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Chairman's Message

Hello Everyone,

My what a cold time we have had since we started the year, but along with that we have had some nice winter sunshine to lift the spirits and coax the Daffodils and spring bulbs out.

Thankfully we have a nice warm hall to meet at for our coffee mornings.



We have received a letter from the Third Age Trust setting out some new rules and regulations one of which refers to Data Protection, when you renew your membership there will be information regarding this please read and digest, If you have any queries see a committee member and we will answer your questions.

All Day Trips have been arranged for the year and are on the back of the magazine and I look forward to seeing you on them.

It just remains for me to wish you all A Very Happy and Healthy Easter.

Vour Orchard



Club News

Annual General Meeting 2018

The 2018 Annual General Meeting of the U.3.A. of Highbridge will be held on Wednesday 9th May at 10.30 am in the Highbridge Community Hall; all members are invited to attend. The business of the A.G.M. shall include the following:

Agenda

1. To receive Apologise for Absence.
2. To adopt the Minutes of last Meeting
3. To consider any Matters arising from minutes
4. To receive the Chairman's Report
5. To receive the Treasurer's Report
6. To approve the appointment of an Examiner
Of the Accounts
7. To appoint Tellers if required
8. To elect up to 10 members of the Management Committee
9. To consider other Any Other Business
10. Date of next Meeting

All fully paid up members are eligible to attend and vote, if it is your intention to attend and have your say, please renew your membership before the meeting.

Members of the previous Management Committee are required to retire at the end of the U3A year; it is therefore necessary for us to elect a new Committee.

Candidates for Election should be 'Nominated and Seconded' on the Nomination Form included with this Magazine. Further copies may be obtained upon request from a Committee member.

Nomination Form

I wish to nominate the following member for election to the Management Committee at the A.G.M. on Wednesday 9th May 2018

Name of member nominated

I agree to stand for election to the Management Committee of the U3A of Highbridge, and thereby, if elected, to become a Trustee of the Charity.

Signature of nominated member

Date

Name of Proposer

Seconded by signature

Date

This nomination form, when completed, should be sent to:

The Secretary, U3A of Highbridge

- 1) Proposer and Seconder cannot be a current Committee Member or Officer of the U3A of Highbridge
- 2) If there is a contest, the election shall be decided by a secret ballot.
- 3) If at the A.G.M. there are insufficient candidates standing to fill the Committee vacancies, the Chairman of the meeting may, as a last resort, appeal for any willing member present to agree to stand.

A note for your calendars

Please be aware that there will NOT be a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 14th March 2018 because during that week the Highbridge Festival of the Arts has sole use of the Community Hall in order to hold their Music Competitions.

This happens at a convenient time, because on that Wednesday 14th March we are holding our Annual Lunch at the Beachcomber Hotel Inn, Brean.

So, hope to see you all down in Brean for our annual get-together.

Another reminder!

Early in May, (on the 9th) we are holding our Annual General Meeting, this being the time of year when we report on the past year and announce plans for the forthcoming 12 months (formal notice already shown on page 4).

It is understood that during this General meeting there will be a few important announcements made concerning how we operate in the future. Your Committee is aware that changes have, and are being introduced, by The Third Age Trust, they will affect us all; so, when we have fully assimilated them, you will all be informed.

One change you will notice is the Membership Form. This needs to change in line with the 'new' GDPR (Data Protection) requirements that come into force in May 2018. So, when you renew your Membership for 2018 please read both sides of the new form thoroughly before you sign it, we need to have your explicit permission to retain the information we hold about you. This information is a condition of membership of the U3A of Highbridge and we need it to identify you as a member and to communicate with you, etc.

N.B. Should you wish to obtain more details about the proposed changes, DATA Protection etc. do not hesitate to ask one of the Committee Members, we may not know the answer, but an attempt will be made to sort out the problem.

Member Contributions Part 1

Eastbourne Holiday 2018

Our first holiday challenge was to find a taxi that could carry five people plus luggage from Burnham to Highbridge to catch the coach. Not an easy task in Burnham but after finding other firms fully booked, Saints Taxis came to our rescue.

Barry, our coach driver, took us on a very smooth journey to Eastbourne and we arrived in the early afternoon, giving us time to explore the pier and Eastbourne before getting ready for our first meal and the hotel's evening entertainment.

This was our first visit to Eastbourne and we were very impressed with the beautiful architecture along the sea front as well as the variety of shops. The Claremont Hotel looked very impressive from the outside and we had a warm welcome when we went inside.

Our room had a sea view overlooking the pier and it was well worth the small extra charge. Each day we were treated to spectacular sunrises and sunsets and also, especially magical, a display by a murmuration of starlings before they roosted on and under the pier.

The day after we arrived, on Fay's suggestion we took the 12X bus to Brighton, a very scenic route over the South Downs. The buses are wonderful; warm, comfortable, with wifi and usb points and they run very regularly. In Brighton we walked around 'The Lanes' admiring the diamonds we couldn't afford and, after a break in Wetherspoons and a look at the Pavilion, explored the famous pier before catching a bus back. On Wednesday we woke up to see snow on the ground, but it soon cleared up and after breakfast we set off on our planned walk to Beachy Head. It got colder and windier as we got higher and some snow was still on the ground but we soldiered on to reach the Visitor's Centre which was closed. Fortunately there was a cosy pub next door where we could get warm before the muddy trek back.

Thursday was the last full day of our holiday so in the morning we explored the local shops before catching a bus to Bexhill on Sea. We had a look around the De La Warr Pavilion but unfortunately there wasn't much to see, they seemed to be in between exhibitions. It was very cold so we found the local Wetherspoons - The Picture Playhouse which is a restored 1920s cinema and deserves a mention for its amazing decor. After a quick look around the shops we caught the bus back to the nice warm hotel.

Thank you Brenda and Diane for all your hard work in organising the holiday and making sure we had good weather. We would definitely like to return to Eastbourne some time as there is so much we didn't have time to see.

Good hotel, great company, fab holiday!

PS: there are pubs other than Wetherspoons available.....







Eastbourne Holiday photos 1,2 & 3 by Pete Manning. Photo 4 by Audrey & Rod Downing.

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Group News

New Times for Card Making and Beading Groups

The Wednesday Card Making Group sessions will now start at 2.30pm instead of 2pm.

Beading will now be on the 4th Monday of the month at 2pm to 4pm.

Photography Group

Glad to report that we have successfully held our first 2 meetings, which I believe were successful, even though the initial meeting lacked support the few present, appeared to be happy after a constructive couple of hours.

Again, from a personal point I was glad to see our numbers increase for the second meeting and that those from the initial meeting came back. Thankyou.

I would like to emphasise that our aim is to help each other but without being too technical. We are hoping to assist some of our group with file organisation as we all appear to have duplicate photographs – please note in these early days we are not just looking on ways to take/improve our photography skills but also photographic housekeeping.

Our next meeting is March 13th 2018, 14.00 to 16.00 at SOUTHWELL HOUSE.

Please come along, we would appreciate your contribution to this new group.

Pete Manning

Photography Group Notice



Photography Group – Point & Shoot U3A of Highbridge

**The next meeting – March 13th 2018
at Southwell House.**

Our second meeting took place February 13th looking 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 & 5th
Tuesday of each
month**

2.00 – 4.00

Monthly Topics

**Mar 18
Sunset/Sunrise
Photos (12off)**

**Apr 18
Seascapes
(12 off)**

**May 18
Somerset Levels
Landscapes**

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COMMENTS, IDEAS
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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
4 th	2.00 to 4.00	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 & 5 th	2.00 to 4.00	Photography	S.H.	Pete Manning	780203
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	2.30 to 4.30	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

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
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

Changes since last issue are highlighted in yellow.

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 #21 Answers

ACROSS

1. PERFECT
5. CONE
7. APT
8. EARLOBES
9. TROUT
10. EYES
13. RAKI
14. CLAP
18. LOOT
19. RULES
21. ABSTRACT
22. OAR
23. PEAR
24. DESKTOP

DOWN

1. PRACTICE
2. RATIONAL
3. ERECTS
4. TURRET
5. CLOVER
6. NEED
11. SAILBOAT
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15. POSTER
16. STRAND
17. CRATES
20. OBOE



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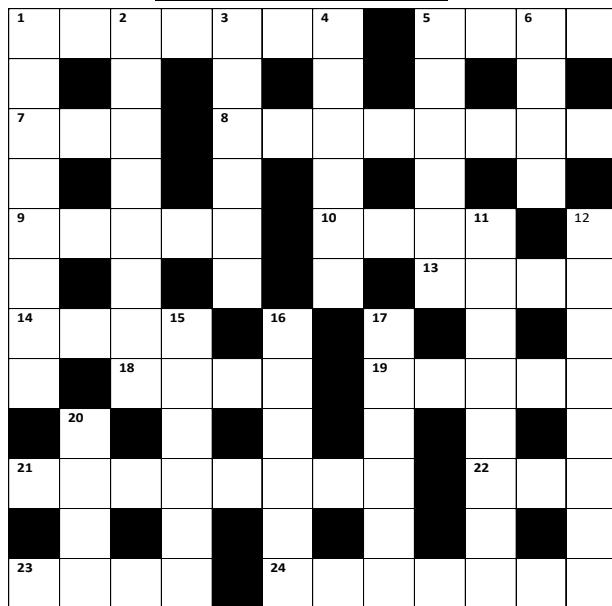
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Crossword #22



ACROSS

1. Mental Picture (7)
5. Band (4)
7. Spoil (3)
8. Calculate (8)
9. Cowboy Show (5)
10. Mood (4)
13. Part of the leg (4)
14. Paradise (4)
18. Lavish (4)
19. Bring upon oneself (5)
21. Religion (8)
22. Religious sister (3)
23. Musical group (4)
24. Used as defence mechanisms (7)

DOWN

1. Engrossed (8)
2. Big dread [anag] (8)
3. Refrigerator compartment (6)
4. Entice (6)
5. A comment (6)
6. Short letter (4)
11. On Canada [anag] (8)
12. Positions (8)
15. Showed agreement (6)
16. Back of (6)
17. Flier (6)
20. Wild cat (4)

Solutions next issue

Member Contributions Part 2

Somerset Churches 8

Mark's crowning glory - when the village was a prosperous centre of the wool trade - is the large and very splendid Parish Church of the Holy Cross which dates back to the 12th century. The tower was not built until the 15th century. During this time, it grew in size and splendour, being enlarged and beautified by the craftsmen directed by the Abbots of Glastonbury over successive centuries, also much embellished by the Parishioners. In the late 1800s a gift was made of four finely carved figures of the four Evangelists carved in 1524. by a Belgian wood carver, they were originally in the cathedral of St. Saviours in Bruges.

The nave barrel roof, which from 1754 until 1903 was plastered, is adorned with many heads of abbots, saints, kings, queens and bishops most dating from the 14th century. Above the Choir Vestry door is the Royal Charles 11 CIPHER. They were placed in many churches throughout the country following the Restoration of the Monarchy. The tower contains a peal of 8 bells, said to be one of the finest in the Diocese. The 1 ton tenor bell is reputed to be one of the best bells cast by the famous Somerset Bell-founder Bilbie and dates from 1727. The church clock was installed to celebrate the jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887.

It is said the most beautiful part of the village, Jubilee Green is still known as the Abbot's Causeway. It was down the Mark Yeo River cut by the monks of Glastonbury in the 15th century, that the Abbot and all of his entourage used to travel in his "state" barge for the purpose of visiting his estates, collecting his dues. A beautiful church well loved.

Allerton Church has been at the centre of the village for over 950 years. There has probably been a Saxon settlement here since the 7th

Century. The original name for the village was Alwardition, after Aylward, Abbot of Glastonbury from 1027 to 1053. It was him who built the first chapel here shortly before the Norman Conquest, but churches of that period were built of wood, and no traces remain. The first stone church was built around 1200. This building now forms the present nave, at some stage in the 15th century a chancel was added but little was altered until 1638 when major restoration took place with larger windows in the nave. On the south wall of the nave is a fine stained glass window memorial to the three men of Allerton killed in the First World War; probably made by the William Morris Company of London. There are three yew trees in the churchyard, the oldest estimated to be at least 500 years old.

The church at Badgworth is the only one in the country dedicated to St. Congar, to put it mildly not one of the better known saints. It seems that he was born in Pembrokeshire in about 470 AD. He moved from Wales to Congresbury (named after him) and established a monastery on Cadbury Hill. The North Chancel is believed to be the oldest part of the church, the east window is very early decorated about 1340. A similar one existed at the west end. The Founders Tomb on the North side bears an inscription in Norman French, Jon de Hamton. gist: ici. De Salme. eit. merci. (Jon de Hamton lies here God, on his soul have mercy). On one wall there's an interesting brass tablet placed there by family and friends to commemorate the lives of three local men from the village who lost their lives to typhoid in Pretoria and Johannesburg during the South African Boer wars of 1899-1902. Much has been changed over the centuries built and rebuilt. The tower contains 5 bells, two of them pre-reformation. The organ was originally made for the Prince Regent's Chapel at Brighton in about 1837.

That's about all I have to say, we're off to Ollie's for lunch.....

Bernard Martin

Member Photo Gallery



Owl Mosaic by Lorita Gainford (made in the Mosaics Group sessions).

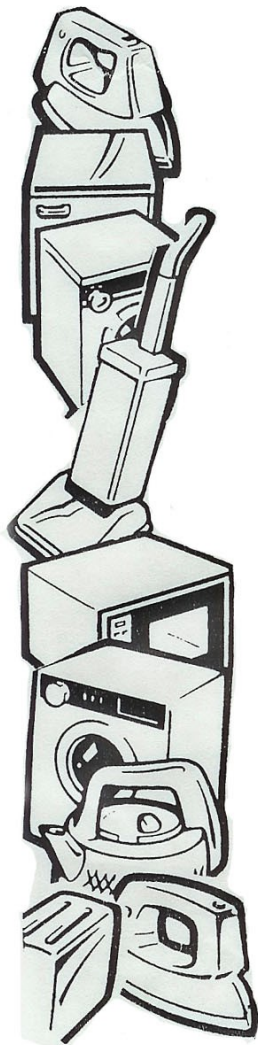


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Crook Peak taken on 16th February 2018—lovely views and sunny!!

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Away Days

Somerset Rural Life Museum—March 29th 2018

The site of the museum was formerly the Abbey Barn and the Farm House is now home to one of the Galleries.

The Abbey Barn is rated as one of the West country's finest buildings, and is the centre piece of the site.

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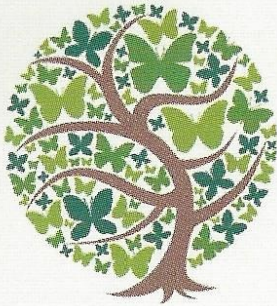
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January 20th 2018	No. 47	Barbara Croker and Linda Brigg
February 17th 2018	No. 56	Ann Puddy and Doreen Gordon

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<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Cost</u>
2018		
March 14th	Annual Lunch The Beachcomber Inn, Brean	£10 (Members) £14.50 (Guests)
March 29th	Away Day: Somerset Rural Life Museum, Glastonbury	£14.00
April 7th	Theatre Trip: Kiss Me Kate Weston Playhouse	£21.50
April 23rd— April 27th	Holiday: Liverpool Mercury Atlantic Tower Hotel	From £235.00
May 17th	Away Day: Dewstow Gardens, Monmouthshire	£18.00
June 20th	Away Day: Berkley Castle, Gloucestershire	£22.00
July 25th	Away Day: Tiverton Canal Barge Trip	£23.00
September 11th—15th	Holiday: Bournemouth Bournemouth Sands Hotel	From £215.00
September 20th	Away Day: Chambercombe Manor, Ilfracombe	£23.00
October 18th	Away Day: Hatton Garden Village, Nr. Stratford-upon-Avon	£16.00
November 29th	Away Day: Exeter, Devon	£10.00

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.

U3A of Highbridge

Application for Membership

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

I(Title & Full Name)

Address.....

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Mobile..... Email.....

The Annual Membership Fee of £ 9.00 includes a fee of £3.50 per capita which is paid to our National Organisation, The Third Age Trust, which provides a wide range of services, benefits, and includes liability insurance cover. This fee, paid yearly, is from 1st April until the end of March the following year.

Terms and Conditions of Membership

All Members must:

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- Abide by the terms and conditions of the constitution.
- Treat fellow members with respect and courtesy at all times.
- Comply with and support the decisions of the elected committee.
- Advise the committee of any change in your personal details.

During my membership I confirm that I will abide by the terms of membership as stated above.

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

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

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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 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 £4.00 is required to cover postage.

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Memb No Amount paid..... Dual member (..... U3A)

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- Your name and address(essential),
- Your email address (if you have one),
- Your telephone number(s),
- Your emergency contact details (optional)

This information is a condition of membership of the U3A of Highbridge and we need it to identify you as a member and to communicate with you. In addition, we may record your membership of U3A Groups and activities, or your presence on a waiting list for an activity.

We do not retain any information defined as ‘Sensitive Personal Data’.

We process your data by:

- Using it to communicate with you, and to keep you informed about U3A activities.
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- Using it to validate your attendance and voting rights at General Meetings.

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