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Coffee Mornings are held every Wednesday at The Highbridge Community Hall from 10.00 am to 12.00 am. You are very welcome to join us.

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Chairman's Message

At last spring is on the way! It is lovely to see the daffodils pushing through, lifting their heads to the sun and the crocus and snow drops bringing a bit of colour for us to enjoy.

This month we will all be going to the Beachcomber Inn for the Annual Lunch, always a good chance to catch up socially with our members for a good get together and a very good meal!

The Slide Show of events and activities that Kevin has prepared for members to see is of great interest and very enjoyable, our thanks go to him and the group members. To make it more accessible to members there will be some changes in the arrangement of the tables, nothing drastic, just to make it easier for members to see the show.

Our Coffee Mornings are the great social event of the week when we can all catch up with each other, but unfortunately we do have to call on members to make the coffee. We do have a good group of members who always volunteer; if we could get a few more volunteers to share these duties it would be much appreciated.

Is there something we are not covering in our Group Activities? If there is we will always look into the possibility of organising a new group. Let me know and we can investigate the possibilities.

Pearl

Editorial

Over the next few months there are a number of events, functions, and activities and, of course, plus their respective dates that need to be brought to your attention. Each is covered in more detail later in the magazine. I know my memory is not as good as it used to be, so, in an effort to ensure you have all the relevant details, I have listed them separately and trust that this helps; if in doubt---ASK :-

1) On Wednesday 11th March there will **NOT** be a Coffee Morning!

Reason, Highbridge Festival of the Arts will be using the hall all that week. See you bright eyed and bushy tailed on the 18th !

Activities & General Information:-

- 2) The proposed visit to the Houses of Parliament on Wednesday 25th February has been cancelled,

Reason and alternative arrangements are given on Page 5.

- 3) Membership : - Existing memberships expire at the end of March you will find a Renewal/Application Form on Page 9. Please also see later note.

- 4) Annual Lunch : - At the Beachcomber Inn, Brean Wednesday 18th March at 12.00 am for 12.30 pm

Fay Burston is taking bookings, please see Page 5.

- 5) Theatre Visit : - Sister Act" at Tacchi Morris Theatre, Taunton Saturday 25th April.

Please see Page 6 for more information.

- 6) Social at the Ritz :- Saturday 11th April more details later. Tell Pat if interested.

- 7) "Away Days" : - A list of proposed trips for 2015 is on Page 14

- 8) Holiday : - Our next holiday is to Torquay and is from Sunday 20th to Thursday 24th September. See Page 6 for additional details.

Phew! I think I have covered everything, the Group Leaders & Organisers of the relevant activities have approved the foregoing, but as I said earlier, if in doubt ASK!

It is obvious that March and April are going to be full of activities, we will be kept fully occupied throughout the year.

Suggestions re our 15th Birthday Celebrations in July..... Any ideas?

Activities & General Information (Continued)

Visit to Houses of Parliament

There must be a jinx on this trip. Firstly they could not rustle up enough guides to escort our party around the Palaces of Westminster; resulting in a new date being negotiated last year. *(Not suitable for us—it clashed with another event)* This messing about caused some members to have a re-think and they have lost interest.

Vour did manage to get another new date (25th February) but had experienced some difficulty in getting 'bums on seats'.

However, (it is pantomime time after all) a 'fairy godmother' appeared in the shape of the Moose International. Their original visit (around the same time as ours) was also called off due to problems.

Moose International have rescheduled their trip and, having a new date, are also experiencing problems getting 'bums' on seats.

The outcome is: Vour has cancelled our visit and thrown in our lot with the Moose Trip, details are:-

Visit to Houses of Parliament—Tuesday 25th March cost £13.00
There are a few seats left, please contact Pat Carter 788807

Membership

Officially all memberships expire at the end of March; there is a Membership Application Form for 2015/6 on Page 9. Please do not rush to pay your subscriptions on the same days because 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 leaving £6.50 to cover the administration costs that are needed to keep us operational and solvent.

Annual Lunch

This very popular function is again to be held at The Beachcomber Inn, Brean and is on Wednesday 18th March; unfortunately we do not have a Coffee Morning the previous week, this reduces your opportunities to book your place/lunch. Don't get caught out, book now!

Let Fay Burston have your Booking Form on WEDNESDAY 4th MARCH at the latest so that she is able to ensure you get a lunch and, most important, tell The Beachcomber how many we need.

Activities & General Information—(Continued)

Theatre Visit

We are to visit a different theatre for our next outing; the show scheduled for Weston Playhouse is, apparently, not a well-known production, so Di and Brenda have suggested a change of venue.

The Tacchi Morris Theatre at Monkton Heathfield, Taunton the show is:-

“Sister Act”

It is probably based on the Whoopi Goldberg comedy film and, should be, very entertaining. We are looking forward to seeing all those singing ‘nuns’ and who plays Sister Mary Clarence.

The date is Saturday 25th April 2015---Cost £19.00 includes usual coach seat and drivers ‘gratuity.

Coach pick-up---Highbridge @ 1.15 pm

Social @ the Ritz

This popular get-together will be on Saturday 11th April.

Pat Clipstone will be selling tickets very soon.

“Away Days”

The first “Away Day” for 2015 is on Thursday 23rd April and is to:-

‘Oakham Treasures’ at Portbury and Clevedon. Cost £11.00

Vour’s complete list of “away Days” is in Page 14

Holiday

Torquay is where our next holiday will be, it is from Sunday September 20th to Wednesday 24th September. Rooms are being booked now, so don’t delay.

Daish’s ‘Devonshire Hotel’ sits on top of a hill overlooking Torquay, there is a bus stop right outside the hotel so, if you have been down into the town, returning up the hill will not be a problem. (*We have stayed there a number of times and can recommend*).

The Eastbourne Holiday

Going on holiday at the start of a New Year is fast becoming a habit with members; 48 returned at the end of January from a short break in Eastbourne.

Our Holiday Group Team of Dianne, Brenda and Gloria did another good job, the third 'Start the Year' holiday was a great success and we thank them for all their efforts. Well done!

Diane has asked me to advise all the holiday makers that the question of 'Holiday Insurance' has been raised; should you take out cover or, not bother, which is what the majority do.

Diane has looked into the matter and passed to me the following, please take a look at it, give it some thought and then contact Diane if you feel you should do something about it.

"It has been brought to our attention that it would be very beneficial to have Holiday Insurance in the future. We have always thought it unnecessary for our low cost UK holidays but, from information received, if you are ill or injured whilst away and need a long stay in hospital the insurance would not cover for the provision of a Private Ambulance to repatriate you to the nearest hospital to your home.

Do not think the NHS will arrange this—they will not and it could cost 'an arm and a leg' to get you back home.

In tragic circumstances, e.g. death whilst away, it would probably cost thousands of pounds to provide a special ambulance to return you to your local funeral parlour.

Diane has been advised that the Holiday Insurance would cost about £10.00, which is not a lot to ensure peace of mind.

If you are already covered you will not need it; we certainly hope you won't.

Taking out insurance obviously remains an option, think about it!

"Away Days" for 2015

The proposed trips for this year are as follows: -

25th April- - - Oakham Treasurer's, Portbury.....£11.00

Oakham Treasurer's see Page 14 for a brief description of attractions.

21st May- - - - Beer Caves & Seaton.....£13.50

Beer Caves are between Lyme Regis and Sidmouth, again see Page 14.

25th June- - - National Botanical Gardens, Wales.....£20.00

The National Botanical Gardens of Wales cover 568 acres of the Carmarthenshire countryside and contain in the Great Glasshouse, a vast variety of plants, this being the central feature.

14th July (Tuesday) ----Moreton-in -Marsh & Bourton on the
Water.....£7.50

September—Winchester: (Dated to be confirmed).....£11.50

29th October - -Ford Abbey, Chard.....£15.50

Ford Abbey is just over the county border in Dorset.

26th November- -Bath & Christmas Markets.....£6.50

It is proposed to give a brief description of what the venue has to offer in the preceding issue of the magazine.

It will not provide a lot of detail but may help you decide whether to go or not, a good 'guide to tourists' can be found on the internet if you care to look.

University of the Third Age
The U3A of Highbridge

The membership of a U3A, which is self-help educational and social organisation, is open to all in their third age, which is not defined by a particular age but by a period in life in which full time employment has ceased

Membership Application/Renewal

I wish to enrol as a member of the U3A of Highbridge

The Annual Membership Fee of £ 9.00 and is from 1st April until the end of March the following year, it includes a Capitation Fee to our national organisation, *The Third Age Trust*.

Title & Full Name.....

Address.....

Postcode.....Telephone No.....

New Member.....Renewal.....Are you a fully paid up member of another U3A

Terms and Conditions of Membership

All Members must:

1. Abide by the Aims and Guiding Principles of the U3A movement.
2. Always act in the best interests of the U3A and never do anything to bring the U3A into disrepute.
3. Abide by the terms and conditions of the constitution.
4. Treat fellow members with respect and courtesy at all times.
5. Comply with and support the decisions of the elected committee.
6. Advise the committee of any change in your personal details.

I will comply with the terms and conditions of membership set out above

Signature of Applicant.....Date.....

Please return the completed form with your subscription of £9.00 to the Membership Secretary--- Cheques to be made payable to U3A of Highbridge

PRIVACY STATEMENT. Your personal details will be held on a secure database and will be used solely for purposes of administration and the communication of U3A matters. They will not be supplied to an outside agency or party unless you have paid to receive the 'Third Age Matters' directly mailed.

The Club produces 6 bi-monthly magazines per year free of charge; these may be collected at the weekly Coffee Morning held every Wednesday (10.00 am to 12.00 am) at Highbridge Community Hall.

NB If a member is not able to collect the bi-monthly magazine or have it collected for them and wishes the magazine to be posted to them an extra charge of £3.00 is required to cover postage.

Group Activities

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel.
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Monday

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.H.	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-1	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
4 th	10.00 to 12.00	Photography	C.H.	Kevin Gainford	789374

EVERY WEDNESDAY 10.00 to 12.00 COFFEE MORNING Community Hall

Group Activities

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Thursday

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.I.	Phillip Buoy Betty Worthy	783647 795823
2 nd & 4 th	10.00 to ? ? ?	Strollers		Self- regulating	792529
5 th	10.00 to ? ? ?	Somerset Villages		Bernard Martin	787230

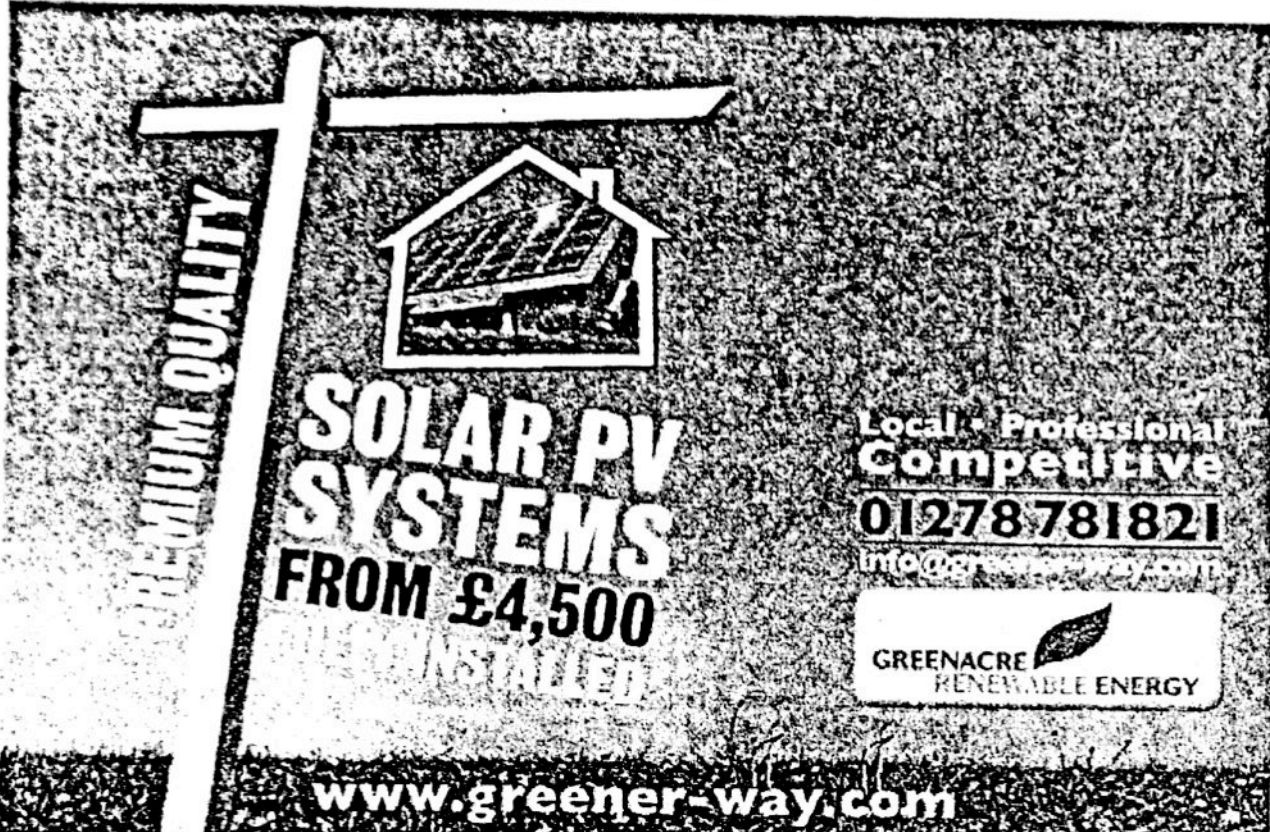
Occasional

Thursdays	“Away Days”	Vour 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.I.....Crossways Inn

Should you wish to join a Group please first contact its Leader.



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Crossword

Herewith the answers to Crossword No 3

Across: - 1. Lydford 5. Echo 7. Roc 8. Aerobics
9. Camel 10. Aura 13. Knee 14. Shed
18. Hurry 19. Local 21. Bitterns 22. New
23. Herd 24. Zealand

Down: - 1. Lyricist 2. December 3. Oracle 4. Dorsal
5. Embark 6. Hack 11. Anaconda 12. Bellowed
15. Dusted 16. Shiraz 17. Alaska 20. Hike

Well? What are your feeling/thoughts about the Crosswords, do you wish them to continue?

Photography Group

Group news—2015

The Photography Group is now in its third year, we have learnt a lot and had loads of fun in the process; however, we consider it is time and now necessary to make a few adjustments to the group's diary and activities.

With the Happy Snappers Group coming to a close, a project that has been both enjoyable and that has provided several of you confidence; the main group over the last few months has been looking at a way to move forward.

We have had several meetings and considered a number of options. Whilst wishing to continue our fortnightly slide shows, which from the feedback we have received, is going down well; we need to branch out into a new phase to gain more experience. To improve our work and provide new topics for the slide shows, all this within our current committed time scale, some of us have other commitments to consider.

We have decided to move the shows from the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays to the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays; this will take effect from April, the programmes will be published shortly. The Group meetings will be moved from the 2nd Wednesday to the 4th, this will allow the group to use the equipment to view, assess and criticise the work they did earlier in the month. Whenever possible the group will take field trips to various locations in order to photograph the environment, this is at present in hand. It is hoped this new format will provide improved and more interesting shows; it will also improve our skills and knowledge, and enjoyment.

If a member has suggestions for future slide shows or would like us to repeat those already shown, please do not hesitate to let a member of the group know; we will try to oblige.

The group is always looking for new members; we are small, friendly and are always ready to welcome anyone interested in photography and our activities. Remember, until April 2015 we will still be meeting on the 2nd Wednesday, from April we will be moving to the 4th Wednesday.

We look forward to seeing soon.

Group Leader Kevin Gainford

"AWAY DAYS"---2015"

A brief insight into what you can expect to see at the following attractions: -

25th April- - - Oakham Treasurer's, Portbury.....£11.00

Oakham Treasurer's is just off the M5 near Junction 19. It comprises a demonstration of man's passion for collecting things, items that were once quite commonplace. Attractions include 'old' Grocer, Sweet, Hardware, Haberdashery and Chemist Shops, plus an Off-licence & Tobacconists; and a lot of Farm Machinery.

They have a large café that should more than suit your gastronomic requirements.

21st May- - - - Beer Caves & Seaton.....£13.50

Beer Caves are between Lyme Regis and Sidmouth.

This complex of vast man-made underground caverns was created through centuries of quarrying the famous 'Beer Stone'. It was used to build many of our cathedrals, e.g. Exeter, St. Pauls, parts of Westminster Abbey, etc.

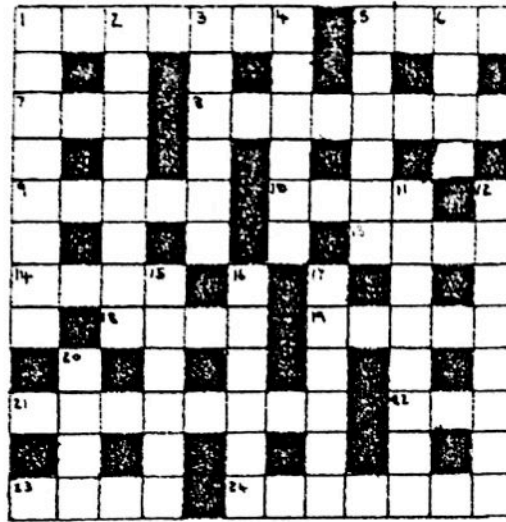
Seaton is a town just along the coast from Beer, and is known as the gateway to the Jurassic Coast. There is also a Heritage Tramways that operates between Seaton and Colyton passing through nature reserves in the valley of the River Axe.

Coffee Morning Film Shows: -

April 1 st	Highlights of Baltic, Inc., Russia (By Kevin Gainford)
.. 15 th	Westonbirt
May 6 th	Classic Car Show Shepton Mallet (One for the boys)
.. 20 th	Safari to Botswana (Presented by Sue Bloska)
June 3 rd	Slimbridge

Popcorn not provided!

Crossword IV

Across

1. One who journeys to a sacred place (7)
5. Humans collectively (4)
7. Boys name (3)
8. 'swap rods' (anag) (8)
9. Buy & sell (5)
10. Monetary unit (4)
13. Action to lose weight (4)
14. Bare, exposed (4)
18. Type of window (4)
19. Tempter of mankind (5)
21. Diabolically cruel (8)
22. Time (3)
23. Walk heavily (4)
24. 'apt lend' (anag) (7)

Down

1. Immaculate, almost new. (8)
2. They were normally worn around the neck (8)
3. A type of sword (6)
4. A term of address for a man (6)
5. Incentive (6)
6. The central part (4)
11. 'met in ton (anag) (8)
12. Level of quality or excellence (8)
15. Made money by working (8)
16. Small ocean crustacean (6)
17. Respiratory disorder (6)
20. Leaves from an aromatic herb (4)

More Important Information.

There will NOT be a Card Making Class on Wednesday 18th March---Because many of its members will be attending the Annual Lunch...Sorry!

Genealogy Group

The members of this group have just about exhausted the amount of information that is available for their respective families; it is felt therefore that now is the time to wind-up the group. Their last meeting was on Thursday 5th February but should there be a member who wishes to research their family history and needs help, please contact Roger at a Coffee Morning, he will be willing to advise you.

Correspondence

Dear Ken, I should like, through the courtesy of the U3A magazine, to thank both Di Barnard and Brenda Clapp for all their hard work in organising yet another holiday for U3A members. The three holidays Phil and I have been on have been most enjoyable and both Di and Brenda do everything possible to make sure each one of us knows what is going on in and around the hotel and also outside excursions. They also do their best to sort out any problems that members may have.

Many thanks to them both.

Thanks must also go to Vour and Carole for organising the "Away Day" trips which are also very enjoyable.

Both of these ventures take a lot of time and effort on their part, long may they all continue with their good work!

With thanks and best wishes for the future. Yours sincerely Pam Lyes

Cream Teas?

We regret there will NOT be any Cream Teas at Wick Farm this year. The lady who has catered for us over the past 5/6 years regrets she will not be able to provide the excellent teas this summer due to family commitments.

So, if you know of a place that would be able to cater for us this year, please let Fay Burston know as soon as possible?

Monthly Draw

December	No 49	Denise Goody	No 49	Margaret Wall
January	No 17	Pearl Price	No 17	Mary Crowe

Each received £20.00

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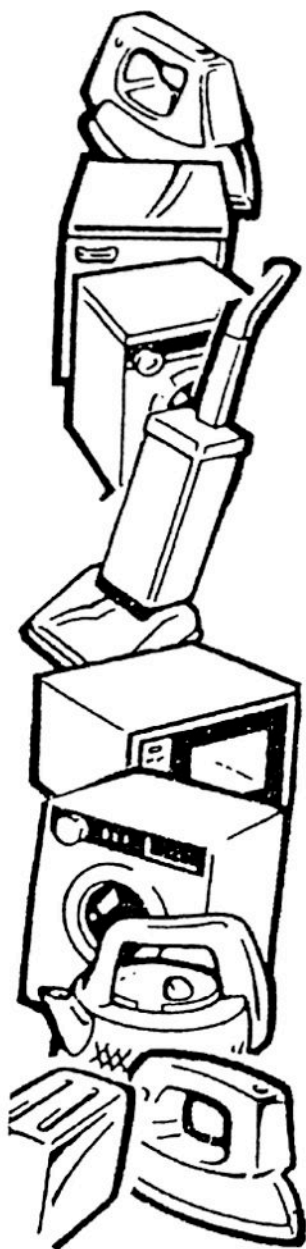
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Social Activities--2015

"Away Days"

Oakham Treasures & Clevedon

Date: Thursday 23rd April

Price: £11.00

Berrow: -	Triangle.	10.30 am
Burnham: -	Morrisons, Pier St.	10.40 am
Highbridge: -	Alpha House, Market St.	10.50 am

Beer Caves & Seaton

Date: Thursday 21st May

Price: £13.50

Berrow: -	Triangle.	9.00 am
Burnham: -	Morrisons, Pier St.	9.10 am
Highbridge: -	Alpha House, Market St.	9.20 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 Vour or Carole well before the trip.

Holiday

Torquay

Date: Sunday 20th September until Thursday 24th September

5 Days/4Nights at £170.00 per person

Cheques to cover payments for all "Away Days", Theatre trips and Holidays must be made payable to "U3A of Highbridge Social Account"

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

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