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Magazine Introduction

Welcome to the new look September/October 2015 edition of the U3A of Highbridge Magazine.

Darryl & Linda Knight-Rees are the new editors of the Magazine having taken over from Ken & Fay Burston. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ken & Fay for all the hard work they have put into editing the Magazines until now.

Darryl will also be printing the Magazines himself with the added benefit of colour and additional pages for no additional cost to the members. The additional pages also enable us to increase the font size slightly to make the text clearer.

We hope you enjoy the new look magazines. Any feedback and suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Please email your comments to darryl@knight-rees.com, or ring 01278 783081.

Also, please keep your trip write-ups and other contributions for the Magazine coming. We would particularly like to receive submissions from Group Leaders relating to their Group's activities that they feel would be of general interest to the members.

We would also like to feature a different group in each edition of the magazine with the aim of making members aware of what the groups do. We kick things off this edition with a feature on the Mosaics Group by Ros Thomson. If anyone would like to do something similar for a group that you are involved in (it doesn't have to be the Group Leader), please let us know.

Deadlines for submissions to future Magazines will be on the 20th of the preceding month. Next deadline therefore is 20th October.

Chairman's Message or Pearl's Piece

We set off bright and early for an outing to Moreton in the Marsh and Bourton on the Water, the weather at that point had not yet decided what kind of day we would have! It was grey and overcast and showed signs of rain. But the U3A of Highbridge would not let that dampen our spirits. We looked over the market at Moreton, there was plenty of bargains to be had.



We then had lunch some preferring to bring their own and others visiting the local venues to partake in what was on offer. Then back on the coach, by now the weather had brightened up and so we had a nice afternoon in Bourton, and some of us completed the day with a lovely cream tea!

It is of course all down to the planning and organisation of Vour and Carol who make the outings so pleasurable, and we thank them very much for doing so.

The next day was our 15th year Birthday and great celebrations had been planned and we had all been advised by Ken to make it a successful day! And it was a great success (more from Ken in his editorial).

The next big event is of course the Macmillan Coffee Morning. This will be held on the Wednesday 30th September. We will of course have our usual stalls i.e. Cake, Tombola, Guess the weight of the cake etc., and I thank you in anticipation for the generous donations that you all contribution to make a really successful day.

The Macmillan organisation are very grateful to us for the funds raised to help them continue with the incredible service they provide.

Just a little notice that a Sale of Work will be held again towards the end of November. Thank you all once again for your help and generosity.

Pearl

From the Secretary

Well, to start with, the last issue of the magazine was probably my last editorial. Darryl and Linda Knight-Rees have taken over the production/printing etc. of the magazine; so strictly speaking they are now the new Editors. So for the rest of my term as Secretary I will be attempting to keep you up-to-date with the important bits of information that concern our activities.

Over the past few months I had constantly raised the question of our 15th Birthday, what were we going to do to celebrate it?

Well, now it's over, so what did you think of our BIG DAY?



Went off very well I think, we 'fed and watered' over 110 members and Guests, and managed to get them all seated in the Hall, (*we were a bit worried at times*). Your dedicated Committee, ably assisted by volunteers, started beavering away at 9.00am that morning preparing the Ploughman's Lunches etc. Both the kitchen and hall were hives of activity; we're not used to catering for so many members at one time.

The Guests of Honour—Deputy Mayor Councillor Bill Hancock and Vi Chick, (who is one of the two remaining founder members), were welcomed and entertained by our Chairman, Pearl Price.

Soon after 10.00 am the Burnham U3A Concert Party began the Birthday Celebrations with their programme of songs, comedy and monologues. There then followed a sing-a-long led by the Burnham U3A Ukulele Band, the ukulele is the ideal instrument for this because the 'old' songs have words that you remember and can you therefore join in.



By lunch time some members were beginning to look forward to their Ploughman's Lunch, the others, who had decided not stay for lunch, left reluctantly.

The 'Birthday' Coffee Morning Celebration had been enjoyed by all, the Concert Party and Ukulele Group had provided us with a very



relaxing morning of entertainment. We do obviously thank the Burnham U3A members for coming along to help us celebrate this 'Special Anniversary'.

Don't expect Coffee Mornings like that every week!

On your behalf I have thanked the Deputy Mayor, Vi Chick and our friends from Burnham U3A for affording us the pleasure of their company. Also we must give a big vote of thanks to Vour Orchard and her 'team', comprising Barbara, Betty, Brenda, Jean, Mary and Sally, for ensuring we were well fed; and to Fay and Bernard who made sure you got your lunch tickets.

Thank you everyone for making our 15th Birthday Party a success, we said we wanted as many members as possible to attend, you didn't disappoint us.

Club News

Holiday Group

In the July/August issue you were advised that the January 2016 holiday to Bournemouth was fully booked, it had been announced and sold out during the Coffee Morning. Regrettably the members who were not around when it was announced missed the opportunity of booking a room.

Our holidays are, admittedly, very popular and rooms are invariably quickly booked; obviously the members who attend the Coffee Mornings are able to take full advantage and get 'in first'. Therefore in future we intend to provide a more 'level playing field' as they say; details of a holiday will be announced, e.g. where, when

and how much, but the pre-booking of rooms will only be permitted AFTER a specified date.

This, we hope will give all members an equal opportunity to make a reservation before all the rooms are booked.

The NEXT holiday has been arranged, it is on the Isle of Wight in June 2016.

Date: Monday 6th to Friday 10th---Cost £210.00 with £10.00 single supplement.

Pre-booking of rooms; at the Coffee Morning on Wednesday 7th October

Reserving seats

The Group Leaders of Activities that require members to book their seats, (trips and lunches) have asked me to point out that just because you may have attended the previous event; you cannot assume you are automatically booked for the next trip/lunch. Both Vour and Pat have found that some members tend to expect their names to be entered regardless, they are then surprised when their names do not appear on the list of participants.

You must CHECK that your name is down on Vour or Pat's lists, they are not clairvoyant. We are very, *nay*, exceedingly grateful, that trips and lunches are so popular and are, invariably, fully booked, but please spare a little thought for the organisers; they are doing us a great service!.

Trip Write-Ups

Botanical Gardens of Wales

Waking at dawn, the sky looked grey and a little threatening, then on hearing, '*Flowers in the Rain*' on the radio, it seemed a bad omen for our trip today to the Botanical Gardens of Wales.

But off we went heading for a location just north of Swansea. The weather improved with each passing mile and the sun finally came out to greet us as we arrived at our destination.

The grounds there are extensive; some of the highlights included the largest single-span glasshouse in the world, a tropical greenhouse, and a walled garden along with a Japanese garden which I understand, some years ago was designed and displayed at the Chelsea Flower Show before ending up here.

There were of course many other garden areas showing a vast array of plants and flowers, some that I, as a complete novice in this field, had never seen, let alone heard of before. But I suppose that is one of the reasons for visiting these types of gardens, to learn a little more. Sadly I somehow missed my own all time favourite flower, the Agapanthus, (from the Greek *agape* - love + *anthos* - flower) seeI was right! you do learn more. But hey! never mind; I'll get to grow some of my own one day!

There was some sort of 'entertainment' going on when we first arrived, an outside stage with a DJ and rather loud music emanating from speakers which could be heard wherever you happened to be within the grounds. This I think was for the benefit of school children who had arrived like us by the coach load. Thankfully they, along with the entertainment, disappeared soon after we arrived,

with serenity taking over.

After a while of looking around I came across a sign which read 'Welsh Country Walk' According to the map that we were all presented with upon our arrival, it seemed to be a short walk at the perimeter of the gardens. I still had half an hour to spare before meeting up with the '*girls*' for lunch, so off I went to investigate.

At the end of the lane leading to the walk, a path led me into a field which was completely covered in wild flowers. It was a mass of colour; not a weed, nettle or thistle in sight, just a carpet of so many vibrant colours. Thoughtfully, the establishment had seen fit to create a grass path through the field which looked and felt more like a lawn. On the opposite side of the field the path ventured into a wood which then followed a small river which passed under bridges, babbled over rocks and with a large waterfall at its source. It was cooler here as the trees offered a welcomed canopy from the midday sun.

The path eventually exited into a field. I looked at my watch and realised it had taken me an hour to get this far. I could see the glasshouse in the distance which told me that I was still *another* half an hour away from my lunch date! So I headed back.

The only sound that I had heard so far during my walk was that of the birds in the wood, and for the first time since setting out, I now saw another human being. In the distance a lone figure was approaching me in the opposite direction, this turned out to be our Billy, out looking for that prize photograph no doubt!

Returning finally to the restaurant meeting place, I caught up with everyone, who by then, had had their lunch after realizing they could wait no longer for me and who were now moving on. It was

now very hot, but a bottle of water and a sandwich soon put new life into me!

The remainder of the afternoon was spent walking around the gardens admiring all the flowers and plants. A visit to the 'ice-house' located high above the garden and which displayed a placard describing how the servants of the manor house many years ago, (which at one time, stood on the site of the glasshouse) used to walk up the hill to collect buckets of ice which had been imported from Scandinavia and stored well below ground level, long before Zanussi had anything better to offer.

An extra treat lay in store for us on our journey back. Due to a motorway closure, our driver found an alternative route via Monmouth. We drove parallel to the river all the way down the Wye Valley into Chepstow, arriving home a couple of hours later than was scheduled, but the views were well worth the diversion!

This had been a great day out, made all the more enjoyable by the glorious weather which enabled us all to wander around at leisure admiring all that these gardens had to offer.

'Thanks' to those who not only suggested this venue, but who took the trouble to organise the trip on our behalf!

Barry Ede

Group Activities

Monday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
1st	10.00 to 12.00	Card Making	S.H.	Rose Bateman	795906
1 st & 3 rd	2.00 to 3.30	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	2.00 to 3.30	Creative Writing	P.H.	Linda Knight-Rees	783081

Tuesday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
1 st & 3 rd	2.00 to 4.00	Mosaics	P.H.	Alison Joyce	784635
Every	2.00 to 2.00	Art-1	S.H.	Maureen McLaren	773804
Every	2.15 to 5.00	Board Games	G.H.	Betty Worthy	795823
Every	10.00 to 12.00 2.00 to 4.00	Patchwork / Quilting	P.H.	Ann Lismore	787607

Wednesday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
1 st & 3 rd	2.00 to 4.00	Music Appreciation	P.H.	Sylvia Shepherd	780377
3 rd	2.00 to 4.00	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

Group Activities

Thursday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
2 nd , 4 th & 5 th	2.00 to 4.00	Barn Dancing	M.C.H.	David Napper	792371
Every	1.30 to 4.00	Art-2	S.H.	Jean Berry	785840

Friday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
1 st & 3 rd	11.30 to 1.00	Skittles	C.I.	Philip 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

Weekdays	Activity	Contact	Tel
Thursdays	Away Days	Vour Orchard Carole Loveridge	788984 780060
Thursdays	Luncheons	Pat Clipstone	788128
Saturdays	Theatre	Diane Barnard Brenda Clapp	781009 787963
Varies	Holidays	Diane Barnard Brenda Clapp Gloria Brown	781009 787963 785359

Legends

S.H. Southwell House	C.H. Community Hall
P.H. Private House	G.H. Gospell Hall
M.C.H. Methodist Church Hall	C.I. Crossways Inn

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

Crossword #6 Answers

ACROSS

1. PANDORS
5. LOBE
7. ACT
8. THREATEN
9. TABOO
10. PINT
13. THEN
14. CHOW
18. KISS
19. ADEPT
21. SICKNESS
22. DIE
23. STUD
24. SLENDER

DOWN

1. PRACTICE
2. NOTEBOOK
3. OPTION
4. ABRUPT
5. LEARNT
6. BEES
11. THREADED
12. KNITWEAR
15. WICKED
16. ASSETS
17. LASSIE
20. LINT


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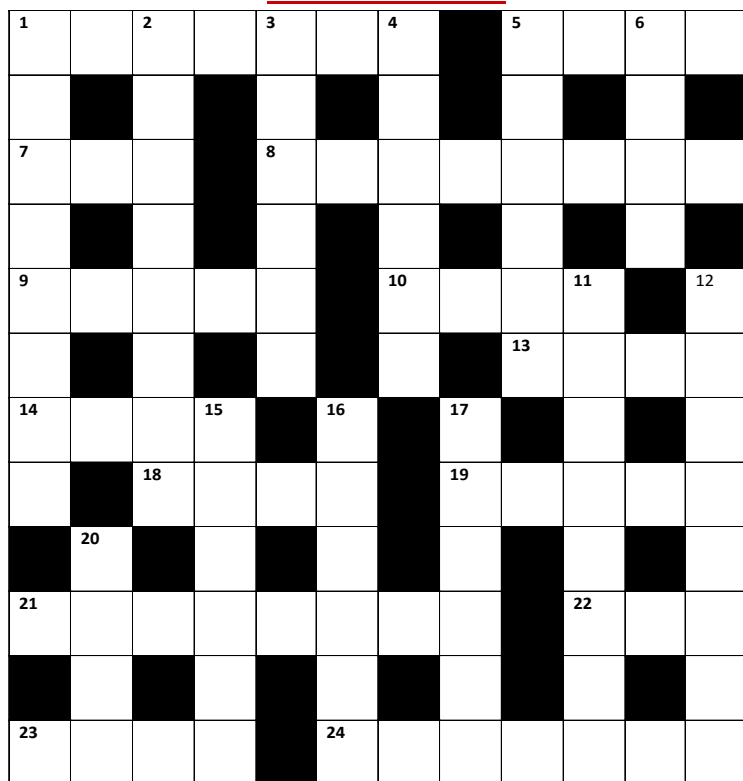
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Crossword #7**ACROSS**

1. Leave of Absence
5. Straightforward
7. Moo
8. Used for formal dancing
9. Tomato for example
10. Posseses
13. In those days
14. Building area
18. Problem
19. Chamfer
21. Someone held under restraint
22. Keep on at
23. Eye problem
24. Performer

DOWN

1. Keep Hold of
2. Legal Actions
3. Forum
4. Colour
5. Behaving badly
6. Halt
11. Thin slices taken off
12. 'AA Lounge' anag.
15. Hire someone for work
16. Schedule
17. Miserable
20. Practical joke

Solutions next issue

Group News

Featured Group—Mosaics by Ros Thomson

My lizards are a reminder of the years we lived out in the Middle East (Bahrain) as we regularly had these lovely little creatures in and around the house.



I started this project as an exercise in tile cutting as much as anything, as the previous project (a galleon) was made with predominantly small tiles which did not need as much shaping. Alison, our es-

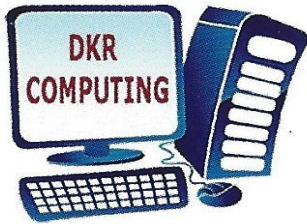
teemed leader, suggested I use the larger tiles this time to get more practice in cutting. She was quite right and it has been a learning curve as well as great fun to see it taking shape. I think it probably took me about 6 months altogether but I have only worked on it on our meeting days so not so long really.

We meet on the first and third Tuesday afternoons at Linda and Darryl's house, from 2-4 pm. They very kindly offered their conservatory for this which is ideal as it is light and airy and they are very hospitable hosts. Currently there are only four of us who meet up so if you felt like giving mosaic a go you would be most welcome.

It is such a varied medium and you can use virtually anything to create a masterpiece. I covered a plant pot for my sister and she was delighted. Linda has made some excellent tiled boxes and yet oth-

ers covered in stamps. She has also covered a "head" in sequins which is very effective. Previously people have made house signs and Alison's house and garden are full of mosaic items of all sorts.

It is very satisfying and a means of learning new skills in an informal and easy going atmosphere.



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Cilla

(a tribute from a U3A member)

I knocked on the door, '**Step Inside Love**' the young lady said ushering us both in. The tension we were warned about, could be felt immediately '**When You Walk in the Room**'.

We sat down at the table, I looked at the cards I'd been dealt, and then at my partner who was my '**Blind Date**' for the evening. '**What's It all about Alfie?**' I whispered, using her nickname, thinking that with my hand full of spades, then '**Anyone Who Had a Heart**' could and would win hands down!

I glanced again at my cards, then lovingly at Alfie, thinking '**Something Tells Me (Something's Gonna Happen Tonight)**' but there again, '**I've Been Wrong Before**'.

As I was dealt another card, the dealer looked at me and said '**It's For You**'. I put money on the table, '**A Fool Am I**' I thought when I immediately lost the lot! '**What Good Am I**' at cards anyway I mused? I sat there waiting, I had the feeling that we were going to lose. '**Surround Yourself With Sorrow**' I reflected, feeling worse for having thought that. I stared at my partner, trying to urge her on, she looked at the card she was holding, then hesitated. '**If I Thought You'd Ever Change Your Mind**' I said only to myself, for in this game '**Conversations**' were not welcomed so I could only sit and wait.

Suddenly her whole demeanour changed, the look she gave me seemed to say '**Baby We Can't Go Wrong**'. I had the feeling she was about to play a diamond, she held back, I looked at her, '**Don't Answer Me**' came her look of unease.

It was now getting late. '**Where Is Tomorrow**' I asked of nobody in particular. My partner glared at me as I laid my last hand down. Oh no! looking back at her I thought '**You've Lost That Loving Feeling**' but for me, gazing now into her eyes, I said only to myself '**I Only Live To Love You**'.

We left at midnight having lost a small fortune. In the back of the taxi holding her hand we headed for her flat. 'Do you know what?' I said to her '**You're My World**'.

As she nestled in my arms, I felt so happy that I could '**Sing a Rainbow**'. We both fell silent, each with our own thoughts as we listened to Cilla Black singing '**Liverpool Lullaby**' on the car radio.

Arriving at her place, sadly and unexpectedly I was not invited in. Oh well I thought, '**Love's Just a Broken Heart**' yet again!

(All 22 recordings can be found on "The Very Best of Cilla Black")

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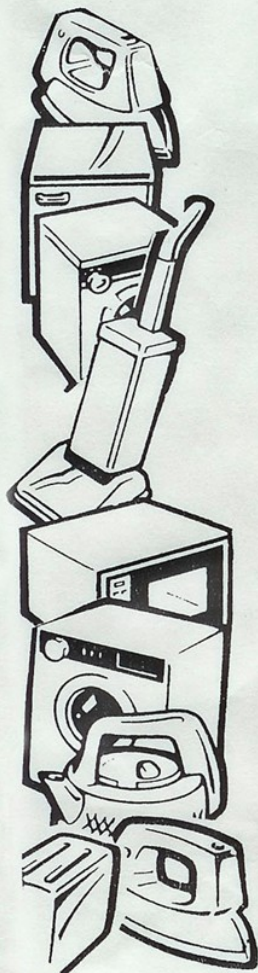
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AWAY DAYS 2015

1st October—Winchester.....£11.50

Winchester once the capital of England is steeped in history and is well worth a visit, the cathedral, because of its importance when the city was our ancient capital, contains a lot of pre-Norman history. Also, those members that visited the Beer Caves will be able to see where the Stone is at its most spectacular. Over the High Altar the Great Screen is an outstanding example of carving in Beer Stone; in particular the overhanging canopy above the figure of Christ crucified.

You will have seen where the material was mined and will now be able to see how skilfully it was put to good use.

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

Ford Abbey is in Dorset just over the Somerset county border, the area is of outstanding beauty, the Abbey gardens cover 30 acres of spectacular grandeur. It is still a family home very much like Sherborne Castle.

Monthly Draw

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June/July	No 33	Doreen Gordon and Kay Lloyd

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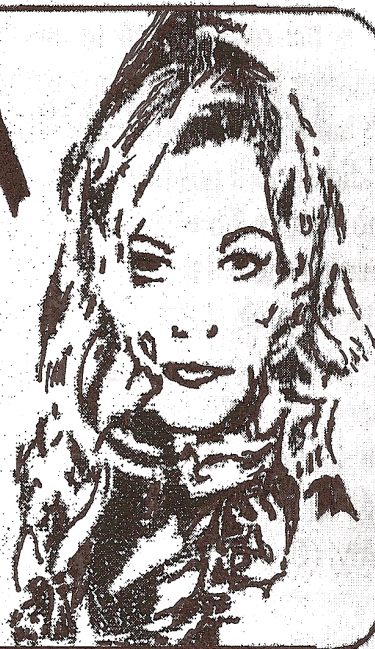
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<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Cost</u>
2015		
Sep 20th – Sep 24th	Holiday: Torquay (SOLD OUT—reserve list only)	£170.00
Sep 30th (10am-12pm)	MacMillan Coffee Morning (Highbridge Community Hall)	Free
Oct 1st	Away Day: Winchester	£11.50
Oct 29th	Away Day: Ford Abbey, Chard	£15.50
Nov 26th	Away Day: Bath & Christmas Markets	£6.50
2016		
Jan 16th—Jan 20th	Holiday: Bournemouth (SOLD OUT—reserve list only)	£105.00
Jun 6th—Jun 10th	Holiday: Isle of Wight (Pre-booking from October 7th 2015 only)	£210.00

If anyone has a U3A related event that they would like to be included in future calendars, please email darryl@knight-rees.com or phone 01278 783081 with the details.

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.**