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Chairman's Message

Hello, everyone

I hope you had a good Easter weekend. What lovely weather! It was such a treat to have a bank holiday that wasn't cold and wet.



As you are all aware it is our AGM this month and a change of some committee members. Please ensure that you have paid your membership fees for this year or you won't be able to vote on anything that arises.

The committee has been working hard to set up charity status for us and things are almost complete now. I would like to thank Janet and Audrey who have been great in researching and sorting out the whys and wherefores of this process.

By now many of us will have enjoyed our holiday in Newquay, so thank you to Chris and Diane for organising it. If you enjoy live shows we are still looking for a volunteer to arrange theatre trips. If you think you would like to give this a go, please let me or the secretary know.

I would like to express my thanks to all who volunteer to make teas and coffees on Wednesday mornings. It is so appreciated and I know many of you do so several times a year.

That's all folks!

Vour Orchard

Club News

U3A of Highbridge

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 12th June 2019

Highbridge Community Centre

10.00am until 2.00pm

Come along and see the work of the members.

Art - Jewellery - Crochet - Patchwork

And Much More

**Lunch Available (£3.00): Soup/Bread Roll or
Ploughman's with Apple Pie**

Refreshments - Tea/Coffee Cake

Everyone Welcome

Group Leaders please let me know if you require a big or small table. We do not have any back boards so if you can borrow one from a friend that would be very useful. Please bring a cloth to cover your table. This is a good opportunity to encourage our members to join another group. Audrey Downing 256895.

U3A Members win Curling Competition on Holiday

Diane Scott, Neil Scott, John Ellis and Rod Downing display their prizes and certificate after being crowned Curling Champions at The Manor Hotel. They beat some pretty stiff opposition, including a serious team called 'The Kurlers' on their way to claiming the top spot. Many thanks to Barry for organising our trip. We all had a great time.



Members Contributions

Away Day at Hestercombe House & Gardens

Couldn't think of a better way to celebrate Bill & Val James's 55th wedding anniversary on the day, than a coach trip out to Hestercombe where we all enjoyed a warm sunny day, fifty acres of beautiful gardens and woodlands with plenty of colour everywhere we looked. The two hour walk through the woods gave us plenty to see with the two lakes, waterfalls and views over Taunton.



In addition, there were lots of friendly faces plus a superb lunch that we all enjoyed while sitting outside the Stables cafe area enjoying the full sunshine.

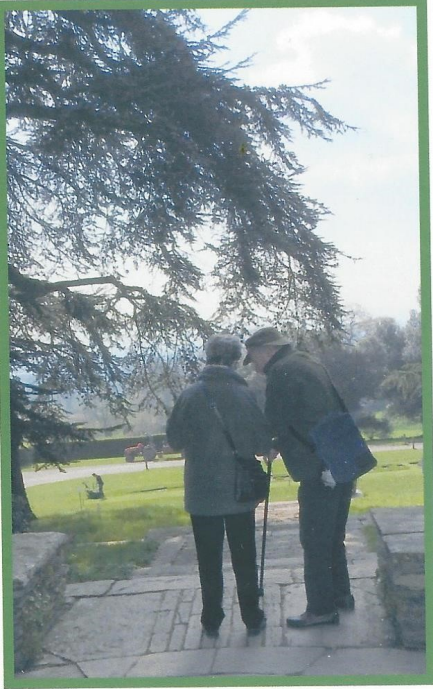
The house itself which was built in 1280. It stayed in the Warre family for almost

500 years and in 1953, following the death of a Mrs. Portman, the last ever resident of the property, it became the headquarters of the Somerset Fire Brigade who rented the property from the council for 59 years until it relocated in 2012.

Since then, the trust that now owns the site, use the building to hold contemporary art exhibitions along with a second hand book shop.

A great day was had by all. So, 'Thank you' Vour, for what we all hope will be the first of many exciting trips out this year. I'm sure you won't let us down with the sunshine!

Congratulations to both Bill & Val for it was their day!



Photos supplied by Barry Ede and Denise Godby

Monthly Draw

March 16th 2019	No. 38	Gillian Cadwallender and Stan Vousden-White
April 13th 2019	No. 30	Wendy Hughes and Jean Lancaster

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For friendly, no obligation advice/estimate.

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
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
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	09.30 to ??.	Walking	Varies	Audrey & Rod Downing	256895
2 nd & 4 th	10.00 to ??.	Strollers	Varies	Self-Regulating	792529
5 th	10.00 to ??.	Somerset Churches	Varies	Bernard Martin	787230

Occasional

Weekdays	Activity	Contact	Tel
Wednesdays	Luncheons	Gloria Brown	785359
Thursdays	Away Days	Vour Orchard Carole Loveridge	788984 780060
Varies	Holidays	Christine Owen Diane Scott	784500 428422

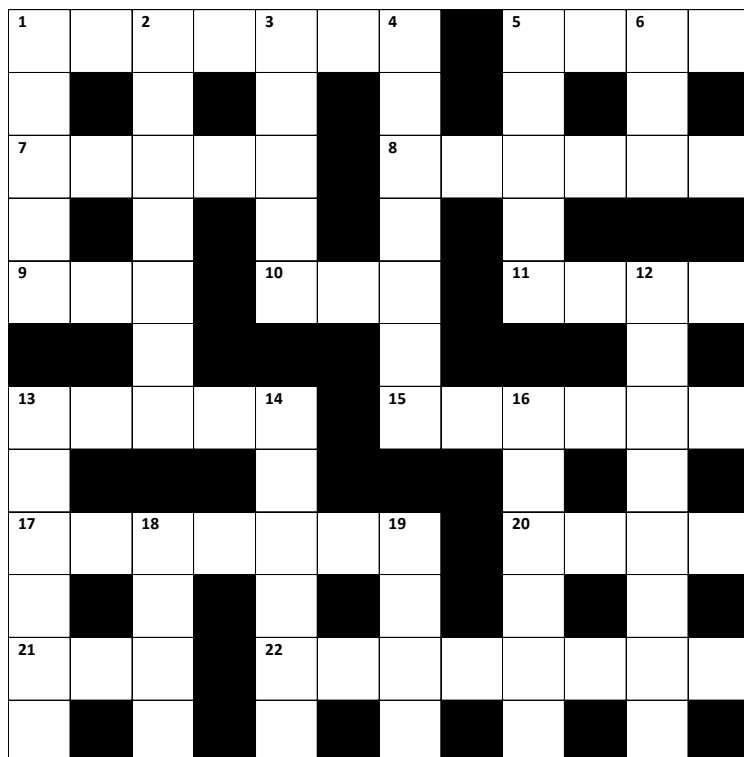
Changes since last issue are highlighted in yellow.

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 #28



- Repairs & sales
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- Setting up service
- Welsh channels removed
- Freeview, Freesat, Sky
- Friendly, fast, reliable
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Crossword #28 Clues

<u>ACROSS</u>		<u>DOWN</u>	
1.	Boxes (7)	1.	Mammary gland (5)
5.	Controversy (4)	2.	Blundered (7)
7.	Springs (5)	3.	Occur afterwards, as a result or effect (5)
8.	Closed (6)	4.	Distrust (7)
9.	Scottish constituency politician (abbrev.) (3)	5.	Step (5)
10.	Espy (3)	6.	Yes (informal) (3)
11.	The human ____, mankind (4)	12.	On (8)
13.	Health practitioner (5)	13.	Enmity (6)
15.	The ____ Chairs, 1928 Soviet novel by Ilf and Petrov (6)	14.	White ____ of Dover (6)
17.	____ out, searching for (7)	16.	Comfortably (6)
20.	Certain in one's knowledge or belief (4)	18.	____ and ends, stuff (4)
21.	White fish (3)	19.	Festivity (4)
22.	____ Islands, British archipelago in Atlantic Ocean (8)		

Solution is on page 18

Group News

Holidays Group

By the time you read this we should have enjoyed our Newquay holiday
– we hope!

Isle of Wight Holiday, 31st August to 1st September 2019

The balance for the Isle of Wight holiday is due in June – ***may I please have all your money by Wednesday, 26th June at the latest.*** The outstanding amount is on your receipt but if this has been mislaid this is £204 per single room and £194 per person for double or twin rooms.

Unfortunately, presumably as a sign of the times we live in or the economy, Daish's will no longer make refunds of any kind – ***for whatever reason.*** Presumably this is why they now offer Holiday Insurance at the special rate of £12.50 per person per trip. Reluctantly, therefore, from now on deposits and the cost of the holiday will be non-refundable.

Christine and the Holiday team

More Members Contributions

Walking Group at Chilton Polden

What better way to celebrate Carole's birthday, than a 3 mile walk around the countryside at Chilton Polden. It was Good Friday and the weather was glorious.

There were thirteen of us on the walk. We welcomed Peter Spalton on

his first excursion out with us. Peter recently joined the U3A and we hope to see more of him in the future.

Halfway round, we met up with another group of very inquisitive walkers, one of whom I nearly got to, eat out of my hand!

Apart from the discarded umbrella, the unwanted washing machine and the long time dead rat, the rest of the views were exceptional.

Lunch was taken, not in the local pub, but sitting in a field in the sunshine, Audrey, surprised us all by passing round buttered hot cross buns and a special cake for Carole ... well done Audrey!!

Anyone wishing to join us on our monthly walks need only to contact Audrey.



Churches 13

Our first stop was the little village of Fiddington, some 5mls west of Bridgwater. It's been a religious site for nearly one thousand years. The present church was first recorded in 1272 AD. By the 14th century it was dedicated to St. Martin of Tours (he was a Roman Centurion and later became a Bishop in France. He was also the patron saint of beggars because he once cut half of his uniform and gave it to someone who had none). Inside the church there's several things of interest; the font is medieval, the pulpit is of Jacobean origin and several of the bench ends have carvings showing fruit and flowers. Behind the altar is a magnificent stain glass window depicting the crucifixion of Jesus. The bell tower contains 6 bells one being from the medieval period, cast at the Bristol bell foundry. Outside just to the right of the porch is a pagan carved female figure representing a fertility goddess used to ward off the devil and deter wrong-doers called a Sheela-na-gig. Well worth a visit.

The second visit was to the Anglican Church of St. Mary's at Stringston as churches go it's not very old. Built in the 17th century it replaced an earlier medieval building. It was not until 1980 that it was named after St. Mary the Virgin. The tower which houses 3 medieval bells, was rebuilt in 1765. Also extensive rebuilding in 1879 at the cost to the rector, Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Mrs Langley St. Albyn and the parish. It was then that the unusual shaped spire was added.

Number three on our tour was to the church of St. Nicholas at Kilton, situated in the foothills of the Quantocks overlooking the Bristol Channel. The grounds have many wild flowers and there's seating to enjoy the sun and lovely views. Decommissioned in 2004, this beautiful rural church was scheduled to become a controlled ruin with the roof removed and the walls capped. Now under private ownership it has been extensively updated for a new era, as a non-denominational Wayfarers Church.

The earliest mention of Kilton was in 873 AD when King Alfred gave the estate to his son Edward. By 1086 AD it had passed to William de Molun, descended with the barony of Dunster, and thence to the Luttrell family. The church was certainly founded by 1100 AD. Extensive restoration of the church occurred in 1863. The windows of the nave show evidence of Saxon and Norman eras.

If you would like to visit any of these churches, take my advice, don't use the narrow lanes try and use the A39 to Nether Stowey or the main road through Cannington. As we got caught trying to pass a council waste lorry followed by a very large tractor and trailer, impossible to pass, not very good trying to reverse 6 cars into a field gateway.

Still it all came good in the end, we made our way to the Cottage Inn at Keenthorne where we had lunch and celebrated the birthday of Mrs Jean Burton, and a lovely birthday cake baked by Denise.



Bernie

Crossword #28 Answers

<u>ACROSS</u>		<u>DOWN</u>	
1.	BASKETS	1.	BOSOM
5.	SPAT	2.	SLIPPED
7.	SKIPS	3.	ENSUE
8.	SEALED	4.	SUSPECT
9.	MSP	5.	STAIR
10.	EYE	6.	AYE
11.	RACE	12.	COVERING
13.	MEDIC	13.	MALICE
15.	TWELVE	14.	CLIFFS
17.	LOOKING	16.	EASILY
20.	SURE	18.	ODDS
21.	COD	19.	GALA
22.	FALKLAND		

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July 17th	Exmouth & Jurassic Coast Boat Trip	£22.00
July 29th	Group Leader's Cream Tea Highbridge Community Hall 2pm-4pm (contact Audrey 256895)	
August 6th	Cream Tea Highbridge Community Hall (contact Janet 783743)	£3.00
August 8th	Sidmouth	£15.00
August 31st — September 4th	Holiday: Isle of Wight	From £244
September 10th	Cream Tea Highbridge Community Hall (contact Janet 783743)	£3.00
September 26th	Bennetts Water Gardens	£18.00
October 24th	Bodenham Arboretum	£18.00
November 28th	Bath Christmas Markets	£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.