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Chairman's Message

Hello Everybody

It's good to see some sort of normality returning at last. Long may it continue!

We are optimistic that some new groups will be starting soon and others re-starting.



Some good news! The committee have made a decision to keep the subscription fee at £10 for the next year even though the capitation fee to be paid to Head Office has risen to £4 per member.

It is nice to see some old faces returning to coffee morning and also to see some new faces. There is such a good atmosphere on a Wednesday morning that I think the u3a of Highbridge is to be envied. This takes me on to the next subject.

We are still looking for members to take on the roles of Chairman, Secretary and Charity Commission Co-ordinator at the next AGM on 11th May 2022. The current officers have completed their three year term and under the rules of the Constitution have to stand down. If these positions are not filled, there is a good chance that the u3a of Highbridge will have to close which I am sure none of us would want to happen. So please have a think about volunteering, it is YOUR u3a.

Looking forward to a glorious Spring and Summer.

Rod

Club and Group News

Board Games Group

In late January 2022, our chair announced that I was prepared to resurrect one of our successful groups in the past “Board Games”, well along with Dawn Ferguson, the group will recommence on Monday 4th April 2022 at Southwell House between 14.00 and 16.00 hours and then the 1st, 3rd and 5th Monday of each month.

The games to hand at present are:- mah Jong, rubicube, canasta, Uno, cribbage, playing cards for rummy etc., triominoes, monopoly, scrabble, cluedo, trivial pursuit.

Would add that whilst we may have the above games it does not mean we know the rules and how to play each one and of course you will be welcome to bring along any of your own.

There will be a charge which we predict at present to be £3.00 each per session to contribute towards the cost of the venue and coffee/tea & biscuits.

Contact details: -

Dawn Ferguson 07738 630431

Pete Manning 07976 408843

Classic Vehicle Appreciation Group

At present there are five of us , meeting at a pub or restaurant every two to three weeks to enjoy a good natter over a nice meal. The intention is to widen our activities this spring/summer to include visits to bike and car shows, auto jumbles and museums on a regular basis. If interested please contact Malcolm Manser on 07932 734473.

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2.	B
3.	C
	D

Please indicate your choice/s

Would you please complete this booking form and take it with you when you book your lunch with Denise Godby

PAID..... DATE.....No.....

Annual Membership Renewal

Don't forget it's time to renew your membership by the end of March. The price has been held at £10.00 per member for another year, or £6.50 for paid up members of another U3A group.

If you wish to renew, please fill in the form on pages 21 & 22 of this magazine and bring it with you to a Coffee Morning along with your payment.

Members Contributions

How many do you remember? Count all the ones that you remember, not the ones you were told about.

1. Sweet cigarettes.
2. Coffee shops with Juke boxes.
3. Home milk delivery In glass bottles.
4. Party lines on the telephone.
5. News reels before the movie.
6. TV test patterns that came on at night after the last show and were there until TV shows started again In the morning.
7. Only 3 channels (if you were fortunate).
8. Peashooters.
9. 78 rpm records. (Huge things)
10. 45 and 33 RPM records.
11. Hi-fi's.
12. Pop music on Radio Caroline and Luxemburg
13. Blue flashbulbs.

14. Cork popguns and catapults.
15. Twin tub washers and mangles for squeezing the water out of the washing before hanging it out to dry.
16. Car head lights dimmer switches foot operated and on the floor of the car.
17. Ignition switches on the dashboard.
18. Trouser leg clips for bicycles without chain guards.
19. Soldering irons you heated on a gas burner
20. Using hand signals for cars without turn indicators.
21. Cars still with starting handles,
(In case the battery goes flat).
22. Carbolic soap.
23. Black Jack ointment that cured all.
24. Gas at the dentist.
25. Hospital matron in stiff starched uniform.

If you remembered 0-5 = You're still young

If you remembered 5-10 = You are getting old

If you remembered 10-15 = Don't tell your age

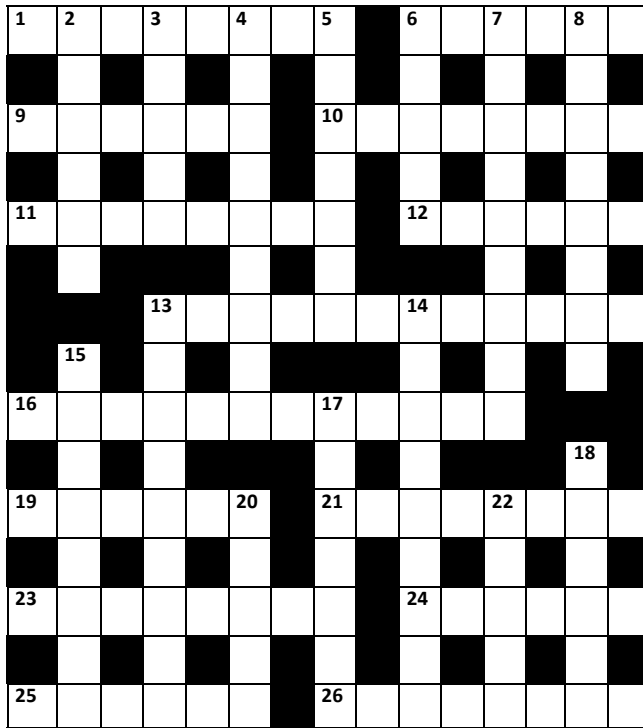
If you remembered 15 or more = You are old.

I must be old but those memories are some of the best parts of my life.

Don't Forget to pass this along!! Especially to all your really OLD friends ...

Fay Burston

Crossword #35 (solution on page 14)



<u>ACROSS</u>		<u>DOWN</u>	
1.	Boss (8)	2.	Whisper (6)
6.	Bands (6)	3.	Define (5)
9.	Imprints (6)	4.	Past (9)
10.	Geyser (8)	5.	Turns down (7)
11.	Ericas (8)	6.	Sane (5)
12.	Exquisite (6)	7.	Fees (9)
13.	River seed cod [anag] (12)	8.	Engravers tool (8)
16.	Scan lone city [anag] (12)	13.	Return (9)
19.	Lurch (6)	14.	Dogs, for example (9)
21.	Follows "Mike" (8)	15.	Disclose (8)
23.	Invigorate (8)	17.	Beacon (7)
24.	Sour (6)	18.	Friendly (6)
25.	Nominate (6)	20.	Force out (5)
26.	Ron slits [anag] (8)	22.	Mansion (5)

Monthly Draw

Sat 15th Jan 2022	No. 4	Denise Godby and Brenda Howe
Sat 12th Feb 2022	No. 49	Wendy Hughes and Stan Vousden-White

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February winners each received £20.00



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Group Activities

Monday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
1 st	2.00 to 4.00	Card Making	P.H.	Rose Bateman	795906
2 nd & 4 th	2.00 to 3.30	Kurling	C.H.	Stan Vousden-White Sybil Tilley	781567 787054
1 st & 3 rd & 5 th	2.00 to 4.00	Board Games	S.H.	Dawn Ferguson Pete Manning	07738 630431 07976 408843

Tuesday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
1 st & 3 rd	2.00 to 4.00	Mosaics	P.H.	Alison Joyce	784633
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
Every	10.00 to 12.00	Coffee Morning	C.H.	N/A	N/A

Thursday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
Every	10.00 to 12.00	Crochet	C.H. (4)	Alison Ridley	077071 46775
Every	2.00 to 4.00	Table Tennis	C.H.	John Ellis	685483

Group Activities

Friday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
1 st & 3 rd	1.30 to 3.00	Skittles	C.A.	Self-Regulating	238526
Every Fri-day until further notice	10.00 to ??.??	Strollers	Varies	Self-Regulating	238526
5 th	10.00 to ??.??	Somerset Churches	Varies	Bernard Martin	787230

Occasional

Weekdays	Activity	Contact	Tel
Wednesdays	Luncheons	Gloria Brown	785359
Varies	Holidays	Christine Owen Diane Scott	784500 428422
Varies	Classic Vehicle Appreciation Group	Malcolm Manser	07932 734473

Changes since last issue are highlighted in yellow.

Legends

S.H. Southwell House	C.H. Community Hall (Room Number)
P.H. Private House	G.H. Gospell Hall
C.A. Coopers Arms	

Should you wish to join a Group please first contact its Leader.

Crossword #35 Answers

ACROSS		DOWN	
1.	EMPLOYER	2.	MUTTER
6.	STRAPS	3.	LIMIT
9.	STAMPS	4.	YESTERDAY
10.	FOUNTAIN	5.	REFUSES
11.	HEATHERS	6.	SOUND
12.	DAINTY	7.	RETAINERS
13.	REDISCOVERED	8.	POINTREL
16.	ANTICYCLONES	13.	REIMBURSE
19.	WOBBLE	14.	OMNIVORES
21.	NOVEMBER	15.	ANNOUNCE
23.	ENERGISE	17.	LANTERN
24.	RANCID	18.	GENIAL
25.	SELECT	20.	EVICT
26.	NOSTRILS	22.	MANOR



Quiz (answers on page 20)

- 1 What is uxoricide?
- 2 In which country do tortillas form part of the staple diet?
- 3 What is the sacred Indian river?
- 4 What was the motto of the 'Three Musketeers'?
- 5 Name the burglar portrayed by John Barrymore, Ronald Coleman and David Niven in films.
- 6 Brasenose, Oriel and Balliol are all colleges of which University?
- 7 Who was known as 'the Serpent of the Nile'?
- 8 How high above the ice is the crossbar of an ice hockey goal?
- 9 How many sides has a heptagon?
- 10 Bavaria and Saxony are states in which European country?
- 11 To which country do the Galapagos Islands 'belong'?
- 12 Which European capital city's name means black pool?
- 13 What is the common name given to the period of glaciation during the Pleistocene epoch?
- 14 Which film included characters named Ripley, Dallas, Kane, Lambert and Jones?
- 15 With which sport is the Cresta Run associated?
- 16 In The Lord of the Rings by JRR Tolkien, who or what was Shadowfax?
- 17 In which century was the Domesday Book written?
- 18 Name the American heiress kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army in 1974?
- 19 Too many cooks do what?
- 20 Which fictional character once referred to a mystery as 'a three pipe problem'?

More Members Contributions

THE ROLLING STONES

I was out '***Walking The Dog***' when a voice I recognised said, " Hey you! '***Get Off My Cloud***'. It was my friend '***Ruby Tuesday***, (my nickname for her as I only ever see her on this day of the week.) She was '***Under The Boardwalk***' hidden in the shade. She was a painter and had been commissioned to '***Paint It Black***' I smiled and answered back '***If You Need Me***' love, I'll come and help out." "Its ok" came her reply, "I have '***Lady Jane***' helping me today".

"Put plenty of paint on" I said, moving on "So it'll '***Not Fade Away***'".

Later I bumped into her daughter '***Angie***', I said to her, "***Have You Seen Your Mother Baby, Standing In The Shadow?***" she is up there in the '***Citadel***' painting". She is also her '***Mother's Little Helper***' when it comes to painting.

She was just heading out onto '***Route 66***' "Mind that '***Little Red Rooster***' I shouted after her, noticing the hen '***Down The Road Apiece***'.

I decided to go for a coffee. They didn't have any decaf which only goes to show '***You Can't Always Get What You Want***', anyway, with a little bit of '***Brown Sugar***' it was palatable.

I picked up something to read only to find that it was '***Yesterday's Papers***' The jukebox was playing a Rolling Stones record, '***I Can't Get No Satisfaction***', very apt, I thought, especially at this cafe. The song was OK though, I realise that '***It's Only Rock and Roll (But I Like It)***'.

When it finished, I looked at my watch and with a sigh, said to myself "***You Better Move On***".

I wandered aimlessly around for the next couple of hours as ***'Time Is On My Side'***.

Several hours later, it felt like I was ***'2,000 Light Years From Home'***, and as it was now almost 12 o'clock, I thought of myself as the ***'Midnight Rambler'***.

Suddenly I became aware of a commotion up ahead, I didn't panic, I stayed ***'Cool, Calm & Collected'*** Two men were having 'a go' at each other, They were sizing each other up, going ***'Around and Around'***. I didn't approach too near, I didn't want to ***'Play With Fire'*** so I stayed where I was, a bit like ***'Sitting On The Fence'*** if you get my meaning. ***'Little By Little'*** the crowd dispersed as ***'Jumping Jack Flash'*** and the other man settled their differences, Jack is well known in the area as a ***'Street Fighting Man'***.

'It's All Over Now' said ***'Little Queenie'*** as she approached me. She is one of those ***'Honkey Tonk Women'*** and has always 'fancied' me, so when she said ***'Let's Spend The Night Together'*** 'cause ***'I Just Wanna Make Love To You'*** I had ***'Mixed Emotions'*** as to whether or not to accept her offer. I declined. She started to well up 'Hey' I said "You're a ***'Fool To Cry'*** She stared at me, "That's ***'The Last Time'*** I am ever going to ask you" she said, "You have a ***'Heart Of Stone'*** and I have no ***'Sympathy For The Devil'***.

With that, I headed back home, it didn't need ***'Wild Horses'*** to drag me away, plus, I had to be up early the next day as I was booked onto ***'Flight 505'*** heading off to ***'Sweet Virginia'***.

Barry

Winter Strolling — Paula Cook

Christmas Eve and the weather was dreary so we strolled a good 500 yards from the parked cars to the Bay View Café where we sat outside, protected from the worst of the gloom, and put the world to rights. We returned to the cars where Steve then manfully decided to walk home to Highbridge. With good wishes for Christmas we parted company.

New Year's Eve should have been "Churches" but it could not be organised and the following Friday I elected not to join in as I had been in close contact with my Granddaughter who tested positive for Covid-19 two hours later. My tests were negative but I felt it was best to err on the side of caution.

The fourteenth of January and it was a windless, cold, crisp morning, indeed still icy in places, but the sun was showing its face so we parked at the south end of the sea front and seven of us walked down to the jetty. The Reeds Arms beckoned for coffee and a snack. The walk back was bright, sunny and almost warm!

The following week was the coldest day this winter with no sign of the sun. Three of us needed to be back in time for skittles, one of us is still recovering from Covid and I never walk far so we turned ourselves into the "breakfast club" and repeated our half mile stroll to the Reeds Arms. It took me until bedtime to warm up!

I was unable to join the following stroll but I understand that it took place at Uphill along the cycle path, retuning to Lympsham for lunch.



A very high tide (photo lifted from facebook) tempted five of us back to Burnham seafront on a very blustery day.

The wind was northly and full in our faces, the sea was rough, very muddy and ebbing fast. The three windsurfers over

by the island were moving at some pace! We managed a few yards past Reeds Arms and graced the small Parlour Café where we indulged in a very nice brunch. The stroll back was easier with the wind behind us and clear sunshine to warm us. The tide had retreated to the river course and the beach was pristine.

After a brief discussion on the 11th we decided on strolling at The Avalon Marshes Reserve. The day was crisp and bright and as the morning wore on we were surprised at the strength in the sun. Apart from the merry sound of a chainsaw on the other side of the canal where two men were cutting up an old fallen willow tree, it was still and peaceful. Quite a lot of people were using the path, both walkers and cyclists, and



there were two men fishing from the other bank. A notice informed us that dogs are banned at the moment due the presence of otters. I did not see an otter! About three quarters of a mile along I turned back and Bernie kept me company, leaving the other six to stroll on to the footbridge across to the bird hide. This was where Denise took the photo. It was declared to be a most enjoyable walk. Oh yes, and we went for lunch at the Knowle Inn!

I shall be unable to join the stroll next week (18th February) as the Northern Somerset Association of u3a are holding the first “in person” meeting since Covid-19 struck and it is also the AGM so I must attend on your behalf.

We would be pleased for you to join us if you fancy a short easy stroll. If you want something more vigorous it would be great if you could restart the walking group. I’m sure Audrey would give you lots of help and advice.

Quiz Answers

1	Killing one's wife	2	Mexico
3	Ganges	4	All for one and one for all
5	Raffles	6	Oxford
7	Cleopatra	8	Four feet
9	Seven	10	Germany
11	Ecuador	12	Dublin
13	Ice Age	14	Alien
15	Bobsleigh and Tobogganing	16	Gandalf's Horse
17	Eleventh	18	Patty Hearst
19	Spoil the broth	20	Sherlock Holmes

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- Treat fellow members with respect and courtesy at all times.
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Signature of applicant.....Date:.....

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NB If you are unable to collect your magazine, (or have it collected) and wish to have it posted to you, then there would be an annual charge of £5.00 to cover p&p, payable at time of membership renewal.

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Calendar

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