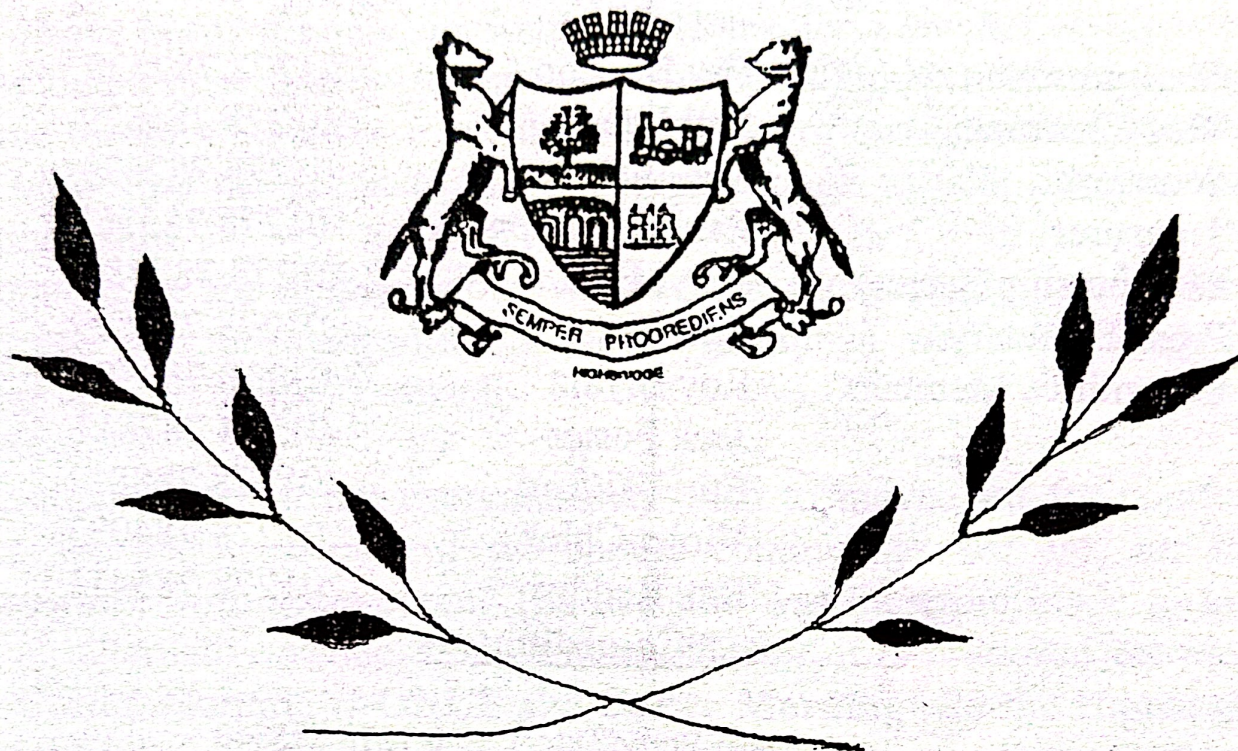




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Should you wish to join one of the above activities please contact the Co-ordinator to obtain details of the venue, times and other relevant information. A small fee is often necessary to cover the rent of the venue and your tea/coffee during a break in activities.

Editorial

This year April is going to be a time for change, most of you are aware that we are about to make an important move in the Club's life. We have been 'at home' in Southwell House for a number of years, but now find it is necessary to move out. Southwell House has been an ideal home for the Club and we use it for a number of our activities; however, we now find the premises are not large enough to take our increased membership

I suppose we are victims of our own success. Membership now stands at 109 and with more attending the Coffee Mornings, we find it somewhat noisy and just a little cramped.

We appreciate that not everyone may wish to move, but for comforts sake we had to decide if we should continue as we are, or, find somewhere with more room. The decision was therefore made to look for an alternative venue, this we have done-----it is proposed we move the Coffee Morning----**ONLY the Coffee Morning**---to the Highbridge Social Club.

Nothing else has changed; it will still be on a **Wednesday from 10.00 'til 12.00 the move takes place on Wednesday 7th April.**

So on that day we will be across the road at the **Highbridge Social Club**. We feel that this is the best practical solution; it is possible all regulars may not feel happy with this move, but we must give it a try.

In order to meet the requirements of the Social Club's Rules we need each member, who intends to use the facility, to indicate on his/her membership form that they wish to do so. Also, and we are not being personal, we need to know if you are under 60 years of age.

The reason? Well, we will obviously have to pay a 'rent' to the Social Club and it is this Club's intention to make a payment 'up front' and get it over with. This means that your Membership Fee to the U3A will, initially, also cover your fee to the Social Club. You will receive a Membership Card from the Social Club, PLUS a 'Key' FOB; this you will swipe down a 'box' by the front door and this will get you in.

These additional 'Rules' are necessary so that the Social Club's Insurance etc covers you all. There is a returnable deposit on the FOB, so if, at any time, you give up your membership of the Clubs (U3A or Social) you will get your deposit back.

Sorry! One more change. In order to be able to cover the rent we have decided to put the cost of your coffee up, from 30p to 40p. The money collected at a Coffee Morning has always paid the rent for Southwell House (incidentally this went up on the 1st April) so all money now collected at the Social Club will reimburse the Club funds for the rent already paid. Doing it this way does, in fact, save us money.

This is an important move; we want it to be the correct one. The situation will however, be reviewed after twelve months so that we may, perhaps, extend our stay or have another change. In due course, when the proposed extensions have been made to Southwell House and it is practicable for us to return, we will look at the situation again. The lounge at the Club has many chairs and tables and we will not be short of space. Please bear with us for a few weeks; so that we too, may find our feet, it is going to be a bit strange to start with, but we will cope, I am sure

May I, on behalf of the Committee, thank you all for your support and for making the U3A of Highbridge the success it is.

Something new. Julie Lovern will, as promised, start a Flower Arranging Class on Friday 23rd April 2004 at 2.30pm-in the Baptist Church Hall. The class is limited to 10, at present. Julie is also to run, in conjunction with the class, a Pressed Flowers course. We now have the press and instructions; so will know what to do.

Gardeners!

Are there any keen gardeners out there? Would you consider giving Shirley Adams a hand for just half-an-hour say, she works hard to keep the gardens at Southwell House and the Memorial Gardens looking tidy and I am sure she would welcome a little help, from anyone who is prepared to go along and volunteer a few minutes of their time.

News from the Groups

Computer Workshop

The next 10-week term starts after Easter,(we understand it will be Thursday 22nd April) if anyone is interested in joining the course please let me (Ken Burston) know as soon as possible please. We need to have 8 names again in order to be able to book the course.

Writing for Pleasure

Doreen Reddish is dead keen to get this Group up and running again, she has suggested this new name for the Group. It sounds friendlier, not so 'official'- which the group is not; it is purely a means of getting together so that the members may chat and occasionally produce some poetry or write a short story. There is an excellent example in this issue, Mary Draper penned it and I am sure you will all see the funny side of the story. Have a go yourself; it can be very rewarding to put your thoughts on paper, it tends to be quite therapeutic.

Luncheon Club

In the last magazine, we said that if the New Year Party was a success, the Committee felt that it could become an annual function. It did prove to be a 'grand get-together', the reports received indicate that 'a good time was had by all' and that you did 'Enjoy'. I think we can safely assume there will be another next year.

Numbers have increased for this popular Group; at the Highbridge Hotel in February 19 members sat down to the excellent carvery. In March the number, at the outset, equalled our previous record of 34 for a lunch, but due to illness and other circumstances, we finished up with 30. The lunch at the Lighthouse in Highbridge Road was enjoyed by all, good value for money.

Strollers

This group has really taken off since the New Year; the January Stroll was at Uphill and was blessed with reasonable weather, cloudy, cool and just a light shower. (Photo; Janet Hills)



The February Stroll was along the Huntspill River when 14 turned out, (photo Mary Akers-with Janet's camera). It was a dry day but a bit windy, especially on the sea wall.



In March the weather still dry, but the Thursday had been that bitterly cold day and we all thought 'it's going to be too cold to go anywhere tomorrow'. No, it was a lovely day and 12 of us walked from Bawdrip, up the old railway track (tarmac) to Cossington and back; a sheltered walk and not requiring much energy. Some walked on into Cossington village to see the old railway station cottage.

Calligraphy

After Easter I may be starting a workshop on Calligraphy, I have had a couple of years 'practice' at Burnham U3A, but I am no expert. However, if anyone would like to have a go at it, I will try to pass on my meagre knowledge. All you will need is an interest, a 2B pencil and a straight edge (ruler), the pens and ink the Club will provide at the outset. Watch the Notice Board for details.

A Stroller Special

Environmental & Archaeological Experience

To those who may be interested we have a **Special Stroll** coming up on Friday 30th April so make a note now. A walk has been arranged along the Huntspill River at East Huntspill and will be an **Environmental and Archaeological Experience**. Mr David Lloyd, Recreation Officer for the Environment Agency, has offered to be our guide and will explain some of the conservation improvements. If interested please put your name down soon on the list at Coffee Morning, the group will be limited to 20-25; this is to ensure that we all hear what our guide has to say. Or ring Fay on 782529.

This stroll is alongside the river and because the grass may not have been cut, please make sure you have suitable footwear with you; Wellingtons or heavy walking boots.

To get there: - Go out through Bason Bridge and East Huntspill, heading for Woolavington; after the bends out of East Huntspill you approach a bridge.....That's it, you are there, the car park is on the right just over the bridge.

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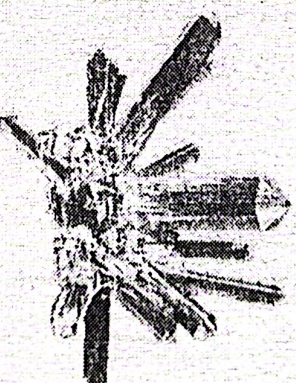
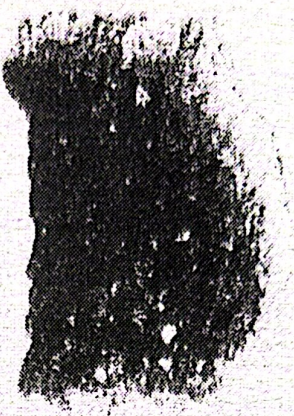
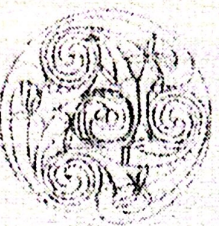
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Letters : The following was received:

Dear Fay and Ken

Clive and I would like to thank you both for arranging a lovely New Year Party at the Orchard Inn.

The meal was excellent, the quiz great fun, thanks to Ron and Hilda (*they gave us the original dingbat*) and the bingo was very funny and rounded off the afternoon perfectly, I should like to thank you once again for a lovely day.

I am sad to say that the Thursday Art Group is now at full capacity, so unfortunately we cannot take any more aspiring Rembrandts at the present time. It might be worth checking the Tuesday Group to see if they can accommodate any more learners. Jean Berry

Social Group

The programme for 2004 is included, with both day trips and theatre outings.

CATS

**At Bristol Hippodrome
(Matinee Performance)
Wednesday 12th May 2004**

**Due Vi's negotiating skills the cost of the tickets
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T.V. PROGRAMMES (Old & New)

1. Asses & Nags
2. Red Admiral/Painted Lady
3. Ebony Viper
4. Perilous Meadow
5. Breakfast Oats
6. The Landing and the Hall
7. Babysitter
8. Kindred Riches
9. Homicides her story theme
10. You pull this at Christmas
11. Buy it at the bakery
12. ? Cricket, football, tennis etc.
13. Heathrow
14. Land Power

Answers will be in the next issue

I do hate Mondays**by Honey Reddish**

I am quite laid back and easy to get on with and I don't have much responsibility except for sorting out the aeroplanes, helicopters and seagulls. I wouldn't wish the experience I had last Monday on anyone.

I got up as usual went to the toilet, had a very nice breakfast, then I noticed-as I was watching for the postman- the car had been left out of the garage. I was given an extra special groom, and then we set off. I was expecting to go for a nice long walk to the park or the beach, but we suddenly turned off into a side road and before I had realised, we were at the Vets! Oh! How I hate vets so much and all due to what happened to me when I was very young. I'm not really a big baby but I couldn't walk into the waiting room so my dad had to carry me (and I'm quite a big dog) we had to wait about 15 minutes and I'm afraid I cried very loudly and was shaking like a leaf.

Suddenly we went into the surgery, one look at the lady and I knew something terrible was going to happen to me, then they had the cheek to put something over my mouth so that I couldn't bite her. I would you know! I felt so embarrassed, especially when she pushed something up my bottom, then she put something in her ears and put this funny thing on my ticker. She must have liked me though, in spite of my constant growling, she started to feel all over my body.

Oh! If only I could get this thing off my mouth I would give her what for. The final humiliation was having a needle stuck into my neck. These humans are so cruel and not satisfied that she then tried to cut my toenails. I fought to get away but with three humans against one dog there was no way I could keep my nails. It was really hot by then but suddenly the door opened and I dragged my dad out like a rocket and into the car.

I'm home now, had a lovely drink, a lot of attention and even extra biscuits; so I'm hoping I won't have to go through that experience again.

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The U3A of Highbridge is a self-help educational and social organisation in which people who are no longer in full time employment can establish themselves into groups where they may broaden their experiences and keep both mentally and physically active.

Membership Application/Renewal

Mr.Mrs.Ms.
(Delete as appropriate)

Forenames.....

Address.....

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Postcode.....**Telephone**.....

New Member.....**Renewal**.....

Hobbies or other interests.....

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Membership Fee £ 6.00 by cash, cheque made payable to "U3A of Highbridge"

Signature of Applicant.....**Date**.....

Please return the completed form with subscription to the Membership Secretary-----Mrs B. Bryant.

Our Coffee Morning is held every week at the Highbridge Social Club Church Street. Highbridge. From 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

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In order to comply with the Rules of the Highbridge Social Club we need to know if it is your intention to visit our Coffee Morning during your membership
YES.....**NO**.....**Are you under 60 years of age.**

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held

on Wednesday 26th May 2004

AGENDA

- 1 Chairperson's Address & Report**
- 2 Apologies for Absence.**
- 3 Adoption of Minutes for Previous A.G.M.**
- 4 Matters Arising.**
- 5 Treasurer's Report/ Adoption of Accounts.**
- 6 Secretary's Report**
- 7 Election of Examiner of Accounts for 2003/4.**
- 8 Election of Tellers.**
- 9 Election of Committee Members.**
- 10 Announcement of Committee Members.**
- 11 Any Questions.**
- 12 Date of next A.G.M.**

Members may submit "Motions for discussion "and/or their nominations
for Members of the Committee.

The procedure being as follows; -

- 1 Any motion or nomination to be submitted in writing.
- 2 Two signatories required per motion.
- 3 Any vote will be by a show hands.

Any motions put forward to be received by the Secretary or Chairperson,
by Wednesday 28th April 2004.in order that Motions may be published in
the May Diary.

All Members are welcome to this important meeting which will be held
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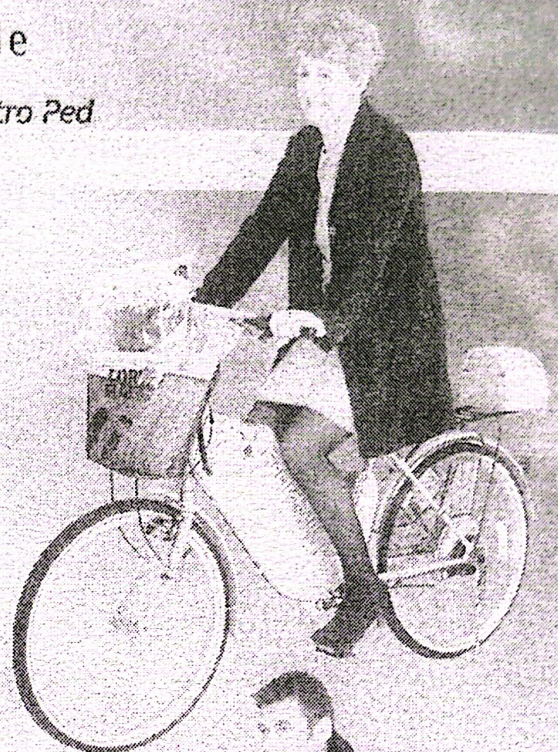
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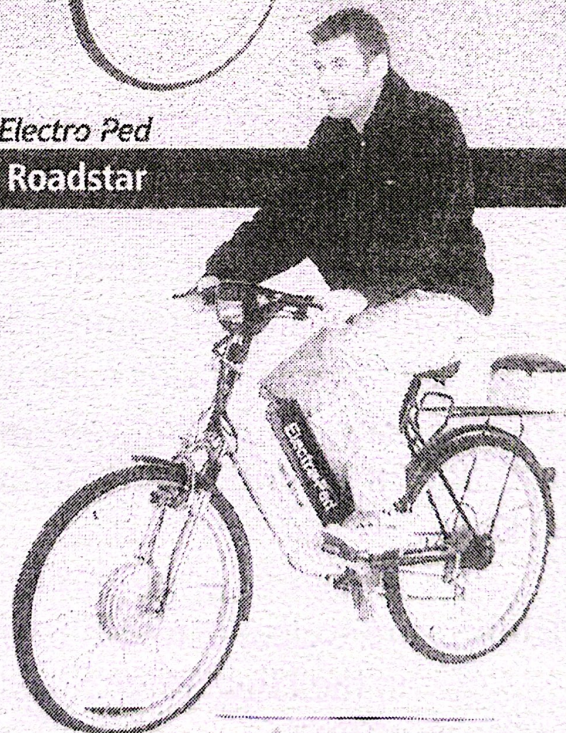
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Global Warming

I wonder if it is having an effect. Last month on that bitterly cold Thursday (18th March) Ray and Doreen Reddish with Mary Akers, set out from Highbridge on a dog walk (Honey), through Apex Park, up the River Brue and Esplanade to the jetty at Burnham. Whilst one or the other took a "Comfort Break", they looked out toward Steart Island, the tide was coming in, and out there heading up the River Parrett was a dolphin.

Yes, a dolphin, off Burnham beach, not a shark as some twit said or even a porpoise. Others, obviously saw it too because the Weekly News had a note about it.

Not to be outdone we (Fay and I) on our way to Falmouth for the weekend, decided to go via Dartmouth/Kingsbridge etc. for a change of scenery. Going down the hill toward Slapton Ley we rounded the last left-hand hairpin bend and saw running up the grass verge on the other side of the road, two otter cubs. Upon seeing the car, they dived into the undergrowth, but we had seen them as they scurried along, apparently heading back to the fresh water Ley.

You need to be very quick to spot these unusual occurrences, but it is really gratifying, it certainly made my day on that cold and windy journey.

Needless to say, we spread the news far and wide, on arrival at our destination.

Ken Burston

U.3.A. Caroler Pursued by Vicar

By Mary Draper

Reading the report on Wells Cathedral Carol Service reminded me of our very eventful day there.

On arriving at the Cathedral we decided to make a comfort stop, as ladies usually do. Luckily, Eileen knew where this was situated. Quite a trick, between shop and restaurant, across a quadrangle, through the cloisters, out into the Camery Garden to find the loos tucked away in a corner. These conveniences were not very convenient.

Making the return walk, we entered the Cathedral, took our seats and enjoyed some favourite carols. After flexing our vocal chords beautifully, we took an ethereal stroll beside the misty moat, then went to see what Christmas delights we could find in the street market and shops. In one gift shop, whilst browsing in the rear room, we were startled by a rumble similar to thunder accompanied by the sound of breaking glass – some poor soul had entered the shop and fallen into a display. Fortunately, she was unhurt, but her friend was cut rescuing her from shattered glass. The shopkeeper seemed most unsympathetic and was more concerned about the loss of some of her most expensive items.

We decided to have a cuppa and were almost evicted, because our two teas and two cakes cost under the £3.50 limit. The assistant was reprimanded and told not to let any more through.

Returning to the Cathedral we repeated the toilet trick, to make ourselves comfortable for the homeward journey. On our fourth walk through the cloisters we sat to listen to the W.I.s carols (Not as vocally delightful as the U.3.A.'s! Were they blessed by presence of Points West's David Garmstone?). I rummaged in my bag for a cheese roll and had just begun munching when a strangely dressed man stopped nearby, humming, tapping his sandal-clad foot whilst spreading his arms wide and looking heavenward.

Making a hasty exit through to the Cathedral Green there came the sound of feet pit-patting behind us. No, not the strangely dressed man. These feet belonged to a Vicar who stopped beside us, looked straight at me and asked, "Are you Mrs Draper?" I thought – What a clever Vicar, how can he know me amongst such a throng of senior songsters? What does he want?

Perhaps I sung like an angel, an elderly Charlotte Church, and he wants to enlist me for the choir. Or is it God working in a mysterious way, sending out Vicars to recruit female clergy?’

The Vicar then said “ I think you may have left your purse in the Cloisters” and apologised for looking inside, but it was the only way to ascertain to whom the purse belonged. He trotted back to the Cathedral, because he had just left the purse with the verger. Apart from feeling very grateful I also felt very foolish.

I wonder how many ladies he had chased that day asking if they were Mrs. Draper or was I the only “Caroler pursued by a Vicar”.

Sandra

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Healthy Communities Collaborative

The first Pilot Phase of this scheme was set up in September 2003; its aim is to reduce the number of falls experienced by elderly people. Following a survey it was learned that:

- 1) In England, every 5 hours an older person is killed by an accident in the home.
- 2) 80% of these deaths are in the over 65-age group.
- 3) 40% of care home admissions are as a result of a fall.
- 4) 42% have reduced activity after a fall.
- 5) 1 in 20 patients suffering a hip fracture die during their stay in hospital.

This U3A of Highbridge became involved in the scheme when Fay (Chairperson) received a call from the Somerset Coast NHS Primary Care Trust. Members were approached and we received 5 volunteers, unfortunately, before she could take part Gwen Scull had a fall and was not able to take part.

The 4 volunteers who went on the initial course were:

Sallie Park, Margaret Paul, Doreen Reddish and Ann Lismore.

Their initiation was at Blackpool; Doreen has submitted the following 'report': "Sallie, Margaret Ann and I spent a very interesting time at Blackpool attending a conference and workshop dealing with old people falling. We learned the ways and means of trying to reduce the amount of falls by looking at reasons why people fall. Some of these are, sloppy slippers, loose rugs, bad lighting, no handles on their baths, uneven paths, bad eyesight, doorsteps, leaning into mantelpieces, pets toys, toilet roll hangers badly positioned, some medications and things left on the floor which should be clear. Those are just a few of many. It is not possible to prevent all falls but if people were more aware and observed their own risks falls could be prevented. A large amount of money is spent for just one fall if the result is a visit to hospital, especially if an operation is necessary plus after care. There is also the stress on the family members, plus home care costs; some people end up being too scared to go out. It is a hope that falls can be recorded and their reasons checked, so that they may be prevented from occurring again, the aim is to reduce falls considerably.

It is hoped that by reading this report of the trip to Blackpool, members will become aware of the situation and will keep an eye on the friends and neighbours who may be vulnerable.

The 'group's' first project is to walk the pavements of Highbridge to check for:- uneven or dangerous pavements, etc.

The trip to Blackpool was not all work; the organisers had tried to make it enjoyable; I even managed to find time for a lovely walk along the prom with others in our group when we had one and a half hours of free time".

There are further courses to come so we may have more information in for the next magazine.

Cometh the hour!

Cometh the man/woman, I believe that is the saying if I remember correctly. Well, we had such a case recently at the Speakers Corner. The horror of it, the speaker had not turned up at 1.45 and panic was setting in; now what do we do?

Fay and Ken remembered being told of a similar case at another U3A, they resolved it by the members relating their wartime experiences and when their speaker eventually turned up they did not want him. Fay set the ball rolling by telling an episode of when she was evacuated during the war; in the mean time Jack Foster had taken Doreen Reddish to her home to collect some of her poetry.

Doreen likes to write poetry about all sorts of things, in this instance, about their (Doreen and Ray's) holiday in Norway. In all she had about 33 verses on this particular trip; and she has 4 or 5 further books filled with prose. On her return Doreen sat against a table and started by saying "I want you to imagine you are on holiday with us in Norway and to 'see' with us that beautiful country" She kept us enthralled for an hour with her verse, the scenery, the cruises up the coast and a trip to see the midnight sun.

Thank you Doreen, where are we going next?

Letter from Sylvia

Sylvia read in her copy of the magazine how we were going to have a party and wrote to us via Julia her daughter who works in the "Orchard Inn". Julia handed me (Fay) the letter, on arrival at the "Orchard Inn" but as it contained a comment concerning Grace, I did not think it appropriate to read it out at the meal.

With Graces' permission, a copy of the letter as follows:

Dear Fay,

We have just received the newsletter and were thrilled to read all the news of U.3.A. Ethels' enthusiastic, graphic narrations were a treat; Malc and I could even see Concorde flying overhead, wonderful. Sorry to hear of Gwen's fall and hope she will soon be on the mend. Our condolences to Grace, so sorry, I will be writing personally to Grace, soon I hope.

As for us, we are just one week away from 'signing' as they call it here, and getting the keys to our new home. We shall then be waiting for "Leakers" to put in an appearance with our furniture and effects, but that may take a week or two longer.

Finally, the reason for this note, and I hope it arrives in time for Wednesday 21st January. Malc and I hope everyone has a lovely time at the New Year Party, we would love to be with you all, we shall be, in thought. Congratulations on reaching 100 memberships, a credit to all concerned. May we wish U.3.A. of Highbridge a wonderful celebration and many many more years of congenial company.

Kind thoughts and good wishes to all.

Sylvia & Malc.

We understand Sylvia and Malc moved into their new home at the beginning of February, we trust that all went well and that they are now settled into the bungalow, or whatever it is called in France.

Theatre Trips

These have yet to begin in earnest, however we do have a report from our Roving Reporter.

On Tuesday 2nd March a group of 14 U3A of Highbridge members visited the Brewhouse Theatre at Taunton. To see the play "**Screaming Blue Murder**"

We all agreed it was a rather weird play with just 4 actors; 2 men and 2 women.

It took place in a hotel room, where a couple were spending the weekend; they were married, but not to each other! The man was full of guilt and worrying about his wife. The woman had no such qualms and spent her time trying to get the man to relax.

There was a lot of screaming off stage—which presumably? only the man hears—then later, only the woman.

A rather muddled play, which ended abruptly. Vi Chick said, "The third act has been forgotten"

One thing was certain----it was aptly titled.

Ethel Titford

U3A News

The U3A News is a publication that is supplied by The Third Age Trust throughout the year-3 per year. Some members have recently received a copy, did you read it; would you like to receive it regularly through the post direct from the Third Age Trust?

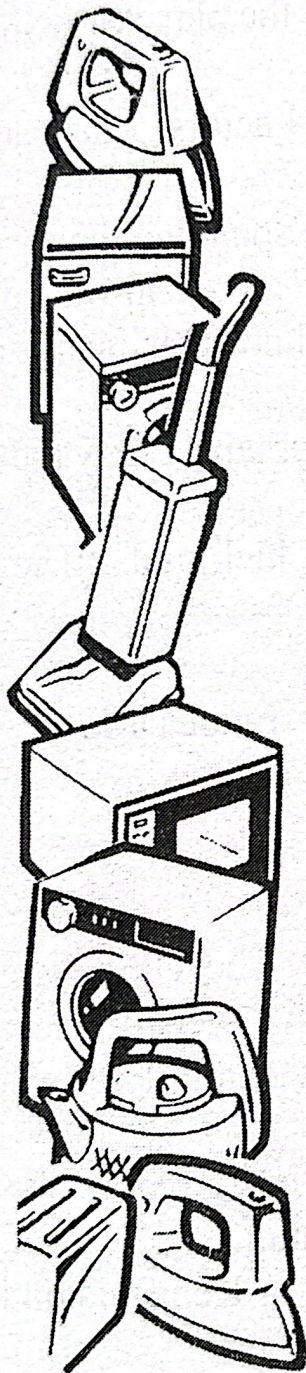
We have received a circular that suggests the Club arranges for each member to get a copy for the price of £1.00 per annum.

Do you wish to place an order? Please let Pat Gray or Ken Burston know a.s.a.p.

We are treating the T.A.T. circular democratically; every member is being requested to indicate their preference; if the majority indicate that there is insufficient interest then it will take the matter from there.

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That's Life

I have just returned from a regular trip to Burnham on my small-wheeled bicycle and two incidents occurred on my return as follows:

1) I used the cycle track, which was difficult to get, but a wonderful facility for cyclists now we have it; I cycled on the paved part next to the extensive grass area along Marine Drive. A 'lady' who objected to my cycling, voiced her feelings and I politely pointed that my bicycle is classed as a 'pavement' cycle and that as I was within the law. I pedalled on whilst she still vocally berated me.

2) On my return to Highbridge I pushed my cycle on the path adjoining Jubilee Gardens (cyclists who wish to survive do not use the roundabout) and the path here narrows considerably by the market. I saw a family, mum pushing the pram and a little girl of about 8 years; I of course waited for them to pass, where upon the little said "Thank you for waiting for us"

This made up for the ill mannered Burnham person who would be better employed campaigning against motorists speeding along Marine Drive.

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GROUP ACTIVITIES TIMETABLE

DAY	MORNING	WEEK	AFTERNOON	WEEK	Venue
Mon			Speakers Corner Writing for Pleasure M Needlework	3rd Monthly 2nd	Southwell House Details in Diary Details in Diary
Tues			Keep Fit Scrabble Art II	Weekly Weekly Weekly	Gospel Hall Gospel Hall Southwell House
Wed	Coffee Morning	Weekly			Social Club
			Yoga Practice	Weekly	Community Hall
Thur			Art I Computer	Weekly Weekly	Southwell House On-Line Centre
Fri	Cycling Skittles Strollers Play Reading	4th 1st/3rd 2nd 4th			Local Area Royal Artillery Inn Local Area
			Flower Arranging	F,Nightly	4, Brue Crescent Baptist Hall

Luncheon Club This Group meets monthly on various days-See Notice board for details of days , dates and venues.

Committee Meetings held on the 3rd Monday of the month
If you are a member of a Group and perhaps unable to attend a meeting PLEASE contact the co-ordinator. This is very important and avoids problems when finalising arrangements.

WHAT'S ON DIARY

No 30 Normally Edited by Grace Galton, in her absence Fay (luckily Grace will be back next issue)

Please ring Grace on 780721 with details for inclusion, before the deadline date of 13th April.

MONDAY NEEDLECRAFT At the home of Beryl Hearn, Grange Rd. West Huntspill, 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. If you wish to join this group, which covers most types of needlework, ring Beryl on 781947.

MONDAY - SPEAKERS CORNER 19TH April 2004 at 2.00 p.m at "Southwell House". The Speaker is Mr. John Sparkes, subject is "Gi'e I Burtle" Sounds as if this will be great fun. £1.00 (inc. tea and biscuits) Non members always welcome.

TUESDAY ART At Southwell House. Every Tuesday 1.30p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Tuition for beginners in all media. Cost £1.70. Ring Anne Young on 794492 for more information.

TUESDAY KEEP FIT At the Gospel Hall, Old Burnham Road, 2.15.p.m. - 3.15 p.m. New members always welcome. Contact Joyce Beard, Group Leader on 783913

TUESDAY BOARD GAMES Following the Keep Fit, at the Gospel Hall 3.15.p.m. - 5.00 p.m. Contact Betty Worthy, Group Leader on 795823 for more information.

WEDNESDAY - COFFEE MORNING as from 7th April 2004 the new venue is Highbridge Social Club. All Welcome to join us for tea/coffee and a natter.

WEDNESDAY YOGA PRACTISE at the Community Hall, Highbridge, every Wednesday 2.00p.m. - 3.00p.m. Open to U.3.A. Members, cost £1.00. Please ring Phyllis Walsh on 786486 for details.

THURSDAY ART An advanced class, working in all media. The group meet every week at Southwell House from 1.30p.m. - 4.30p.m. Cost £1.70, Group Leader Jean Berry 785840

THURSDAY COMPUTER WORKSHOP At the UK Online Centre, Alpha House 1.15p.m. - 3.15p.m. Next class starts on the 22nd April after Easter. If you are interested in the next course, please contact Ken Burston on 782529.

NEW FLOWER ARRANGING CLASS ON FRIDAY 23RD APRIL COST £2.00. MAXIMUM NUMBER - 10 DETAILS JULIE LOVERN 685059

U3A of HIGHBRIDGE

FRIDAY PLAY READING At the home of Tony Webb at 4, Brue Crescent, Burnham. Next meeting at 10.00 a.m. on the 23rd April 2004. A very enthusiastic group who will finish reading "Blythe Spirit" by Noel Coward. More men wanted!! Contact Tony on 787483.

FRIDAY SKITTLES At the "Royal Artillery" on the first and third Fridays of the month 11.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Lunches on sale, if required. Any enquiries to Ray Reddish, Group Leader on 785411

FRIDAY STROLLERS 30th April, the last Friday on this month, as usual starting at Bank Street Car Park at 11 a.m. David Lloyd of the Environmental Agency has agreed to meet us at East Huntspill for a walk along the bank of the Huntspill River and give us environmental and archaeological information. Contact Fay Burston 782529

FRIDAY CYCLING Every fourth Friday of the month, meet in Bank Street Car Park at 11.30a.m. Further details, please contact Barbara Palin, Group Leader on 784187

FRIDAY FLOWER ARRANGING At the Baptist Church Hall, Highbridge 2.30p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Starting on the 23rd April 2004, further enquiries to Julie Lovern Tel: 685059

LUNCHEON CLUB on Friday 23rd April at the "Crossways Inn, West Huntspill 12.00 noon for 12.30 p.m. meal. Meals to be ordered from the menu boards, on arrival at the pub. Please add your name to the list on the notice board at the Coffee Morning, or ring Fay Burston on 782529.

SOCIAL GROUP

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Matinee Performance on Wednesday 12th May 2004
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Cost £16.50 (includes barge)

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6th May 2004