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## Chairman's Message

Happy New Year, and most importantly a healthy one, to one and all. Who knows what 2017 has in store for us, but if we have our health we can cope with anything.



We have two holidays to look forward to: Weymouth in January and Llandudno in September. There will also be some away days which have yet to be booked. I hope to have this done by February.

Thanks to the generosity of members, the U3A raised £158 from the Christmas Hamper Raffle. As you know the money is given to a different charity each year. This year was the turn of the High-bridge Food Bank. Many working people rely on the food bank as they are on zero hour's contracts. Some weeks they don't earn enough to get by. They are given vouchers by the Citizens Advice Bureau or after being referred by a doctor, social worker or the police. We, therefore, thought this was a worthy cause to support.

Board Games: Pat Gray has informed me that this group will be taking a break until March.

That's all for now.

All the best,  
Vour

## Club News

A note for your new 2017 diary: -

Regrettably there will NOT be a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017, the reason: -

The Highbridge Festival of the Arts have booked the Community Hall for their exclusive use for one week, from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March so that they may hold their Music Competitions.

The Festival organisers have, for many years attempted to get the Festival back to where it began nearly 70 years ago, - Highbridge. We believe this is its third year back on 'home' ground, so, if by 'stepping aside' for one week it will enable the Festival to boost Highbridge's status then we have done our bit to help.

During the week many varieties of instrument will be played, so why not drop in at the Community Hall for a few minutes and support the young talent.

Over the years the festival has presented to the world of entertainment many notable names, these include: -

Stephen Daldry, (*Film Director of 'Billy Elliott'*) Rupert Graves and James Gray from the stage and film industries, plus, of course many singers and dancers who have achieved their ambition by performing in major shows on the London stage.

We wish them a successful 2017.



Some years ago, the late Ray Reddish came up with the idea that we could provide a Christmas Hamper as a raffle prize, the proceeds to go to a local charity. Ray and Doreen had in their possession a large hamper and they were prepared to donate to us on the condition we fill it with Christmas Fare and offer it as a prize. We accepted the offer and invited members to donate suitable 'goodies', e.g. items that would be useful to a family during the Christmas period.

The 'scheme' took off and, as most of you know, the idea, like 'Topsy' has grown and grown. Every year we provide the hamper and near the end of November ask you, our generous members, to donate, what you feel are items suitable for inclusion in the ham-

per. Last year we filled six additional smaller baskets, this year, dare we anticipate a greater response?

You didn't let us down, over the past two weeks' an assortment of tins and packets containing all manner of festive foods have been received, and a call went out for more baskets.

At the Coffee Morning on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December the result of everyone's efforts was plain to see, the table loaded with the hamper, nine baskets plus some items that we thought would be ideal individual prizes. (*shown opposite*)

At 11.00 am on Wednesday Chairman Vour Orchard drew out the first ticket, the lucky winner being Pat Pope, there then followed a procession of lucky ticket holders, as listed: -

The other winners were: -

Jean Burton, Diane Barnard, Juliet Hayward, Joan Heal, Viv Wyatt, Vour Orchard, Kath Taylor, Chris Varley, Ann Lismore, Pat Clip-

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stone, Heather Kings, Veronica Hawkins, David Walker, and Viv Wyatt.



This year the proceeds from this Annual Christmas Draw were donated to the Highbridge Food Bank Fund, the total raised being £158.00.

We thank you all for your generosity and wish to take this opportunity of wishing you all: -

**A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR**

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## **Annual Lunch**

The Annual Lunch this year is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017, again at that very popular venue: The Beachcomber Inn at Brea. Details about the menu and your 'Booking Form' are at the end of this magazine on pages 22 & 24.

You will note your Committee has again agreed to subsidise the members' lunches, this being a function where, those that wish, may meet up with colleagues and enjoy a convivial meal at an ideal venue.

Fay Burston will be taking bookings from members between Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March so please take note. Also, if possible present the correct money, it is a great help when one person is trying to deal with all you anxious customers at one time?

## **Weymouth Holiday (Jan 30<sup>th</sup> to Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>)--Information**

If you have booked to go on this holiday you may wish to know if the Nothe Fort will be open whilst we are there, well we emailed them to find out, and, regrettably IT IS NOT.

It will be open in February but from 11<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> (Half Term) and 26<sup>th</sup> February to 26<sup>th</sup> March Sundays only. A pity that, because we will miss the opportunity to visit this attractive and interesting local feature.

## **Committee Request/Information - - WANTED!!**

If you attended our A.G.M. back in May 2016 you May remember that our Treasurer, Carole Loveridge, said she wished to stand



down at the next A.G.M. in May 2017 and we were therefore looking for someone to take over this position. We did, initially, have an offer from a member; and this person is, at present, discussing with her family members, if it would be convenient to all concerned if she agreed to take up this office.

We are obviously pleased a member has offered to consider taking up the duty, but with next May fast approaching it would be nice to have another 'string to our bow' as you might say.

So, if there is anyone out there who thinks they could take on this duty please let Janet (our Secretary) know as soon as possible. As a matter of interest, we still need someone who would undertake our audit, not critical at present, but we would like an offer.

## **Group News**

### **Group Xmas Lunches**

The Strollers/Somerset Churches groups enjoyed a very convivial festive get-together at The Pimpernel, West Huntspill on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Because it was a scheduled 'strolling' day a few of them, wishing to work up an appetite, parked their cars at the pub early and set off on a tour of West Huntspill; taking in parts of the village they had not previously visited.



Around about 12 a.m. the less -active members arrived and, with their glasses filled took their seats and prepared to enjoy a superb meal. The Inn had done us proud, providing

an excellent meal and diets were soon a distant memory, any thoughts about weight watching were put on hold until the New Year when resolutions are considered.

Strolling is now on 'hold' until the 2017 when they also look forward to the opportunity of visiting some of Somerset's ancient and interesting churches.



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Our Skittles year ended on 2nd December with an award meeting and very enjoyable lunch at the Lighthouse where we now play following our move from the Crossways.

The player of the year with the highest score was Bernard Martin who also received the cup for the best player on lunch day. Barbara Buoy was the leading lady player for the year.

Unfortunately 2016 saw the sad passing of two former leaders of the group, Ray Reddish and Betty Worthy. We send our condolences to both their families.

The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday every month, 11-30 to 1-00 pm, new players are always welcome.

Philip Buoy

## NOTICE BOARD

There are a few items that may be of interest to members:

### Christmas Breaks:

The following Groups have announced when their sessions will recommence in 2017

Art	Re-start	5 <sup>th</sup> January
Calligraphy	..	9 <sup>th</sup> January
Patchwork/Quilting	..	3 <sup>rd</sup> January



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## No Fix No Fee!

## Group Activities

### Monday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
1st	10.00 to 12.00	Card Making	S.H.	Rose Bateman	795906
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.00 to 3.30	Kurling	C.H.	Stan Vousden-White Sybil Tilley	781567 787054
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 to 12.00	Beading	P.H.	Rose Bateman	795906
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00 to 11.30	Calligraphy	S.H.	Ken Burston	782529

### Tuesday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.00 to 4.00	Mosaics	P.H.	Alison Joyce	784633
Every	2.15 to 5.00	Board Games	G.H.	Pat Gray	786905
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
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.00 to 4.00	Card Making	S.H.	Rose Bateman	795906

**EVERY WEDNESDAY: 10.00 to 12.00 COFFEE MORNING**

### Thursday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 to 4.00	Barn Dancing	M.C.H.	David Napper	792371
Every	1.30 to 4.00	Art	S.H.	Jean Berry	785840
Every	2.30 to 4.30	Ukulele Group	C.H.	Mick Emms	07799 115347

## Group Activities

### Friday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.30 to 1.00	Skittles	L.I.	Philip Buoy	783647
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 to ??.	Strollers		Self-Regulating	792529
5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 to ??.	Somerset Churches		Bernard Martin	787230

### Occasional

Weekdays	Activity	Contact	Tel
Mondays (usually)	Local History	Bronwyn Fraley (email: bronwyn.fraley110@gmail.com)	788487
Wednesdays	Luncheons	Pat Clipstone	788128
Thursdays	Away Days	Vour Orchard Carole Loveridge	788984 780060
Saturdays	Theatre	Ann Cross Brenda Clapp	786425 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	L.I. .... Lighthouse Inn

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

## Crossword #14 Answers

### ACROSS

1. CLAMOUR
5. TALK
7. MUM
8. ENGINEER
9. USAGE
10. EWES
13. MUST
14. ENDS
18. SAVE
19. MISER
21. CITATION
22. DOC
23. ADZE
24. ELAPSES

### DOWN

1. COMPUTER
2. ARMBANDS
3. OPENED
4. REGRET
5. TANDEM
6. LEEK
11. SUBSIDES
12. ATTRACTS
15. SAVAGE
16. CERISE
17. AMANDA
20. MILD

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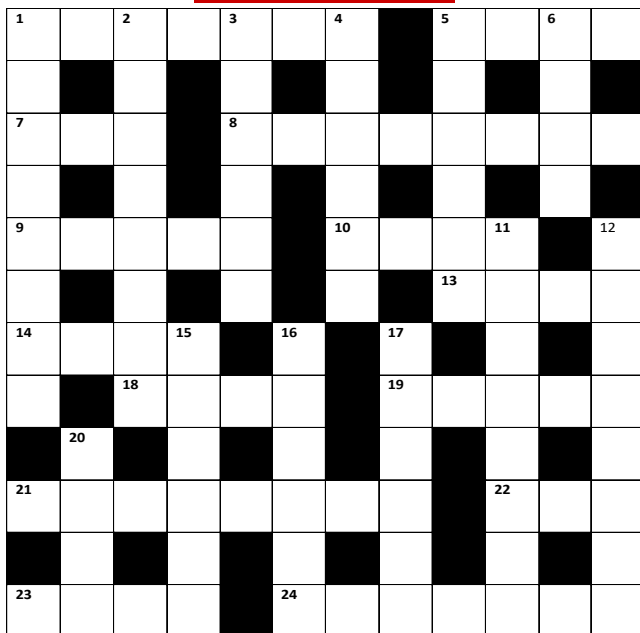
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## Crossword #15



### ACROSS

1. Accumulation (7)
5. World's longest river (4)
7. Imperfect (3)
8. Rock group (8)
9. Part of intestine (5)
10. Dye (4)
13. M&S for example (4)
14. Sadly (4)
18. Type of mollusc (4)
19. Vicious growl (5)
21. Re new hay [anag] (8)
22. Jump (3)
23. Corner (4)
24. Fay sits [anag] (7)

### DOWN

1. Alcoholic drink (8)
2. Type of car (8)
3. Dirge (6)
4. Works hard (6)
5. Stockings (6)
6. Part of a tree (4)
11. Beats (8)
12. I spy peel [anag] (8)
15. Reduced speed (6)
16. Turned violently (6)
17. Viewpoint (6)
20. One time (4)

Solutions next issue



## **Member Contributions**

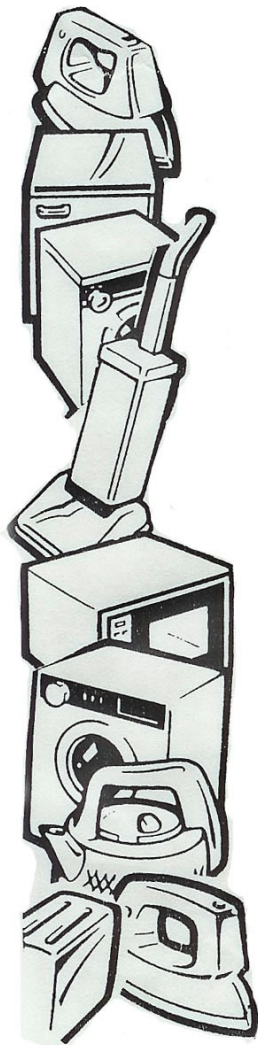
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## Away Days

No details for Away Days in 2017 are available at time of writing.

## Joke Corner

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal and a bottle of wine, they laid down for the night, and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see." Watson replied, "I see millions and millions of stars." "What does that tell you?" Watson pondered for a minute.

"Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies, and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?" Holmes was silent for a minute, then spoke. "It tells me that someone has stolen our tent."

### **Monthly Draw**

October 29th 2016	No 42	Lyn East and Mike Parker
November 26th 2016	No 17	Gillian Cottey and Pearl Price
December 24th 2016	No 12	Pat Clipstone and Sybil Tilley

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## Calendar

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Cost</u>
2017		
Jan 30th—Feb 3rd	Holiday: Weymouth Prince Regent Hotel	£110 (sea view supplement £10)
Sep 5th—Sep 9th	Holiday: Llandudno The Somerset Hotel	£225

**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.**

**Annual Lunch**

at

**THE BEACHCOMBER INN, BREAN****WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017****MENU****Main Course:**

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- 2 Local Roasted Somerset Turkey**
- 3 Vegetarian Nut Roast (Blend of nuts, cous cous, etc.)**

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**Desserts:**

- K Apple Pie with thick Devonshire custard**
- L Fresh Fruit Salad with medley of fresh fruits serve with fresh double cream**
- M Raspberry Pavlova, on a crisp meringue base**
- N Cheese Platter, Cheddar, Stilton and Brie with biscuit selection**

**Coffee & after dinner mints**

**Please see over for Prices and Booking Form**

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## Annual Lunch

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at Beachcomber Inn Brean

12.00 noon for 12.30 p.m.

## **BOOKING FORM:**

### **Price:**

Members:     £11.00

Guests:     £14.00

Name.....

I also 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/s

Would you please complete this booking form and take it with you when you book your lunch with Fay Burston?

Fay will be accepting bookings between 18<sup>th</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> March

PAID..... DATE.....No.....