarious, comic caper featuring dastardly villains, preposterous names, pulse quickening romances and definitely, probably, hopefully a happy ending!

Come and follow half-orphan Pip's extraordinary exploits with sisters Pippa and Poppy and best friend Harry Biscuit, as they attempt to escape the calculating clutches of the dastardly Mr Gently Benevolent, defeat the hideous Hardthraher siblings, and deflect disaster at every turn!

Will evil be vanquished by virtue? Can love triumph over hate?

Payment to be made by 4th September 2026, please.

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(Bleak)**

Quoting: Local Theatre

The Great British Bake-Off Musical – Witham Public Hall

Saturday 31st October 2026 at 2.30 pm Tickets: £20.20 (including booking fee)



Come and see *The Great British Bake-Off Musical* for a warm, witty, and uplifting night out that captures all the charm of the beloved *The Great British Bake Off*. Bursting with catchy songs, delightful humour, and larger-than-life characters, the show whisks you into a world of cakes, competition, and camaraderie. It's a feel-good celebration of friendship, resilience, and the joy of baking—perfect for anyone who loves a sprinkle of nostalgia with their entertainment.

Payment to be made by 4th September 2026, please.

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**Account: Blackwater U3A No 2
(Bake)**

Quoting: Local Theatre

RBO: Manon

Chelmsford Theatre Studio

Tuesday 27th October 2026 at 7.15 pm Tickets: £15.00



In the seedy underbelly of 18th century Paris, money is king. Nothing is sacred – even love itself can be bought for the right price. A native of this hedonistic underworld, Manon is caught between twin desires when she falls in love with the student Des Grieux. Steadfast and devoted, he offers the possibility of an honourable life. Yet, the riches promised by the world of Parisian society remain tempting...

Manon's inner turmoil and struggle for survival lie at the devastating heart of Kenneth MacMillan's 1974 adaptation of Abbé Prévost's novel. In this signature work of The Royal Ballet, MacMillan's nuanced understanding of human psychology makes for an unflinching look into the moral degradation of Manon's Paris, while all its decadence and decay are brought to life through Jules Massenet's score and Nicholas Georgiadis's designs.

Please note if you wish to have tickets these **MUST** be paid in advance so we can ensure purchasing these, some events are popular, and tickets need to be purchased well in advance. Thank you.

Any suggestions for shows, please let me know.

Janet Watson

0795 292 5164

Play Reading Group

At our August meeting we read "The Real Inspector Hound" by Tom Stoppard.

It is a play within a play, and we see two theatre critics, Moon and Birdfoot watching a murder mystery set in a remote country house. They discuss who the murderer might be and how they will write their review. Moon is jealous of his superior and Birdfoot is a womaniser with an interest in the young actress playing one of the characters. At one point the stage is empty but a telephone is ringing. Birdfoot goes to answer it and finds it is his wife, Myrtle, who is suspicious about his behaviour and the play starts again this time with Birdfoot in it, and one of the male characters taking his place next to Moon. A policeman, calling himself Inspector Hound arrives after receiving a call about a murder. Soon there is more than one body to deal with and the Real Inspector Hound reveals himself at the end.

Complicated? Yes, and unusual too, but we did have a few chuckles as we were reading it.

Co-ordinator: Gill Swanson 07975 920460

Shakespeare Group

For those of you who do not like Shakespeare, or those who have read nearly all his plays, try something different. In September we start a new play Edward II by Christopher Marlowe 1564-1593 a contemporary of Shakespeare and one of the most famous Elizabethan playwrights and poet. He was the first to achieve a reputation for Blank Verse. He also wrote Hero and Leander, Tamburlane, the Great, Dido Queen of Carthage and The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus.

An interesting man and he may have been killed as a young man in a pub brawl.

We welcome new members for our reading of the plays and our next meetings are 11th September and 25th September at 2pm.

Would anyone like to come and join us?

Co-ordinator: Dennis Eraut 01621 829758

Art Group – Mundon

We have continued to meet during the hot spells, blinds down, fans whirring. The leafy shadows cast on the green blinds are rather fine!

From September, we will start meeting on every Wednesday morning, still from 10am to noon.

There is space for another couple of people, and anyone who would like to try a session is welcome, just contact me - materials can be supplied.

Co-ordinator: Anita Sandison 01621 741351 asandison@gmail.com



Sandra Potts, Watercolour



Pauline Hinchcliffe



Jenny Riley, Watercolour

*Maureen Taylor,
Watercolour*





Mary Clark, Pen and Ink



Sylvie Harden, Watercolour

Art Group 2 – Heybridge

There will be no meetings throughout August, but we will start again on 4th September.

If anyone would like to join us, then we do have a couple of spare places, or you may just want to come along first to see what we get up to. Get in touch with Carol if you are interested.

Carol Greenhalgh on 07585 593028.

Art Appreciation Group

At our last meeting Dennis discussed with our tiny audience three Great Paintings. What a shame there were only six there, our smallest group ever, but unfortunately it coincided with a funeral of one of our u3a members. Still on the bright side it did give rise to plenty of interaction with the few with guesses and interpretations.

The first was from the National Gallery, a wall painting from an Egyptian tomb over a thousand years B.C. and showed a rich official standing on a papyrus boat out hunting birds with his wife and daughter. The painting was full of birds and lotus flowers and fish. Was it really about hunting or was it more a journey by boat across the land and night like the sun God with a rejuvenation with the reappearance of the sun God in the morning.

The second one was by Caravaggio "the Supper at Emmaus" painted in 1601 a wonderful example of "chiaroscuro" or light and dark, his style often being called the beginning of the Baroque. The light shines on Christ seated at the supper table as he blesses the bread and suddenly his two disciples recognise him by the gesture as the resurrected Christ and are amazed. Meanwhile the innkeeper is unshocked and wonders what has happened. It is an excellent portrayal of the emotions.

Our third one was "Samson and Delilah" by Rubens It showed a muscular Samson sprawled, relaxed and asleep on the lap of Delilah the Philistine after his intimacy with her. Behind is an old maid holding the candle to give light and shadow and a young man acting as barber cutting off Samson's locks to weaken him whilst Philistine soldiers await in the shadows in the doorway. It is a great and moving story told on canvas. Do get the story from the Bible and look up the picture at the same time.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 22nd September when Sue Thompson, one of our members, will be presenting a talk on Edward Bawden 1903-1989 a local East Anglian artist painter, illustrator, and graphic artist known for his posters war artist.

Please do come along and support one of our volunteers.

Co-ordinator: Dennis Eraut 01621 829758

CHAI (Churches of Historical & Architectural Interest) Group

On 14th August our u3a group enjoyed a richly rewarding visit to Chelmsford Cathedral Church of St Mary, St Peter and St Cedd, led by our excellent guide, Wes.

Christianity was brought to East Anglia by St Cedd in the 7th century after paganism which had followed the withdrawal of the Romans. The vast increase of population east of London led to the creation of the Diocese of Chelmsford in 1914, this parish church having been chosen as the Bishop's seat.

The nave, with its colourful ceiling, was rebuilt in the early 19th century after a collapse due to excavation of the vaults.

There has been a church on this site since the 13th century and it was rebuilt in the 15th and early 16th centuries. On the roof trusses are the arms of the diocese of Chelmsford and of the three other dioceses to which the church successfully belonged – London, Rochester and St Albans. The centrepiece of the chancel is the Westmorland slate altar, and the bronze and steel ambos each side of the chancel arch. Recently, four icon panels representing Christ and the three Patron Saints, were built into the 'blank' windows above the fan arch.

High up in the 'blind' window of the north transept is *The Tree of Life* by Mark Cazalet. Below it is a crucifixion icon depicting the living cross, by Helen McIldowie-Jenkins. To the right is the colourful monument to Thomas Mildmay, his wife Avice and their fifteen children.

The south porch dates from 1460 but was enriched in 1953 to mark Anglo-US friendship. Many US airman were stationed in Essex during WW2. The Cathedral has much older links with the USA. Thomas Hooker (sometimes called 'the Father of American Democracy') was a Town

Preacher here before he had to leave for the New World because of his Puritan views.

The exterior walls are of flint rubble mixed with blocks of building stone and brick. The weathervane (29 meters above ground level) portrays a dragon coming out of the sun. On the southeast corner can be found a contemporary sculpture of St Peter, complete with fishing boots, net, and his key. He faces towards Bradwell, where St Peter's Chapel is to be found.

A warm thank-you to Wes for an informative and enjoyable visit. *Geoff Pugh*

Our planned visits for 11th September will be to Tiptree URC at 11 am. After lunch at The Exchange, we will be visiting St John the Baptist Monastery, Tolleshunt Knights, at 2pm.

Meet at WMCC at 10.30am for car share. An email will be sent to all CHAI group members and a sign-up sheet will be in the Linton Room at the September monthly meeting. If interested, please contact Di Martin.

Co-ordinators: Geoff Pugh, Jim Skelly and Di Martin

History and Science Group

Our September meeting will be a visit to the Essex Fire museum at Grays where they have a large collection of old fire engines and appliances.

This will be at 2pm on Tuesday 8th September. Meet at 1pm in the WMCC car park for car share.

If you would like to come on this trip, please let me know by email on peterholmes4427@gmail.com or by phone on 01621 854108

Co-ordinators: Peter Holmes, Dennis Eraut and Geoff Pugh

Noticeboard and Information Table

A reminder that we have a noticeboard and information table at the monthly meetings for promoting local events and useful information. If anyone has posters or leaflets they would like to be included, please pass them on to me at the meetings.

Karen Grove

Our Cluster Group

Do you know what our cluster group is and what it enables you to do? Our cluster group consists of seven u3as all in the local area, they are all listed in our newsletter and on our web site.

What this means is that you are able to join any of their groups as long as there is space. Again, you only have to look at their web sites to find out what groups they are running and who to contact. You do not have to join these u3Aas, but you will be asked to show your membership card or number and have your emergency contact recorded. There are already in the newsletter some long standing joint groups with Maldon u3a which in future will be called cluster groups as there are many others currently running such as table tennis and tai chi to name a few.

Well, what are you waiting for, there are so many different groups available.

Peter Harden

Maldon and District	http:// www.maldonu3a.co.uk/
Limebrook	https://limebrook-maldon.u3asite.uk/
Burnham on Crouch	https://bocu3a.org/
Dengie	https://dengie.u3asite.uk/
Crouch Valley	https://crouchvalley.u3asite.uk/
South Woodham Ferrers	https://swf.u3asite.uk/

And of course, a reminder of our own website:

Blackwater u3a <https://blackwater.u3asite.uk/>

Cluster Groups with Maldon u3a

Singing for Pleasure	Jacky Holmes	01621 854108
Tenpin Bowling	Alan Buck (Wed)	01245 227709
	David Coombes (Thurs)	01621 855358
Croquet	Geoff Macro	07462 333742
Padel Tennis	Ken Hazel	ken_hazell@icloud.com

Monthly Meeting Speaker's Corner

2nd September – Nick Wickenden from Tiptree Jams - Farm, Fruit, Factory and Family – the story of Wilkin & Sons Ltd.

7th October – From teenage years to retirement - my career in emergency nursing by Gary Jones.

4th November– A solo walk across Africa by Fran Sandham

Critically acclaimed author and public speaker Fran Sandham took on the challenge of a lifetime, by walking across Africa from Namibia's Skeleton Coast on the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean near Zanzibar – completely alone: no backup, no support team, no one to carry his gear, no sponsors, no film crew, no journalists, no fuss, no cheering crowds, and no strings attached. Above all, it had to be on a one-way ticket: no safety nets, no get-out clauses and nothing to fall back on...

Committee Members 2026/7

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September Programme

As well as the schedules on the back of this booklet, please check the Events page on the Blackwater u3a website and the Newsletter items for the latest up to date information.

Rotas for Refreshments:

SEPTEMBER	Canasta and Play Reading
OCTOBER	Rummikub and Gardening
NOVEMBER	Cards and Board Games

Welcome Team:

Jenny and her buddies will be on hand to welcome new members.

Set-up and Clear-up rotas:

SEPTEMBER	Art Appreciation and Table Tennis 2
OCTOBER	Real Ale and Shakespeare
NOVEMBER	Petanque and Theatre

When setting up the hall please start with the row furthest away from the speaker, keeping sufficient gangways as normal. When clearing up, please do not put the chairs away until requested by a committee member.

Thank you all for your co-operation, Janet Watson

Co-ordinators

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Birding	Stephy Eraut	01621 829758
Canasta	Stephy Eraut	01621 829758
Card and Board Games	Sheila Rowsell	01621 740820
CHAI, <i>Churches of Historical and Architectural Interest</i>	Jim Skelly	01621 740799
	Di Martin	01621 856347
	Geoff Pugh	01621 843297
Community Garden	Dorreen Linton	01621 853428
Country Dancing	John Rogers	01621 853841
Cribbage	Terri Hardcastle	07934 349959
Curry Club	Gerry Davis	01621 843217
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Flower Arranging	Di Martin	01621 856347
Gardening	Sandy Cowan	07734 795426
Golf	Peter Holmes	01621 854108
History and Science	Dennis Eraut	01621 829758
	Geoff Pugh	01621 843297
	Peter Holmes	01621 854108
Local Theatres	Janet Watson	07952 925164
London Theatres	vacant	
Luncheon Club 3	Sid Sutton	07711 258802
MOTO	Robyn Slade	01621 928536
Petanque	Phil Hopkins	07902 918574
Play Reading	Gill Swanson	07975 920460
Reading	Gill Swanson	07975 920460
Real Ale Group	Paul Allen	01621 856303
Rummikub Group	Pat Harding	01621 843099
Shakespeare	Dennis Eraut	01621 829758
Table Tennis 1	Peter Harden	07754 536639
	Jack Veash	07388 420968
Table Tennis 2	Kath Little	07762 312838
Tai Chi	Peter Harden	07754 536639
Walkers	John Mayes	01245 222530
Wine Tasting	Frances Butcher	01621 853352

September 2026 Programme

RED INDICATES A MORNING MEETING

BLUE INDICATES AN AFTERNOON MEETING

BLACK INDICATES UNSPECIFIED TIMING

Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
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