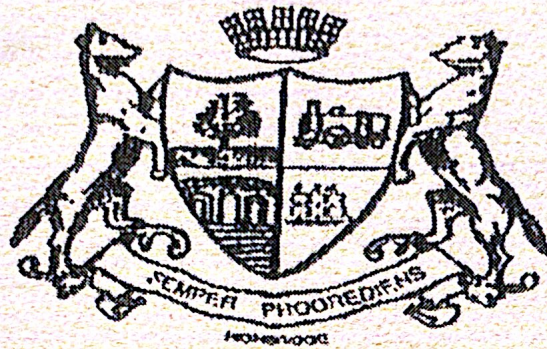


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Editorial

Well the end of 2007 is nigh, I cannot remember a year going by so quickly and the whole twelve months have flown by. They say the years start to go by quickly as you get older but---that fast???

2008 what can we look forward to, birthdays I suppose, anniversaries and perhaps, for some, grandchildren or even great grandchildren. If so—congratulations!!

The trip to Wells Cathedral for the Age Concern Annual Carol Service is on Wednesday 12th December so let Roy and Vi have your order as soon as possible.

On the back page is a list of the suggested Theatre Trips/Days Out/and other delights lined up for you to consider. The Social Club Committee has been browsing through brochures to select a few places and would like to receive your comments. Do you think you might like to go on any of these or do you have alternatives? They would like to receive some feedback; have a word with them fairly soon so that actions can be taken. They will not make any bookings if there appears to be a lack of interest.

An Italian Holiday

The Social Group is trying to arrange a holiday to Lake Garda, Italy, leaving on the 19th April 2008. The price is £329.00 per person for 8 days half board. The trip is through Baker Dolphin and they need to know numbers by 14th November.

The single supplement is: £105.00

It would be coach to Dover, through France/Belgium, staying overnight in Germany and then on through the Alps to Italy.

Please contact the Social Club for more details of the itinerary

Vi, by the way, is making good progress following her operation and is fairly mobile now; Pete Worthy is about again after his brief stay in hospital. Emily Wolferston who suffered a heart attack and spent two months in hospital turned up at the Coffee Morning on the 17th October and is on the road to full recovery.

If you hear that any member is unwell please let us know, one of our GET WELL cards will be posted to them to let them know our thoughts are with them.

Senior Moments?

On the 'Social Events' page of the September/October issue I gave the wrong date for the trip to Sidmouth, for this I apologise. Roy told me that a few members did notice, in a way, I am pleased because it does prove that you read the notices---Thank you!

We proof-read each new issue to check that we have not made a mistake but on this occasion we both thought the trip was on the 13th; ----we should still have cross checked with Roy. Sorry.

Editorial continued

We propose trying a new venture, Tony Webb, our Chairman, suggested that we should hold a sale, say once a month, so that members could sell their unwanted items. The Committee agreed that we give it a try and Tony volunteered to canvas members at our Coffee Morning to see what the reaction would be.

The idea met with unanimous approval, members were told that there would obviously need to be some conditions laid down so that the scheme ran smoothly.

The basic conditions are:

- 1) Members price their items clearly and add their name!
- 2) What you bring in you take home again if it is not sold.
- 3) In view of 2) it must not be too large to carry, because remember, you must take it home again if no one buys it.
- 4) The Club will provide space for the sale of items, probably at the end of the hall near the boards.
- 5) The sales will be held on the **FOURTH** Wednesday in the month.

We will try this "Bring and Buy" Sale for a few months. Members will no doubt run out of items to sell within a fairly short time so this will govern for how long we let the scheme run.

How many of you are interested in the history of this green and pleasant land of ours?

The English Heritage has made it possible for U3A Groups to visit all English Heritage Sites FREE! This is relevant to their studies under the Free Educational Visits Scheme. Roy is going to obtain details.

There are a few sites in Somerset, Muchelney Abbey near Langport, and Cleeve Abbey on the A39 road to Minehead near Washford, Ford Abbey etc.

Christmas 2007

We have always said that the U3A of Highbridge is like the "Windmill Theatre" --- "we never close"!

Boxing Day 26th December 2007— is on a Wednesday but the Coffee Morning will be run as usual. There are probably a number of members who do not have family living close at hand and would therefore appreciate the opportunity to come into our Coffee Morning to take refreshment, perhaps a mince pie or two, meeting friends and socialising at Christmas Time.

Please make a note and come along.

Group News

Gardening Club—'It seemed a good idea at the time!' Carole Loveridge, our horticulturist member indicated early this year that she was prepared to impart some of her knowledge to members and perhaps help them solve the problems they might have when cultivating their gardens. It got off to a good start with a visit to Ray Reddish's large garden, followed a few weeks later by a tour around the garden at Copse Hall, Brent Knoll and it looked as if the idea would 'blossom'.

Unfortunately, things did not take 'root' as we had hoped. The interest, like all our gardens at the time became rather 'damp' and before long it followed the pattern set by the weather becoming decidedly hard going, eventually drying up completely.

However, thank you Carole for the 'spadework' at the outset and for attempting to coax a little life into the 'crops' but it was not to be. Never mind!

We will continue to set aside a portion of one of our Notice Board tables so that members may pass on their spare plants to colleagues who may be interested. [The Dianthus (Pinks) cuttings we picked up a few weeks ago are doing well.]

Card Making

This group has kept going non-stop throughout the summer and I would guess is now busy making Christmas Cards, the next meetings are: -

Monday 5th Nov--- 10.00 to 12.00 a.m. Wednesday 21st Nov--- 2.00 to 4.00 p.m.

Monday 3rd Dec----10.00 to 12.00 a.m. Wednesday 19th Dec----2.00 to 4.00 p.m.

Spanish Class

Sallie has tells us that although the class has now been running for a few weeks they are still at the 'beginners' stage and should anyone wish to join as a beginner, don't delay. It is held on the second and fourth Thursdays in Southwell House 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. you will be made very welcome.

Family History

This workshop re-started on Thursday 4th October, it is also held at Southwell House. This is another group where you may join at any time; there is obviously no set programme because you do the research on your family's history in your own good time. I know from experience that once you're settled at the computer it is difficult to get away again, you suddenly find out something interesting from the past and your curiosity takes over again.

If you wish to know more about 'who you are'---join us on the first Thursday of each month from 10.00 a.m. until 11.00 a.m.

Group News-contd

Play Reading

Tony and his FIVE stalwarts are pressing on in the hope that some brave soul/s will soon drop by and boost their numbers.

Skittles

The skittles on a Friday morning (on first and third Fridays) is still being held at the Royal Artillery Inn, West Huntspill. Betty Worthy and Ray Reddish are the leaders of this activity, skittlers should note that their Xmas Party will be held on 21st December.

Art-Tuesday

After its brief holiday during August this class is now in action, Phil Lyes tells me that it is quite full with a fairly regular attendance of 8/9 although he has 12 plus registered. This class caters for both beginners and more experienced painters, a number of the class have submitted their work in local shows and have been successful in receiving various awards.

Art-Thursday

Now that the 'holiday season' is about over this class is settling down again, we have a regular membership of about 10/12 and have found that to be a good class size. Jean Berry our tutor, has decided, due to family commitments, to cut back on appearances and will now come in every other Thursday. We will therefore keep the class size to 12; because we can now help/advise each other (the blind leading the blind I think) Jean is then able to give us more attention during her visits.

Floral Art

This is, I am informed, is not just about arranging flowers but in order to present an attractive display it is necessary to consider what foliage you need to use with them to obtain the best effect. I understand that Jean Williams, the class leader, will be demonstrating how to do attractive Christmas floral displays/arrangements during the November classes. (November 13th and 27th)

Strollers

On Friday 28th September five members walked out to the Middlemoor Water sport Park and had a very nice cup of coffee before returning to the cars, picking a lot of very nice blackberries on the way. We learned some useful information whilst chatting to the manager out at the park; apparently they plan to do Cream Teas next year, starting about May. We now have three venues for consideration next year.

River Cruise by Members

For their 30th Anniversary the Axe Vale Coach Co, had organised a cruise aboard paddle steamer Oliver Cromwell. Six members of this club went along embarking at Gloucester Docks for the weekend cruise; the weather was perfect throughout. The staff (or should that be crew) and the food they served were first rate. With no papers, no TV, no radio, and no traffic it was so relaxing just taking in the



Pat, Ethel, Doreen, June and Maisie on deck.

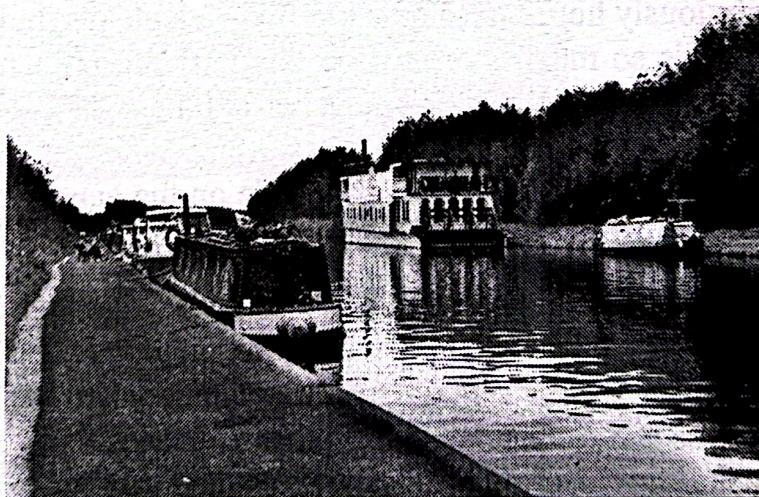
wonderful scenery. There was just the lapping of the water as we cruised along waving to people on barges and to those walking along the towpaths.

Traveling by day and sleeping on the boat at night.

On the Saturday we disembarked and headed for the Slimbridge Wildfowl Trusts site where we spent a few hours watching the many birds and wildfowl. On the Saturday evening we had a singer to entertain us and on Sunday we stopped at Frampton. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves with lots of laughter all being very relaxed throughout.

The icing on the cake for us was seeing the lovely Kingfishers so close to us and we were all sad to leave the boat on our return to Gloucester.

We all have many wonderful memories of a happy and perfect weekend.



Doreen Reddish

Lessons to be learned from Noah!

Don't miss the boat; there won't be another in 10 minutes.

Plan ahead! It was not raining when Noah started to build the Ark.

Keep yourself fit. You may be asked to undertake a big job when you are 600.

Travel News

Member Janet Holderness who loves East Africa has just returned from a Safari Holiday, and at my request, submitted a write-up for the magazine. I seem to remember Janet and member Beryl Hearn going to East Africa some time ago; I understand another visit is lined up for early next year this time to South Africa with member Jean Williams. They will be visiting the Natal area, Jean lived in South Africa for many years, and we look forward to another write-up on their experiences.

Kenya----An African Adventure---by Janet Holderness

I had been looking forward to this holiday for quite some time; I knew I would enjoy it because I love East Africa and its people. I went with a small travel agent (Turquoise) and was met at Nairobi Airport by their agent, no one else was travelling with me (no group); but I was quite happy on my own and knew that I would be looked after. I have been to Kenya several times before and feel comfortably at home there.

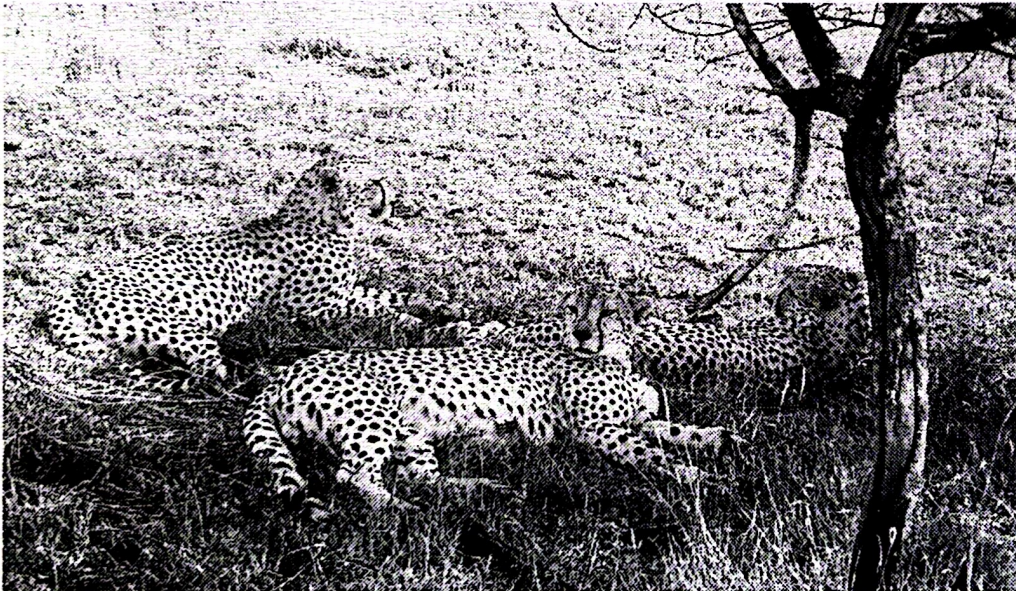
I flew from Wilson Airport to my first camp, Kicheche bush camp in the Maasai Mara. It is a mobile-tented encampment; the tents are all quite luxurious with flush toilets and comfortable beds. It has a bucket shower that worked very well. Andy and Sonja the managers, met me and are from Zambia. The first thing you notice is the quietness, just the occasional animal or bird sound---perfect. The camp was small with only 6 tents and there were about 10 of us staying.

One obviously hopes to see the big five---elephants, buffalo, lion, rhino and leopard but there is so much more to see; the bird life is incredible. Their colours are so bright, even the starlings that are a petrol blue.

I was mostly on my own with the guide on the game drives (early morning and late afternoon) and we got very close to the animals. On one occasion we actually watched a lioness stalking a wildebeest, which she then caught. Unfortunately there were five Land Rovers around her, all much too close and we spooked her causing her to let go of the wildebeest that promptly ran off unharmed. This was not good because we humans were interfering with nature. Unfortunately in the Maasai Mara there are too many lodges and consequently too many vehicles around the animals.

With my two Masai guides, who were carrying spears, I walked up onto an escarpment quite a distance from camp, and found it interesting to learn about a few plants, like the "wait a bit" plant that has large thorns and you can get caught on them as you are passing; but wait a bit (be patient) and you can free yourself. Another was the "whistling acacia". This has little hard round fruits, which the ants go into leaving little holes in the top so that when it is windy it makes a whistling sound. There are many medicinal plants, one of which has leaves that can be used instead of sandpaper. We saw a hyena quite close by and wildebeest and giraffes in the distance; but no snakes, which for me was disappointing.

I flew on to my next camp in a 4-seater aircraft with just the pilot and me to Ol Donyo Wuas in the Chyulu Hills; it is near the border with Tanzania. This comprised a lodge camp built in 1986 by Richard Bonham the son of one of Kenya's first game wardens. It had exclusive access to 33,000 acres of Masai-owned land. There were 6 individual thatched cottages, all on stilts and completely open at the front so there was a clear view out over the bush. Mine overlooked a waterhole with a cloud covered Kilimanjaro in the distance, that was until my last morning. I could not believe I was lucky enough to be in such a beautiful place. I could just sit on my veranda area and listen to the animal sounds and watch the elephants and eland at the waterhole. My bed was actually a very comfortable four-poster with the mosquito net covering the whole bed. I also had a large bathroom with a huge shower area, washbasins, flush toilet etc. This was really living rough!!



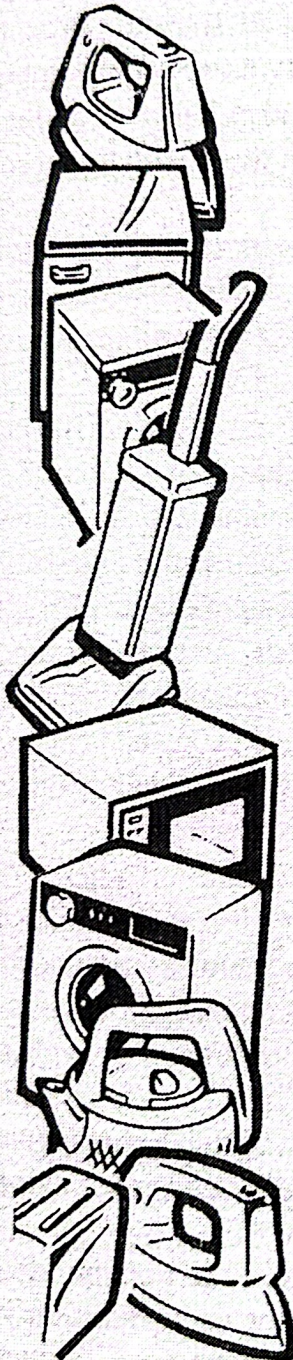
Male Cheetahs relaxing at Lewa Downs

The terrain was so vast and beautiful. However, because there has been a drought there was not much grass for the Masai herds of goats and cattle, which did look very thin. The Masai diet still consists mainly of the blood from the cattle (they bleed them) and milk.

The first afternoon game drive was with my driver Tall, so called because he was—tall! We were just about to stop for sundowners when we heard on the radio from one of the other vehicles that there were lions quite a way from where we were; he said if I did not mind we could drive quickly to the area. It took us about 20 minutes going really fast across quite bumpy terrain to get there, but it was well worth it. As Tall said, "What a good place for sundowners". There I was drinking my white wine watching the lion and lioness with the sun setting behind them; I could not think of anything more perfect. Several antelope were moving past the lion and lioness and we thought we might see a kill. But no, the lions were quite relaxed and took no notice of them.

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On to the next camp at Lewa Downs, this is at the northern foothills of Mount Kenya. It is a 40,000-acre ranch owned by the Craig family who breed black Rhino and Grevy Zebra; both are on the endangered list. I did take another walk here; it was the most strenuous and my guide Donald was a bit of a joker. He said, "Can you climb a tree"? I said I couldn't. "Well then" he said "if we see a rhino I have one bullet in this gun and I can't shoot the rhino because it is an endangered species, so I'll just have to shoot you"! Fortunately we did not see a rhino on the walk, or any other animals for that matter, only some elephant dung, but we had to scramble over rocks to cross a fast flowing river (but not very wide) several times. I managed it and Donald said I was a tough lady as not many of his guests got as far as I had! I felt quite proud of myself; I was however very pleased to see our driver waiting over the hill to take us back to camp!

On the way to the airstrip on my final day we came across three male cheetahs (in the photograph) just relaxing in the shade of a tree.

All three camps work very closely with the Masaai and involve them in the conservation work and provides them with jobs and education; consequently, the killing for bushmeat has reduced considerably.

My last day was spent at Giraffe Manor just outside Nairobi, where the present owners breed endangered Rothschild giraffes, which then go into the wild when they are 4 or 5 years old. Their house was built in 1932 by Sir David Duncan but is now owned by Betty and Jock Leslie-Melville. I had a delicious dinner here within excellent company; the other eight guests were staying overnight.

I was so sad to leave this beautiful country, but I know I shall be back.

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Editor. I am always on the look out for write-ups that may be of interest to the members, Janet's sort of holiday would not necessarily suit some members but I am sure a few of you would like the opportunity to go to some exotic places in the world and see how the 'other half live'. Holidays and trips organised by or through the Club are always of a special interest, but there are only a few of you willing to put pen to paper and relate your experiences. As Editor I try and fill the magazine with information; hopefully, just about this Club and its activities, (plus general news from the U3A Trust) but sometimes news is hard to come by so I have to take what I can.

A few of you do provide write-ups for which I am very grateful, is it possible I can persuade one or two of you to come up with some 'printable' information..

I am looking forward to the day when we can again include "Creative Writing" in our list of activities. Some short stories would be great and it would obviously make for some very interesting reading having been penned by members.

Powers of Attorney

It was recently brought to my attention that the Government is to make amendments to the legal arrangements that are attached to these Powers.

Up until the 30th September 2007 an agreement could be drawn up that looked after your interests when you, due to your physical or mental health, became unable to look after your own affairs; this was called the "Enduring Powers of Attorney" (EPA).

The Government has, from 1st October, brought in changes and the document is now to be known as "Lasting Power of Attorney" (LPA).

The LPA will be a more comprehensive document than the EPA in that it covers aspects of the donor's health as well as finance, the preparation costs by a solicitor may be higher but unlike the EPA which not need be registered unless the donor loses *compos mentis*; an LPA must be registered immediately it is prepared whether or not it is ever actually needed at a later date.

Regrettably none of us know how our lives are going to pan out and it is, perhaps, for our family's sake we need to make some arrangements that will help them sort out our possessions etc later in our old age.

When this subject was brought to my attention it was understood the changes would be to the content of the EPA. However, it has transpired that the whole system has changed and it was felt that members would appreciate being advised so that they can take whatever action they feel necessary—being forewarned may be to your advantage.

Since I wrote this article I note that the subject is also referred to in the latest U3A News, page 36.

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For some months now books (paperbacks) have been left on a table at the rear of the hall, members have picked them up and, in a way, it started 'lending' library, books were taken, read and returned---recycled I suppose. After a while Hard Backs also appeared, then even Videos and DVD's.

Some members, on arriving, now make a beeline for the table to see what the latest editions are.

Visiting the table a few weeks ago I picked up a paperback of "My Left Foot" by Christy Brown. --- I don't know who left it, but thanks. This is the autobiography of an Irish lad who was crippled with Cystic Fibrosis; he was born into a large and poor family. His story tells how he conquered the problems put before him. I thoroughly enjoyed reading it and have found that there is now a waiting list of potential readers.

Our Postal Services

The recent Postal Strike inconvenienced a lot of us lately, birthday/anniversary cards missing and tickets for special occasions delayed; but we did enjoy missing the junk mail.

The situation did however, prompt me to provide an excerpt from a booklet that has sat on our Notice Board table for many a month, I doubt that some of you have given it a second glance. The booklet, produced by the Sarum U3A Study Group, covers "The History of Salisbury's Postal Service."

The following is reproduced with special acknowledgement to those that did the research.

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Have a look at the booklet it tells an interesting story.

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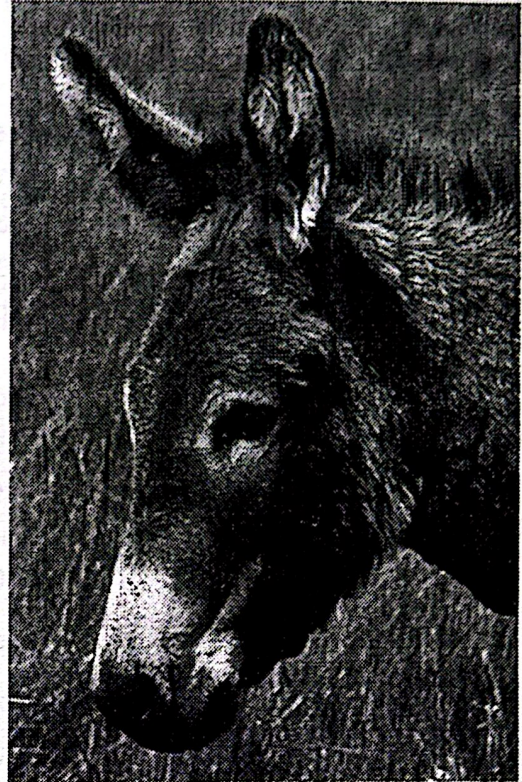


Trip to Sidmouth and the Donkey Sanctuary

U3A of Highbridge members had an enjoyable day out on Thursday 27th September when a full coach load visited Sidmouth. Although it was a dry sunny day there was a cold wind blowing across the Donkey Sanctuary whilst we were there.

The day had started with a slight hiccup when, after all had been seated, it was found that the coach had a flat tyre. This delayed the start by about 40 minutes.

The Sanctuary, it was found to be rather busy upon arrival with a number of other coaches already there. In order to see the donkeys we were directed to the main yard where they are on view and where you are able to see them at close hand and pat and talk to them, but not feed them.



When the trip was organised it was suggested that the coach make a comfort stop at the Sanctuary en route to Sidmouth so that members could, if they wished, also take refreshment. The Clubs' Committee had agreed that the U3A of Highbridge make a donation to the Sanctuary in recognition of the work they do. One of the staff, Samantha, arranged for us to have a photo shoot with some donkeys, including one called Wimble, so that Ray Reddish could, on behalf of the Club present the cheque.

Many members did not appreciate that there were so many donkeys at the Sanctuary; we learned that a sanctuary in Ireland cares for over 400. Donkeys are saved from many countries and are arriving all the time; they are rescued in a neglected and pitiful condition. Samantha wished us to thank all our members for their very kind support.

The coach continued to Sidmouth where we did our strolls along the front and a bit of the inevitable shopping. The cold wind at the sanctuary was not in evidence at the seaside it being quite warm and many removed their jackets/cardigans. We arrived back in Highbridge without further problems with the tyre having had a good day out.

Doreen

Britain in Bloom

Congratulations are in order to Maisie Hand, Maisie gained a "Second" in the Front Garden Class of the local competition. She had entered her name purely on speck, apparently the judges do not tell you when they propose to judge your garden, they just 'casually' past by sometime during the designated period.

Maisie now has a certificate to show to her friends and she is understandably very proud of her achievement.

Traders List

This was compiled in order to provide members with a list of tradesmen who could be relied upon to do good work at a sensible price. We felt that there was a need to produce a list of recommended tradesmen and circulate it to all members.

Before adding a recommended to the tradesman we first asked if he is agrees, if so, his name is included. An up-to-date copy of the list was included with your last magazine. **Please put in a safe place.**

A recent recommendation and addition is:

Carpenter/Joiner	Colin Rufus	789492	Highly recommended.
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With the end of the year fast approaching and the Festive Season soon upon us may I extend to all members the sentiments expressed in the poem.

Christmas Cards

1)
There are lots of folk I know
All written in a book,
And every year at Christmas time
I go and take a look,
And that is when I realise
Their names are just a part,
Not of the book they are written in
But also of my heart.

2)
Each name stands for someone
Whose path crossed mine and then
Left such a print of friendship
That I want to touch again.
And whilst it sounds fantastic
For me to make a claim,
I really feel I am composed
Of each remembered name.

3)
So never think of Christmas Cards
As just a mere routine,
Of names upon a Christmas list
Forgotten in between,
So when I send a Christmas Card
That is addressed to you
It is because you are on my list
Of folk I'm indebted to.

4)
And every year when Christmas comes
I realise anew
The biggest gift that life can give
Is knowing folk like you,
And may the spirit of Christmas
That for ever and ever endures
Leave its richest blessings
In the hearts of you and yours.

The U3A of Highbridge wishes to take this opportunity to wish you all not only a Very Merry Christmas but also a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

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Floral Art Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday (13th November & 27th November)

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.

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.
 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 on first Thursday in the month
 At: Southwell House
 Time: 10.00 a.m.
 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)

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

December: 12th "Wells Cathedral Carol Service"

The trip to Wells Cathedral for the Carol Service is on and we will be calling at the Camelot Inn, Polsham on the return journey for lunch as we did last year. Roy and Vi will be providing details re the trip and lunch.

The total cost for coach and lunch is £10.00 and the coach will leave Bank Street Car Park, Highbridge at 9.30 a.m.

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.

2008

A few suggestions for next year:

Trips

Kennett & Avon Canal

Hampton Court

Compton Acres-Poole

National Trust Properties and Gardens

Ironbridge Museums--involves an overnight stay--Approx: £100.00

London or Bristol Theatre Shows and Local Shows

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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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