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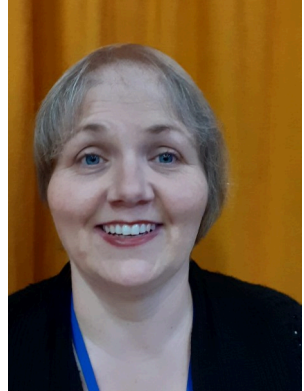
Chairman's Message

Hello everyone

We are a third of the way through the year already.

The weather is starting to be kind to us, long may it continue.

We have lots happening within U3A at the moment.



Please do pop along when you can and support.

Welcome to so many New Members, it's lovely to see so many of you. I hope you will enjoy what we have to offer.

Bye for now

Adele



Club and Group News

U3A HIGHBRIDGE

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WEDNESDAY 7th MAY

10.30AM

HIGHBRIDGE COMMUNITY HALL

ALL WELCOME



COME AND JOIN
THE FUN

12-2.30PM

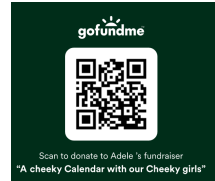
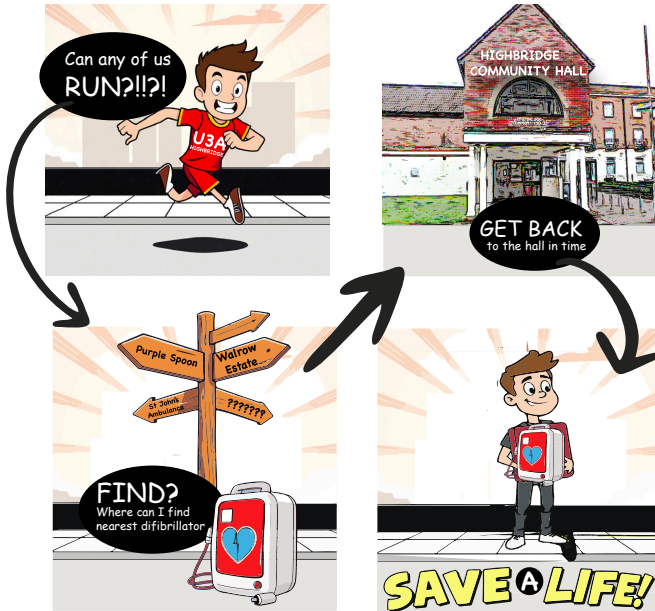
WEDNESDAY 7TH
MAY

BRING A PLATE-
SEE ADELE FOR
MORE DETAILS

Hello fellow U3A Highbridge Members

Imagine that someone at U3A coffee morning collapses with a heart attack!

Can any of us



Defibrillator training sessions start from April 2025

Interested?

Speak to the U3A heartbeats team at the Wednesday morning meeting at Highbridge to book your place

We are raising money to buy a defibrillator for

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by producing a Cheeky 2026 calendar
(think on the lines of the original Calendar Girls theme!!!)

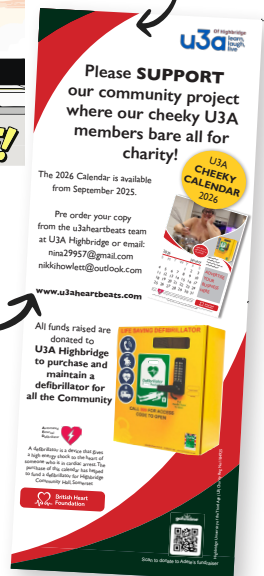
Please check out how much we've raised to date at
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/a-cheeky-calendar-with-our-cheeky-girls>

Consider purchasing a calendar - now available for pre order!

Printed copies available from September 2025.

See the u3aheartbeats fundraising team at
U3A Highbridge / Wednesday meetings or visit

www.u3aheartbeats.com



Some lovely Easter Bonnets on Wednesday 16th April and well deserved winners! Congratulations to everyone 🙌🙌

Plus lovely hot cross buns!



HIGHBRIDGE U3A
FREE EVENT

AFTERNOON TEA

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SUNDAY 6TH JULY

HIGHBRIDGE COMMUNITY
HALL

3PM - 6.30PM

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Days out

Our June trip will be to Barnstaple and Blackdown Garden Centre. This will be on Thursday 26th June. The cost will be £21.00 per person.



Barnstaple Devon UK

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Brian Ellis

A teasing quiz I acquired recently which is for the more "mature" members who can remember the "Old Money" before decimalisation changed everything. See if you can tot up to the grand total.

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A poorly fish (A cephalopod)	-----	---	---	---
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One legged ladies Underwear	-----	---	---	---
+				
A portion of royal Headgear	-----	---	---	---
+				
Up and down Motion	-----	---	---	---
+				
A leather worker	-----	---	---	---
+				
Mercury, Uranus and Pluto	-----	---	---	---
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A type of pig	-----	---	---	---
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=		TOTAL: £31 15s 2d		

Many thanks to Fay Burston for this quiz. Answers on page 21

THE OBVIOUS QUIZ

B.Ellis 2014

You may find the answers on pages 18-20 interesting

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- 18/ Which was the first flag to reach the moon?**
- 19/ Jordan Almonds come from which country originally?**
- 20/ What kind of creature best describes Frankenstein?**

Thanks to Fay Burston for supplying this quiz.

Group Activities

Monday

<u>Week</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Tel</u>
1 st , 3 rd & 5 th (excluding bank holidays)	2.00 to 4.00	Board Games	S.H.	Pete Manning Chris Murphy	07976 408843 07947 203046

Tuesday

<u>Week</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Tel</u>
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Wednesday

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

Thursday

<u>Week</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Tel</u>
Every	2.00 to 4.00	Table Tennis	C.H.	Audrey Downing Rod Downing	07467 029154
Last	Varies	Classic Car Appreciation	Varies	Malcolm Manser	07932 734473

Group Activities

Friday

<u>Week</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Tel</u>
1 st & 3 rd	1.30 to 3.00	Skittles	C.A.	Self-Regulating	01278 238526
1 st & 2 nd & 3 rd & 4 th	10.00 onward	Strollers	Varies	Self-Regulating	01278 238526
5 th	10.00 onward	Somerset Churches	Varies	Bernard Martin	01278 787230

Occasional

<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Tel</u>
Varies	Holidays	Christine Owen Diane Scott	01278 784500 07484 869011

Changes since last issue are highlighted in yellow.

Legend

S.H. Southwell House	C.A. Coopers Arms
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8th March 2025	No. 21	Brenda Howe and Stella Ashton
5th April 2025	No. 18	Daphne Lyon and Pete Gaylard

Winners each received £20.00

HOLIDAYS 2025

TINSEL & TURKEY HOLIDAY 2025

This will be from Sunday, 30th November until Thursday, 4th December 2025 at the Prince Regent Hotel, Weymouth. A lovely hotel on the seafront near the pier.

The cost will be £304 per person with a single supplement from £10 to £25. Again if demand exceeds allocation we will have to “draw names out of a hat”.

Please reserve your place with a £50 non-refundable deposit by 28th May at the latest.

As the Bournemouth Holiday had to be abandoned due to lack of interest if this happens again I am afraid this will be the last holiday I shall book. (We lose our deposit if we have to cancel so this is costing Highbridge U3A)

Please book at a Wednesday Coffee Morning or contact me on on 07799 561088.

Chris Owen & the Holiday Team

TINSEL & TURKEY HOLIDAY



The next Highbridge U3A Holiday will be to

Prince Regent Hotel, Weymouth

(usual 5 days/4 nights)

from

Sunday, 30th November until Thursday, 4th December 2025

Cost is £304 per person (plus single supplement varying from £10 to £25)

Please make your booking with a £50 deposit by 28th May at the latest

Christine Owen & the Holiday Team
(My number is 07799 561088)

If the demand for single rooms exceeds the allocation we will again have to "draw names out of a hat"

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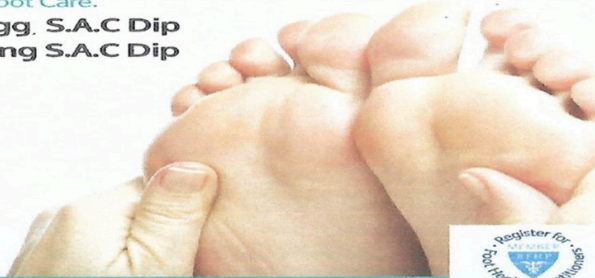
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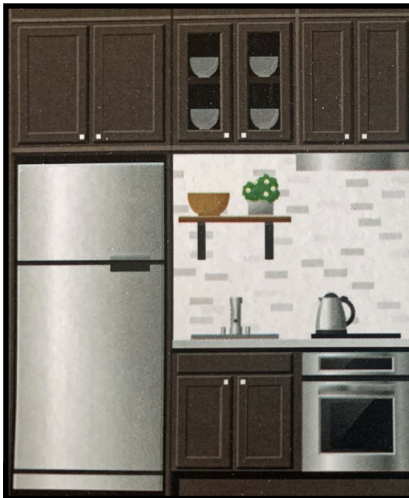


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THE OBVIOUS QUIZ ANSWERS

1/ They won the Eurovision in 1974, but what nationality are the Swedish pop group ABBA?

Benny, Bjorn and Agnetha are Swedish but Anni-Frid Lyngstad is Norwegian born in the small town of Ballangen in Norway

2/ The Ninety Mile Beach on the south eastern coast of Victoria, Australia is actually 94miles long. Originally estimated based on how long it took to ride on horseback but forgetting to allow for the soft sand slowing progress.

How long is the Eighty Mile Beach on the coast of Western Australia?

140 miles long. Probably used the same horse but by then he was much older

3/ In which European Capital can the Spanish Steps be found?

Rome

4/ He rose to fame in the Glam Rock era of the 1970s with Major Tom and Ziggy Stardust but what is singer songwriter David Bowie's name?

David Jones, he changed it because of the popularity of the Monkee's Davey Jones

5/ What is the only word in the English language ending in "mt"?

*I'm not sure who **dreamt** up this question but I thought it was quite a good one dreamt*

6/ Which herbivorous creature is also known as “The River Horse”?

Hippopotamus (herbivorous animals adapted to eating plants)

7 What colour are Copper Sulphate Crystals?

Could there be a clue in the name NO they are Blue

8/ The Indian delicacy "Bombay Duck" is what creature served up cooked dried and salted?

It is in fact a Lizard fish. A cylindrical shaped body with a head that resembles a lizard and has rows of teeth.

9/ How many pounds are there in a hundredweight (Cwt.)?

112

10/ Probably known as much for his “on-off’ relationship with Elizabeth Taylor as for his acting ability, what was Richard Burton’s name?

Born Richard Walter Jenkins on 10 November 1925 changed his name by deed poll to Burton

11/ How many times do the clocks hour and minute hands cross each other in a twelve hour period?

Obvious 11 - first time after the first hour and each hour thereafter

12/ Sylvester Stallone wrote and directed “Staying Alive” the sequel to “Saturday Night Fever” True or False?

True..He also wrote the screenplay for Rocky and its 4 sequels and 3 Rambo films

13/ What kind of creature is a “Widgeon”?

The widgeon is a medium-sized duck with a round head and small

bill. The head and neck of the male are chestnut, with a yellow forehead, pink breast and grey body

14/ What is Brad Pitt's name?

William Bradley Pitt, born 18th December 1963 Oklahoma USA

15/ What type of creature is a horned toad?

Sometimes called a horned toad or horned frog is neither toad nor frog. The name comes from the lizard's rounded body and blunt snout, which make it resemble a toad or frog

16/ What type of creatures are Titmice?

Titmice are a family of small passerine birds which occur in the northern hemisphere and Africa. These birds are called either "chickadees" from their distinctive alarm call or "titmice"

17/ What happened in Paris on the 31st of June 1945?

Nothing!

Who remembers 30 days has September, April June and November?

18/ Which was the first flag to reach the moon?

The Russian flag - miniature Russian flags were scattered on the surface of the moon by the Luna 2 in 1959. The Stars and Stripes was raised above it 10 years later in 1969 by Armstrong and Aldrin

19/ Jordan Almonds come from which country originally?

Jordan almonds originated in Spain. Their name derives from the French word for "garden" Jardin

20/ What kind of creature best describes Frankenstein?

Human being - Victor Frankenstein was the name of the monster's creator not of the monster itself because it had no name.

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An old fashioned bicycle	__ Penny Farthing __	__	__	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
+				
A male singer	__ Tenner __	£10	__	__
+				
A poorly fish (A cephalopod)	__ Sick Squid __	£ 6	__	__
+				
One legged ladies Underwear	__ Half a knicker (ten bob) __	__	10 s	__
+				
A portion of royal Headgear	__ Half a crown 2/ 6 __	__	2 s	6 d
+				
Up and down Motion	__ A Bob __	__	1 s	__
+				
A leather worker	__ Tanner __	__	__	6 d
+				
Mercury, Uranus and Pluto	__ Three far things (3 Farthings)	__	__	$\frac{3}{4}$
+				
A type of pig	__ Guinea (£ 1 & 1 s	£ 1	1 s	__
+				
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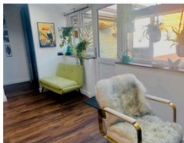
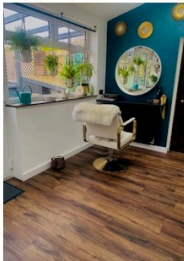
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Calendar

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Cost</u>
2025		
May 7th	AGM. Start 10.30am - Highbridge Community Hall.	N/A
May 7th	VE Day 80 Years Celebration - Highbridge Community Hall 12 - 2.30 pm	N/A
May 19th	Away Day: Swanage	£22.00
June 26th	Away Day: Barnstaple & Blackdown Garden Centre	£21.00
July 6th	Free Social afternoon tea 3-6.30pm Main Hall - Highbridge Community Hall.	Free
November 30 th to December 4th	Tinsel & Turkey Holiday at Prince Regent Hotel, Weymouth	£304 (+£10 to £25 single supplement)

Cheques to cover payments for all "Away Days", Theatre trips and Holidays must be made payable to "U3A of Highbridge"

Please also add your name, address and phone number on the reverse of the cheque, this: -

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

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