

Chair's News Sheet, October 2026.



Membership renewal is due in October, if you haven't already renewed could you please visit our website <http://www.bracknellu3a.org.uk> to renew your membership. We believe it is made more straightforward.

Our Website contains so much information about our activities, you will be pleasantly surprised. Please take a look. <http://www.bracknellu3a.org.uk>

The next Open Meeting will be on Thursday 8 October at 2.00pm. The talk will be "Life As A Miner At The End Of WW2" by William Collier.

IMPORTANT For this meeting we return to Bracknell Open Learning Centre. You can attend the meeting in person, or join via Zoom. Full details of zoom links will follow in my reminder.

To avoid parking congestion at The Open Learning Centre, **car sharing would be appreciated**. For those more able bodied parking in side streets close by is an option, Saffron Road is quite busy as lots of houses have widened their drive access but Dundas Close has more spaces. Further, The Green on the left and Pond Moor Road just after the shops on the left has much more parking and is the same time to walk as from behind the shops (free but limited). Rainforest Walk off Pond Moor Road also has more parking. **The Community Centre parking is private and people will get a fine**. The OLC have received complaints from residents, but hopefully not caused by u3a members.

There is also an issue with parents parking to pick up their children, so the OLC lock the gates between 2.30 - 3.30 just let reception know if you need to leave.

Don't forget Buses 108, 171 and 172 all still operating, so you could use your bus passes.

The mid-month coffee morning is 16th October at the Golden Farmer from 10 until noon.

The end of month coffee morning is 28th October at the Golden Farmer 10 until noon, but many stay on for a reasonable lunch at both these events.

We cannot emphasise enough the need for diligence when it comes to Fraudulent Online problems. These guys are evolving new and intricate methods all the time so, you may be aware even I got compromised recently. Goes to show – we can't be too careful.

I look forward to seeing and hearing from you at any time using chair@bracknellu3a.org.uk

Bob Goddard.

Chair, Bracknell Forest u3a. October 2026.