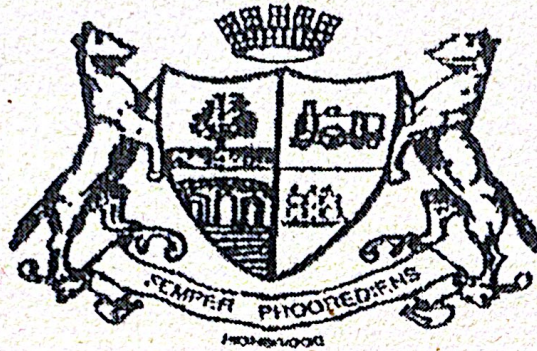


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What happened to the summer this year? Last year we were basking in lovely wall-to-wall sunshine with temperatures up in the high 70's, this year those people living in the south can consider themselves lucky in that they did not get the heavy rain like those living north of the M4. The area around Tewkesbury and Upton-upon-Severn I know well having lived near Upton for many years; there is always the danger of flooding when the River Severn has to contend with that quantity of water. We, in Somerset, had a fair amount of rain and although we obviously moan about it we can be thankful that our homes/businesses have not been wrecked by flood water and the resulting muck it leaves behind.

Club activities have not been affected unduly by the weather; the Strollers needed to revise their plans a few times but the Social outings have again been very lucky, how do they do it? Discretion resulted in the Cream Tea at Wick Farm being held indoors. Our second Cream Tea for 2007, (arranged by Your because the first was oversubscribed), was at Rich's Cider Press Restaurant. We thank Fay and Your for making the arrangements; perhaps next year we may have better weather.

There have been two visits to London recently, to the London Eye and to Kew Gardens a few weeks later. Both were well attended and in both instances members found that they ran short of time for seeing/visiting all the places they had wished to. The trip in August was to Blenheim Palace, again the time available did not allow many to see or do all they had hoped. Perhaps we should try and persuade the Social Club to arrange for return visits; it is felt that someone should do a 'recce' before each visit so that we can decide before we set off what time we must allow for sightseeing and to fully appreciate the venue. Grace Galton, Carole Loveridge and Janet Holderness have kindly done write-ups on the visits for this issue of the magazine

New Group

Some time ago we ran a Flower Arranging (Floral Art) Workshop and it proved to be quite popular, it is not a pastime/hobby that you come across on a regular basis. However, some of our ladies may wish to pick up a few tips on arranging flowers, some that they may have received as a present. Well, help is at hand. Member Jean Williams has kindly offered to pass on some of her expertise and give you some basic tips on how to arrange flowers and greenery in an attractive way. The classes start on Tuesday 11th September at Southwell House. See **Group Activities** pages for details and the Club Notice Board

May I, on behalf of you all, wish Vi Chick a speedy recovery following her hip operation; she is at present in Burnham Hospital should you wish to visit.

Editorial continued

This year is the 25th Anniversary of the University of the Third Age (U3A), it was born in Toulouse France in 1972 centred on universities, and some year's later similar self-help groups were set up and were managed by their members. In 1982 there was initiated in Cambridge a sort of experimental meeting at which it was decided to form a national committee to look at the possibility of forming a similar organisation the U.K. It has proved to be an admirable organisation now having in excess of 500 Clubs and over 50,000 members.

We are infants compared with most having been in operation for nearly nine years. Our membership is around 175 some Clubs have over 2,000; it must be very difficult to have any sort of camaraderie in Club's of this size. It is obvious that there are some members within one group that may not necessarily know who belongs to another group within the same U3A.

The Principles of the U3A state that it is a unique form of adult learning providing benefits, intellectual, physical and social to its members. The first three yes, but social? Recently a large club, with in excess of 1,000 members held an important meeting to which less than 70 attended, rather a negative attitude I thought; not very democratic either when a few can dictate policy for the majority. Some have Coffee Mornings or similar meetings perhaps once every two, sometimes four weeks, not every week as we do. 'BIG' is not always beautiful.

The U3A is however, a great organisation, the opportunities to improve your intellect are endless, there are many of us who have found hidden talents in all types of activities and have gone on to achieve a great deal of pleasure from doing something, that for various reasons, we were not able to in our younger days. We have visited places that we would never have gone to without the aid and encouragement of our colleagues; in our case the hard working Social Group.

An area that has shone with startling brilliance is the comradeship that has come to the fore when a member has suddenly lost a partner. This has been proved a number of times within this Club and there are instances where newcomers have found friendship and companionship with fellow members whom they have only just met. We in the U3A of Highbridge may not be very academic but we can take pride in the way we make everyone feel at home. Sometimes although you may be a recent 'incomer' it can feel as if you have lived here for years; and with Highbridge appearing to change day by day it is good that we can all look to this Club the U3A of Highbridge for a bit of stability.

It is good to remember that: -

"The value of life lies not in the length of the day but in the use we put into it."

Group News

A recent directive from The Third Age Trust suggested that dogs/children should not be permitted to accompany their owners on strolls. It was felt they could constitute a hazard and, should an incident occur, 'we' (the Club) would not be covered by insurance. This, thankfully, has been resolved and we should heed the following advice.

Safety and Security---All strollers/walkers must be aware that they walk/stroll at their own risk. Walks/Strolls organised by U3A Groups automatically have Public Liability Insurance Cover through the Third Age Trust provided the leaders are U3A members.

This is designed to protect leaders against claim for damage to property and/or injury/or death, which might have occasioned on the walk. This is **NOT** a Personal Accident Insurance.

Please note accidents to members involving an accompanying dog (except assistance dogs) are specifically excluded from the U3A Public Liability Insurance. Children and dogs are the sole responsibility of their owners. So as not to cause any inconvenience to others it is expected that, in all instances, they would kept under control by whatever means is necessary.

Lifts Drivers should be offered a contribution toward the fuel costs of the journey.

Strollers

. During this group's life, about eight years, fortune has smiled on it for most of the time. However, on occasions it has rained but not enough to call off the proposed walk; that is until Friday 13th July. The date should have been a warning but it was not even considered. However, they planned to walk the Strawberry Line, this you may know once ran from Cheddar to Yatton and carried the trains that transported strawberries from the growers through to the main line at Yatton.

Strawberry Line-Phase 1 It was not too bright when they set off and with hindsight, they should have retraced their steps when arriving at the Axbridge end but did not, deciding to walk back along the reservoir. Having reached roughly halfway between the Sailing Club and their cars it poured, a deluge! Being completely in the open they had no choice but to continue and arrived back at the cars a wet and bedraggled group.

Strawberry Line-Phase 2 Not deterred the group set off on Friday 27th July, this time to walk the section from the Millennium Green (old station) at Winscombe through to Sandford. This has been greatly improved over the years and now comprises a wide path with a firm gravel surface, it was dry, and not muddy in spite of all the rain we have had. It was a lovely warm dry morning; the round trip was just over 3 miles in length and was completed by taking a coffee etc at the Cottage Café in Winscombe.

Group News-contd

Strawberry Line –Phase 3 On Friday 10th August eleven members set off from Sandford to continue up the line toward Congesbury, it being a warm dry morning. After walking for about the hour and their destination had not been sighted they retraced their steps to partake of some light refreshment at the Railway Inn, where they had parked their cars.

Art Groups

Our Artists have again been successful; at the East Huntspill Show on Saturday 4th August the Thursday Class won all three awards. First–Ken Burston (also winning a cup) Second-Kay Lloyd and Third- Ron Turner. At the West Huntspill Spring Show on Saturday 18th August they did it again with Pauline Chapman getting First and Ron Turner winning Second.

Away from the Art and moving into the Crafts, Rose Bateman won a Second for her Greetings Card and Fay Burston also a Second for her knitted cardigan (baby).

Further successes were Ron Turner with Firsts for wine at East Huntspill and Ray Reddish collecting a number of awards for his garden produce at both shows. Shirley Cornish won the F. W. House Perpetual Cup for her entries at West Huntspill.

Why don't more of you enter these shows, I am sure you could do well if you tried.

Luncheon Club

The next lunch will be on 19th September at the White Cottage, West Huntspill, see the notice board for details or ring Joyce Curtis on 782716.

Card Making

The group has kept going throughout the summer; the dates for the next meetings are: -

Monday 3 rd Sept.-- 10.00 to 12.00 a.m.	Wednesday 19 th Sept-- 2.00 to 4.00 p.m.
Monday 1 st Oct---- 10.00 to 12.00 a.m.	Wednesday 17 th Oct----2.00 to 4.00 p.m.
Monday 5 th Nov--- 10.00 to 12.00 a.m.	Wednesday 21 st Nov--- 2.00 to 4.00 p.m.
Monday 3 rd Dec----10.00 to 12.00 a.m.	Wednesday 19 th Dec----2.00 to 4.00 p.m.

Spanish Class

Re-starts after a short summer break on Thursday 13th September at Southwell House 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

Family History

This workshop re-starts on Thursday 4th October, also at Southwell House, following its summer break. It is held on the first Thursday of each month from 10.00 am until 11.00 am. until June 2008.

Play Reading

Tony and the FIVE stalwarts are pressing in the hope that some brave soul/s will soon drop by and boost their numbers. In October it is on a Thursday for one session only.

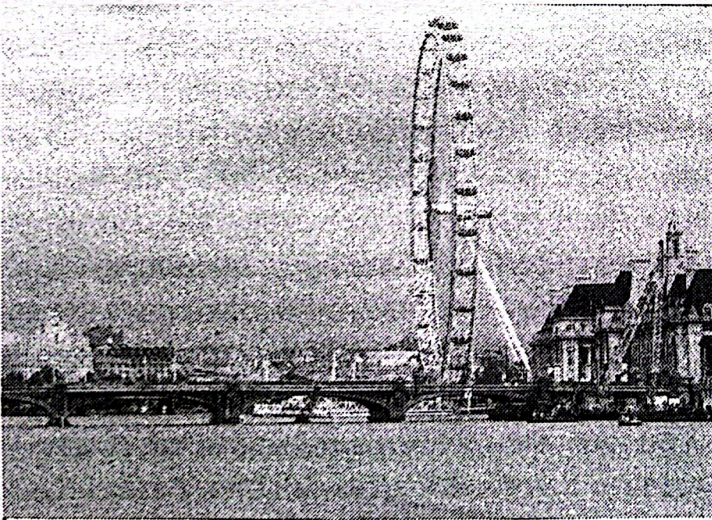
Visit to London and the Eye

Being a Londoner, born and bred, I never visited places of interest in the City (except for Museums) so I was quite looking forward to the river Boat trip and the flight on the London Eye.

We stepped off the coach and turn the corner and there it was---the Eye, a very impressive sight. We first made our way to the boat and sat happily on the open upper deck munching on our sandwiches and admiring the views and the commentary (even if the young girl speaking was slightly over-enthusiastic).

Everything looks different from the river and although there was patchy cloud, the sun did peep through occasionally and it was comfortably warm. On landing we had an hour and a half to pass before taking our flight on the Eye. We wandered along the embankment to the Old County Council Offices, which have been sold off. They now house an aquarium and various function rooms as well as Exhibition Space. On this particular day they had a Dali Exhibition and whilst we didn't venture inside, we were able to admire three Dali Sculptures lining the embankment. They were the Birth of Venus (stunning in its beauty) The Elephant Giraffe (you have probably seen pictures of that one---the elephant with long spindly giraffe legs). The last sculpture was of the Melting Clock. This one is intriguing but it does put me in mind of a pancake that has landed on a kitchen cabinet and is sliding down VERY SLOWLY!

We walked onto Westminster Bridge to get an excellent photo of the London Eye and a



lone piper was playing a lament that sounded wonderful. Just as we arrived he started to play 'Amazing Grace' --which I thought was very kind of him, even if it WAS a coincidence. With a little time in hand before the return journey we sat on a seat on the embankment to finish the last of our sandwiches. Almost immediately it started to rain. We were quite happy to sit umbrella sheltered since it was still very warm, but when the rain

started to come down heavily we ran for shelter. A nearby pavement café offered hot chocolate with thick whipped cream on top, which I thought rather good compensation for the rain.

Driving back through London we had good views of many famous landmarks. We arrived home tired but happy and looking for take-away food to round off a lovely day.

Grace Galton

Visit to Kew Gardens

Thursday July 12th another grim overcast summer morning. We assembled in the Highbridge car park to await our coach and true to form for this summer it started to drizzle, our brollies were out and up and we put on a brave face that we Brits do so well when faced with adversity. Maybe we would be heading away from the rain says one optimist, the forecast said that it would clear later said another. Once the coach arrived and we had settled, the chitchat amongst us caused the rain to somehow become less important. We collected another small group from Berrow and then made our way to the motorway.

The journey seemed to fly by and with just one comfort stop we seemed to be on the outskirts of the City in no time. (Still catching up on all the chitchat, no doubt.) We headed towards Kew and what do you know, the pavements were dry, a lot of low cloud but no rain. We waited just inside the ornate wrought iron gates for our entrance and train tickets; this little train was to help with getting around the 300 acres of Kew. Once inside we split up into our little groups and headed off, with our plan of Kew, to find all the different types of glasshouses, etcetera.

My friends and I wandered off toward the Temperate Glasshouse, the largest at



Kew. This vast Victorian built glasshouse has a spiral staircase that takes you up to the aerial walkway that goes around the top of the building. The staircase and walkway are made of wrought iron in true Victorian design, quite ornate, and it gives one a fantastic view of the plants that are growing in this house; you can appreciate the beauty of the various trees from there. There was a lovely Jacaranda tree, from below we had missed its beautiful mauve

blossoms but up there at the top of the canopy we had a wonderful view of it. The planting in here is quite dense and from ground level you sometimes miss the gems that this birds eye view can give. After a full circuit of the walkway we gingerly made our way back to ground level; if you do not have a head for heights this can be a little daunting because of the open feel of the staircase when looking down.

Back on terra firma we made our way to the Evolution House, this endeavours to show the evolution of plants over approximately 3.5 million years; from types of algae through to ferns, palms, trees and flowering plants. All extremely interesting and very humid, it was good to get out in the fresh air again.

At this point we decided to stroll through the grounds and look for a quiet corner to break out our sandwiches and cakes. Whilst doing so we became aware of the number of aircraft flying into and out of Heathrow; Kew is right under the flight path and suffers accordingly; maybe it was the low cloud that seemed to magnify this. Someone said there was an aircraft landing every four seconds and as we ate our lunch we tested this theory and I think we proved it.

When fortified we headed for the nearest café to get a drink and, as we approached the café noticed a wonderful scent but could not fathom where it was coming from. In the distance was a bedding arrangement set out in sections like a 'pie' chart, this we realised was the Pizza garden but the scent was not coming from there. Still puzzled we went into the café had a drink and discussed what we should see next; we wished to visit Kew Palace so this was the next plan of action. Outside once more we finally cracked the scent mystery; it was coming from a large tree immediately outside the café and each time the wind blew its branches wafted this divine scent around. Nobody knew the name of the tree, perhaps it was a lime, I know its flowers appear in July and have a scent, but I was not sure. *(Having checked on its label I found it was a Tilia petiolaris—a scented lime as you thought-Ed)*

We made our way to the Palace, by Palace standards this is not a large place but it has a lot of history and Kew has done a lot of restoration; recreating the décor exactly as it would have been in the 18th century. George III (the one that went mad) spent a lot of his time here with his wife Queen Charlotte and their numerous children. The view from the windows out over Kew is spectacular marred only by some hideous high-rise buildings in the distance. Queen Charlotte's cottage was built in 1771 as a picnic retreat and the Queens gardens behind the Palace consist of mainly medicinal plants, this would have been quit common during that period.



Checking the time we realised there was little left as Kew was closing early today and we would be leaving around five o'clock. We had still not taken a ride on the little train and having paid for our ticket we felt we should at least try it out; we waited at the stop realising we would be unable to ride all the way round because we had such little time left. When it eventually arrived we hopped on and rode to the main gates, there was just enough time to go round the plant nursery and purchase a memento. A quick visit to the ladies room and we were all set for the journey home. A head count to make sure we had not left anyone behind and we were off; not a good time to be leaving London, the traffic was pretty heavy but once out of the City we made good time. Our driver was a quiet soul for a coach driver, it is my experience that they are usually chipper and jolly sorts, ours appeared to have something on his mind. We pulled into a services off the M4, a comfort stop he said for half an hour, he said—that was it, he obviously needed some beans on toast or some such nourishment. Someone asked if we would be back for Emmerdale, this brought loud laughter from most who heard, as we knew it wasn't a serious question, but he was not so sure, the glimmer of a smile did cross his face. He probably thought of us as a funny set of pensioners. Once the driver was fortified we headed for home, if the truth were known there were a few nodding heads on the last leg of the journey. We dropped off the Berrow folk and were back in Highbridge about 8.30p.m. A splendid day out despite the damp start.

Carole Loveridge

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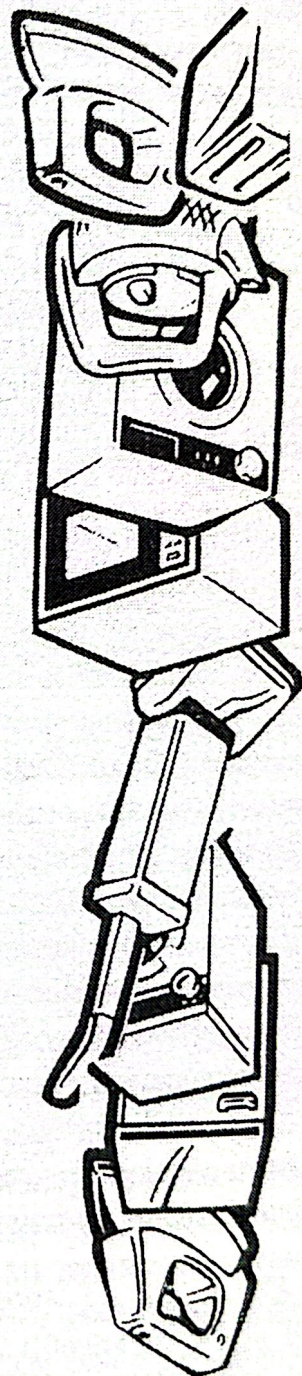
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The Mystery at Kew

When we put our names down for the trip I was sure I had been to Kew Gardens before, some time in my youth. I can remember going just inside the main entrance but could understand why I would have paid the entrance fee and but not gone around the gardens, especially as I was living in London in digs at the time and was not very well off. However, one of our members solved the mystery, she also lived in London around the same time and said the entrance fee was only 2d, so much for inflation. It was a wonderful day out, weather just right, a good run up and back and plenty to see when you got there.

The Kew Palace was particularly interesting, Queen Charlotte died in 1818 and the whole Palace was closed for 90 years, this you could really feel in the atmosphere, especially when you were on the upper floors. These had not been refurbished and it made the whole feel realistic; sound effects had been introduced, these comprised 'recorded comments from servants and maids of the day' and were provided through microphones concealed in the walls. When "Sir" or "Madam" rang a bell for service you heard the comments from the "lackey"---"Now what does the old ??? want now?".

Ken, who had been waiting outside the Palace after touring the ground floor, was surprised to hear voices coming from drains alongside the paths. Others walking by also heard them and looked at each other probably thinking that someone was taking the mickey. Thoughts of 'Just for a Laugh' came to mind and he expected some twit with a mike to come out of a hedge somewhere. Another mystery was solved when I told him about the sound effects inside, we listened at the drains and it was obviously supposed to be young boys down in the sewers clearing away the refuse of those days.

It was a well thought out gimmick, well executed, to catch the attention of the public, giving some idea of the lives of people at that time, giving it a little authenticity.

Fay Burston (once a Londoner)

Junk Mail

When you receive "pre-approved" letters (Junk Mail), you probably bin it immediately. Don't do that—save the return envelope because many of these come with a postage-prepaid return envelope. It costs the sender more than the regular postage IF and when it is returned; but it costs them nothing if you throw it away.

So! Why not get rid of some of your other junk mail by putting it in this nice pre-paid return envelope and send it off to whoever's name is on it. An insurance company might be pleased to get junk mail on some companies' modern kitchen units or a free holiday somewhere.

You can of course always send their paperwork back to them. Let them know what it is like to get junk mail, and best of all—they are **paying Twice!**

ALWAYS make sure your name is not on any of the paperwork.

Let's keep the Royal Mail busy; it says e-mails are cutting into their profits, so let us use the stamps; it might help defer an increase in postage costs.

Blenheim Palace

On August 10th about 25 of us set off on a trip and we could not have had a better day. The weather was perfect, if a little hot. Our coach pulled into the Palace grounds at Woodstock (with a tight squeeze through the gates) at about 11.45 a.m. and some of us had a very welcome coffee in the little courtyard outside the ice cream parlour. We then proceeded across the ground to watch the falconry and jousting.

Rose Stickler, Janet Hills and myself (Janet Holderness), were a bit disappointed because the falconry demonstration did not go on long enough and the jousting seemed to be geared mainly for the entertainment of the children. After an hour in the hot sun we decided to go and have lunch under the trees overlooking the lake in the beautiful grounds. The gardens extend to over 2,000 acres and were designed by Capability Brown.

The three of us decided our main priority was the Palace itself. This beautiful building, owned by the 11th Duke of Marlborough; and it was, of course, where Sir Winston Churchill was born. The State Rooms are magnificent with incredible tapestries, portraits and furniture. "Blenheim Palace---The Untold Story" was fascinating. This entailed a tour, passing through different rooms as if you were going through the centuries. This told the story on screen and with tape of Blenheim over the years from the point of view of the family and servants. It was a little unnerving at times as some of the figures in the rooms looked so real and some looked as if they were breathing.

By the time we left the Palace we found there was just sufficient time to pop into the gorgeous book and gift shop again and have a cup of tea before getting on the coach to return home.

I would certainly like to pay another visit to see the areas I did not have time to enjoy on this occasion, such as the pleasure gardens by using the little train, the secret garden etc. and just walk round the magnificent grounds.

I am sure everyone enjoyed their day out at Blenheim Palace. Janet Holderness

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Some more childhood memories: - Do you remember your mum saying?

"What kind of haircut do you call that?"

"If you think you're going out looking like that you can think again"

"Don't come running to me when you break you leg"

"You want how much? I'll go and pick some leaves off the money tree at the bottom of the garden"

"You've just spent all day with your friends, why do you need to phone them now?"

"And when I say 8 o'clock, I mean 8 o'clock...not half past ten!"

Plastic Bags

When these were first introduced they were looked upon as the answer to everyone's prayer and would have multitude uses, carrying the shopping, etc but before long there was found to be many other uses---dog pooper scoopers plus too many to mention here. However, the poor bag has now had a lot of bad publicity lately because it is not biodegradable. Once upon a time if you could flaunt a bag with a well-known and exclusive shop's name on it you were looked upon with envy.

There have been many attempts to replace them with 'bags for life' Sainsbury's, Tesco and others have attempted to 'wean' us off them but they still live on. The best alternative to date is the strong canvas type bag, we have one but it is invariably left in the boot of the car.

Some countries have put a tax on the bags; in Ireland they were taxed in 2002 and are called "witches knickers" because they get caught in trees. South Africa banned them in 2003; here they are referred to as the "national emblem" as they appear to 'grow' everywhere. In some European countries they are called the 'Asylum seekers suitcase'. One thing is certain when we, the human race have gone, plastic bags will still be found amongst our remains for alien archeologists to puzzle over.

English a strange language to learn.

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A Review of the Club's Social Year

We started the year with the Club's Annual Lunch, held at the Beachcomber Inn, Brean, in February. This again proved to be a very popular event with 97 attending; the food was good and there was plenty of it, with 'seconds' for those that had room for it. (I doubt there were many takers). The Play Readers put on a little sketch for us with the hope that the Group might get some more members---so far, one new addition.

Early in March about a dozen of us went to The Octagon Theatre in Yeovil to see an amateur production of "Hello Dolly". They may have been amateur actors but the production was one of the most polished performances we have seen for a long time. It was a fabulous show and the Octagon is a nice little theatre where you sit very close to the stage, this makes you feel part of what is going on. Great!

The next outing was also in March to Bristol Hippodrome to see "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" a show won much praise from members, everyone enjoyed the spectacular scenery and of course the car; the songs have been popular ever since the film first introduced them to us some years ago.

Our first coach outing in April was to the "Black Country Museum, unfortunately being on holiday at the time I was not able to persuade someone to do a report. That was a trip I would like to have gone on myself.

There are reports on the two London trips and that to Blenheim Palace.

On June 14th members went to London for a trip on the River Thames and to take a ride on the London Eye. Then on July 12th it was to Kew Gardens followed on the 10th August by the trip to Blenheim Palace.

Coming up are, hopefully three more outings, to Sidmouth on September 27th with a comfort stop at the Donkey Sanctuary, it is near our destination. On December 12th we look forward to our annual trip to Wells Cathedral for the Carol Service and a stop for lunch on the way home. Last year's outing was a huge success everyone taking lunch at the Camelot Inn in Polsham, this included the Social Club's Annual Raffle which they sponsor from the surplus funds accrued from previous trips

To wind up the year there is the trip to the Bristol Hippodrome on 19th December to see "Mamma Mia". This trip has been sold out, as far as this Club is concerned, for twelve months so those that put their names down early must now be feeling that at last we going to make it. It was certainly a long wait but that tends to be the norm for shows that are as popular as "Mamma Mia" is reputed to be.

Not bad for the year is it? We must all thank our Social Club Group for the work they must put in to arrange these outings and to ensure we get there and return safely.

Prompted by the recent discussions/correspondence concerning insurance etc. it is felt that members' attention should be drawn to the following: -

A Reminder

U3A members, we would stress U3A members only, through the payment of their subscriptions, are indemnified, that is insured against Public and Products Liability, when they join an outing organised by the Club. Whilst we welcome the presence of non-members it must be borne in mind that they are NOT covered by the Club's insurance. As referred to earlier we are living in a Compensation Culture and therefore have no control over the legal wrangling that may occur should there be a mishap.

Club reminder!

In the event of an unavoidable cancellation, please inform the Organisers (Roy or Vi) immediately. Some costs may be refunded but not for coach places, prepaid tickets and booked meals, unless there is a waiting list or you are able to find another U3A member to take your place.

When making bookings for events PLEASE send a separate cheque for each booking--- Cheques to be made out to: - "U3A of Highbridge Social Club" it does simplify the administration. Thanks!

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Did you, as a child, have a wish or fantasy about going somewhere or visiting a special place? Our Cream Tea was held at Wick Farm (July) and because of the inclement weather it was held in doors. The farmhouse is about 250 years old, the date 1757 is carved on a beam in the lounge and the building is on the route between Brean and Weston. Brean has, for many years, been the destination for families taking a camping holiday. As a child living in Bristol one of our member's used to pass by the farm with her parents when heading for their camping holiday. She always looked longingly at the buildings and secretly dreamed of living there 'when she grew up'.

On a day in July her childhood dream came true; she visited 'her' favourite farm and 'had tea there', plus the pleasure of being able to take her granddaughter with her; "it was a dream come true". We trust it was well worth the wait?

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Strollers----Please note!! The start is now at 10.00 a.m. instead of 10.30 a.m.

Some participants had suggested this revised time because it was felt that an earlier start would, possibly, ensure an earlier finish. A late finish invariably meant that after members had had lunch there was not a lot of time left to have 'big' plans for the afternoon. That is, of course, if they still had sufficient energy left for 'big' plans after their exertions during the morning.

You wont believe it?

Sticker seen on the back of a car: "Politicians and Diapers should be changed regularly for the same reasons"

Monthly Draw

June	Doreen Reddish	and	Ann Smith	No 37
July	Phil Lyes	and	Tony Webb	No 4

All received £20.00

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GROUP ACTIVITIES

Card Making 1st Mondays and 3rd Wednesdays

At: Southwell House

Dates: For details see 'Group News'

Admission: £1.50

Contact Fay Burston (782529)

Floral Art Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday

At: Southwell House

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 a.m.

Cost: £1.50

Group Leader: Jean Williams (785240)

Art Every Tuesday

At: Southwell House

Time: 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm

Cost: £1.50

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 until 5.00 p.m.

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 Wednesday 19th September

At: The White Cottage, West Huntspill.

Time: 12.30.p.m.

Organiser: Joyce Curtis (792716)

Art Every Thursday
 At: Southwell House
 Time: 1.30pm to 4.00pm
 Cost: £1.50 Tutor: Jean Berry (785840)

Spanish 2nd and 4th Thursday
 At: Southwell House
 Time: 10.00 to 11.00 a.m.
 Cost: £1.00 Tutor: Sallie Park (788640)

Skittles 1st and 3rd Friday of the month
 At: Royal Artillery Inn
 Time: 11.30am to 1.00pm
 Group Leader: Ray Reddish (785411) and Betty Worthy (795823) Lunches available

Play Reading Fourth Friday of the month. *(For one time only in October it will be on Thursday 18th)*

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
 Next Workshops: Starts again on October 4th (dates are in Group News)
 Facilitator: Roger Ouston (795007)

Strollers 2nd and 4th Friday of the month
 At: Start-Bank Street Car Park
 Time: 10.00pm *(note new start time)*
 Stroll: Local area, stout footwear is recommended.
 Group Leader: Fay Burston (782529) or Ray Reddish (785411)

Gardening Group Day and Date---Please refer to the Notice Board
 At: - Venue as advised.
 Facilitator: - Carole Loveridge (780060)

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 2007

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September: 18th Trip to Sidmouth

We propose to call at the Donkey Sanctuary just outside Sidmouth for a brief spell; this will enable members to take refreshment, etc. There is a pleasant walk around the sanctuary and members will be able to see some of the many donkeys on the site.

A word of Warning you are not permitted to feed the donkeys, they are subject to a strict feeding routine and should you give them a tit-bit it may probably upset their diet. Also, if a person attempts to feed them they may expect food from others and, if the animal is a little boisterous it might try to take food from a child. This could frighten, and possibly cause injury to that child. So please abide by any instructions that may be posted around the sanctuary.

December: 12th "Wells Cathedral Carol Service"

We hope to visit Wells again for this very popular service and take lunch on the return journey; details will be on the board soon and in the next Magazine.

December: 19th "MAMMA MIA"

At: Bristol Hippodrome Matinee Performance

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

Price: £25.00

This has been fully booked for some time.

Please note the NEW booking arrangements

Cheques must be made out to "U3A of Highbridge Social Club"

For further details of all trips etc. please contact either Vi Chick (784033) or Roy Bryant (783780) or at the Wednesday Coffee Morning.

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