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Chairman's Message

Hello, everyone.

Here we are in the merry month of May and this will be the one hundredth edition of this magazine. We hope you all enjoy the articles we include in it. Darryl is always glad to receive any items from members that readers might find interesting or amusing.



I would like to say a big thank you to Ken who started the magazine at the beginning and to Darryl who continues to edit it, print it and keep us informed as to what's going on.

By now our holidaymakers will have returned from their Liverpool break, and I would like to thank Diane and Brenda for organising our holidays over the past few years. It is sad that they will no longer be carrying out this task. Speaking for myself, I have thoroughly enjoyed all of the holidays they have arranged.

If anyone is willing to take on the task we would be very pleased. Many of our members rely on U3A holidays as it is the only opportunity they have to get away.

We have our AGM this month, so make sure you have renewed your membership to enable you to continue to attend and vote.

Vour Orchard

Editors Note

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has contributed to the magazine over the years, without your input this magazine would have probably stopped being produced a long time ago. Please keep those articles and photographs coming, they are much appreciated.

Also, please give us feedback for any improvements that you would like to see in the magazines in future.

Club News

Reminder—A.G.M

Just a reminder that 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.

Please attend if you can as there will be some important business to discuss.

U3A of Highbridge Annual Lunch March 14th 2018

This year was the **10th consecutive occasion** that the Beachcomber in Brean have hosted our annual lunch. The meal was excellent as always. Number of attendees was 112.



New Table Tennis Group

Table Tennis group has recently started and is held every Thursday in the Community Hall from 2pm to 4pm. The cost is £2.00 per session and those attending are asked to pay one month in advance to cover the cost of the hall. It is a fun two hours with the majority of those attending being either beginners or those who have not picked up a bat for 50 years. For more information contact Carole Loveridge.

Member Contributions Part 1

Somerset Churches 9

Our first visit was to St. Mary the Virgin, North Petherton, the church dates from the 15th century, it has a 110ft tower and is one of the finest example of the Perpendicular style in Somerset. After 600 years the weather has not been very kind to the building. It was restored in the late 1980s after an impressive fund raising exercise by local people. Unfortunately restoration is on going and they are in the process of raising funds to repeat the exercise, the area around the tower has been closed off because of falling stone work.

The peal of 6 bells were cast by Thomas Mears at the Whitechapel bell foundry London in 1810, and were recast 85 years later in 1895. The interior has a minstrel gallery from 1623; it retains its box pews to supply refreshments during hour-long 18th century sermons. On the front is an alarming 16th century figure of Old Father Time dominating the earth with hour glass to measure our span and sickle in hand to cut us down!! The carved wooden pulpit was made in 1415 when Henry V was fighting the French at Agincourt. The parish is part of the Alfred Jewel Beniface, made up of 6 churches North Petherton, North Newton's two churches, Moorland, Thurloxtton and Durston. The Alfred Jewel was found in a local farmer's field in North Petherton in 1693; it belonged to King Alfred; made up of precious stones and gold it makes a stunning jewel. The local churches felt this reflected them: united and yet distinct. Hence The Alfred Jewel Beniface. A beautiful replica made by Aspreys of London is kept in the church but not on public display.

The church of St. Peter so dedicated by the late 13th century, comprises a chancel, nave with north vestry and south aisle and a west tower. The tower is said to be Saxon in origin and was rebuilt in 1360. It was height-

ened around 1635. and substantially rebuilt after 1850. By 1879 the church was out of repair and too small, and all but the tower was demolished and rebuilt on a much larger scale.

Surviving from before 1884, an early 17th century wooden screen of five bays carved with female figures additional parts of which are incorporated in the 19th century lectern. Some 17th century bench ends were reused as panelling in the sanctuary, a pulpit of the 1630s and a vestry door bearing carvings of the wise virgins which was the original west entrance door. A quaint church well worth a visit.

Bernie.....



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Winter Strolling (or not as the case may be)

*Twas the stroll before Christmas and our numbers were low,
The few that had gathered found it hard to go.
The rain was fine, we got wet without trying,
So went to Sanders for coffee and buying.*

*The decorations were snowy and full of good cheer,
A snow globe and foxes, rabbits and deer
We walked to the café, and sat in the hall,
On leaving wished Merry Christmas to all.*

With apologies to the classicists amongst us, but you get the drift!

The 12th of January dawned foggy and frosty. The car was still encased with ice and the path was slippery at my time to leave home so I elected not to go out. My more intrepid companions, I am told, enjoyed a very pleasant stroll in the sunshine along Berrow beach, retuning to Ollies for an all day breakfast.

Spring made a brief appearance for our walk at the end of January. We parked by the sluice gate at the end of the Huntspill cut and strolled toward Highbridge. We stayed on the tarmac roadway as the river bank was wet and squishey, as I noticed when going to the top to take the picture. I reluctantly turned back after about a ½ a mile



but most of our fairly large group walked on. I did not notice much wild-life but saw several people with posh cameras and tripods no doubt looking for good bird shots. We went to the Pimpernel but were told there was no room (at the Inn) for us, we tried the Orchard but it was closed,

so it was on to Ollies where they are most obliging. We had lost some of our number by this point as it was too far in the opposite direction.

I missed the first stroll in February as I had friends staying with me, but I am told that despite some of our crew being away on the Eastbourne holiday and a wet morning, nine sturdy souls turned out. They strolled to the Princess coffee lounge and walked around it, carrying coffee cups for extra exercise!

The last stroll before metrological Spring and the day had started frosty but was bright and clear. We travelled to Uphill and walked the footpath that is now also part of the cycle way to Brean. I turned back after about ½ a mile and came back to a sunny seat sheltering under a wall and sat there watching the dog walkers and cyclists. The group walked on to Wayacre Drove (the road down to the sewage works) some ¾ of a mile further on, before turning back. I understand part of their route took them up onto the river bank before re-joining the path to complete the walk. Another trip to Ollies completed the pleasant morning.

Paula Cook

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Walking Group Photos

From walk at Blagdon and Burrington Ham on April 20th 2018. Please visit Walking Group page on U3A of Highbridge website for more photos. Photos supplied by Audrey Downing.



Brain Teasers

1. What can point in every direction but can't reach the destination by itself?
2. A sharpshooter hung up his hat and put on a blindfold. He then walked 100 yards, turned around, and shot a bullet through his hat. The blindfold was a perfectly good one, completely blocking the man's vision. How did he manage this?
3. There is a dead man in the middle of a field, nothing is around him and there are no footprints of any sort. There is an unopened package next to him. How did he die? HINT: As he approached the field he knew he was going to die.
4. A man was born in 1955, how is it today is his 18th birthday?
5. Two convicts are locked in a cell. There is an unbarred window high up in the cell. No matter if they stand on the bed or one on top of the other they can't reach the window to escape. They then decide to tunnel out. However, they give up with the tunneling because it will take too long. Finally one of the convicts figures out how to escape from the cell. What is his plan?
6. Four men were in a boat on the lake. The boat turns over, and all four men sink to the bottom of the lake, yet not a single man got wet! Why?
7. I can travel from there to here by disappearing, and here to there by reappearing. What am I?
8. Where on Earth do the winds always blow from the South?

Answers on page 17.

Group Activities

Monday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
1 st	10.00 to 12.00	Card Making	S.H.	Rose Bateman	795906
2 nd & 4 th	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	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
Every	2.00 to 4.00	Table Tennis	C.H.	Carole Loveridge	780060

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	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 #22 Answers

ACROSS

1. IMAGINE
5. RING
7. MAR
8. ESTIMATE
9. RODEO
10. AURA
13. KNEE
14. EDEN
18. DOTE
19. INCUR
21. BUDDHISM
22. NUN
23. BAND
24. DENIALS

DOWN

1. IMMERSED
2. ABRIDGED
3. ICEBOX
4. ENTRAP
5. REMARK
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16. BEHIND
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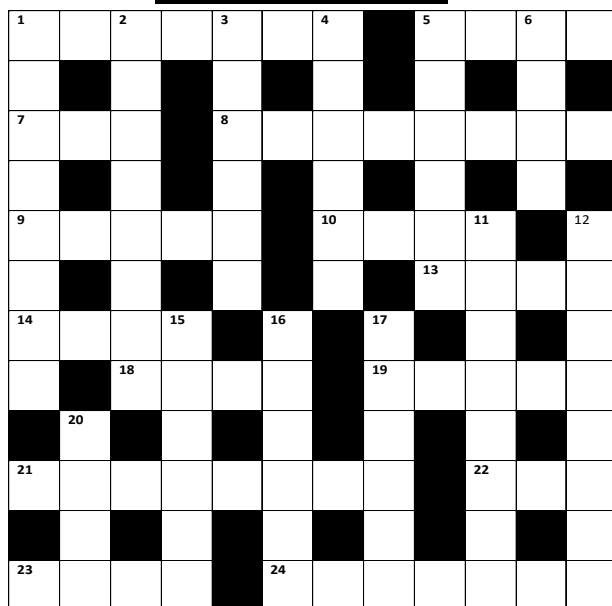
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Crossword #23



ACROSS

1. Bag (7)
5. Covering of gold paint (4)
7. No longer in prison (3)
8. Sussex town (8)
9. Implore (5)
10. Idle (4)
13. Sharp cry (4)
14. Finished (4)
18. Ended (4)
19. Strange (5)
21. Line of work (8)
22. Anger (3)
23. Stopper (4)
24. Pasta (7)

DOWN

1. Arachnid (8)
2. Red teeth [anag] (8)
3. Scoundrels (6)
4. Probably (6)
5. Showy (6)
6. Girls name (4)
11. Yale grin [anag] (8)
12. Collectables (8)
15. Type of sport (6)
16. Grain (6)
17. Tally (6)
20. Warrior (4)

Solutions next issue

Member Contributions Part 2

Spring Strollers

Well here in the favoured Vale of Avalon the snow only lasted three days, therefore did not inhibit our stroll on the 9th March. We set off for Cossington to walk Locks Way, the cycle track formed along the line of the Bridgwater Twig from the old S&D Glastonbury Branch line. On arriving in the car park we realised we had lost five of our number, a phone call found four of them, directions were given and they joined us. The one still missing could not be contacted (I have since found she went



to the wrong end of the walk) so we started our stroll. A lot of scrub clearance had been carried out since the group's last visit and the stream, complete with small waterfalls and ripple weirs could be clearly seen as could the stainless steel swans and boats. (Fay posing to give scale). I did not walk the full distance, approx. 2.75 miles return, but found a strange curvy seat to perch on before wend-

ing my way back to join Ken and Mary in the car. We took lunch at the Puriton Inn.

Friday 23rd March was overcast and the breeze was cold but we decided to pick up from the Uphill walk of four weeks ago and look for the river crossing. A check on Google had revealed a path along the side of the sewer works and then a zig-zag down to Brean Cross Sluice at Diamond Farm so we drove to a convenient car park in Wayacre Drove and set off. It was a pleasant stroll with Pussy Willow catkins, Blackthorn blossom just opening and hawthorn leaves starting to break bud, all welcome signs of spring. When we reached the bridge the sluice was holding back

the tide which had just started to ebb, but the difference in levels was very apparent. I turned back here but others carried on through the caravan site, the path eventually joining Ham Road. While leaning on a gate for a rest during my walk back I was joined by Rod and we ambled back to the cars arriving just ahead of the group. Ollies had the benefit of our custom again.

The 5th Friday of March was Good Friday and therefore the churches were likely to be holding services and vigils so our "church crawling" was exchanged for the 13th April stroll. In spite of the light rain, the eight of us that had gathered decided we would park on the south esplanade on stroll along to look at the yachts that had been craned into the river the day before. The river was low and ebbing fast, possibly from the previous day's heavy downpours, and the boats were sitting forlornly on the mud. The light rain increased in intensity and the walk was abandoned in favour of an early lunch.

Paula Cook

Brain Teaser Answers

1. Your finger.
2. He hung his hat on the barrel of his gun.
3. Failed Parachute.
4. He was born in room 1955 of the hospital.
5. His plan is to dig the tunnel and pile up the dirt to climb up to the window to escape.
6. Because they were all married and not single.
7. The letter "T".
8. The North Pole.

Photo Gallery—Card Making Group



Card made in Card making Group session by Judith Farnworth



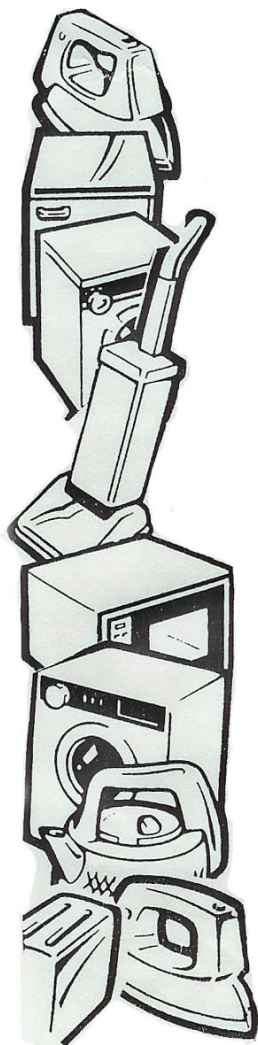
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In 1893 Mr Henry Oakley became the owner of the Dewstow Estate, he was also Director of the Great Western Railway. One of his interests was tropical flowers and plants, so he set about creating these wonderful gardens. The garden was buried just after World War 2, and rediscovered in 2000. The Gardens contain many ponds, rills, tunnels, sunken ferneries and Rock Gardens.

There is a cafe serving light snacks and beverages, or if the weather is good you may wish to take a picnic.

Berkley Castle—June 20th 2018

Berkley Castle has been lived in by the same family for nearly 900 years. This Norman Castle has a Keep containing a cell in which King Edward II was held captive and reputedly murdered. Step back in time as you walk through medieval kitchens, the Great Hall and elegant state rooms. There is within the walled garden a Butterfly house; the gardens were created in the mid seventeenth century.

Refreshments are available in the Yurt restaurant. There is also a shop and plant sales.

Monthly Draw

March 17th 2018	No. 39	Jane Alford and Eunice Cox
April 14th 2018	No. 38	Pat Clipstone and Gillian Cottey

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June 20th	Away Day: Berkley Castle, Gloucestershire	£22.00
July 25th	Away Day: Tiverton Canal Barge Trip	£23.00
September 11th—15th	Holiday: Bournemouth	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

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