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## Chairman's Message

# Wow! We have arrived in May!

I'm not sure where the last year has gone, it's been an absolute pleasure to have stepped into the Chairman's shoes!

We have had some fantastic well supported events!

With the AGM approaching I'm looking forward to another Year with you all!

So here's to more Fun! Laughter and great times amongst good friends!

Bye for now!  
Adele



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# **Club and Group News**

## **NOTICE OF AGM**

The 2023 Annual General Meeting of the U3A of Highbridge will be held on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am in the Highbridge Community Hall**. All members are invited to attend. The business of the AGM shall include the following:

### **Agenda**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Adoption of the minutes of the last year's meeting
3. Matters arising from previous minutes
4. Chairman's report
5. Treasurer's report and acceptance of accounts
6. Appointment of an Examiner of the accounts for 2022/2023
7. Secretary's report
8. Election of Committee members
9. Any other business
10. Date of next AGM

All fully paid up members are eligible to attend and vote. If it is your intention to attend and have your say, please renew your membership before the meeting.

## **Change of Bereavement / Illness Contact**

If any U3A member has suffered a bereavement or is suffering from an illness, please contact Pearl Price (01278 793954) on their behalf and Pearl will send a card to them.



## **Easter Party — April 5th 2023**

On a horrible cold wet Wednesday morning, we arrived for coffee morning to be greeted by a plethora of colour; lots of ladies and some gentlemen wearing creative Easter Bonnets which immediately lifted the gloom of the dark morning outside.

This was followed by coffee and hot cross buns. Adele had also made delicious lemon drizzle cake for everyone because it was her birthday!

Added to all this, there was a giant raffle which raised some excellent funds for future parties.

Thank you to everyone for making it a brilliant Easter party!

Rod

**(See over for lots of photos of the event)**











## Days Out

The following days out have been arranged:

**Monday 22nd May Lynton and Lynmouth — cost £18.00 (£5 non refundable deposit).**



**Monday 19th June Royal Leamington Spa — cost £18.00 (£5 non refundable deposit) .**

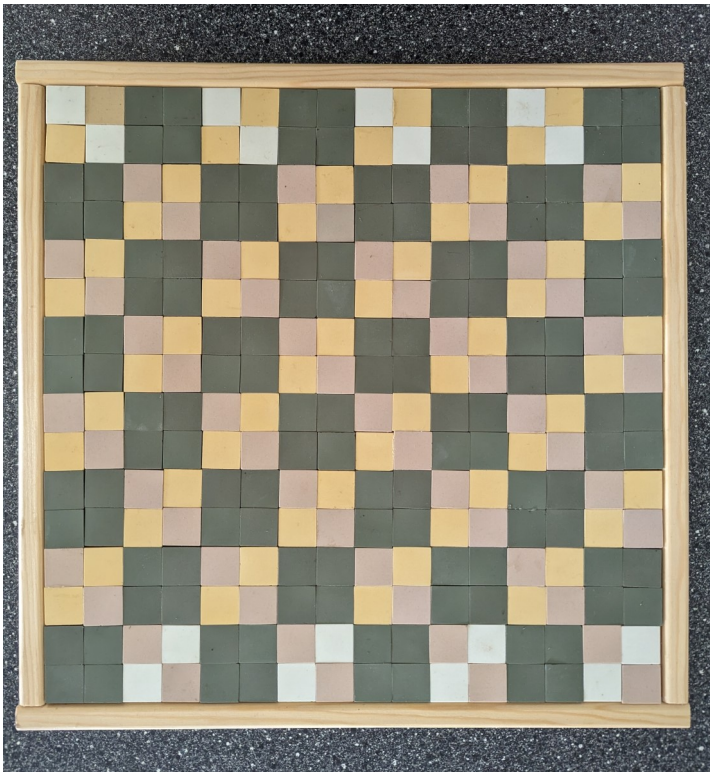


Please see Denise Godby to book.

## Members Contributions

### Chess Board Mosaic by Alison Joyce

Created during U3A Mosaics Group session by Alison for her grandson.



## Monthly Draw

Sat 11th Mar 2023	No. 49	Hazel Lewis x 2 (£40 double win)
Sat 8th Apr 2023	No. 17	Pearl Price and Vicky Cattell

Winners each received £20.00

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## Group Activities

### Monday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> (excluding bank holidays)	2.00 to 4.00	Board Games	S.H.	Pete Manning  Chris Murphy	07976 408843  07947 203046
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.00 to 4.00	Card Making	P.H.	Rose Bateman	795906
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> (excluding bank holidays)	2.00 to 3.30	Kurling	C.H.	Pete Manning  Lynne Hembrow	07976 408843  07562 919566
4 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 to 4.00	Beading	P.H.	Rose Bateman	795906

### Tuesday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	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 <sup>nd</sup>	12.00 onwards	Luncheons	Varies	Adele Stevens	07486 909687

### Thursday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
Every	2.00 to 4.00	Table Tennis	C.H.	John Ellis	685483

## Group Activities

### Friday

Week	Time	Group	Venue	Leader	Tel
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1.30 to 3.00	Skittles	C.A.	Self-Regulating	238526
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 onwards	Strollers	Varies	Self-Regulating	238526
5 <sup>th</sup>	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

## Churches 23

Holy Trinity Burrington.

Our 23rd church walk on Friday was to say the least wet and windy. Firstly we went to St. Leonard's church at Shipham, a listed building with a history going back to the 13th century. The present church dates from 1842.

The first priest was John the Rector in the mid 13th century. The church then was a plain little building with stone seats around the walls and a low square battlemented tower with a short spire. Nothing much remains today of the old building, but the font cover is said to be carved from the original door by village craftsmen around 1910. Behind the altar you will see the reredos, a 14th century carving removed from the earlier church.

The list of rectors hanging by the gallery stairs dates from 1328, during the reign of King Edward III. Although John the Rector was known to be the first Rector of the parish. Later he was sent into exile for taking a hart without warrant in the Forest of Mendip in 1270!!

The tower contains six bells, five of which date from 1733 having been cast by Thomas Bilbie of Chew Stoke. In 1927 the bells were re-hung and a sixth bell added. Since 1992 the bells have been rung regularly for services and special occasions.

The second visit was to the Anglican Church of St. Michael and All Angels at Roberrow; it dates from the 14th century. The nave chancel



and porch underwent a lot of restoration and rebuilding during Victorian times. Records also show the current tower which contains six bells was built in 1425.

There has been Christian Worship at Roberrow since AD700 and records show that by 1257 the manor and presumably the church belonged to St. Augustine`s Abbey in Bristol. The earliest record of a rector of the parish was in 1266.

Lastly on to Burrington, Holy Trinity Church a simple but delightful building dating from the 13th century, it nestles at the bottom of Burrington Combe. It`s at the centre of a typical country parish encompassing the villages of Burrington, Rickford, Upper Langford, and part of the village of Lower Langford.

The church is magnificent with a rich exterior of parapets and pinnacles, turrets and battlements. The old door the top with window and quad trefoiled tracery, brings us into an interior enriched with modern oak worthy of the 15th century church, carved bench-ends, linenfold choir-stalls and screens with panelled vaulting and gold stars. The roofs borne by stone angels with painted shields on which are the emblems of the Passion. The nave roof has painted gilded bosses. The reredos has the Last Supper carved in stone. Outside there are two yew trees, one a hollow giant probably older than the Magna Carta.

Nearby is Burrington Combe it has the “Rock of Age`s” named after the hymn by Augustus Montague Toplady, Curate of Blagdon between 1762 and 1764. Although there is some debate about whether he actually drew his inspiration from sheltering in the cleft.



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## **Quiz (answers on page 26)**

- 1 Of what fruit is a pippin a type?
- 2 What is another name for a Denver Boot?
- 3 How fast (in miles per hour) must you run to achieve a four minute mile?
- 4 Which TV programme's lead character was detective Steve McGarrett?
- 5 From which country does the wine Mateus Rose come?
- 6 What is the name of the Italian state airline?
- 7 In the original film, who played Dr Doolittle?
- 8 Who played Fletcher Christian in the 1962 film Mutiny on the Bounty?
- 9 In which country is Colleen McCullough's The Thorn Birds set?
- 10 Which 20th century organisation was nicknamed The Shrieking Sisterhood?
- 11 Which chess piece always stays on it's own colour?
- 12 How many squares were used on TV's Celebrity Squares?
- 13 At which race course is Beecher's Brook jumped?
- 14 By what name are Stephen, Ronan, Shane, Keith and Michael better known?
- 15 Who "Put in his thumb and pulled out a plum"?
- 16 In which country does the Picnic at Hanging Rock take place?
- 17 Where is the world's oldest golf course?
- 18 Which Dickens book features Mr Bumble?
- 19 Which former host of the Generation Game died in 1995?
- 20 Name the green pigment in organisms capable of photosynthesis?

## **Early Spring Strollers**

Having missed two, or maybe three, strolls I finally made it to High-bridge car park on time!

Apparently, according to the weatherman, spring starts on the 1st of March but there was little evidence of it on Friday the 3rd when six of us reached the riverbank after parking in Apex. I wanted to have a look at the mosaic panels installed on the seafront and Barry declared that he had made two unsuccessful attempts to go and see them, so they became our destination. The north wind was full in our faces and very bracing but we achieved our goal! After close inspection of all three panels, we had a warming cuppa in Bay Café and returned to the car park via Steart Avenue and Marine Drive, a route that afforded some protection from the wind.



10th March and winter made (hopefully) a last stand this week, the wind was bitterly cold, so the twelve of us that gathered in Highbridge car park decided the Strawberry Line at Winscombe would offer some shelter. A lot of the trees have been taken out and the remaining ones have been cut back but, together with the embankment, still offered the expected wind break. I turned back early on and Fay



kept me company, but the others walked on through the tunnel, which has been improved with lights, (but not bright enough to illuminate the silhouette) before coming back. Thanks to Audrey for the pictures. Lunch at Sidcot Arms completed the morning.

The third Friday there were only five of us and after a wet week we needed to stick to firm ground, so we walked through Isleport industrial estate and took a more pleasant route back along Isleport Road. Keith and I had fun trying to remember the old residents of the cottages! We met club a member who was taking advantage of a dry morning and working in her garden. On returning to Walrow, Steve

kindly invited us in for a drink. We chose to sit in his garden and enjoy the sun before going our separate ways.



The last stroll in March (Church visits on the 5th Friday) the sun was shining as we set off up over Pawlett Hill on Gaunts Road. A lady walking her dog kindly took our photo giving Audrey a chance to be included. The sun was warm, the views clear and beautiful from the top. Bernie and Fay turned back and the rest of us circled around to return via Chapel Road. Rod disliked the colour of render on a cottage we passed but I liked it so being adults we agreed to disagree! With about three quarters of a mile till we got back to the cars the skies opened. We should have been warned by that big black cloud in the photo, but hope springs eternal. It did not just rain, it came down in huge icy drops, slashing across the road, and us, at about 45 degrees. Waterproof coats helped but the water poured off them soaking our trousers! A group lunch was abandoned.

The weather remained wet and events were being cancelled due to

waterlogged ground so the stroll on the 7th April, Good Friday, was a short roam around Highbridge looking at the new(ish) building on the old riverbed. Refreshments and a chat in Sopha coffee shop rounded off the morning.

On the 14th it was raining persistently and only six of us arrived in the car park. So, as we have done previously, we went to Sanders for brunch having first looked around the shop.

The following week was another showery day so a short stroll around Southwick was the order. The old windmill has been given a wooden roof and the owner kindly allowed us to go into his property and look around the beautiful stone work. The interior has not been renovated and the floors are unsafe. The next project is to put some sails on it. They will be for appearance only and not be working as the top no longer turns. After a coffee at Riches the rain had started so our timing was impeccable. Paula.

## **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***

## *The Number 10 Cat*

*Larry the cat thought his luck had changed*

*His food from now was all arranged  
He became a very efficient, and important cat  
Gaining all the knowledge of this and that  
He joined the cabinet at their meetings  
They went all coy at Larry's greeting  
He listened intently to their chatter  
Then made out all the twaddle didn't matter*

*He stored all the hush hush stuff up top  
Checking there was nothing he'd forgot  
He wanted a top cabinet job one day  
With the usual well above average pay*

*Larry thought 'what job would I like?  
'Transport minister' I could ride a bike?  
Foreign secretary, wouldn't be bad  
The type of job that I've never had*

*But sadly they didn't understand young Larry  
If in a new swank job, - he couldn't marry  
The cabinet wouldn't understand his chatter  
They'd push Larry aside 'cos he didn't matter*



*So Larry cleared the mice on the cabinet room floor*

*He ate so many he could eat no more*

*Big rats on the chairs he couldn't digest*

*So he left them to get fatter and become bigger pests*

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## **I AM WHAT I AM**

I used to think I was a normal human being, born into a two-parent, two gender household, which now, apparently, whether I like it or not, makes me "privileged", a racist and responsible for slavery.

I am fiscal and moral, which makes me a fascist, because I plan, budget and support myself.

I went to school, worked my way "up the ladder", always had a job. But I now find I am not where I am because I earned it, but because I was 'advantaged'.

I am heterosexual, which according to some people, makes me homophobic.

I am over 60, making me a useless person because I don't use Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

I think and reason, and doubt much of what 'mainstream' media tells us, this make me "Right-wing"

I am proud of my heritage and our inclusive culture, making me xenophobic.

I believe our system guarantees freedom of effort---not freedom of outcome of subsidises which makes me a borderline sociopath.

I believe in hard work, fair play and fair compensation according to each individual's merits, today this makes an anti-socialist.

I believe in the defence and protection of the United Kingdom for and by all citizens, making me a militant.

I am proud of our flag, what it stands for and the many who died to let it fly, I stand during our National Anthem—so must be a racist.

So would someone please help me come to terms with this new me, because I am not too sure who I am now.

P.S. If you find me wondering about, please help me locate and use the correct toilet.

*Supplied by Fay*

## Quiz Answers

1	Apple	2	Wheel Clamp
3	15 mph	4	Hawaii Five—O
5	Portugal	6	Al Italia
7	Rex Harrison	8	Marlon Brando
9	Australia	10	Suffragettes
11	Bishop	12	Nine
13	Aintree, Liverpool	14	Boyzone
15	Little Jack Horner	16	Australia
17	St Andrews Scotland	18	Oliver Twist
19	Larry Grayson	20	Chlorophyl

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## Calendar

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Cost</u>
2023		
May 10th	AGM Wednesday @ Highbridge Community Hall at 10.30am	NA
May 22nd	Day Out to Lynton & Lynmouth	£18 (£5 deposit)
June 2nd	Social Party Night @ Highbridge Community Hall 7pm to 11pm	£12.00
June 19th	Day Out to Royal Leamington Spa	£18 (£5 deposit)



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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.