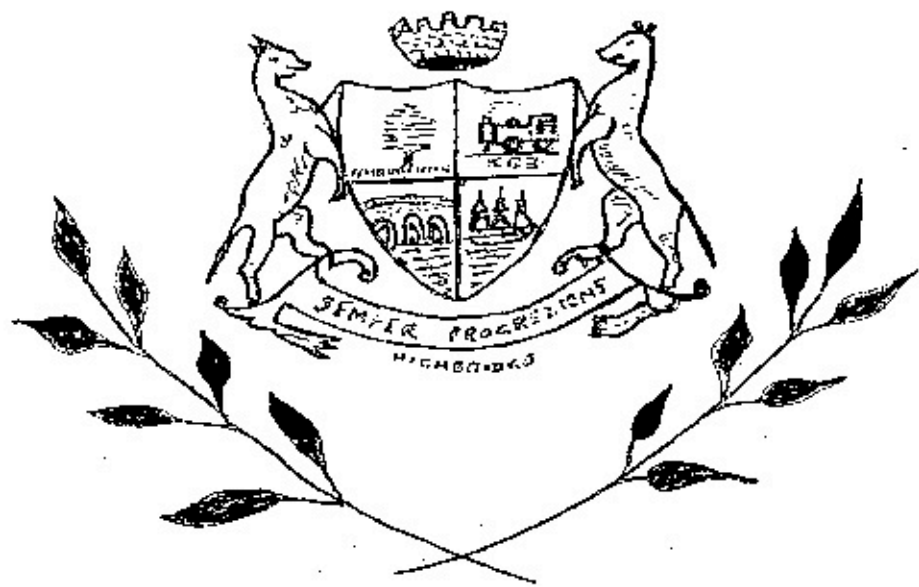


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Chairman's Message

Happy New Year to one and all!!

So now begins another year for us all, I wonder how we will spend it? Coffee Mornings at U3A of Highbridge are a very pleasant way to catch up with your friends and enjoy a lovely cup of tea or coffee.

We will be restarting our classes, hopefully all eager to start afresh on another project during the year ahead or try to complete what we had already started.

So let's go forward in 2015 and have a happy and productive new year.

Pearl

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Editorial

Later this year we will celebrate our 15th Birthday, yes, the U3A of Highbridge will be 15 years old in July.

Way back in the late 1990's it was suggested there could be a U3A in Highbridge and the idea was treated with scepticism, no, there would not be sufficient interest. However, the two people who were asked to look into the possibility arrange public meetings and set a Steering Committee and surprise, surprise found there was an interest.

From this small 'acorn' a sapling took root and, at the end of last year it was steadily growing, we now have just over 200 members; probably considered small by some, but we are quite happy and content just as we are.

By-the-way, please don't forget you were requested some time ago to come up with some ideas for a special birthday celebration. It is appreciated the event is still some way off but it will need to be organised and may take a little time and effort. So come on, put your thinking caps on and provide the Committee with a few suggestions.

Pearl has already wished everyone a Happy New Year

Editorial (continued)

2014 turned out to be a very busy and successful year, we were kept active in one way or another throughout the twelve months and I feel 2015 is not going to be very different. We will be starting off with a holiday, on Tuesday 20th January a number of members are going to Eastbourne, again staying at the Claremont Hotel.

If they are blessed with weather similar to that experienced by those who took advantage of the holiday in Weymouth at the end of September, they will certainly have a good break. On that occasion the warm clothing they took should it turn cold, stayed in their cases. The hotel was on the seafront and on many evenings they were able to sit outside the hotel without needing to wear a cardigan or sweater. The sun certainly shines on the righteous.

Houses of Parliament

On February 25th members will, hopefully, be visiting the Houses of Parliament, it will require an early start and we hope the weather and travel conditions are favourable that day. We understand the guided tour of the Palace of Westminster takes most of the morning, finishing in time to have lunch in the Jubilee Café that is in the crypt. There should then be sufficient time to take in other sites if members so wish.

Your has asked me to point out that members do not HAVE to visit Parliament; they could, if they so wish, go on the coach to London then 'do their own things'. The coach will drop off and pick up at a predetermined point and it will be up to you to be there at the time the coach is due to leave for its return to Burnham.

Membership

This, being the January/February issue of the magazine, provides me with the opportunity to remind you all that with the March/April issue there will be a Membership Application Form for 2015/6. Please do not rush to pay your subscriptions all at once, our Membership Secretary is able to only deal with a few at a time, so please be patient.

The subscription fee is still £9.00; the Capitation Fee paid to the Third Age Trust (per member) is £3.50 this leaves us £6.50 to cover the administration costs that are needed to keep us operational and solvent.

Groups (continued)

Looking back over the past year one cannot fail to note that it was a rather busy 12 months.

Apart from all our group activities there were, of course, a few events where members got together to relax and enjoy themselves, 'Away Days', Theatre trips, Holidays and Socials at the Ritz.

What better way to start a year than have a holiday, this was in February at Newquay, Cornwall, and then in March we had a very social evening at the Ritz in Burnham; then the Annual Lunch at The Beachcomber Inn, Brean.

In April there was a visit to the Bristol Blue Glass factory at Bedminster, Bristol; then Tynesfield House, the vast Victorian country house near Clevedon; plus a visit to Weston Playhouse where members saw the show "Me and My Girl".

During May a visit was made to Hampton Court Castle and Gardens in Herefordshire, this place not to be confused with the one near London; and in June members went to Bournemouth for a day.

In July there was a trip westwards to Tenby in Pembrokeshire, quite a long way.

August was a quiet month, because there are always too many tourists on the roads and suitable venues would probably be over crowded.

Outdoor activities restarted in September with a trip westward again to Tintern Abbey and Chepstow. To replace the proposed visit to the Houses of Parliament our resourceful Trip organiser Vour managed to arrange a visit to Sherborne Castle & Gardens.

Rounding off the year, in November, there was a trip to Salisbury Christmas Market plus the Wilton Outlet.

A "Sale of Work" was held on Wednesday 3rd December during the Coffee Morning. This gave our 'Productive Groups' an opportunity to sell some of the crafts they had made during the year, we held two raffles and raised £122.00, this was donated to the Community Hall's "Solar Panel Fund".

Groups (continued)

Before we go any further, there is an important announcement to be made to all who regularly attend at our Coffee Mornings:

! Sorry, there will not be a Coffee Morning on

Wednesday 11th March 2015!

After many years absence, the Highbridge Festive of Arts is attempting to return to its 'roots'; the Festival organisers did bring some of their competitions back to Highbridge last year hoping the public would accept the change, it did. Therefore the Festival will be using the hall and all the adjoining rooms on the following dates 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th 14th we wish it every success.

Restart Dates!

Would members please be aware that some groups are not restarting immediately after the festive season, the following are delaying their restart:-

Genealogy-----first meeting is Thursday 8th January.
 Card Making-----first meeting is Wednesday 21st January.
 Barn Dancing-----first meeting is Thursday 12th February.
 Floral Art-----No meetings until further notice.
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Forthcoming Events at Coffee Mornings

January 14th - - - - Film Show - - - - Hampton Court Castle & Gardens visit.

February 11th - - - Film Show - - - - Lunch Club visits during 2014

January 21st - - - - Puzzle Sale - - - - We held one of these some time ago and it proved to be popular; prices would be based on £1.00 for 500 pieces, £1.50 for 750 pieces and £2.00 for 1,000 piece puzzles. Let Fay Burston know if you have any puzzles for sale and, of course, how many. Unsold puzzles to be retained by supplier.

Annual Lunch

at

The Beachcomber Inn, Brean**Wednesday 18th March 2015****Menu****Main Course:**

- 1 Traditional Roast Topside of Devonshire Beef
- 2 Local Roasted Somerset Turkey
- 3 Vegetarian Nut Roast (blend of nuts, cous cous, etc.)

All served from their renowned carvery with a selection of freshly cooked seasonal vegetables, potatoes together with usual accompaniments.

Desserts:

- K** Apple Crumble
 - L** Chocolate Brownie
 - M** Fresh Fruit Salad
 - N** Cheese Platter, Cheddar, Brie etc. with biscuit selection
- Coffee & after dinner mints

Please see over for Prices and Booking Form

Annual Lunch**Wednesday 18th March at Beachcomber Inn, Brean****12.00 am for 12.30 pm****Booking Form:****Price:****Members: £11.00****Guests: £13.25****Name.....****Also, I wish to book a lunch for.....Guest/s****My choice from Menu is:**

Main Course	1	Dessert	K
	2		L
	3		M
			N

Please indicate your choice**Would you please complete this application form and have it with you when booking your lunch with Fay Burston: -****Fay Burston at any Coffee Morning between 4th February and 4th March.****Paid.....Date.....No.....**

A New Year Resolution? We will start the year by giving a big vote of thanks to a number of U3A of Highbridge members.

For instance:

The Group Leaders who, with their dedication and patience, ensure you have an activity to attend each week. The majority of our groups have, what you might call, a fairly regular clientele who are able to meet indoors where they are assured a comfortable session, usually including a tea break.

However, the Group Leaders of activities such as Lunches, Day trips, Holidays and Theatre trips have to depend upon a 'random' interest in order to fill their vacancies and gain reward for their efforts.

To all, thank you for doing, very well, what you do do!

Then there are the Volunteers who regularly spend Wednesday mornings ensuring you get your mug of tea or coffee; and any other goody that may be available, on that special occasion.

The Committee Members, plus all others, who help on a Wednesday morning to prepare the hall prior to 10.00 am and then to clear up after 12.00, when most of you have gone home.

Also, thank you Darryl (Webmaster) for looking after our website.

Finally, thank you one and all for your continued interest in this U3A, as Pearl has said "you do, when asked, give 100% plus", whether it is cash or effort; thank you.

Also a big 'thank you' to Ann and Ted Smith for ensuring you receive your copy of the magazine on the allotted day. Over the weekend prior to its issue they work their way through the membership list to write on each copy the appropriate name and address.

They say 'it doesn't take long', but it obviously takes precedence over jobs they could be doing for themselves; thanks Ann and Ted!

I feel it is about time we thanked all our colleagues for helping us maintain the successes, we in the U3A of Highbridge, have achieved.

We aim, at all times, to live up to the principles of the U3A by: -

"Learning, Laughing and Living"

Group Activities

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel.
<u>Monday</u>					
1 st	10.00 to 12.00	Card Making	S.H.	Rose Bateman	795906
1 st & 3 rd	02.00 to 03.30	Kurling	C.H.	Stan Vousden-White Sybil Tilley	781567 787054
3 rd	10.00 to 12.00	Beading	P.J.L.	Rose Bateman	795906
2 nd & 4 th	10.00 to 11.30	Calligraphy	S.H.	Ken Burston	782529
Last	02.00 to 03.30	Creative Writing	P.H.	Linda Knight-Rees	783081

Tuesday

1 st & 3 rd	02.00 to 04.00	Mosaics	P.H.	Alison Joyce	784635
4 th	10.30 to 12.00	Floral Art	S.H.	Jean Williams	785240
Every	02.00 to 04.00	Art-I	S.H.	Maureen McLaren	773804
Every	02.15 to 05.00	Board Games	G.H.	Betty Worthy	795823
Every	10.00 to 12.00 02.00 to 04.00	Patchwork /Quilting	P.H.	Ann Lismore	787607

Wednesday

1 st & 3 rd	02.00 to 04.00	Music Appreciation	P.H.	Sylvia Shepherd	780377
3 rd	02.00 to 04.00	Card Making	S.H.	Rose Bateman	795906
2 nd	10.00 to 12.00	Photography	C.H.	Kevin Gainford	789374
4 th	10.00 to 12.00	Happy Snappers	C.H.	Kevin Gainford	789374

EVERY WEDNESDAY 10.00 to 12.00 COFFEE MORNING Community Hall

Group Activities

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel.
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Thursday

1 st	10.00 to 11.00	Genealogy	C.H.	Roger Ouston	795007
2 nd , 4 th & 5 th	02.00 to 04.00	Barn Dancing	M.C.H.	David Napper	792371
Every	01.30 to 04.00	Art 2	S.H.	Jean Berry	785840

Friday

1 st & 3 rd	11.30 to 01.00	Skittles	C.L.	Phillip Buoy Betty Worlby	783647 795823
2 nd & 4 th	10.00 to ? ? ?	Strollers		Self-regulating	792529
5 th	10.00 to ? ? ?	Somerset Villages		Bernard Martin	787230

Occasional

Thursdays	"Away Days"	Your Orchard Carole Loveridge			788984 780060
Thursdays	Luncheons	Pat Clipstone			788128
Saturdays	Theatre	Diane Barnard Brenda Clapp			781009 787963
Holidays		Diane Barnard Brenda Clapp Gloria Brown			781009 787963 785359

Legends

S.H.....Southwell House	C.H.....Community Hall
P.H.....Private Home	G.H.....Gospel Hall
M.C.H.....Methodist Church Hall	C.L.....Crossways Inn

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Crossword

Herewith the answers to Crossword No 2

Across: - 1. Forever 5. Dhow 7. Mud 8. Lewisham
 9. Nears 10. Real 13. Rain 14. Need
 18. Deal 19. Ridge 21. Airfield 22. Eat
 23. Scan 24. Slender

Down: - 1. Feminine 2. Radiate 3. Valise 4. Reward
 5. Disbar 6. Oval 11. Land's end 12. Ancestors
 15. Deafen 16. Elvers 17. Cradle 20. Zinc

The member who compiles the crosswords for us, obviously enjoys doing it, (number 3 is on Page 15) and has offered to submit more for inclusion in the magazine. He, and I, would like to know what your feelings are; do you wish him to continue?

The Christmas Hamper Draw



Results:-

Hamper-----Barbara Renshaw	Box-----Wendy Hughes
Basket (1)-----Brenda Clapp	Basket (2)-----Maisie Hand
Basket (3)-----Sheila Carpenter	Wine & Biscuits---Sylvia Geary
Valerie Cox-----Biscuits	

We wish to give a very big "Thank You" to all the members that donated the items that went to make up the Hamper plus 3-Baskets and Boxes. Never in our wildest dreams did we realise just how many items we would receive, they kept coming in and, as a result, we found it necessary to obtain three extra containers (baskets) to hold everything. But still items were handed over, biscuits, chocolate, drinks, it was never ending; finally we had to make up a medium sized box plus separate packages. £146.00 was raised from the raffle; it is to be donated to the Community Hall "Solar Panel Fund"

Thank you all again, you are certainly generous members!

Christmas Celebrations

As is usual at this time of the year groups hold their 'End of year' parties, some held them where they hold their group activities.

The Skittle Group held their party at the Crossways Inn, during a meeting at the end of November; they also held the award ceremony. During the year a record is kept of all the scores and the member with the highest accumulative total this time was Billy Conibeer.

Trophies were also awarded for 'highest score that day', lady's highest score, etc. followed by a buffet lunch. Prior to Christmas their Group Leader, Philip Rooy urgently needed to spend some time in hospital, we trust all is now well Philip and will continue to be so.

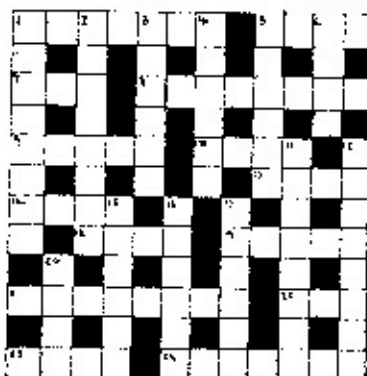
The Luncheon Group, led by Pat Clipstone, returned to the Huatspill Arms for their 2014 function having had a good time there last year. Unfortunately the inns management had recently changed and, as a result, their lunch was not quite up to last year's standard. However, as is usually the case, everyone enjoyed themselves during this annual get-together, they now look forward to trying out a few different local 'eateries' during 2015.

The Strollers again visited the Sharpham Tea Rooms for their Christmas Lunch; they have been to this cosy little Café near Street on a number of occasions and always enjoy their excellent Christmas Fare. It may appear to be a long way to go for a Xmas Lunch but it is always well worth the journey.

On Wednesday 17th December the Card Making Group closed their season with a party at Southwell House following the last meeting for 2014, the members supplied all the food and it was quite a grand spread.

The following day, Thursday 18th December, again at Southwell House, the Art-2 Class, had an end of year relaxed afternoon, it was not a 'party' as such, just a few nibbles, mince pies, etc. the usual seasonal fare. Because the majority needed to drive home after, their drinks were purely of the beverage type.

Crossword III

Across

1. Devon gorge (7)
5. Repeated sound (4)
7. Large mythical bird (3)
8. An exercise to increase Oxygen (8)
9. Animal type (5)
10. Distinctive atmosphere generated by someone (4)
13. Part of a leg (4)
14. Locomotive repair building (4)
18. Hurry (4)
19. Type of anaesthetic (5)
21. Wading birds (8)
- 22 & 24 Commonwealth Country (3 & 7)
23. Herd (4)

Down

1. Member of a song writing team (8)
2. Tenth month of Roman calendar (8)
3. A source of wisdom (6)
4. Relating to the back of a body (6)
5. Get on board (6)
6. Cut something using repeated blows (4)
11. Snake type (8)
12. Shouted (8)
15. Part of cleaning process (6)
16. A type of red wine (6)
17. A USA state (6)
20. A long walk (4)

The Third Age Trust

Although July and August (2015) are still some way off I have received, from the Trust, publicity relating to their 2015 U3A Summer Schools.

They will again be held at:-

Harper Adams University, Newport, Shropshire

From Monday 13th to Thursday 16th July

Subjects are:-

Art History, Creative Writing, France, Film History, Philosophy/Literature, Practical Theatre Projects, Recorder Ensemble, Shakespeare and the Supernatural and "What is this thing called Mathematics?"

And at:-

Roval; Agricultural University, Cirencester

From Monday 17th to Thursday 20th August

Drama, Garden Design, Golden Age of Rome, La Belle Italia, Music, Scandinavian Noir, Science, Singing for Pleasure and Writing.

The Trust, supported by The Educational Foundation for Lifelong Learning, organises these schools for the benefit of all members, they comprise 5 hours of seminars on both the Tuesday and Wednesday, and 3 hours on the final morning.

Costs:-

Full board residential delegate in en-suite accommodation- £285.00 per person

Non-residential day delegate, including lunches, excluding dinners- £107.00 pp.

Should you wish to learn more about any of the above please let me know, I have the relevant details. (Secretary)

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October No 14 Carol Loveridge No 14 Billy Couibeer
 November No 17 John Preddy No 17 Betty Lambert

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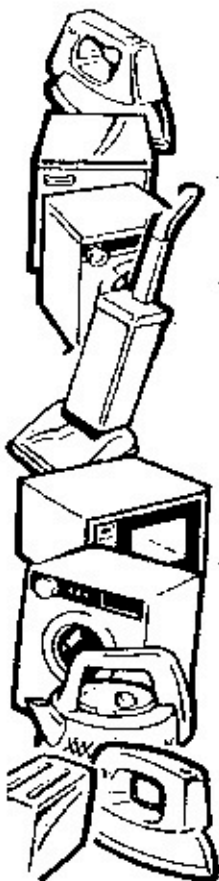
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Social Activities---2015

“Away Day”

Houses of Parliament

Date: Wednesday 25th February 2015

Price: £18.00

Berrow: -	Triangle.	06.30 am
Burnham: -	Morrisons, Pier St.	06.40 am
Highbridge: -	Alpha House, Market St.	06.50 am

Times of Pick-ups for an “Away Day” trip will be advised when you make a booking and are always given on the ‘Payment Receipt’, if in doubt **PLEASE** check with Your or Carole well before the trip.

N. B. Please see Page 6 regarding this trip, you may prefer to utilise this trip to visit a museum, exhibition, etc. instead of the Houses of Parliament, check with Your re the arrangements.

Holiday

Eastbourne

Date: Tuesday 20th January until Saturday 24th January

(Fully Booked-----Reserve List)

Cheques to cover payments for all “Away Days”, Theatre trips and Holidays must be made payable to “USA of Highbridge Social Account”

Please also add your name, address and phone number on the reverse of the cheque, this: -

- helps to identify you on the passenger list, and
- If a trip is cancelled you can be notified quickly.