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Chairman's Message

Hello, everyone.

My, what a summer we have had! It's been quite Mediterranean! I must confess I was glad to see some rain, if only to spare me all the watering of the garden.



You may have noticed our committee members are now sporting identity tags. This is to help new members to know their team. Additionally, if any of you have suggestions regarding new groups/day trips etc. you will know who to approach. We will do our best to oblige and if, dare I say, you have any complaints we can hopefully sort things out.

I would like to say a big thank you to those of you who volunteer to do your turn at the most important task. That is making tea and coffee every Wednesday. Our coffee mornings are the glue that keeps our U3A together. It is much appreciated.

Kind regards,

Vour Orchard

From the Editor

In this issue, a complete change with something different. The crossword is made up solely of anagrams.

Feedback is important, so please contact the editors (details on page 2), or any committee member with your comments regarding not only this change of format, but also if you wish to continue with a crossword in every issue of our magazine.

Thank you!

Club News

Obituaries

Ron Fulcher

We were advised at the end of June that Ron Fulcher had died in a local nursing home, he was 91. Member Janet Raine has been keeping an eye on Ron during his long fight against an illness that is, of late, affecting many elderly persons. Ron had been a regular visitor to our 'Coffee Mornings' and may be remembered for always preferring to sit with the 'ladies'.

William (Billy) Conibeer 19th May 1939—13th July 2018

'Billy' finally lost his long, frustrating battle with the big 'C' on Friday 13th July. It seemed to be only a week or so ago that he dropped in at the Coffee Morning and appeared to be doing so well; regrettably he suffered a relapse and was soon to enter the Priory Nursing Home in Burnham where he could receive the suitable treatment. It was here that the fighting spirit, which had got him thus far, failed; I am sure we are all going to miss his cheery outlook on life, there was always something that Billy could find to comment on, never negative, always a positive attitude.

The members affection for Billy was evident on Friday 27th July by their attendance at his funeral; members of this U3A were in the majority at the Sedgemoor Crematorium. Billy was very well known locally being held in high esteem by the people of both Burnham and Highbridge, he was that sort of person, a great chap---we will all miss you Billy.

Reminder

If anyone is ill or in hospital, please let Fay know and she will send a card on behalf of the U3A.

Other News

On a more joyous note, members will, no doubt, wish to offer their congratulations to Tony and Joan Webb on the celebration of their 70th wedding (PLATINUM) anniversary.

Tony (Rev) was a founder member of this U3A serving on the Committee, and being Chairman on a couple of occasions. Over the past few years Tony has found it increasingly difficult to get about, being in his mid-90's his mobility is limited. We do, on your behalf, wish Joan and Tony our congratulations on achieving such a rare milestone in their matrimonial journey through life.

INFORMATION FOR ALL U3A TRIPS & VISITS

Please Note: it was announced during a recent Coffee Morning that the Away Days Group were unable to take non-members in future.

The Data Protection Act 2018 is now in force and incorporates the GDPR requirements. The Act imposes rules on us that we must observe. We would have to produce a separate application form for completion and signature by the non-member as we are obliged to ensure that he/she is aware how the U3A would use the data provided and would he/she be happy to proceed on this basis.

Secondly, there is the issue of public liability insurance. Cover is provided by U3A for all members but not, of course, for non- members. In the unfortunate event that a non-member travelling with us were to accidentally injure a third party or cause damage to property, they would not be covered. This could potentially lead to a claim against the U3A. Therefore we can no longer allow non- members to join our day trips. If you have a friend or relative who would like to join one of our trips then why not use the opportunity to encourage them to join the U3A of Highbridge - it only costs £9 per annum!

Member Contributions

Passing on Skills to the Young Ones

Two members of the Mosaic group (Alison and Ros) have recently been into a local school to help the pupils learn about mosaics.

We took in several examples of our work, covering a range of different components. The children could see (and touch) first hand the various textures created using different media.

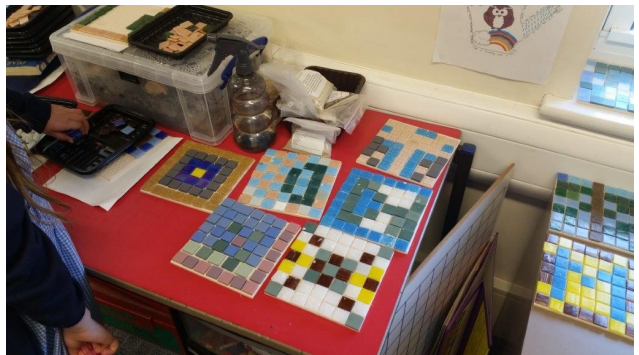


The first class we went into (Year 3 aged 7-8) had been studying the sort of mosaics used by the Romans for flooring etc. Our examples included photos of pathways made from broken roof tiles, outside garden

seating areas and bathroom walls. Examples which we took in included table tops, decorative panels, teapot stands and pictures.

Alison's very fiery volcano was particularly popular as the class have been studying volcanoes this term. They also enjoyed the mosaic depiction of a compost heap as they have also been studying recycling.

Each child then made a teapot/plant pot tile with their choice of pattern and colour. They



glued the small tiles onto a plain white tile and the following week grouted these. Some of the children didn't like the feel of the grout despite wearing gloves ! but they were all very excited with their creations. Some children were hiding them away to give to their Dads on Father's Day.

After half term we went into another class in the school. (The Cascade Effect !), only these children are in Year 1 (5-6 years). We have made a similar tile but coaster size this time. We showed them examples of our work and also a collage made up with many different objects which we asked them to identify. They had great fun doing this and now they know a mosaic can be made from almost any medium.

Alison made up a great game to play with the children outside, to help them understand patterns. We then went in and the children used prepared grids to devise their patterns and colours. Each child coloured in 3 patterns and they could choose their favourite one to make up.



The following week we went in to get the children to stick their small tiles onto the base tile, then the following week we grouted them. The children showed great concentration and made lovely patterns.

We have thoroughly enjoyed passing on our knowledge and skills and hope the children will be able to make use of them in future.

Ros Thomson



Strollers Update

After many weeks of dry, hot weather the rain arrived on the morning of Friday 10th August, a Strollers Day----it would, wouldn't it. The group decided to set off anyway; go to Richie's Cider café for a cup of tea and natter, (some had a bite to eat as well) and see if the weather improved. -----It did!

Denise (Godby) the group leader, liaised with Keith and together they took the strollers around North and South Southwick on a 'nosey' tour, you only find out by looking. It was also suggested they have a look at the Watchfield Windmill, the sails have gone but what remains was ancient and interesting.

It turned out to be a very pleasant mornings' walk and it didn't rain again!



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No Fix No Fee!

Away Day—Berkley Castle June 20th 2018

Those that joined us on our recent 'Away Day' trip to Berkeley Castle in Gloucestershire was enjoyed by everybody!

Berkeley, is the *only* castle in the UK which has stayed in the same family since it was first built way back in the 12th century.

Many of the scenes from the BBC TV series 'Wolf Hall' a couple of years ago, were set here in the main hall and if you look carefully at the photo montage, you may spot Mark Rylance, the star of the series, doing an excellent impression of our very own John Ellis while wearing the authentic costume which he used in that very production.

We were all fascinated by the lepdoptiry ... lepitopterum ... lepid (anyway, it's a place where they breed butterflies and moths). Most of us were transfixed as they fluttered by, some even landing on our heads! It took a long time for our camera lenses to get rid of the moisture to take a few snaps, due to the very high humidity inside the lepadit (enclosure).

The castle itself has a lovely ambiance to it. We were left to wander around at our leisure to soak up the atmosphere and perhaps to gaze at the walls wondering what secrets they could tell us, apart from, the grisly murder of King Edward 11 (using a red hot poker) which took place there in 1327.

Thanks again to Vour for coming up, yet again, with a great location to spend a day out with friends!

P.S. Ah! now I've got it the word is lepidopterarium - - - - - (I think?)



Strollers in High Summer

We are actually having a summer this year so of course there are grumbles about the heat! Despite this a few of us turned up to walk, various other members had other exciting commitments like Holidays and Wimbledon. We set off to walk "The Wall" along the bank of the Mark Yeo. The half mile I did was



a pleasant shady walk, the only down side was being pestered by flies (note to self, replace the insect repellent you gave to your Granddaughter!). It was lovely to see a family of swans, Mum, Dad and five cygnets. We were intrigued by the fact that all the babies had one leg up over their backs. I turned back leaving my companions to complete the round trip across the bridge and back up Kingsway Rd. I stopped to photograph the swan family but as the cob was hissing at me it is not a close up!

For our stroll on July 27th Denise had invited us to her home for lunch after a treasure hunt around West Huntspill. It was also the day of Billy Conibeer's funeral. We discussed what to do and decided we would stick

to the arrangement and walk in honour of Billy. Denise served lunch a little early to give us all time to go to Billy's service. Therefore three teams of four set off at intervals with quiz sheets in hand (Denise said she had lifted them from another organisation so could not take credit), Ken and Mary sat in the garden with Robert and Denise and I walked around the village, with no detours, so that she could get back in time to host us all. My word what a good spread she provided in the beautiful and peaceful setting of her garden. Thank you very much Denise from all of us. We then went to Sedgemoor Crematorium to say goodbye to our much loved companion. Billy's sense of fun, his enthusiasm for life and his photos of our outings will be greatly missed.

The first walk in August and the weather had well and truly broken, the rain was torrential. Some of us opted to go shopping and some went for coffee at Riches. Hear ends my report; apparently the rain stopped long enough for a short walk, Fay reports elsewhere.

Westhay Nature Reserve was green and lush, and well away from the Bank Holiday chaos elsewhere, as we strolled along its pathways. The group, turned left towards the hide and then took a grassy path that would take them into the heart of the reserve. I went back to the main path and strolled up to the Island Hide, watched a swan and a youngster, as big as his parent but still in his brown coat, calmly going about their business and a coot splashing around. I could hear ducks but they were well concealed in the reeds. A pleasant stroll back to the car, with brown dragonflies whizzing around, a chat to Mary, the group returning and quick drive to Sweets for lunch concluded a showery last walk in August.

Paula Cook

Monthly Draw

July 7th 2018	No. 1	Jean Beck and Kay Lloyd
August 4th 2018	No. 52	Joan Heal and Ray Tilley

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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
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 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
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
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

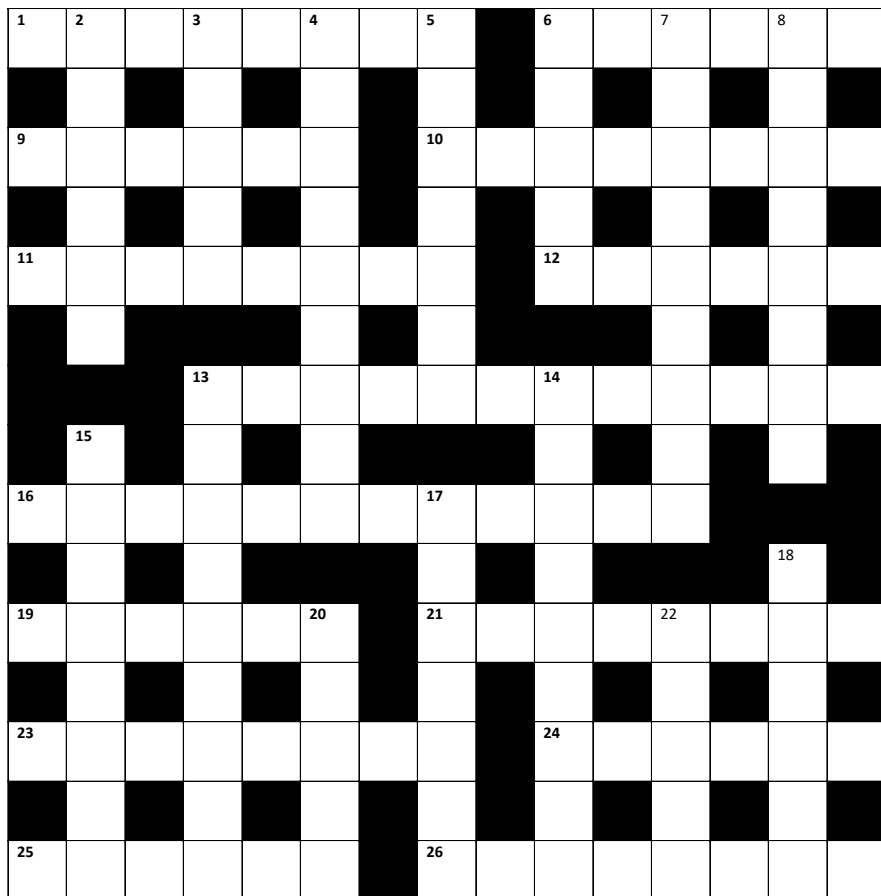
Changes since last issue are highlighted in yellow.

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.

Anagram Crossword #1



Note: all clues are anagrams

Solution is on page 30

Anagram Crossword #1 Clues

ACROSS

1. Be Sad Spy (8)
6. UFO set (6)
9. Love AC (6)
10. G.I. Hit rat (8)
11. Stare Rod (8)
12. Snog AL (6)
13. Trim a lace Rob (12)
16. Di cannot file (12)
19. Lean Ed (6)
21. Teen gear (8)
23. I bill cab (8)
24. Lit Len (6)
25. De gums (6)
26. Sets cups (8)

DOWN

2. O welly (6)
3. La duo (5)
4. Held trees (9)
5. Grim Ada (7)
6. Safer (5)
7. Dial or tie (9)
8. Haul vape (8)
13. Bud fed Del (9)
14. Ring slate (9)
15. U lob mine (8)
17. Gin legs (7)
18. C.T. Stir (6)
20. Crane (5)
22. Resin (5)

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More Member Contributions

Churches 10

On a beautiful hot and sunny day our first visit was to the church of St. Michael Othery.

In 854 AD. King Alfred's father Ethelwulf had granted a tenth of his land to the churches of Weston Zoyland, Middlezoy and Othery. Alfred and his supporters took refuge from the Danes in Athelney and surrounding marshes in 878 AD. As he was a Christian King as was his subjects with him, it is reasonable to suppose that by this date a church already existed at Othery. This was undoubtedly a typical Saxon building of wood or plastered rubble with a thatched roof.

In 1268 AD. the Bishop of Bath and Wells gave instructions to provide chaplains and clerks to serve the church and chapels at Middlezoy, Weston Zoyland and Othery. By this time the increase in population would have needed quite a sizable church, and the stone church which we see today was started in the 13th. Century. During the next 100 years the nave windows were enlarged and the North Transept added. Much work was also done on the interior, some of the beautifully carved bench-ends having survived from this date, they include, St. Michael slaying the dragon, David holding the head of Goliath, and Abraham about to sacrifice Isaac. By the end of the 15th Century saw the completion of the cruciform shape, with the addition of the South Transept and the perpendicular style tower.

Five bells were hung between 1692 and 1811. The South Transept windows there is roundels of medieval glass from Glastonbury Abbey depicting three doctors of the church: St. Gregory, St. Jerome And St. Augustine. Also of interest is a memorial to three Chard brothers, who included Connell John Chard VC. (d1891) who led the defence of Rorke's

Drift South Africa.

Othery church is one of the churches dedicated to St. Michael that falls on a “ley” line proposed by John Mitchell, others connected include churches on Burrow Mump and Glastonbury Tor.

A “ley” line is a supposed straight line connecting two or more prehistoric or ancient sites, with lines of energy and other paranormal phenomena.

The second of our visits was to the Church of the Holy Cross at Middlezoy. There are no written records from the period during which the church was being built, what evidence there is comes from reports often written tens or hundreds of years after the event, and these are sparse indeed. There may have been some form of Christianity here before the 8th century. At that time there were many kingdoms in England, each with its own king, but in 705 AD. the king of this part was a man called “Ina” and he gave all the rights and privileges over the Sowys to Glastonbury Abbey. Middlezoy remained under the jurisdiction of Glastonbury for nearly 800 years until the dissolution of the monasteries by King Henry VIII.

The church as we now see it was built in a hundred year period between 1350 and 1450. During that time Middlezoy was a separate parish. One of the last acts of the Glastonbury jurisdiction was to give the church its beautifully carved chancel screen dated about 1500. From about this time the only significant additions have been the pulpit which dates from 1606, at the time of James I, and the peal of six bells installed at different times from 1608. The church is a substantial medieval building consisting of a west facing tower, nave, south aisle with porch, north transept and a chancel. It stands prominently on the highest part of the “Zoy” and the tower is a dominant feature from the surrounding area.

Unusually for a village churchyard Middlezoy is a war cemetery, there being one grave from World War I and five from World War II. The WW1 grave is of Seaman Harry Kick and it is rare that he should be buried in his own village. Harry was a relation of one of our members, Keith Kick.

The most notorious grave which is unmarked, is that of a lady who ran the George Inn; she was unfortunately murdered and the guilty man was the last person to be hanged in Bristol Goal.

Our last stop was at the church of St. Mary's in Weston Zoyland. A thousand years ago the Somerset levels was a swampy peat marsh with several islands. One of these island areas became known as Sowe y or zoy. Glastonbury Abbey owned Sowe y and by the 8th century according to the charters of King Ina dated 725 AD. which described two large areas of land at Sowe y and a church. The abbots of Glastonbury gradually drained the peat marsh and developed the area into the island parishes of Weston Zoyland, Middlezoy and Othery.

The date of the first building on the site of St. Mary's church is not known but there was certainly a chapel there in 1268 when the Abbot of Glastonbury agreed to repair and maintain its chancel. The effigy of the priest in the North Transept is dated to about 1300; it is the oldest recognisable part of the churches fabric. Much rebuilding work went on during the 15th century because of its style and because of the initials RB for Richard Bere Abbot of Glastonbury 1493-1524. There is a bench-end still in use carved with his name RB.

There are six bells in the tower the oldest being medieval from the foundry of Thomas Jeffries of Bristol. Two others are from the 18th century by Thomas Wroth and Thomas Bayley of Bridgwater. The church is notable for the exceptional height of its nave roof, described as the most elaborate, of its tie-beam type in the country. On land nearby on the

morning of the 6th July 1685 the battle of Sedgemoor took place between the Royalists army of King James II and the rebels led by the Duke of Monmouth; it resulted in the flight and wholesale slaughter of the defeated rebels. Some 500 prisoners many of them wounded, were herded into the church too await their fate at the hands of the infamous Judge Jefferies.

Our church walk ended back at the Sedgemoor Inn for lunch, where unknown to us all Ken and Fay Burston celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary.

From Pete Manning: During this week Ken has been a little unwell and as they usually join a group on the 5th Friday of a month visiting local churches I offered to take them on this months visit.

We visited 3 churches in the Westonzoland area and finished the walk at "The Sedgemoor Inn" when I learnt that it was Fay's and Ken's 18th Wedding anniversary.

Happy Anniversary to our founding members Fay and Ken.



Away Day — Tiverton Canal Barge July 25th 2018

Tiverton was the destination for our 'Away Days' trip in July, where we enjoyed a barge trip along the Great Western Canal. The 'star' of the day had to be Ruby!

Ruby, is a heavy horse which pulled us along the canal for our hour and a half trip on the water. It is one of only four horse drawn barges left in the UK and the last in the West Country.

The weather was perfect for the occasion, Dave our 'guide' was in good form with jokes, anecdotes and knowledge of the canal, the horses, and all it's history.

On our return journey, we were asked to sit in complete silence for a few minutes to experience the way it would have been way back in 1814 when horse drawn barges were in constant use on our canals, a time when steam hadn't even been invented, in fact it was the steam engine' and the railways which ended the era of goods being transported by barges.

During these few minutes, we heard only the lapping of the water on the sides of the barge, the 'clip clop' of Ruby's feet on the towpath and the singing of the birds.

Those that purchased duck food on board, spent time throwing it out to the various breeds of ducks and swans which followed us constantly, appearing not to have eaten anything in the past few weeks!

Following on from our boat trip, we were then coached into Tiverton town centre where we had three hours of shopping, eating and for some; drinking! (don't worry John, I'm not going to mention anybody's name here).

Another great day out! and long may it continue! I'm sure everyone

would wish to join me in thanking Your for the time and effort she puts into searching out and organising our 'Away Day' trips for the enjoyment of us all and not forgetting Carole of course, who sits there each week, smiling happily as we hand over our hard earned pension money to pay for these trips!!



Group News

Kurling Group

We have vacancies for anyone interested in trying their hand at Kurling. We meet 2nd and 4th Monday's at 2pm till 3.30, fee £1. 50 per session. A pleasant afternoon, not strenuous including a break for tea. Everyone welcome come along and have a go. See Stan or Sybil.



Photography Group



Photography Group – Point & Shoot U3A of Highbridge

**Our next meeting at Southwell House
– 11th September 2018 has been cancelled.
Return to Southwell House 9th October.**

I feel the benefit of our group is that we are of a manageable size and benefit from friendly banta discussing each other's photographs. Our photoshoot at Portishead was in some ways educational as few of us had visited the marina previously. Initial impression was the cleanliness and facilities plus no parking charges. We have another photoshoot 30th October meeting at 2.00pm at the Helicopter Museum, Weston super Mare. There is an entrance charge.

If you would like to see the results come along to one of our meetings – no charge for the first visit - and happy to back track on past photoshoots.

Anyone interested in joining us please either contact me at a Wednesday coffee morning, telephone 01278 780203 or email pete-manning@hotmail.co.uk

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

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

Thanks. *Pete*



Photography Group Point & Shoot

**2nd & 5th
Tuesday of each
month**

2.00 – 4.00

Monthly Topics

11th September

CANCELLED

9th October

**Summer –
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30th October

**Photo shoot at
Helicopter Museum**

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Away Days

Chambercombe Manor, Ilfracombe – 20th September

An 11th century house with three acres of beautiful gardens, Chambercombe is mentioned in the Domesday Book. It was once the home of Henry, Duke of Suffolk, father of Lady Jane Grey.

Chambercombe features a barrel ceiling, a priest hole and a mysterious secret chamber that housed a skeleton! It is reputedly one of the most haunted dwellings in the U. K. Parts of the house date as far back as 1086.

There are peaceful gardens in which to wander, including water gardens fed by a natural spring.

Ye Olde Manor Buttery serves light lunches, cream teas and other refreshments.

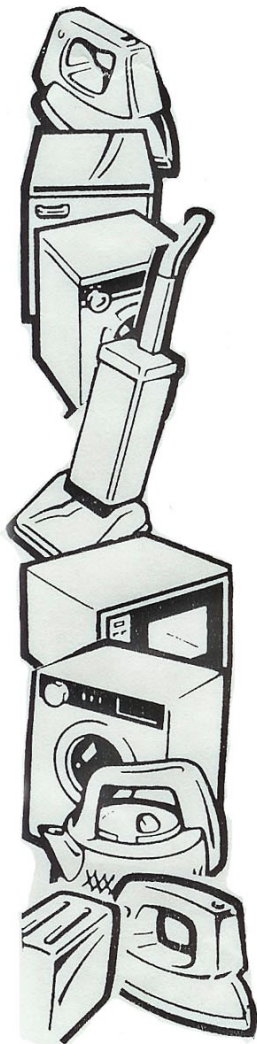
Hatton Garden Village — 18th October

Hatton Garden Village is set in the Warwickshire Countryside. Hatton has a selection of shops not seen on the High Street, plus The Spinning Jenny Restaurant and Cafe Lavender Blue for refreshments, with the Hatton Arms a short distance from the shops on the Hatton Estate.

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Anagram Crossword #1 Answers

ACROSS

1. BYPASSED
6. FOETUS
9. ALCOVE
10. AIRTIGHT
11. ROADSTER
12. SLOGAN
13. BAROMETRICAL
16. CONFIDENTIAL
19. LEADEN
21. GENERATE
23. BIBLICAL
24. LENTIL
25. SMUDGE
26. SUSPECTS

DOWN

2. YELLOW
3. ALOUD
4. SHELTERED
5. DIAGRAM
6. FARES
7. EDITORIAL
8. UPHEAVAL
13. BEFUDDLED
14. TRIANGLES
15. NOBELIUM
17. NIGGLES
18. STRICT
20. NACRE
22. RINSE



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Free Quotes

Calendar

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Cost</u>
2018		
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.