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Chairman's Message

Hello!

Firstly I would like to welcome any new members to our U3A! We are a friendly bunch and look forward to seeing lots more of you!

We've been very lucky to have some wonderful day trips. It has been great to see so many attend! Look forward to more in the future!

With winter fast approaching please stay warm and safe! Don't forget to ask for help if you need anything!

Thank you so much to you all for making me feel so welcome as your Chairman. I'm loving the role and hope you will enjoy what's on the horizon!

Bye for now

Adele



Club and Group News

Kurling Group Update

The Kurling group have folded until further notice due to the leaders unable to run the group every meeting. Also the group is getting smaller. Let's hope with the open day coming 2nd November it may get some people hoping to run the group also others coming in to have a fun afternoon once a fortnight.

Sybil Tilley

Christmas Party & Hamper Raffle

Wednesday 21st December 10-1pm.

£2 per head! You will receive a lovely Breakfast Brunch!

Please see Adele to pop your name on the list

With some surprises along the way!

Christmas Jumpers optional!

Please give all donations for the hamper raffle to Diane.

OPEN DAY

Highbridge Community Hall

November 2nd 10-12pm

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EVERYONE WELCOME

**‘Come along and see
what we are all about**

Members Contributions

Churches 21

Our first visit was to Mark Parish church. Parishioners have attended services here for over 900 years. In 1268AD The church appears to have been dedicated to the Holy Cross as its early name of Capella Sanctae Criesis implies. During the centuries it has also been dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to St. Mark.

The two terracotta lions, which guard outside the Porch were made locally at Weston-super-Mare, but were brought to Mark from Bruges in Belgium by the Rev. Frederic du Sautoy (Vicar 1860-91). In the Choir are four remarkable, finely carved, full length figures of the Evangelists—Mathew, Mark, Luke and John. They were made for Bruges Cathedral in 1524AD where they remained until its destruction in 1794AD.

Above the vestry door is the Royal Charles 2nd Cipher. Similar ones can be found in most churches throughout the country following the Restoration of the Monarchy in 1660AD. The church has a peal of eight bells and they are rung twice each Sunday and on special days. They are very popular with visiting Bell-ringers because Mark church now has one of the finest peal of bells in the Diocese. The 1 ton Tenor Bell is reputed to be one of the best bells cast by the famous Somerset Bell-founder Thomas Bilbie. The other 7 Bells date from 1672AD-1946AD.

On now to the parish church of St.Mary's in Wedmore. People have worshipped here since Saxon times. In 878AD King Alfred and the Saxons won a famous battle against the Danes at Edington in Wiltshire.

Guthram the Danish leader was baptised a Christian. He and 30 of his followers were brought by Alfred to the Royal Estate at Wedmore. After 12 days of feasting they made an agreement which has been known ever since as the Peace of Wedmore.

St. Mary's church has been rebuilt several times over the years and there are no remains of any building of King Alfred's time or of the later Saxon church (1060). The nave is very big because this was an important church, serving a large parish. The church was originally built in the shape of a cross and the side aisles and the chapels were

added later.

Our last visit was to St. Andrew's Church in Cheddar. The present building (with the exception of the 13th Century chancel) was built between 1350AD and 1450AD and is probably the fourth church to be built on the site of an early Roman settlement. The large 110ft high tower has many Roman bricks used in its construction and dates from around 1423AD.

The earliest reference to a church in Cheddar is made in the will of King Alfred (d901AD) who left money to the religious families or monastic community in Cheddar. The palace of the Saxon Kings was excavated on the nearby site of the Kings of Wessex school in 1960AD. In 1068AD a Norman Charter refers to the Minster Church at Cheddar. The first vicar William Griffard, son of the King's Marshal, was appointed in 1130AD and the Dean and Chapter of Wells Cathedral were granted the patronage of the church in 1240AD.

Inside its rich in woodwork. There must be a hundred old bench ends, all carved 500 years ago some with faces peeping out picturing sins as the medieval artist loved to picture them "Two women with twisted tongues are for Gossip, Deceit is three-faced, Bitter Words dart as arrows from a snakes mouth". Under the tower are two crude paintings almost as old as the Reformation, one showing Death as a skeleton, the other Father Time. The tower contains 8 change-ringing bells, the tenor of which dates from 1759AD and was cast by Thomas Bilbie of Chew Stoke. The rest date from circa 1580AD.

Bernie

Monthly Draw

Sat 24th Sep 2022	No. 51	Pearl Price
Sat 22nd Oct 2022	No. 34	Wendy Hughes

Winners each received £20.00



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For friendly, no obligation advice/estimate.

Group Activities

Monday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
2 nd	2.00 to 4.00	Card Making	P.H.	Rose Bateman	795906
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 18)

- 1** What TV dog had successive masters named Jeff, Timmy and Corey?
- 2** Who says Shakespeare's 'But soft! What light at yonder window breaks'?
- 3** Who pulled the thorn from the lion's paw?
- 4** What body of water lies to the south of Camarthen and Swansea Bays?
- 5** Name the process by which metal is extracted from ore?
- 6** In which country did Roulette originate?
- 7** Who said 'It's not the men in my life, it's the life in my men that counts'?
- 8** What are the two most important ingredients in a Bloody Mary ?
- 9** In which county was Thomas Hardy born?
- 10** What is strange about a vampire's image in a mirror?
- 11** In the nursery rhyme who went up the hill to fetch a pail of water?
- 12** With which army did Shaw's Major Barbara serve?
- 13** What is the common name for hydrogen hydroxide?
- 14** What is the correct term for an animal without a backbone?
- 15** What 5 words precede Shakespeare's "and all the men and women players"?
- 16** In which county is Slough?
- 17** By what name is St Stephens day more commonly known?
- 18** Which famous hairdresser fought for Israel in 1948?
- 19** Name the circle around the earth at 0 degrees latitude
- 20** In which country is someone most likely to live and work on a kibbutz?

More Members Contributions

Strolling in Autumn 2022



My reconnaissance team, granddaughter Ruby and dog Dylan, told me the river bank in Bason Bridge was clear to walk as far as Wall Eden Farm so four of us parked in Merry Lane and set off on a beautiful early September day. The river was covered in duck weed for some of its length so I guess there was

very little flow. Just past Wall Eden the path was very overgrown. A lady following a lovely Bernese Mountain dog, who was ploughing a path through the long grass, confirmed that it was passable but a bit of battle, so we went into the coffee shop for a drink and a piece of cake. We retraced our steps rather than return via the road. It is surprising how different the view is when you look the other way! The glowing red bush over Steve's left shoulder is hawthorn laden with berries.



Following a very stormy day on the 9th when we chickened out of walking, the 16th was a bright day with a brisk nor-westerly blowing. It made for a bracing and most enjoyable stroll along the Parrett Bank from West Huntspill

towards Pawlett. This crop of hips amazed me



The autumn equinox and we headed for the car park at Parchey Bridge, negotiated a harvest convey on the Chedzoy Road, and enjoyed a stroll along King Sedgemoor

Drain. After a mile I turned back along the cycle path but the more adventurous crossed Bradney Bridge and returned along the grassy



bank on the north side of the Drain, where maize was being harvested. All six of us had lunch at the Puriton Inn.

The fifth Friday was, as always, Church visits and the first Friday there were only Steve, Hugh and me, due to most of the group skittling. A stroll out

along the sea front was pleasant but we returned through the town to avoid the strengthened wind.

On the 14th October the weather was wet and dreary so coffee at the Princess attracted us. It stopped raining while we put the world to rights so a stroll along the seafront gave us some exercise and fresh air.

Four of us set off for a short walk along the seafront, hoping we would dodge the heavy showers which were forecast for the 21st. It was not to be! The sky opened when we were about halfway between the cars and the Bay Café. Three of us had hoods on our coats but Hugh had left his hat in the car, however he looked very fetching

in a pretty scarf loaned to him by Denise.

Paula



Chocolate Chip Cookies Recipe

Ingredients:

150g butter, softened

150g soft brown sugar, golden caster sugar, or ideally half of each

1 egg

1 tsp vanilla extract

180-200g plain flour

½ tsp baking powder

200g chocolate chips or chopped chocolate

Method:

Turn oven on to 180!

Cream together the butter and sugar until fluffy!

Add egg, and vanilla essence and beat together!

Add flour and Bicarbonate of soda!

Then mix in chocolate chips!

Line trays with baking powder and pop spoonfuls of mixture onto the tray!

Leave plenty of room in between the mix for baking!

They will take around 10-12 minutes to cook! Take out of the oven and add extra chocolate on the top if you require!

Leave to cool!



Christmas Poem

There is a list of folks I know, all written in a book
and every year at Christmas time I go and take a look.
That is when I realise that these names are a part,
not only of the book they're written in but of my very heart.

Each name stands for someone who has walked my path sometime,
and in that meeting they've become the "rhythm of the rhyme".
although sometimes the list may change and not remain the same,
I really feel that I'm composed of each beloved name.

And while you may not be aware of any special link,
just knowing you has shaped my life more than you can think.
For once you've met someone, the years cannot erase,
the memory of a pleasant word or of a loving face.

Never think my Christmas cards are just a mere routine,
of names upon a Christmas list forgotten in between.
For when I send a Christmas card that is addressed to you,
it's because you're on that list of folks that I'm indebted to

For be you relative or friend or just folks that I have met,
you happen to be among those I prefer not to forget.
Whether I have known you for many years or for just a few,
in some way you had a part of shaping things I do.

And every year when Christmas comes, I realise anew,
the biggest gift that life can give is knowing folk like you.
May the spirit of Christmas that eternally endures,
leave its richest blessings in the hearts of you and yours.

(Original author unknown)

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Quiz Answers

1	Lassie	2	Romeo
3	Androcles	4	Bristol Channel
5	Smelting	6	France
7	Mae West	8	Vodka and Tomato Juice
9	Dorset	10	There isn't one
11	Jack and Jill	12	The Salvation Army
13	Water	14	Invertebrate
15	All the world's a stage	16	Berkshire
17	Boxing Day	18	Vidal Sassoon
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21st December	U3A of Highbridge Christmas Party @ Highbridge Community Hall (10am to 1pm)	£2.00



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b) If a trip is cancelled you can be notified quickly.