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Chairman's Message

Hello

Well to say it's been warm is an understatement!! I hope your gardens are surviving and not too crispy!

The rain has certainly helped! Not sure it's helped my recent camping trips but that's a different story!

We've had a lovely day trip to Dartmouth and very much looking forward to Sidmouth!

Our lunches out and in the hall have been fantastic! Thank you all so much for supporting them!

With Autumn very much fast approaching I hope you will enjoy some of the Events coming your way!

Many thanks for your continued support!

Adele



Club and Group News

Date for the diary!

Macmillan Coffee Morning has been moved to Wednesday 21st September in the normal coffee morning (10am - 12pm) as blood donors are now in the hall on the 28th!

If you can bake a cake for the Cake stall, Please See Denise.

To book a table to sell goods, please see Adele. Donation of £5 or a raffle prize.

Donations for Raffle and Tombola would be gratefully received! These can be handed to Adele. Thank you!

We will have a few more games etc.

Feel free to wear something Blue or green!

This is an open event so please let your friends know!

Many Thanks

Adele

Away Day to Exeter — October 11th 2022

We will be doing a day trip to Exeter. This will be on Tuesday 11th October and the cost will be £20.00 per person. See myself or Christine Owen to book your place.

Denise



Lunch Group Photos 10th August 2022

August's Lunch Group was held at the Highbridge Community Hall.







Members Contributions

Summer Strolling

A showery 1st of July and Steve, Hugh and I kept the flag flying for the group with a gentle circuit from Apex Park. The tide was dropping back, after all these years the speed it moves still surprises me, the air was clear giving a detailed view of the Welsh coast and showers threatened. A drink at the Bay Café fuelled us for the walk back along Marine Drive. And no, we didn't get rained on!



8th July

Just six of us to stroll along the nature reserve on a glorious sunny day at Woolavington Level. Unfortunately, you can't see the wonder-



ful daisy on Wendy's hat! Oh, and the swan was camera shy and hid in the reeds.

15th July. Hugh, Steve & I set off for Brean Down to have a look at the oil rig "art" at the Tropicana. We were grateful for the cooling

breeze coming off the sea. Having made it to the top of the steps I sat to get my breath back while the boys walked down to the fort.

The week following my exertions on the Down I could not join the walk but

I understand the group walked the River Huntspill bank towards Gold Corner. They had a good view of the new pylons in juxtaposition to the old ones that will be removed.

The following week was a 5th Friday so it was Church visits.

Four of us went to Brent Knoll on the 1st Friday in August and did Hugh's walk. Unfortunately, he was unable to join us but Steve guided



us very well. It was a very pleasant stroll enlivened by sight of an Alpaca and a Deer.

The 12th of August stroll was cancelled as it was the middle of a heat-wave (Met office dire warnings etc) and we felt discretion was the

better part of valour. The next week was skittles and only three of us strolled through Clyce Road and along the Parrett bank. It started to rain so we turned back and stopped in the YMCA for a drink.

26th August at North Drain on Westhay Nature Reserve. The fish were jumping but I don't think Keith will catch anything with that rod! We all enjoyed a beautiful peaceful walk but only five of us got this far, Bernie and Fay having already turned back. A drink and a filled bap at Sweets completed the morning.

Paula

—oOo—

Some youngsters asked the other day, 'What was your favourite 'fast food' when you were growing up?'

'We didn't have fast food when I was growing up,' I informed them.
'All the food was slow.'

'C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?'

'It was a place called 'home,'" I explained.

'Mum cooked every day and when Dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table and if I didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it.

By this time, the kids were laughing so hard I was afraid they were going to suffer serious Internal damage, so I didn't tell them the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table. But here are some other things I would have told them about my childhood If I'd figured their system could have handled it.

Some parents NEVER owned their own house, or wore Levis, set foot

on a golf course, travelled out of the country or had a credit card.

My parents never drove me to school. I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, had dynamo lighting and only had one speed, (slow).

We didn't have a television in our house until I was 10. It was, of course, black and white, and the station went off the air at 10 p.m. after playing the national anthem and epilogue and we watched the white spot fade away. It came back on the air at about 6 p.m. and there was usually a locally produced news and farm show on featuring local people.

I never had a telephone in my room.

The nearest phone was down the street and you needed a pocketful of pennies and shillings to use it.

Pizzas were not delivered to our home but milk and bread were.

All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers, delivered seven days a week.

They had to get up at 6 a.m. every morning.

Movie stars kissed with their mouths shut.

At least, they did in the movies. There were no movie ratings because all movies were responsibly produced for everyone to enjoy viewing without profanity or violence or most anything offensive.

If you grew up in a generation before there was fast food, you may want to share some of these memories with your children or grandchildren. Just don't blame me if they bust a gut laughing. Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it?

Contributed by Fay Burston

Monthly Draw

Sat 2nd July 2022	No. 1	Ilse Davey and Maurice Stapley
Sat 30th July 2022	No. 12	Brenda Hooper and Diane Scott
Sat 27th August 2022	No. 19	Carole Loveridge and Brenda Howe

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

Wednesday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
Every	10.00 to 12.00	Coffee Morning	C.H.	N/A	N/A
2 nd	12.00 onwards	Luncheons	Varies	Adele Stevens	07486 909687

Thursday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
Every	10.00 to 12.00	Crochet	C.H. (4)	Alison Ridley	07707 146775
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
1 st & 2 nd & 3 rd & 4 th	10.00 onwards	Strollers	Varies	Self-Regulating	238526
5 th	10.00 onwards	Somerset Churches	Varies	Bernard Martin	787230

Occasional

Weekdays	Activity	Contact	Tel
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.

Quiz (answers on page 26)

- 1 According to the song who was wearing a face that she keeps in a jar by the door?
- 2 Which of the Seven Wonders of the World was at Ephesus in Turkey?
- 3 Who was famous for his paintings of 'matchstick men'?
- 4 In the original TV series who played Perry Mason?
- 5 Between which two termini did the Brighton Belle run?
- 6 Who used to go babe-spotting with Beavis?
- 7 What county is known as the Garden of England?
- 8 Who was hanged for the A6 murder?
- 9 From which island does the wine Marsala come?
- 10 In which ocean is 0 degrees latitude, 0 degrees longitude to be found ?
- 11 Name the fortified island off the Normandy coast originally called Mont Tombe?
- 12 What is the national symbol of Canada?
- 13 What does Egon Ronay guide us to?
- 14 Who was shot as he left the Washington Hilton in 1981?
- 15 What bird was traditionally used in coal mines to detect gas?
- 16 Traditionally, who would wear a cap and bells?
- 17 What type of question does not require an answer?
- 18 Which disorder produces an overwhelming compulsion to steal?
- 19 Give one of the three years in which Red Rum won the Grand National?
- 20 In what size bottles was free school milk provided?

More Members Contributions

Trip to Dartmouth

Well done Denise and Chris for coming up with the idea to visit Dartmouth. It turned out to be a very relaxed day with beautiful scenery. There were lots of visitors, it was busy but not too hectic.

We had a boat trip up the river and the captain was very informative. He told us lots about the local history, some of which we hopefully took in. The Royal Naval College dominates the town and we saw some of the cadets practising their skills in the river Dart.

After all the fresh air we adjourned for a delicious fish and chip lunch with a nice cup of tea. Later we explored some more parts of the town and before we knew it, it was time to come home, settling down on the bus wondering who would go to sleep first.

Rod Downing







Took a sneaky little photo of the ladies taking the weight from their feet!

Pure Beauty right there in one photo!

Adele



Blankets for Good Causes — Janet Preddy

Hi everyone, I thought I would show some photos of just some of the blankets we have knitted or crocheted for various charities. As you can see I am starting my own care home on a Tuesday morning when my friends come for coffee. John was trying to hide and we bored Alan—he fell asleep!

Way back before COVID, we started making squares for St George's intensive care unit for premature babies— we sent 300 squares to them. This was for mum and baby to keep the smell of each other during being separated.

After that we made 18 squares to make a blanket for Musgrove baby unit. We delivered 15 blankets to them.

We then sewed 61 squares to make a blanket for care home residents. We made and delivered 40 blankets to Frith House in Burnham.

We are not finished yet—16 bed sized blankets went to the dementia ward at Musgrove hospital. They wanted the blankets to help the patients recognise their bed in the ward. They were then allowed to take them home with them.

I am sure who ever received the squares and blankets were very grateful.

I would like to thank you all for your support, there are too many ladies to name. You all know who you are. You are all stars.

In total we knitted 4279 squares — no wonder my fingers ached!

A big thank you from me and all the recipients.



Somerset Churches 20

Set in a beautiful coombe below the Mendip Hills is the tranquil village of Compton Bishop. At its heart, as it has been for over 700 years, is St. Andrew's church. Consecrated by Bishop Jocelin on 13th July 1236, the church is thought to be on the site of an older building; indeed the Norman font within is thought by many to indicate this is so. The South Doorway and the Font were however made for a church at least a century older; evidence of more than 800 years of worship in this beautiful, peaceful place. The church is of a simple design and perfectly right for its setting surrounded by fields stretching up the hillside and a close community of pretty cottages. Within the church is a carved stone pulpit thought to be the best in Somerset. The tower contains 6 bells, four of these were made by Thomas and James Bilbie the famous bell-founders of Chew Stoke, Somerset. No great events are known to have taken place in Compton Bishop church and that surely is a great part of its charm and its worth.

The village of Loxton is referred to in the Domesday Book as Lochstone which suggests a Saxon origin. It was part of the Somerset possessions of Count Eustace of Bolagne, no doubt one of the followers of William the Conqueror. In the parish church of St. Andrew there are traces of Norman work in the porch and tower and it seems probable that it was built on an old Saxon foundation. The first authentic date is from the list of Rectors which is complete as from 1297AD.

The pulpit was carved from a single block of stone nearly 700 years ago. In front of you stands a beautiful screen which dates back to about 1501AD. The carving of half rose, half pomegranate on the inside of the doorway arch might be symbolic of the union of the House

of Tudor (rose), with the House of Aragon (pomegranate), in 1501AD. The church has 6 bells, two are pre Reformation, the third bears the inscription SANCTE NICHOLAIE and the fifth is mediaeval inscribed BEATA VIRGO KATERINA. The fourth was cast by James Bilbie of Chew Stoke dated 1736AD. They are rung from the porch and are regularly used.



Our last visit was to the church of St. Peter and St. Paul at Bleadon. There is good reason to believe that there was a church on this site in Saxon times, although nothing remains, except perhaps the little stone angel set high in the arch on the north wall.

The double dedication of two saints was commonly used for Saxon churches because the two saints shared the same feast day. There is an Anglo-Saxon Charter for Bleadon dated 956AD. By which the boundaries of the parish are defined and there does appear to be a church site.

The church is built in the Decorated and Perpendicular styles, con-

sisting of a chancel (dedicated in 1317), nave, south porch and a 80 feet high tower with pinnacles, containing 5 bells it is known that they were cast by Edward Bilbie in 1711AD at Chew Stoke Foundry and a 6th was added in 1925 cast at the Whitechapel Foundry London. The tower also contains a clock installed to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. In 1832AD the tower was struck by lightning and damaged. The interior of the building was thoroughly re-stored in 1859AD and 1901AD.

Well worth a visit.....

Bernie

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Mosaics Project



I will claim the “design” is Art Deco inspired, but in truth I was just using up some left-over tiles. The casters are useful for pushing it under the chair. I will have to make sure I do put it away or I could find myself unexpectedly skateboarding down the garden path! Paula.

Brave the Shave!

I am doing Brave the shave on 9th September in memory of my dad, for Macmillan cancer support!

Any donations or raffle prizes would be so grateful and can be given to me in person!

Also tickets for the event can be purchased from myself or available on the door in the evening!

Thanks

Adele



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Quiz Answers

1	Eleanor Rigby	2	Temple of Artemis(Diana)
3	L S Lowry	4	Raymond Burr
5	Brighton/Victoria	6	Butthead
7	Kent	8	James Hanratty
9	Sicily	10	Atlantic
11	Mont St Michel	12	Maple Leaf
13	Good Food	14	Ronald Reagan
15	Canary	16	Jester
17	Rhetorical	18	Kleptomania
19	1973,74 or 1977	20	1/3 of a pint

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