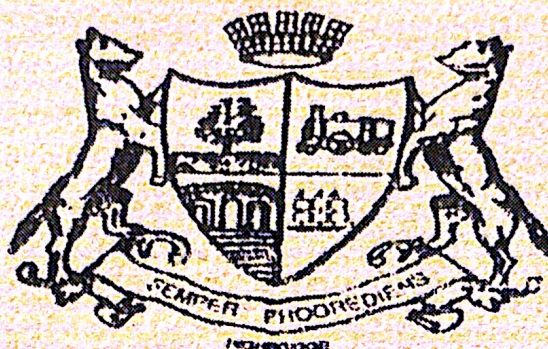


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Chairman's Report

It has been a privilege for me to be your Chairman during the past year and I was pleased to see we reached 160 members.

At the time of writing this, at the start of another year I see the membership has reached over 100. We appear to be doing something right, and I hope all of you find at least one subject to contain your interest.

My congratulations go to Ken Burston, Warwick Williams and Kay Lloyd for winning all the prizes for Art at the recent Spring Show at West Huntspill, and to numerous other U3A members who took part.

I'm afraid the two Art Classes are now full, the Card Making and Social Groups, to name just two pursuits, appear to be doing well.

My thanks go to the Committee for all the hard work they are doing and also the Group Leaders and helpers.

Thank you for your support. I look forward to seeing you at the A.G.M.

Phil Lyes.

Chairman.

Secretary's Report

Yes 2005 was a good year; it started with a successful holiday in Northern Spain and was followed up with a number of very enjoyable trips to the theatre at Bristol. We saw some excellent shows, "My Fair Lady" and "Scrooge" stood out as being well worth the money.

We started two new groups, Family History and Card Making; these have been successful and are well attended.

Art, Skittles, Keep Fit and Board Games are continuing to be popular groups, the support for Strollers fluctuating somewhat depending upon the weather, some Fridays have been rather too cold or wet for walking around the area, even within the confines of Highbridge. However, the thought of having a hot coffee and/or bacon buttie after has put a spring in many a step toward the end of the walk.

Like Phil I thank you all for your support and trust this will continue?

Ken Burston (Hon.Sec.)

Editorial

We have started the year well; the attendances at Coffee Mornings are most encouraging. On average at least one third of the membership comes along every week to meet up with their friends and have a natter; to the Committee this is very gratifying. There is however, the constant comment 'why can't we have more groups? This is a problem experienced by many Clubs within the Third Age Trust and, apparently, no one has yet found a way of resolving it.

The main reason is the shortage of Group Leaders perhaps the title is wrong? Should we call them group **Co-ordinators** they would not necessarily have to teach or instruct but just be someone who gets everyone together at the same time at the same place.

Let me know if you are interested and willing to give it a try.

In an attempt to get the ball rolling Speakers Corner is restarting.
Details on Page 7

The Annual General Meeting.

This is to be held during the weekly Coffee Morning on Wednesday 24th May starting at 10.30 a.m. Later in this issue are details of the Agenda plus a note concerning the proposals/motions that you may wish to submit for discussion during 'Any Other Business'. These need to be in writing and to be with the Hon. Sec. by Wednesday 10th May so that they can be put before the members for their consideration/comment.

Due to the death of Jack Foster a vacancy has occurred on the Committee, we therefore require the nomination of another officer, preferably another man, (no prejudice intended) so that we may maintain our balance of female to male. Nominations for this position must be in writing and must be with the nominee's approval.

Membership

Over 110 members have renewed their Membership, but if you have not yet got around to it may I remind you this is the last magazine you will receive unless you have paid up by the A.G.M. The fee remains at £6.00. Our Membership Secretary Beryl Bryant will be pleased to see you, cheques please if possible to "U3A of Highbridge". In order to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998 reference is made to it on the Membership Form.

Group News

Card Making Group

This must be one of the fastest growing hobbies in the U.K. (with genealogy); the numbers of shops where items may be purchased are increasing since the 'craze' first hit some of this Club's members. When asked if they wished to continue with the class they said 'yes' immediately and an extension was arranged. The Group will now continue into the summer, dates given below: -

Meetings at Southwell House as follows:

Monday 8th May Morning 10.00 'til 12.00

Wednesday 17th May Afternoon 2.00 'til 4.00

Monday 5th June Morning 10.00 'til 12.00

Wednesday 21st June Afternoon 2.00 'til 4.00

Family History

Interest in this Workshop has been fairly consistent, it is held on the first Thursday in the month. About 20 persons who are interested in researching their ancestors have attended. We have been pleased to welcome the members from both Berrow and Burnham U 3 A's who are keen to make use of Roger's expertise. We will be taking a rest during the holiday period, the remaining dates are:

Thursday 4th May

Thursday 1st June

Cost £1.00

Why not join us one week?

Group News (continued)

Art Groups

The West Huntspill Spring Show that was held on Saturday 18th March proved to be very rewarding for Club members. There were ten entries in the Art section from the Tuesday and Thursday Groups, the later being successful in picking up all three awards; first-Ken Burston, second-Warwick Williams and third-Kay Lloyd. Ron Turner, a wine circle member, had entered two wines, his red gained a first and his white wine a second; Vour Orchard had entered some cross stitch embroidery that had been delicately crafted for her by Helga Hand, this also won a first prize.

Social Group

This Group have served us very well since its inception and are to be congratulated on the excellent programmes produced; there are fewer theatre trips this year because the theatre programmes (so far) not have much to offer. This will no doubt improve as the theatres issue new programmes. There are, however, more coach trips on offer and these are filling up fast, the "Lost Gardens of Heligan" trip is certainly going very well.

The suggested Scottish holiday in November is not now available as it is fully booked, but Vi is to try for an alternative. Being a Lochs and Glens organised holiday it does mean you will be very well looked after; the food and accommodation are excellent.

Details of all trips are on the Notice Board.

Skittles

In spite of the cold and windy weather we have had good attendances at the Skittles. Scores are very erratic, probably due to the cold, the surface of the alley does not help, but it is the same for everyone I suppose. The main thing is we enjoy ourselves and that, after all, is the reason we keep going. Why not join us and have a good time?

Keep fit and Board Games

These groups do not get mentioned very often, they were started when the Club was first formed and are still going strong. Thank you Joyce and Betty for your sterling efforts.

Speakers Corner

At

Southwell House

Monday 15th May 2006--10.00 to 12.00 a.m.

Speaker: Roger Ouston

Admission: £1.00

Roger, as you may know, takes our Family History Group, has agreed to give a talk on Genealogy, even if you have no wish to trace your family tree I can assure you this subject is fascinating. There is a lot more to it than just finding out about ones ancestors.

The two series of "Who do you think you are" on T.V. accelerated the interest in the hobby of finding out about one's ancestors. I am sure that many of you will find the talk very interesting and if you have a friend or neighbour that might also be interested bring them too.

If this Speakers Corner is a success others could follow, it depends entirely upon you as members. Interest was shown in its revival so please support it.

Possible future speakers that I have already listed would cover Heraldry, Energy Saving in the home, Secret World, Community Policing, the Victorian way of life and the production of the Contoc Christmas Concerts. There are many more available speakers/subjects, all I need is the interest from members and I will make the arrangements.

Please support the Club; you only get out of it what you are prepared to put in.

Luncheon Club

On Friday 31st March we saw the return of the Luncheon Club when 22 members met at the Lighthouse Inn and enjoyed a very good lunch in convivial surroundings. This gathering by members was always enjoyed and it again proved to be a jolly affair, the inn has a wide choice of meals on its menu and everyone was well satisfied. Thank you Fay for making the arrangements.



Keep an eye on the Club Notice Board for news of future lunches.

Gardening

Last month it was suggested we start Gardening Group because some members had shown an interest, however, there has not been a response. For the Coffee Morning on 5th April I took along a tray of young Hosta plants and to my surprise most were sold within the first five minutes.

This has prompted us to suggest a plant exchange, so if you should have a surplus to your requirements bring them along to the Coffee Morning on Wednesday 10th May and we will set up some tables so that the plants can be displayed and you may go home with a variety you have been looking for and could not find.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on

Wednesday 24th May 2006

At

Highbridge Community Hall

At 10.30 a.m.

Agenda

- 1. Chairman's Address and Report**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Acceptance of Minutes of previous A.G.M**
- 4. Matters arising from previous Minutes.**
- 5. Treasurer's Report and Acceptance of Accounts.**
- 6. Secretary's Report.**
- 7. Election of Examiner for 2006/7 Accounts.**
- 8. Election of Tellers.**
- 9. Election of Committee Members.**

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

The procedure being as follows: -

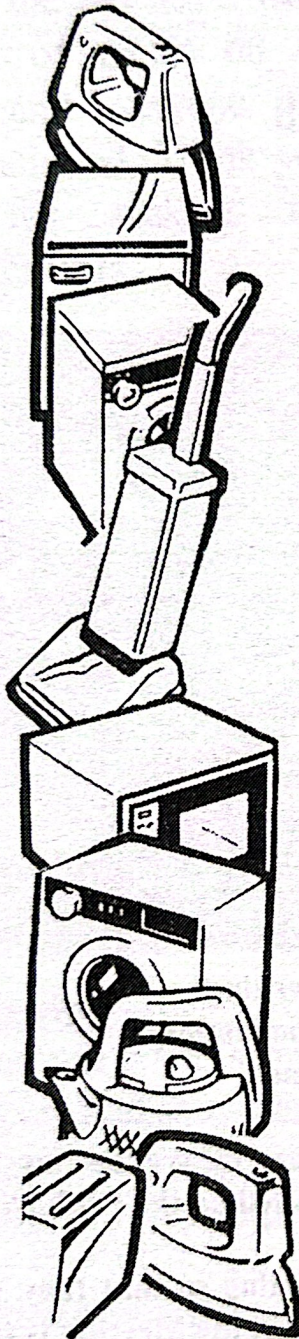
- 1) Nominations to be submitted in writing.**
- 2) Two signatories required for each nomination.**
- 3) Voting will be by a show of hands.**

Motions put forward are to be received by the Secretary by Wednesday 10th May 2006: in order that they may be published and posted on the Club Notice Board on Wednesday 10th May 2006.

All Members are invited to attend this important meeting so that they may take part in discussions relating to the future of this Club; the Meeting is to be held during the normal Coffee Morning at the Highbridge Community Hall at 10.30a.m.

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Membership Application/Renewal

Mr/Mrs/Ms.....Forenames.....

(Delete as appropriate)

Surname.....

Address.....

.....

Postcode.....Telephone No.....

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

Hobbies and other interests.....

.....

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

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

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

Our Coffee Morning is held every week at the Highbridge Community Hall,
Market Street, Highbridge. From 10.00 am to 12.00 am

Are you a fully paid up member of another U.3.A? Yes.....No.....

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TRADE DIRECTORY---April 2006

For the addresses of the traders listed our contact is Mary Brown on 01278/787588, ring any time between 9am. and 7pm or leave a message.

Trade	Name	Tel No.
Building Contractor	Steve Durrant	787327
Carpentry	Paul Huggins	780676
Carpenter/Builder/Kitchens	P.Burge	784486
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Cleaning Services	J&M Services	793405
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Domestic Appliance Repairs	Roger Pople	780486
Electrician	R.S.Stevens	782789
Electrician	Neil Mynett	782516
Felt Roofing	Filers Felting	811480(01934)
Fencing	D.C.Burrow	785335
Fencing	Peter Davey	513868(01934)
Gardening/Fencing/Patios	Martin Young	787164
Gas Heating Engineer	Paul Fellows	786325
General Maintenance	F.John & C.Hill	788537
General Builder	Mark Boundy	421803(07759)
Handyman	Dave Lewis	789259
Painter	A.Bezzant	793260
Painter & Decorator	N.Harvey	785991
Pest Controller	N.McLaren	751287(01934)
Plasterer	Rodney Crandon	786273
Plumber	Vince Davey	793243
Plumbing/Heating Engineer	Tony Hayward	781384
Plumber	Owen Lee	784763
Plumber	S.C.Ward	780678
Plumber	J & R Plumber/Heating	788553
Roofing Contractor	Les Fear	426708
Tiled Roofing		416546(01934)
Tree Surgeon	Justin Urch	750606(01934)
Tree Workers	A.Birch & Sons	664587(01823)
T.V. Repairs	Martin Palmer	785492

Following a request the above list of Traders has been included for your reference. More details concerning the Traders are given on the original sheet that was issued a short time ago. Please remember that the Traders in the list are included upon the recommendation of members who have used their services, we cannot offer any guarantee or accept responsibility for work carried out.

If in doubt ASK!

A few weeks ago one of our members took a short break in St Ives, Cornwall. Taking a stroll along the harbour one day she was fascinated by the antics of a flock small brown sea birds that were continually flying along the sands, stopping and then flying on again.

Upon seeing some workmen near by she politely asked: "Excuse me, do you live here"?

"I'm sorry no, but what can I do to help you"? Was the reply?

"I have been watching those small birds running about the beach. Do you know what they are called"?

"Well" said the man, "I'm not too sure, but I think that one over there is called John"!!

Some late news

To those of you who do not come to the Coffee Morning we must let you know that in March 2007 there is a show coming to the Bristol Hippodrome straight from the West End. It is: -

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang The Social Group have obtained tickets and are taking reservations already. It is suggested you get in touch with them as soon as possible if you wish to go.

Sandra

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Group Activities?

We regularly receive from The Third Age Trust copies of circulars that carry suggestions on 'Starting-up Groups'. These obviously cover many subjects but I understand many Clubs are finding it difficult to persuade any of its members to undertake the task of running a group. I have suggested we change the title to Co-ordinator, so that the person only has to ensure all who may be interested in the groups activity gets them together at the same place and same time.

As a member of the U3A what activity or activities are you interested in? Do you participate at present in any group? We have a small number of activities at present, what others would you like us to provide?

Do you have a hidden talent or interest that you would like to share with another member? The Club would be happy to set up the activity, workshop, whatever and sponsor the purchase of any equipment etc. that may be needed. The Card Making Group started in just this manner and has been very successful, the proceeds from the group are used to buy the special bits and pieces that may be needed so there are no ongoing expenses to the groups' members.

Yes, you would be interested in helping if someone else ran the group, or you would be prepared to do a stint occasionally but not a regularly basis. Subjects that could be covered are, say, Luncheon Club, Darts, Table Tennis, and Jazz/Music Appreciation, Local History perhaps even Calligraphy again.

I know a number of members are interested in Bird Watching and with the spring migration starting why not get together and visit a reserve somewhere? A group of you could visit Steart Island bird hide and watch the wildfowl arriving on the flats; there must be thousands of them.

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers

This show at the Bristol Hippodrome was as spectacular as the film. I was curious to see how they would fit in all the dancing that was so enthralling in the film. Bristol does have a large stage and it was just as well because every inch of it was used in the dance sequences. The choreography was great, the 'townspeople' and the 'farmers' giving performances that I felt equalled those from Hollywood.

The cast all appeared to be enjoying what they were doing and the audience feels this, it was certainly the best musical many of us had seen for years. We noted that some of the songs were different to the film. The athleticism of the dancers was really something, to jump 2 to 3 feet in the air and do the splits whist up there, as one or two of the males did, says much for their fitness.

I know many members have looked forward to seeing this show from the time our Social Group said it was on their list and we were not disappointed. Thank you!

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Trips

Early this year someone mention that Trago Mills in Devon (near Newton Abbott) had a good stock of Art and Craft materials, (of especial interest to members in the Art Classes and the Card Making Group). As a result a trip was organised and on Tuesday 14th March, a Mini Bus left Highbridge promptly at 9.30 and arriving at Trago at 10.45. Members agreed that 2.00 p.m.--three hours shopping--would enable them time to buy whatever they needed. Some bargains were found and following a snack lunch we re-assembled at 2.00 and were back in the Bank Street car park at 3.15. The trip was arranged very quickly but we managed to fill the Mini Bus and it proved to be a good start to our new proposed season of day trips.

Puzzle Sale

Last year a puzzle sale that we held proved to be a success. We propose having another! If you have puzzles that you are tired of (a) because you recognise every piece or (b) it is too difficult, bring it along on Wednesday 7th June to our sale/exchange session at the Coffee Morning.

Suggestions 1) Prices based on £1.00 per 500 pieces, 1500 pieces equals £3.00.

2) Please put you name and the price on a sticker with the puzzle.

3) If complete say so and, if you remember, say when last done.

4) Puzzles unsold you take home again.

Book sale/exchange

The following week there will be a book sale/exchange, an opportunity to pass on books you have read and, perhaps, pick up another to read. We have no means of storing books so those still around at 11.30 you take home again.

Monthly Draw

February Julie Lovern and Paddy Shinn No 48

March Margaret Wall and Margaret Wall No 45

All received £20.00

Editor: Ken Burston

Production: Fay and Ken Burston

Distribution: Ann Smith (West Huntspill)

Mary Akers, Pat Gray, John Grigsby, Anne Lismore,

Betty Pocock, Thelma Tripp, Phyllis Walsh,

Heather Swift, Betty Worthy and Marion Wright.

GROUP ACTIVITIES

Card Making Mondays and Wednesdays (see details on page 5)

At: Southwell House

Times: Monday-10.00am-12.00am and Wednesday-2.00pm—4.00pm

Admission: £1.50

Contact Fay Burston (782529)

Art Every Tuesday

At: Southwell House

Time: 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm

Cost: £1.70 Group Leader: Phil Lyes (784629)

Keep Fit Every Tuesday

At: Gospel Hall, Old Burnham Road

Time: 2.15 pm to 3.15 pm

Group Leader: Joyce Beard (783913) All Welcome.

Board Games Every Tuesday

At: Gospel Hall, Old Burnham Road.

Time: 3.15 After Keep Fit.

Group Leader: Betty Worthy (795823)

Coffee Morning Every Wednesday

At: Highbridge Community Hall

Time: 10.00am to 12.00am

All are welcome, come along, meet up with friends, and see what we have to offer.

Luncheon Club

This has recently had a successful lunch; please check the Notice Board for the date of any future meeting, it is not always possible to give you notice in the Magazine.

Speakers Corner

Monday 15th May at Southwell House. See page 7 for details.

Art Every Thursday

At: Southwell House

Time: 1.30pm to 4.00pm

Cost: £1.70 Tutor: Jean Berry (785840)

Class now full—sorry!

Skittles 1st and 3rd Friday of the month

At: Royal Artillery Inn

Time: 11.30am to 1.00pm

Group Leader: Ray Reddish (785411) Lunches available

Play Reading Fourth Friday of the month.

At: 4 Brue Crescent. Burnham-on-Sea.

Time: 10 00am

Play: To be advised

'Producer': Tony Webb (787483) New members welcome-especially men

Family History Tutorial Workshop

At: Southwell House

Time: 10.00 a.m 1st Thursday of each month up to and including June.

See dates on page 5

Facilitator: Roger Ouston (795007)

Strollers 2nd and 4th Friday of the month

At: Start-Bank Street Car Park

Time: 10.30pm

Stroll: Local area, stout footwear is recommended during winter months.

Group Leader: Fay Burston (782529) or Ray Reddish (785411)

With all of the foregoing it is advisable to check with the Club Notice Board or with the Group Leader to ensure the activity is being held, especially with outdoor events

Social Events

JULY 19th " ANYTHING GOES"

At: Bristol Hippodrome Matinee Performance

Meet: Bank Street Car Park, coach leaves at 12.30pm

Price: £19.50

DECEMBER 20th "PETER PAN" (With Joe Pasquale)

At: Bristol Hippodrome Matinee Performance

Meet: Bank Street Car Park, coach leaves at 12.30pm

Price: £20.00

**Payment for a show is needed EIGHT weeks before the show date.
This is a requirement by the theatre.**

**Note! Bookings can only be accepted with the payment of a £5.00 non-returnable deposit. Cheques must be made out to "U3A of Highbridge Social Club"
Vi Chick (784033) will provide details, or you may make your booking with Roy Bryant (783780) or at Coffee Morning.**

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Forthcoming Trips

June 8th Thursday "Lost Gardens of Heligan" (Few seats

Price: £18.50 includes entry- (Based on 30 seat coach) ** remain)

**July 11th Tuesday "Beaulieu Motor Museum" plus the "Maritime
Museum" at Bucklers Hard**

Price: £19.50 Plus £2.50 for Bucklers Hard (Based on 35 seat coach)**

August 15th Tuesday "St Fagans Rural Life Museum"

Price: £10.00

September 7th Thursday "Eden Project"

Price: £20.00 (Subject to minimum of 30 passengers)

**** Meet: Bank Street Car Park. Coach leaves at 9.00.a.m. for all
except for St Fagans when it leaves at 9.15 a.m.**