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Chairman's Message

Hello Everyone!

It was so lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas Party, Thankyou for making it a Great success! Here's to the next one!

I hope you have all enjoyed a lovely Christmas,as we reach the end of the year I would like to say Happy New Year!

May we have another successful year in 2023!

I look forward to seeing lots of you and getting you all together for more fun events!

Stay safe and Warm

Adele



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Club and Group News

Reminder: Illness or Bereavement

Just a reminder that if anyone is ill or bereaved, or knows someone that is ill or bereaved, please contact either Fay Burston or Janet Preddy (telephone numbers can be found on page 2 of every magazine); they will send a card on behalf of the U3A.

Kurling Group

We are pleased to let you know that the Kurling group is starting back 9th January 2023. Pete Manning and Lynne Hembrow will be the leaders. Any one wishing to come along it's on the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at the community hall, 2 pm till 3.30.

MIKE - U3A MEMBER

Are you looking for some help with
gardening or any odd jobs?

For more information

Contact me on: **07936 549090**

Or email: **mdsm2003@hotmail.co.uk**

**ANNUAL LUNCH AT THE 37 CLUB, WOOLAVINGTON
ROAD, PURITON, BRIDGWATER TA7 8AD**

15th March 2023,

12 NOON FOR 12.30pm

MAIN COURSE

1. TRADITIONAL ROASTED LOCALLY SOURCED TOPSIDE OF DEVONSHIRE BEEF AND TURKEY (you will have a slice of each)
2. VEGETARIAN NUT ROAST
3. CAJUN SPICED SWEET POTATO ROULADE

All served from our renowned carvery with a selection of freshly cooked seasonal vegetables and potatoes together with all the usual accompaniments.

DESSERTS

- K APPLE PIE served with CREAM OR CUSTARD
- L. STRAWBERRY GATEAUX served with CREAM
- M. ICE CREAM
- N. CHEESE & BISCUITS

COFFEE/TEA & AFTER DINNER MINTS

Due to current circumstances it is not possible to give a price at time of going to print. This will be advised as soon as possible.

Money to be paid by Wednesday 8th March. Please note that any cancellations after this date will be non refundable.

Wednesday 15th March 2023 at the 37 Club, Woolavington Road, Puriton, TA7 8AD

12.00 noon for 12.30 p.m.

Booking Form:

Name..... I also wish to book a lunch for.....Guest/s

My choice from Menu is:

| Main Course | Dessert |
|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. | A |
| 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.....

Members Contributions

DAY TRIP TO WORCESTER

Thank you to Denise for organising our brilliant trip to Worcester. It was a cold foggy day but that didn't dampen the Highbridge spirit!

After a journey filled with festive music, the coach dropped us at a designated parking place where we were greeted by guides who gave us a map and details of the market and pointed us in the right direction.

Worcester is a beautiful city with some very interesting architecture especially if you cast your eyes upward. We decided to go to the art gallery and museum as it seemed a good place to keep warm. We started with a nice cup of coffee served with hot water in a separate jug which was a very pleasant surprise and a first for us.

Next we inadvertently stumbled into a Canaletto exhibition but quickly retreated when we discovered that the entrance fee was £8 each!

We moved on and learned a lot about the very interesting Worcester Regiment and Worcester Hussars.

After we had thawed out we adjourned a few doors up the road to the 'Postal Order' (Wetherspoons) a lovely building which used to be a post office and telephone exchange. It was busy but the natives were very friendly and a couple who were just about to leave kindly gave us their table. We discovered that they had spent many holidays in Burnham on Sea at the Haven Holiday Village.

On the way back to the coach we had a good look around the market, which was lovely, and arrived at the pick up point to get on to the nice warm coach ready for a pleasant journey home. Audrey & Rod.



Photos of Worcester courtesy of Rod & Audrey



Halloween at Highbridge Community Centre





Monthly Draw

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|-------------------|--------|------------------------------|
| Sat 19th Nov 2022 | No. 59 | Kay Lloyd and Hugh Griffith |
| Sat 17th Dec 2022 | No. 32 | Carol Gibbons and John Ellis |

Winners each received £20.00




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Please feel free to contact: ---- F. J. Hales

Home: - 01278 788247 - - - Mobile: - 07939.664538

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 |
| 2 nd & 4 th | 2.00 to 3.30 | Kurling | C.H. | Pete Manning Lynne Hembrow | 07976 408843 |
| 4 th | 2.00 to 4.00 | Beading | P.H. | Rose Bateman | 795906 |

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.

More Members Contributions

Strolling

End of October and the clocks go back in two days but it was warm and sunny at the Hawk and Owl Trust Reserve. Our two-mile stroll took us along a track, where we found a wonderful old oak tree to hug and on to a bridge over Mill Brook, Poo Sticks were played with leaves, then we crossed two fields, while negotiating a stile I lost my knob (off the end of my stick to clarify for those who are giggling) which Keith and Denise tried, in vain, to recover from under the woodwork. We re-joined a firmer track back to the carpark.



Lunch was a fiasco at Leather and Lace, very slow service and cold food sent back and returned still cold. They had the grace not to charge.



On Armistice Day we headed for Cheddar Reservoir, it was overcast but unseasonably warm with a gentle breeze from the south. We had a good view of the two old airplanes performing their tribute fly-past. I am sorry my photo does not do them justice but perhaps you could

see the ghosting as symbolic.

We went to Hillier Garden Centre, Cheddar, for lunch and a browse around the plants and shops as, unlike Sanders they have retained their franchises, Pavers, EWM and Klass Clothing. There is also Maidenhead Aquatics.

The next one I joined followed a very wet spell so we went to Uphill where there are options in direction. Having checked out the enormous puddles on the tracks we opted to stroll around the village. As I was still wobbly from the cold I had last week, I turned back and Bernie joined me, giving me company during the wait for the main group. We made our way to Bleadon post office café for a tasty lunch.

Twas two days before Christmas on a blustery wet morn – Oh enough of that! I wanted to see the display of Christmas Trees in St Andrews Church, Bernie and Fay agreed it would be better than risking a soak so that is where we went. We were greeted by Jenny, another High-bridge u3a member, who was on church watch. The trees were very impressive, about thirty in all, and two nativity scenes. Well done to

all the organisations who put in the effort to create them and the church for promoting it. Paula.



Mosaics, my last project

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the mosaic group. I joined in December 2018 and I have received lots of help and the craic is always good. It proved to be a good hobby during the Covid lockdowns though I missed the company, as we all did.

I have finally finished my trio of Art Nouveau inspired pictures, planned when I joined the group but delayed at various times by me being distracted into other projects. I now just must find somewhere to display them in the garden. They do not look too bad from a distance!

There will be space in the group for anyone interested because I have problems which force me to give up. Contact Alison 784633 if you are interested in having a go, I am sure you will be warmly welcomed.



Paula

U3A of Highbridge Open Day 2022

A few photos from our successful Open Day when we were delighted to welcome several new members.





Photos of the Open Day courtesy of burnham-on-sea.com

Update on Blankets for Good Causes—Janet Preddy

I thought I would an update you all on our latest knitting project for all the members that haven't got access to the internet.

I asked our lovely knitters to knit baby blankets and hats for the maternity unit at the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading. My granddaughter Hayleigh is a senior midwife there.

She told me a lot of the babies are quite chilly after birth and the unit is not always warm enough for them. So she asked if it was possible if my friends at u3a could help. As usual you stepped up and knitted your socks off or your hats in this case. The results can be seen in the photos in this article. The are absolutely beautiful, very well knitted and lovely colours.

She is going to send us a card to thank us all but with Christmas and postal strikes it may take a while to get to us.

I just want to say thank you all of you for your lovely contributions and hard work. If any of you want to carry on knitting for the babies they would be very gratefully received, as the babies take the blankets and hats home with them. So they will always need more. The hospital have no facilities to wash and dry the blankets and hats.

I want to thank you all again, you are all stars. Keep your finger warm and nimble to start again after a well deserved rest during Christmas.

Janet Preddy



Photos from Lunch Group at Brent House





Mosaics Christmas Lunch—Cake Photo



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Calendar

| <u>Date(s)</u> | <u>Details</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2023 | | |
| March 15th | Annual Lunch @ The 37 Club, Puriton | TBA |



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a) helps to identify you on the passenger list, and

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