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Chairman's Message

Hello Everyone,

First of all I would like to wish you all A Happy & Healthy New Year. 2017 was a busy year for our U3A, with Away Days and two walking groups, Cream Teas and Craft Fairs as well as the regular group meetings.



We have a new Photography group for this year and hopefully we will be having a Table Tennis group too.

I would like to take this opportunity to a big THANK YOU to all our group leaders without them we would not be able to function, so keep up the good work folks you are doing a grand job.

Your Chairman,
Vour Orchard.



Club News

Obituary

We regret to announce the death of our Thursday Art Group Leader/Tutor--- Jean Berry.

Jean was one of our founder members and an early Group Leader, volunteering to run an Art Class; this was held, firstly in Room One at the Community Hall. After a short while it moved to Southwell House where, apparently, there was more room, daylight and parking space.

If Jean thought a member had any ability and might be able to produce 'a work of art' she would find it; in some instances, members turned out to be quite good artists. Some members tutored by Jean, won awards for their work at local exhibitions and art shows, sold their paintings, and a few have received commissions to paint specific subjects for clients.

We have lost an excellent teacher, Jean's encouragement and enthusiasm has proved to be invaluable over the years.

Xmas Hamper Draw

This year members have again shown how big hearted, and generous they are by donating a large quantity of produce for our annual Xmas Hamper Draw. So much so that we were able to fill the large basket, but numerous small ones too. They then proceeded to buy many raffle tickets to try and win it all back again.

Your support in 2017 resulted in the chosen charities receiving a share of

£386.00

The Xmas Hamper Draw took place during the Coffee Morning on the 6th

December when members assembled at 11.30 to find out if they were to be the lucky winner of the draw ----- who did win the Hamper?

Congratulations **BILLY CONIBEER!**

Lucky recipients of the many remaining baskets of goodies were: -

Vour Orchard	Ivor Alford	Barbara Croker
Hilary Dolman	Sue Bloska	Brenda Cassidy
Betty Montgomery	Jean Lancaster	Pam Ross
John Preddy	Inge Thomas	Gill Cadwallender
David Walker	Linda Brigg	Joan Richie
Kathleen Taylor		

Pearl and Janet Preddy attended the Gateway Club's Christmas party to present a cheque for £286 as part of the raffle proceeds collected for the Christmas hamper raffle. We received a rowdy round of applause from all members. They were overwhelmed with our generosity and thanked us for thinking of them. Pearl and Janet had a very enjoyable evening singing carols with six of the Burnham & Highbridge Brass band.

Thank you all for your support and generosity it was lovely to see our donation going to such a worthy cause. Janet Preddy.

Traders Directory

You will find tucked into your copy of this magazine a 2018 edition of the "Traders Directory", the last one was issued about 6/9 months ago so it is about time you had a new one.

Theatre Trip

A new Theatre group outing has been arranged to see "Kiss Me Kate" at the Weston Playhouse on Wednesday March 21st 2018. Price will be £21.00 + coach. Final price total and other details to be announced.

Group News



Photography Group – Point & Shoot U3A of Highbridge

Our new group starts January 9th 2018 Room 1.

Those interested are invited to our first meeting to look at a few photographs and thoughts on the future profile of this group. The idea is for you to bring along photographic memories on a memory stick or SD card, photographed during the preceding 12 months and share them visually with your friends.

The photographs should preferably be the result of “point and shoot” without any computer digital enhancements.

Please email any comments/thoughts/ideas to: -

pete-manning@hotmail.com

or just come along to our meeting.

Thanks.

Pete

Pete Manning



Photography Group

Point & Shoot

**2nd Tuesday of
each month**

2.00 – 4.00

Monthly Topics

Jan 18

**Your Favourite
Photos (12off)**

Feb 18

**Xmas Celebration
Photos (12off)**

Mar 18

**NO MEETING
annual festival**

April 18

**Somerset Levels
Landscapes**

**EMAIL
YOUR THOUGHTS
COMMENTS, IDEAS
REGARDING THE GROUP:**

TO

pete-manning@hotmail.co.uk

Skittles Group

The Skittle Group held their very enjoyable annual lunch and prize giving on 15th December at the Lighthouse Inn. This concluded a successful year.

Our player of the year by a close margin was Bernard Martin, with Sallie Park as runner up and our lunch day competition was won by Diane Elsmore.

If you would like to join us we meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 11:30 and finish about 1pm at the Lighthouse Inn.



Luncheon Group

The last lunch of year was 29th Nov at the Pimpernel. Always very good meals thanks to Pat Clipstone.



Member Contributions Part 1

Liverpool Holiday 2018

The Holiday Group have arranged for us to holiday in Liverpool early in 2018, this holiday, to be taken in April will obviously be somewhat different to those we have enjoyed in the past because we are not going to a seaside resort.

For those of you have not previously visited this thriving, cosmopolitan and vibrant city you may wish, during your 4-day break, to see as much of it as you can, there is certainly a lot to see. Unfortunately, you have only a few days to fit everything in, Diane therefore felt that you may be interested in receiving a few brief details on the attractions that this great city has to offer.

We are staying at The Mercure Tower Hotel which is on Chapel Street and close to The Three Graces, these are the buildings that dominate the river frontage and are topped by the Liver Birds. The hotel is a few minutes walk away from the river, and is on the “City centre circular bus route”. During your stay, you will be able to discover more about this area close to the River Mersey and to take advantage of all the museums and many of the landmarks that make Liverpool famous and a very interesting city to visit.

The nearest bus-stop on the circular route is close to the hotel; it operates a ‘Hop-on-hop-off’ service and your initial payment will last all day. The route takes you past most of the city’s major attractions, the Metropolitan and Liverpool Cathedrals, Chinese Arch, Albert Docks and Museums Area, Mersey Ferries and Beatles Story, Western Approaches, Cavern Club, World Museum, Walker Art Gallery, St Georges Hall, Lime Street Station.

These are well worth a visit and could, easily, occupy a lot of your time; the following gives just a brief description of each attraction:

Metropolitan Cathedral

Affectionally called 'Paddy's Wigwam' by Liverpudlians. It is vast, the high altar and sanctuary are accessible to the entire congregation of 2,300, the masterful use of stained glass in the lofty corona gives the main body of the cathedral a mystical dark atmosphere. It is a Roman Catholic Cathedral.

Liverpool Cathedral

This is one of the finest and largest Anglican cathedrals in the world. It dominates the city, amongst many awesome views the finest is probably that from the Nave Bridge, it is the soaring nave and chancel. The east window, which depicts the Tree of Life is so large that the entire Lady Chapel would fit through it.

Chinese Arch

Regrettably only the arch remains, signs of the Chinese culture have gone.

Albert Docks

Hundreds of workers once toiled at these docks, they were originally designed to accept sailing ships but were superseded by larger steamships, and in 1972 the docks were closed due to lack of use; the site was to be cleared but following the opening of the Merseyside Maritime Museum in 1980 it was decided to redevelop the whole area. The museums, could, if you like these places, keep you happy the whole holiday.

Across the road from the Albert Docks is the Museum of Liverpool, and the Pier Head from which the Mersey Ferries sail. Also, here you will see the buildings which dominate this area, they include the Royal Liver Building on top of which are the famous Liver Birds.

Moving on, and close to our hotel, (just off Chapel St.) is the museum called Western Approaches, this very interesting building was so secret during the WWII and after, that until the mid-1900s even the people of Liverpool did not know of its existence. So strongly was the bunker constructed that it was impossible to demolish it economically, so in the 1970s it was decided to retain the 'history' and produce a museum; during the war 400 military personnel lived and worked in this underground 'bunker' to ensure the ALLIED convoys were protected and we were supplied with food and the Russians with armaments and other essential goods in their fight against the German forces.

From here the tour takes you to the World Museum of Liverpool, Walker Art Gallery, and St George's Hall, all are well worth visiting, it is not possible to describe their attractions in just a few words, across from the hall is Lime Street Station, this is no ordinary station, go there and see for yourself.

These notes just scratch the surface of Liverpool, you would need to be there a very long time to see just a portion of this great city, there is still Liverpool One for shops, Anfield/Goodison for football, it goes on and on.

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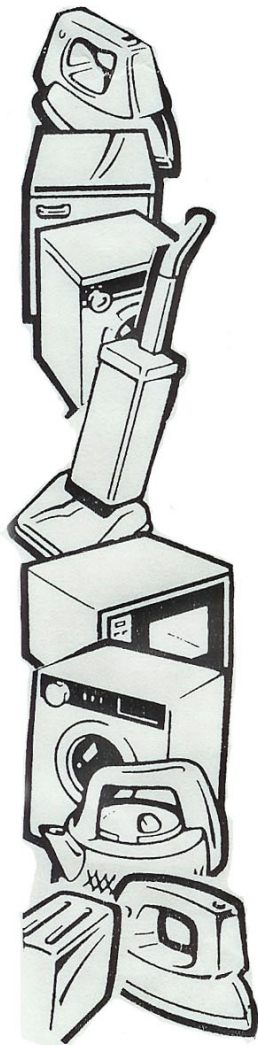
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Group Activities

Monday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
1 st	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

Tuesday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
1 st & 3 rd	2.00 to 4.00	Mosaics	P.H.	Alison Joyce	784633
2 nd	2.00 to 4.00	Photography	C.H.	Peter Manning	
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 rd	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 nd , 4 th & 5 th	2.00 to 4.00	Barn Dancing	M.C.H.	David Napper	792371
Every	1.45 to 3.45	Art	S.H.	Ken Burston	782529
Every	2.30 to 4.30	Ukulele Group	C.H.	Mick Emms	07799 115347

Group Activities

Friday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
1 st & 3 rd	11.30 to 1.00	Skittles	L.I.	Philip Buoy	783647
1 st & 3 rd	10.00 to ??.	Walking		Audrey & Rod Downing	256895
2 nd & 4 th	10.00 to ??.	Strollers		Self-Regulating	792529
5 th	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	786425
Varies	Holidays	Diane Barnard Brenda Clapp	781009 787963

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 #20 Answers

ACROSS

1. ESCAPED
5. SILT
7. BIB
8. MANDOLIN
9. SPARE
10. ELKS
13. YAWN
14. EYED
18. SULK
19. TROOP
21. EDUCATED
22. ASH
23. HERS
24. SLOWEST

DOWN

1. EMBOSSED
2. CABBAGES
3. PAMPER
4. DINNER
5. SPOOKY
6. LOIN
11. SABOTAGE
12. SNAPSHOT
15. DUNCES
16. SKATES
17. STUDIO
20. ADZE

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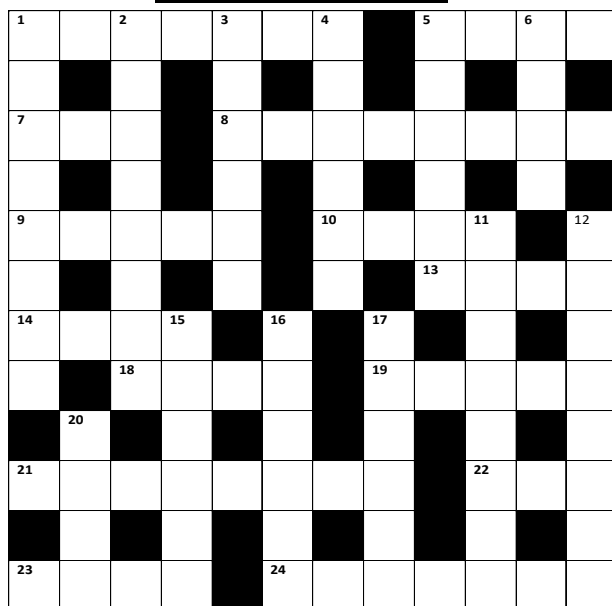
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Crossword #21



ACROSS

1. Faultless (7)
5. Container for an ice cream (4)
7. Appropriate (3)
8. Part of the hearing organs (8)
9. Species of fish (5)
10. Found at the tops of needles (4)
13. Strong Eastern European alcoholic drink (4)
14. Applaud (4)
18. Money (informal) (4)
19. Code of practice (5)
21. Stab Cart [anag] (8)
22. Paddle (3)
23. Type of fruit (4)
24. Type of microcomputer (7)

DOWN

1. Dental business (8)
2. Able to think logically (8)
3. Constructs a building (6)
4. A small tower or gun emplacement (6)
5. Three or four leaved plant (6)
6. Require (4)
11. American term for yacht (8)
12. Landing place for aircraft (8)
15. Large printed picture or advert (6)
16. Road (6)
17. Wooden boxes (6)
20. Musical instrument (4)

Solutions next issue

Member Contributions Part 2

Strollers – Late Autumn

Well the clocks go back tomorrow night and it is like a spring day! Dunwear ponds were calm and reflecting the trees around them, the only disturbance being a graceful swan creating a wake as it sailed toward us and five ducks dashing about. We were interested in the notices warning about water primrose, or *Ludwigia* as the professionals call it, choking the water. This weed forms a dense mat killing other plants and reducing the oxygen for fish and the notices had a very helpful picture for identification. There are several non-native plants that do this and in flowing watercourses can cause flooding (currently there is a problem with floating pennywort on some local rivers). When we reached the housing estate I turned back, Mary joined me so it was good to have company. When the others returned 13 of us invaded the Knowle Inn for lunch.



Our first stroll in November was uncharacteristically windy, clear and bright, I always think of November as a foggy dreary month. The view from the hill was beautiful, even the tide obliged, filling the river. Unfortunately battling up the gentle slope at Pawlett was more than I could manage, so again Mary and I retreated to the car! The main group did the circuit and said it was much more sheltered coming back along the bottom of



the hill. We went to the Pimperl to reccy the strollers annual lunch, it was approved.



The 24th November was the day of our annual lunch, ironic really as we have lunch after most of our strolls, but we made an effort for this one. Some of us walked before to build up an appetite but did not want to go far away so we strolled around Ringstone; there are some well-designed new houses where the garages were and a new play park. A resident said the park was only done in March so it's

bang up to date with soft surfaces etc. Some of us set off toward Black Ditch but the rest of us went to the Methodist Chapel for coffee! Our numbers swelled to 24 (I think) for a splendid lunch, I enjoyed both the company and the food. Happy faces, Christmas jumpers and empty plates were the order of the day.

December arrived and storm Caroline had blown through leaving a bitterly cold north wind for our walk, so we decided a turn around the Apex and a warm café was the best plan. After strolling along lakeside and up to the river we turned south on the river bank to have the wind at our backs and returned by the skate park. We inspected the new fitness equipment, younger and fitter souls had a go, and a few diverted to see the recently completed brick kiln structure. We reassembled at the car park and adjourned to Bay View Café. The tide was in and very rough but we were warm, fed and watered.

Paula Cook







Strollers Lunch

Away Day – Worcester Christmas Market Photos








Latest Walking Group Programme

KEY TO LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY	
	Easy
	Moderate
	Moderate +
	Challenging
	Mainly flat roads or tracks Uneven walking, some inclines, tracks, stiles and gates Open slopes, rough ground and inclines Open slopes, rough ground and steep inclines

Highbridge Saunterers Walking Programme January – May 2018 (Third Friday in each month)

For further details please email: audrey_downing@hotmail.com

Date	Walk Start	Post Code for Satnav	Grid Ref	Level of Difficulty	Walk Description	Conditions/Stiles	Approx Dist	Walk Leader	Telephone/Email
19.1.2018	Car park opposite Crown Inn. Left at Churchill traffic lights (A369). Turn left at Nelsons Arms.	BS25 5PW	ST445597		From part of the old A38 to Dolebury Fort and Dolebury Warren	Sleep ascent to Dolebury Fort then undulating. Final short climb back up to old A38	4	Audrey and Rod Downing	01278 256895 audrey_downing@hotmail.com
16.2.2018	Playing Field Car Park, Muddy Lane, Meare	BA6 9SL	ST454416		Historic Walk taking in the Abbot's Fish House	Flat and easy. Several stiles	2	Audrey and Rod Downing	01278 256895 audrey_downing@hotmail.com
16.3.2018	Layby Black Rock B3135 Cliff Road, Cheddar Gorge		ST482546		Black Rock and Long Wood Nature Reserve. Panoramic Views	Fairly steep short ascent and descent, some steps. Generally level along tracks. One stone stile. Muddy in parts	3	Audrey and Rod Downing	01278 256895 audrey_downing@hotmail.com
20.4.2018	Blagdon Village Car Park	BS40 7TD	ST501591		Blagdon, Burrington Ham, Rickford	Some hills but worth it for the spectacular views	5.5	Audrey and Rod Downing	01278 256895 audrey_downing@hotmail.com
18.5.2018	Street Youth Hostel	BA16 0TZ	ST480345		Edge of the Somerset Levels. This walk takes in part of Compton Dundon and The Hood Monument. Nice views.	Sleep descent, then fairly level. Steep ascent to Monument. One stile	4.5	Audrey and Rod Downing	01278 256895 audrey_downing@hotmail.com

Away Days

The first away day will be a visit to Shepton Mallet prison on Thursday February 22nd 2018, followed by lunch at Kilver Court Gardens. The cost is £21.00 for the coach hire and guided tour, however lunch is extra.

We haven't booked any other trips at the time of printing this issue but hopefully we will have a full schedule for the next one.



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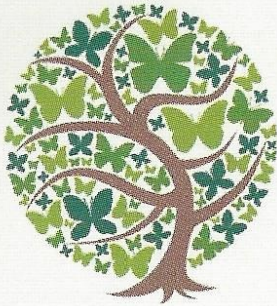
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Monthly Draw

October 28th 2017	No. 53	Angela Cook and Diane Elsmore
November 25th 2017	No. 8	Neil Scott, Ann Cross and Brenda Hooper
December 23rd 2017	No. 41	Ray Tilley, Audrey Downing and Pamela Turner

Each received £25.00



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Calendar

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Cost</u>
2018		
February 5th—9th	Holiday: Eastbourne Claremont Hotel	From £120.00
February 22nd	Shepton Mallet Prison Visit	£21.00
March 14th	Annual Lunch The Beachcomber Inn, Brean	£10 (Members) £14.50 (Guests)
March 21st	Theatre Trip: Kiss Me Kate Weston Playhouse	£21.00 + coach
April 23rd—April 27th	Holiday: Liverpool Mercury Atlantic Tower Hotel	From £235.00
September 11th—15th	Holiday: Bournemouth Bournemouth Sands Hotel	From £215.00

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 14TH MARCH 2018****MENU****Main Course:**

- 1 Traditional Roasted 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 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**

Annual Lunch

Wednesday 14th March 2018 at Beachcomber Inn Brean

12.00 noon for 12.30 p.m.

BOOKING FORM:

Price:

Members: £10.00

Guests: £14.50

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 17th January and 28th February

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