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## **From the Editor**

Hello everyone, by popular request, from this issue onwards we are now putting the answers for the crossword in the same issue rather than leaving it until the next issue. For this issue only there are two sets of answers—one for the crossword from the previous issue (in the usual spot) and the other set for the current crossword in its new location towards the back of the magazine (page 22 in this particular edition).

## **Chairman's Message**

Hello everyone!

I write this sitting in my garden. The sun is shining, blackbirds are singing and the farmer in the adjacent field is haymaking. This is a lovely time of the year. All the flowers are in bloom and as for the roses? Well, weren't they beautiful at Berkeley Castle?



I am pleased to say we have had a few new members join us. It is always good to see new faces. We have several more trips to look forward to this year, plus our group meetings.

I am sorry to hear that a few of our members are not experiencing very good health at the moment. I am sure you will all join me in wishing them a speedy recovery.

I hope you enjoy the summer.

Vour Orchard

## **Club News**

### **Cream Teas 2018**

Three dates have been arranged for cream teas this year:

Tuesday July 17th

Tuesday August 21st

Monday September 17th

Venue for all is Highbridge Community Hall at 3.30pm.

Cost is £3.00 per cream tea.

### **Coffee Morning Book Stall**

A long time ago, a very long time, we started leaving an assortment of books, hard and paper backs, on a table at the side of the hall. It was just a whim, to see what happened. The result was members started to take one, read and then return. The number of books gradually increased, until we had TWO tables, then bigger tables.

It got a bit embarrassing because there were so many, and, from time to time, a carrier bag full went to one of the local Charity Shops.

Pat Clipstone, our willing volunteer--- said she would take charge of the “library” and bring some order to the setup; Bernard Martin “obtained” some ‘mobile bookshelves’; and we now have a respectable ‘Lending Library’.

Thank you Pat and Bernard for your gallant efforts, this corner of the Coffee Morning set-up is very popular first thing on a Wednesday morning, and is a facility, that I am sure all members, even if they don’t say so, greatly appreciate it.

# Member Contributions

## Table Tennis Group

The table tennis group, while still in it's infancy, is proving to be very popular with a current membership totalling 17.

This week, 13 of us turned up for two hours of fun, laughter and gentle exercise.

Many of us are 'raw' beginners, either never having played before, or if we have, then it was a long time ago! We are all seeing improvements in our game which is encouraging.

Meeting in the hall every Thursday afternoon, we start at 2 and finish at 4 (except on our 'Away Days' of course).

Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun. We pay a small subscription for the cost of renting the hall.



## **Liverpool Holiday**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> April, St George's Day, 35 members set off for their holiday in Liverpool, with everyone present we departed early, our driver introducing himself and giving the usual announcements before we had got to the M5.

We made excellent time, had a comfort stop at Hilton Park (for 1 hr) north of Brum and we were at our hotel within the estimated 5 hrs. The Mercure Atlantic Tower Hotel is very close to the famous Liver Buildings, most rooms overlooked the River Mersey Ferry Terminal.

It proved to be a different type of holiday to that usually enjoyed by us; the hotel is purely for 'business' types, 'sales reps' and tourists; "stay the night, bed and breakfast and off again". There was no lounge or entertainment/bingo, you needed to leave the hotel if you wanted a bit of jollification.

Members did, however, find that Liverpool has a lot to offer; there was the Beatles Tour, Penny Lane, Strawberry Fields, the Cavern Club and all the well-known Beatle 'haunts'. The "ferry across the Mersey" and a trip to Southport were among the days out, plus the usual attractions in the city; 2 Cathedrals, numerous museums, and 'Liverpool 1' the shopping area.

It was certainly a different holiday, not a seaside this time, but thoroughly enjoyed.

Thank you, Diane and Brenda, you have done us proud over the years, we will miss you both, thanks again.

"An appreciative member"

## Strolling On

Mid May and the English weather was being its usual capricious self, you didn't know whether to wear shorts or a thick coat, but although it was overcast there was no rain threatened. A woodland walk just outside of North Petherton, which several of us did not know, was suggested. Four of us very local people got lost, we turned right at the wrong post box! After phone calls and Ken kindly coming in search of us, we finally arrived at the car park for Kingscliff Woods. There are two paths and we chose the less steep one, I am told some of the party returned by the more strenuous one. Audrey's photo shows the beautiful display of bluebells, in no way spoilt by the colourful collection in the foreground. Many thanks to Ken and Fay for such a lovely walk.



On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for my lovely "get well" card, all the good wishes and offers of help. You are a great bunch at Highbridge U3A. Paula

## **Away Day at Dewstow Gardens**

*"Didn't we have a lovely time the day we went to Dewstow..."*

.... and what better way of finishing off the trip than with wine and old friends!! (or should that be with friends and old wine??)

Dewstow House, located in an amazing peaceful and tranquil setting, near Caerwent in Monmouthshire high on a hill overlooking the river Severn.

The gardens and grounds of the house were first started in 1893 and which included underground grottos, rock gardens, ponds and waterfalls. In 1940 however, following the death of the owner, the whole area was covered in and reverted back to pasture land and no record was ever kept of them. Even the 'Tropical House' which housed parrots (plus some reports of monkeys as well) was converted to the growing of tomatoes during the second world war to help in the war effort.

It wasn't until the year 2000, that the current owners of Dewstow House happened upon some steps leading underground (which were then covered in) did they come to realise the significance of what lay beneath their feet.

Excavations began soon after which revealed far more than they ever imagined. All the records and plans of what had taken place within and under the ground had long been destroyed, so it became a long slow process of re-discovery

It is now a Grade 1 listed garden, and is one of the most significant examples of the designer Pulham's work.

To finish off our day, coach driver Martin, suggested he drop us off in Chepstow for a couple of hours before returning to Highbridge, there, some of our party went sightseeing, others to do a bit of shopping



while a few of us tried out the local hostelry .... as you would!!

It was a great trip out! Many thanks to Vour for organising the day, plus ensuring the sun never stopped shining from the moment we got on the coach till the time we disembarked later in the afternoon.

Barry Ede



## Monthly Draw

May 12th 2018	No. 5	Lyn East, Sally Meek and Janet Raine
June 9th 2018	No. 57	Veronica Hawkins, Ann Puddy and Irene Klein

Each received £25.00

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## Group Activities

### Monday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 to 12.00	Card Making	S.H.	Rose Bateman	795906
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 to 3.30	Kurling	C.H.	Stan Vousden-White Sybil Tilley	781567 787054
4 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 to 4.00	Beading	P.H.	Rose Bateman	795906
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</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
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>rd</sup>	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 <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	1.45 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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.30 to 1.00	Skittles	L.I.	Philip Buoy	783647
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 to ??.	Walking		Audrey & Rod	256895
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
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 #23 Answers

### ACROSS

1. SACHEL
5. GILT
7. OUT
8. UCKFIELD
9. PLEAD
10. LAZY
13. YELP
14. OVER
18. DONE
19. EERIE
21. BUSINESS
22. IRE
23. PLUG
24. LASAGNA

### DOWN

1. SCORPION
2. TETHERED
3. HOUNDS
4. LIKELY
5. GLITZY
6. LOLA
11. YEARLING
12. EPHEMERA
15. ROWING
16. CEREAL
17. CENSUS
20. CULL

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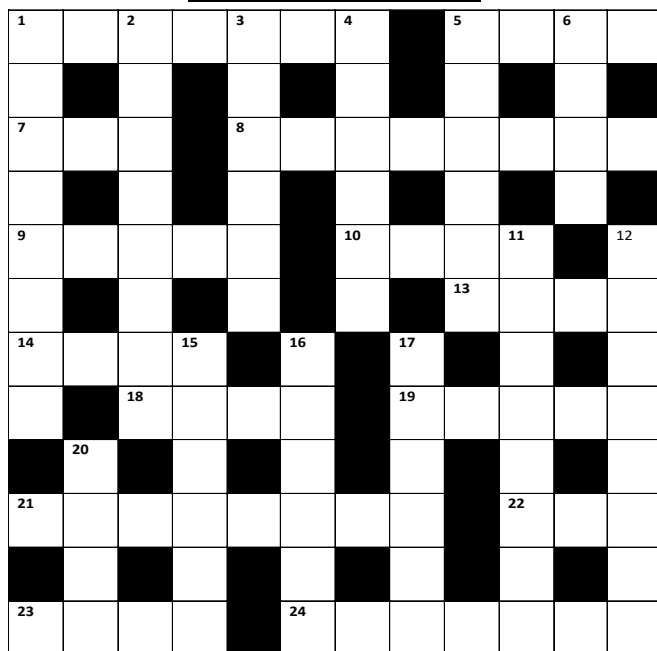
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## Crossword #24



### ACROSS

1. Seabird (7)
5. Fit (4)
7. Space (3)
8. 'Sven gone' [anag] (8)
9. Estate Owner (5)
10. Tempt (4)
13. Dash (4)
14. Sediment (4)
18. Tender (4)
19. Sea (5)
21. 'Snag a ram' [anag] (8)
22. Beer name (initials) (3)
23. Formerly (4)
24. Stunned (7)

### DOWN

1. Fighter (8)
2. 'Slip a nut' [anag] (8)
3. Overturns (6)
4. Annoy (6)
5. Inane (6)
6. Fish (4)
11. 'ie Easter' [anag] (8)
12. Criterion (8)
15. Fastener (6)
16. Smear (6)
17. Marsupial (6)
20. Presently (4)

Solution on page 22



## Photo Gallery

### Photography Group—BOS Yacht Club Visit







Photos supplied by Pete Manning

# Group News

## Photography Group



### Photography Group – Point & Shoot U3A of Highbridge

**Our next meeting – June 12<sup>th</sup> at  
Southwell House.**

Our photo shoot at BOS Yacht Club was disappointing from the weather point of view, however we had a very informative/diverse talk from the club's treasurer. He advised us on different aspects of the club's activities, tides -effect of the moon etc. We all enjoyed the afternoon, apart from getting wet. We shall view our photographs on 12<sup>th</sup> June at Southwell House, all are welcome to come along. Our members have also been invited to attend one of their club nights, when, hopefully, they will choose photos to be added to their web site.

Thanks to you guys that came along supporting the group.

All photographs are "point and shoot" without any computer digital enhancements.

Why not come our meetings, informal, helpful & entertaining.

Thanks.

#### Photography Group Point & Shoot

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday of each  
month**

**2.00 – 4.00**

#### Monthly Topics

**12<sup>th</sup> July  
Summer/Sports  
Action**

**14<sup>th</sup> August**

**Summer –  
Outing/Trip/Holiday**

**11<sup>th</sup> September**

**To be discussed**

**COME ALONG & SHARE  
YOUR THOUGHTS  
COMMENTS, IDEAS  
REGARDING THE GROUP:  
OR EMAIL:-**

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## Walking Group

### Highbridge Saunterers Walking Programme

**June – September 2018**

(Third Friday in each month)

For further details please email: [audrey\\_downing@hotmail.com](mailto:audrey_downing@hotmail.com)

#### KEY TO LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY



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

Date	Walk Start	Post Code for Satnav	Grid Ref	Level of Difficulty	Walk Description	Conditions/Stiles	Approx Dist	Walk Leader	Telephone/Email
15.6.18	Street Youth Hostel B3151	BA16 0TZ	ST480345		Edge of the Somerset Levels. The walk takes in part of Compton Dundon and The Hood Monument. Nice views.	Steep descent then fairly level. Steep ascent to Monument. One stile	4.5	Rod and Audrey Downing	01278 256885/07467 029154 <a href="mailto:audrey_downing@hotmail.com">audrey_downing@hotmail.com</a>
20.7.2018	Brent Knoll (Details to follow)				Around lower part of Brent Knoll			Mike Gregory	<a href="mailto:mdsm2003@hotmail.co.uk">mdsm2003@hotmail.co.uk</a>
17.8.2018	St Augustine Church CP West Monkton	TA2 8HW	ST262284		West Monkton, Gotton and Burlinch.	A few stiles. Fairly easy walk with some uphill. Nice views over Taunton Deane. Takes in part of Hestercombe Estate	4	Rod and Audrey Downing	01278 256885/07467 029154 <a href="mailto:audrey_downing@hotmail.com">audrey_downing@hotmail.com</a>
21.9.2018	Village Car Park Curry Rival	TA10 0HE	ST391252		From Curry Rival to the Pyment Cider Monument	Paths, tracks and fields. Some Stiles. Some uphill.	4	Rod and Audrey Downing	01278 256885/07467 029154 <a href="mailto:audrey_downing@hotmail.com">audrey_downing@hotmail.com</a>

If you require a lift, please contact Walk Leader

We meet at Bank Street Car Park (rear of Community Hall) for car sharing and leave promptly at 10.00.

If you prefer to meet at the start of the walk please be there for 10.30

***Please ensure you have suitable footwear!***

## **Theatre Group**

A new Theatre Trip has been added to the calendar—'Cats' at the Weston-Super-Mare Playhouse on Saturday October 27th 2018. Coach leaves Highbridge Community Hall at 1pm. Cost is £21.00.

## **Holidays Group**

We still have availability for twin rooms at Bournemouth Sands Hotel from the 11th to 15th September, total cost £225.00 inclusive Coach Travel, Half Board, Live evening Entertainment, optional coach trips (extra charge). This is the last holiday arranged by Brenda and Di.

Final payment due by 25th July.

## **Away Days**

### **Tiverton Canal Barge Trip – Wednesday 25th July**

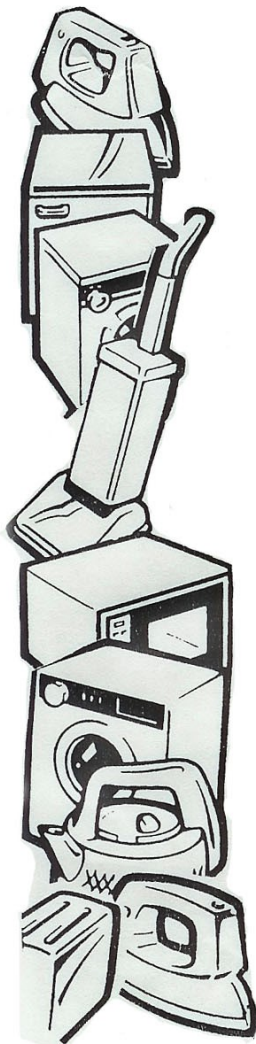
We will travel by coach with the always cheerful Martin for our horse-drawn barge trip along the canal. There will be a bar on board for drinks and snacks. This is cash only. No cards, please.

There will be toilets on board.

After the trip which lasts approximately 1½ hours, we will return to Tiverton for lunch and browsing.

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## Crossword #24 Answers

### ACROSS

- 1. PENGUIN
- 5. ABLE
- 7. GAP
- 8. EVENSONG
- 9. LAIRD
- 10. LURE
- 13. DART
- 14. SILT
- 18. SORE
- 19. OCEAN
- 21. ANAGRAMS
- 22. IPA
- 23. ONCE
- 24. BEMUSED

### DOWN

- 1. PUGILIST
- 2. NUPTIALS
- 3. UPENDS
- 4. NEEDLE
- 5. ABSURD
- 6. LING
- 11. EATERIES
- 12. STANDARD
- 15. TOGGLE
- 16. BEDAUB
- 17. POSSUM
- 20. ANON



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## Calendar

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<b>2018</b>		
July 17th	Cream Tea Highbridge Community Hall	£3.00
July 25th	Away Day: Tiverton Canal Barge Trip	£23.00
August 21st	Cream Tea Highbridge Community Hall	£3.00
September 11th—15th	Holiday: Bournemouth Bournemouth Sands Hotel	From £215.00
September 17th	Cream Tea Highbridge Community Hall	£3.00
September 20th	Away Day: Chambercombe Manor, Ilfracombe	£23.00
October 18th	Away Day: Hatton Garden Village, Nr. Stratford-upon-Avon	£16.00
October 27th	Theatre Trip: Cats Weston-super-mare Playhouse	£21.00
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.