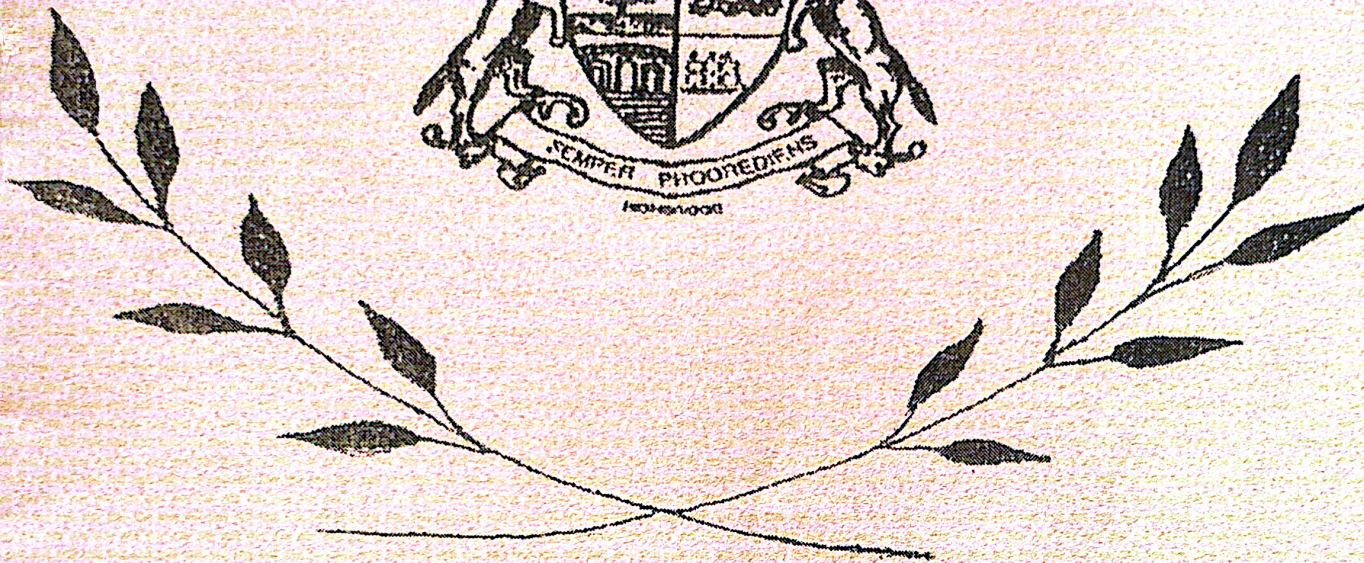
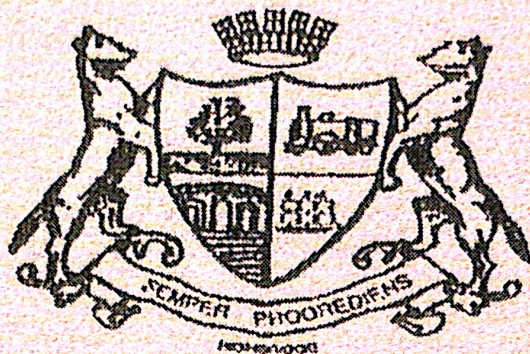


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Editorial

I make no apologies for again reminding you that we will **NOT** be having Coffee Mornings on **Wednesdays 5th and 12th August** because the hall is being redecorated and will be closed from **2nd August until 15th August**.

Normal service will be resumed on **Wednesday 19th August**.

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The Annual General Meeting for 2009

This was conducted in the usual efficient manner, it was well attended and because the minutes had been circulated for all to study before the meeting, we were able to get down to business straight away. Firstly, I would stress that a good attendance is very much appreciated especially when, to most people, a meeting, especially an A. G. M. is something they try to avoid.

On Wednesday May 20th we started on time at 10.45 a.m. and by 10.56 a.m. it was all over, in 11 minutes, a record I believe.

Tony, our Chairman, sent his apologies because his holiday dates were changed at the eleventh hour, Fay Burston our Vice-Chair opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending this important meeting.

There were no matters arising and the Minutes for the last Meeting were accepted.

The Treasurers Report, this too had been circulated before the start and was also accepted as a correct record. Next came the Secretary's Report, this too was short but it was stressed that we were still hoping to form some new groups. Member Ann Lismore had started a Patchwork/Quilting Group that was gradually taking off, its numbers had increased over the last few weeks. Another request from the Secretary was that we wanted a few members to take an interest in seeing how the Club was run. This is an important point because some of the current Committee Members will soon wish to retire and if the Club is to continue to be a success we need to have a few members who will have sufficient knowledge that would enable them to take over. (Continued on Page 4)

Editorial ---A. G. M. continued

So please members give it some thought and let a Committee Member know so that we can arrange for you to sit in at meetings.

The Election of Officers for the Committee came next and because no one had been nominated the current members were re-elected en bloc.

Next came the important bit -- Membership Fees.

The Proposal was: - That this Club increases its Membership Fee from £6.00 to £7.00 to allow for the Third Age Trust increasing their Capitation Fee from £2.50 to £3.50.

Your Committee, being aware of this amendment, had already discussed the subject at some length and had felt that the final decision should be left to the members. The proposal should be put before the meeting and, following their examination of our accounts; members would then be free to decide on what course of action to take.

The members did decide and their unanimous decision was that our Membership Fee would remain at £6.00 per year.

There being no other business we fixed the date for the next A. G. M. this would be on Wednesday May 19th May 2010.

Finally, on behalf of the Management Committee, may I thank all members for their support during the past 12 months and to say that it has been our pleasure to serve you and we look forward to another successful year?

Back to business: -

We are still awaiting suggestions for our 10th birthday celebrations, nothing earth shattering, just an event we can all enjoy.

In August we are to hold our American Picnic, this year Fay thinks it should be held closer to 'home' so we will be going out to the Middlemoor Water Park. It is on the left hand side of the road between East Huntspill and Woolavington, there is a Union Jack at the entrance. For more details please refer to Page 9

Group News**Patchwork/Quilting**

Ann Lismore has told me that this Group is going well, because interest has increased she now runs 2 Groups, one on Tuesday morning from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 a.m. the second is on Tuesday afternoon from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Ann says she can take one extra member in each of the Groups this would bring the numbers up to 4 in each Group, so if you are interested in joining them please ring Ann on 787607.

Both Groups are held at Ann's home and there is no charge, you may wish to make a donation towards any refreshment that is served up, we leave that to you to decide.

Card Making

The Group is continuing throughout the summer, the dates are:

Monday Morning 6 th July	Wednesday Afternoon 22 nd July
Monday Morning 3 rd August	Wednesday Afternoon 19 th August
Monday Morning 7 th September	Wednesday Afternoon 16 th September

Mornings 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 a.m. Afternoons 2.00 p.m to 4.00 p.m.

Family History

This Group is taking its usual break during July, August and September; it restarts on Thursday 1st October. It is proposed a visit is made to a Family History Records Office, possibly at Bristol, during the next term.

Floral Art

The Group is taking a break during July and August restart on:

Tuesday September 22 nd)	
Tuesday October 27 th)	10.30 to 12.00 a.m.
Tuesday November 24 th)	

Art Classes

There are two Flower Shows in August; the first is at East Huntspill on Saturday August 1st and the second at West Huntspill on Saturday August 15th. On 23rd July the Thursday class is planning to visit the Middlemoor Water Park for an outdoor class; Jean, the tutor, has wanted her class to have an open-air session for some years.

Cream Teas at Wick Farm

The popularity of this summer activity has certainly increased over the years, when the list for 'customers' was first opened some weeks ago it received 28 names before the end of the first Coffee Morning. The lady at the farm has put a limit of 24 on numbers so a second list was started, this also filled quickly. On Monday 8th June members needed the marquee to ward off the fresh breeze but on Tuesday 16th June it kept the assembled members shaded from the blazing hot sun. As usual the scones, cream and jams plus the fancy cakes were well received.

U3A Diaries for 2010

These are available from the Secretary and cost £1.90

A small quantity was ordered so do not delay if you need one.

Traders List

A competent and reasonably priced Tradesman has been recommended to us, namely: - "Dave the Woodman" he will undertake a wide range of jobs, carpentry, painting, and tiling, will fit new units etc. Call 01278/792698 or 07733/19247 9

Special Rates for O. A. P.'s

An up-dated list will be issued soon

Foreign Travel

Taking ones holiday abroad is now common practice by many people and members of this Club frequently go to European destinations but some of our friends are venturing much further a field.

Ron Fulcher has recently returned from a holiday in Peru where he visited the ancient city of Machu Picchu that is high up in the Andes. I have asked Ron to do a short write-up on his experiences in South America, what he saw etc, and will publish it in a future issue---hopefully.

Another member who likes to travel, particularly to Africa, is Janet Holderness; who recently returned from another trip to this particular country. Janet visited Antarctica in 2007 and report on her trip was included the magazine.

Major Frank Foley Memorial Plaque-Pam Lyes

On Sunday 31st May 2009 seven members of the Highbridge Frank Foley Committee, namely Joyce Curtis, Pam and Phil Lyes, Shirley Adams, Ray Reddish, Joyce Beard and Rosemarie Parsons together with the Rev. Robin Lodge, the Vicar of Highbridge, travelled to London for the unveiling of a Memorial Plaque that is to honour Major Frank Foley.

The Plaque, which was unveiled by Cherie Blair, is situated in the Garden of the Sternberg Centre in Finchley, London and because it was Pentecost she made a speech saying how religious divisions should be put aside. She went on to explain why people of all religions should live together as one united community.

The Rev. Lodge in his speech thanked everyone for attending and said that we in Highbridge still honoured Frank Foley each year in January on Holocaust Day.

The new plaque honours Frank Foley who was born in Highbridge and who was employed as a Passport Control Officer in Berlin from 1920 to 1939. In this role he was able to help hundreds of Jews escape from Nazi Germany before the outbreak of World War II but having no diplomatic immunity he put himself at great risk for helping many escape.

The Sternberg Centre was founded to help a number of Reform and Liberal Jewish Institutions and opened in 1981. It is named after Sir Sigmund Sternberg a philanthropist and businessman who was born in Hungary and a member of the Jewish Community, he emigrated to Britain in 1939.

After the unveiling ceremony tea was served and Cherie Blair joined us and spoke to each and everyone of our Committee. It was felt that she was a truly lovely lady.

Also among the guests was the film producer Timothy Haas who has recently started work on a new blockbuster film about the life of Frank Foley. Timothy advised that the filmmaking has started, casting will take place next year and the film will be made in Budapest. He also said that he would be coming to Highbridge next year.

(Photographs on Page 8)



John Curtis & Grandson, Pam Lyes, Phil Lyes, Timothy Haas, Rev. Robin Lodge, Shirley Adams, Rosemarie Parsons, Ray Reddish, Joyce Curtis and Joyce Beard.



Highbridge Committee with Cherie Blair and Greville Jenner, M.P.

American Picnic

More about it: -

The venue, as advised, is at the Middlemoor Water Park on the Woolavington Causeway. Water Sports do not operate on a Monday but they are opening especially for us. It will therefore be quiet and peaceful down there, it is a lovely setting and there are picnic tables available. If it should happen to rain we will be able to go into the clubhouse where it is also possible to purchase drinks of various sorts.

Those who have been on an American Picnic before know what is needed, but if you have not had that pleasure you will need to bring: -

One item of food e.g. sandwiches containing whatever you wish, quiche, sausage rolls, savouries of your choice, salad mixture, rolls, cakes, gateau's, etc.

Drinks: - will be obtainable at the Water Park

Knife, fork, spoon and plate off which to eat your picnic.

When you have decided what to bring please let Fay know so that she can make sure we do not finish up with a pile of sandwiches all of the same type. We would like to finish up with a selection of food that will, hopefully, suit most tastes.

Northern Somerset Association of U3A's---Workshop

This Association, to which this Club belongs, every year holds two Workshops, these cover a variety of subjects. Obviously they are subjects that are of interest to members and are applicable to the U3A activities.

As it happens the next Workshop is being held at the Burnham Community Centre on 23rd October from 10.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m. The topics to be covered are: -

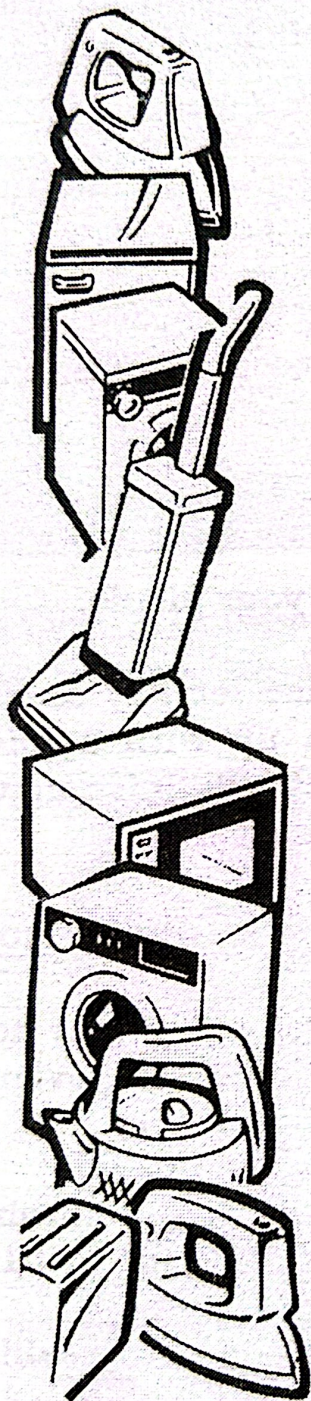
Art Appreciation--Current Affairs---Philosophy---Public Speaking

If a member is interested in attending any of the above please let me (Ken Burston) know so that you can be enrolled.

If you attend any of the above this Club will pay your fee.

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A Brief History of the U3A of Highbridge (continued)

2005.

At the start of the year we were still holding Coffee Mornings at the Highbridge Social Club membership had settled down over the New Year and we were jogging along nicely. An idea had been put forward for us to have a Genealogy Group and Roger Ouston, who is a member of the British Genealogical Society, has offered to give a talk on the ins and outs of researching your family history. The Annual Lunch was held at the Laburnum Hotel on February 16th just over 90 members attending. Special surprise guests were Roy Preston our past Chairman and his wife; they had come over from Wales. But the special surprise was the arrival of Sylvia Shepherd, our past Hon. Sec, and Malcolm over from France; it was certainly a grand day.

Shows attended during the year included "Starlight Express", "Chicago", "Kiss me Kate", "Joseph", Jesus Christ Superstar" and the "King and I" all at Bristol. A good year you must agree. One very good trip I forgot to include in 2004 was that we had to the Bristol Old Vic, this historic theatre had a lot to show and we spent a wonderful time there from under the stage to on it and way above it. A truly fascinating tour of the old "Theatre Royal"

It was in April of 2005 that we moved our Coffee Mornings to the Community Hall where we still are. Also in the April there was the Highbridge U3A holiday to Northern Spain; twenty members set off for Plymouth and the ferry to Santander. The holiday had, apparently been thoroughly enjoyed but it is understood the return ferry crossing had been decidedly rough.

At the A.G.M. that year Phil Lyes became Chairman, the rest of the Committee being much as it is now. The Genealogy Group did get started and is still digging up the past for a few members, a Card Making Group also got under way and that too is still turning out a wide variety of greetings cards. It must have been a good year for groups because they are both surviving.

At the year-end there were 158 members. (2006 next time)

"A Knight of the Road"---Phyllis Walsh

Last week (third week in May) my husband and I had to make the journey to Wales to attend a funeral in Cardiff.

We were given explicit instructions about getting to the church; these we followed and all was well. After the service we were directed to a hotel where refreshments were waiting---again all was well.

But! When it was time for us to make our return journey to Highbridge we were given quite conflicting information and we found ourselves wandering around trying to find the way to the M4 in heavy rain in the rush hour. In desperation we stopped in a side road and asked a lady for directions. She said she would call her husband; he had just returned home from work and was about to have his evening meal.

He generously said he would drive in front of us and take us to the M4 that was a few miles away. This he did, for which we will be forever grateful. He just gave us a wave and returned for his evening meal whilst we, happily continued on our journey back to Highbridge; thanking our true "Knight of the Road"

"A Lady of the Road"---Ethel Titford/Vi Chick

On the Social Club's recent trip to Plymouth we experienced some of the kindness that is still left in this world; for example: After getting off the coach we decided to make our way to the Hoe and the Barbican. We were soon a little lost and were trying to cross the road when a lady driver stopped to allow us to get over to the other side and Ethel mouthed to her that we were lost.

Whereupon the lady pulled over and volunteered to show us the way there and to also point out some of the sights. Vi had her 'walker' but undeterred the lady managed, after a struggle, to get it into the boot. We then set off and many of the places of interest were pointed out to us, including the Hoe and the Barbican. We then ended up at her favourite restaurant where she introduced us to the staff.

To show our appreciation for the help we had had we offered to buy her a lunch, or a coffee at least, but she refused; instead giving us directions on how to get back to the coach by going through the old part of Plymouth, then she disappeared.

We enjoyed our lunch and did find our way back to the coach, but we could have spent the day roaming around getting nowhere but this kind person helped make our day.

Strollers Programme

The suggested strolls for July and August are:

July 10th. The visit to **Woodspring Priory** is re-instated. On the appointed day it rained heavily and they 'chickened' out taking coffee at Fay's home before going down to Berrow Beach.

July 24th. Ray has been trying to arrange a local walk so this is to be it, a walk across the fields to the east of **Highbridge** towards **Bason Bridge**.

August 14th. This will be Carole's walk at **Bleadon**, she has said that it may not be to everyone liking but we will have to judge on the day; there is bound to be an alternative for the doubters.

August 28th A walk in the **Brent Knoll** area is suggested by **Vour Orchard** we have not been in this region for some time so it is will make a nice change.

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Luncheon Club

We have had three outings since Christmas; in January members had a very nice lunch at the Berrow Inn. We had heard that their menu contained a good selection of well-cooked and well-presented meals; a small group of members took advantage of the arrangements made by Ann Lismore/Sallie Park to sample their fare. We were able to confirm that the reports were accurate and we all enjoyed our chosen meals. We were warned that the plates were very hot--they were very hot.

In February we had held the Club's Annual Lunch at the Beachcomber Inn at Brean

Our next pub visit was to the Puriton Inn at, where else but - Puriton, surprisingly some members had not previously visited this inn. It was a good choice by Ann Lismore/Sallie Park the menu contained a good selection of meals and desserts. Again the usual gourmet members were present at this venue for March.

In April it was another local venue, the Orchard Inn at West Huntspill. We last visited this inn some years ago but Ann and Sallie had paid them a visit recently and suggested we make their acquaintance again. Ann had obtained a copy of the menu so that we could decide what we wanted before the visit and soon after our arrival the meals were served.

As with all these events the socialising helps to provide members with an opportunity to meet and get more acquainted thus ensuring we maintain the very friendly atmosphere that we feel is most important if we are to have a 'happy club'.

We have found that during the summer months it is not practicable to hold these events because members are invariably on holiday or are childminding.

However, as soon as autumn arrives and things are back to normal we will look for someone to organise a pub lunch again.

So if you know of a good eatery and it is near to Highbridge please have a go at arranging a lunch, a member of the Committee will help you set it up.

Kilver Court

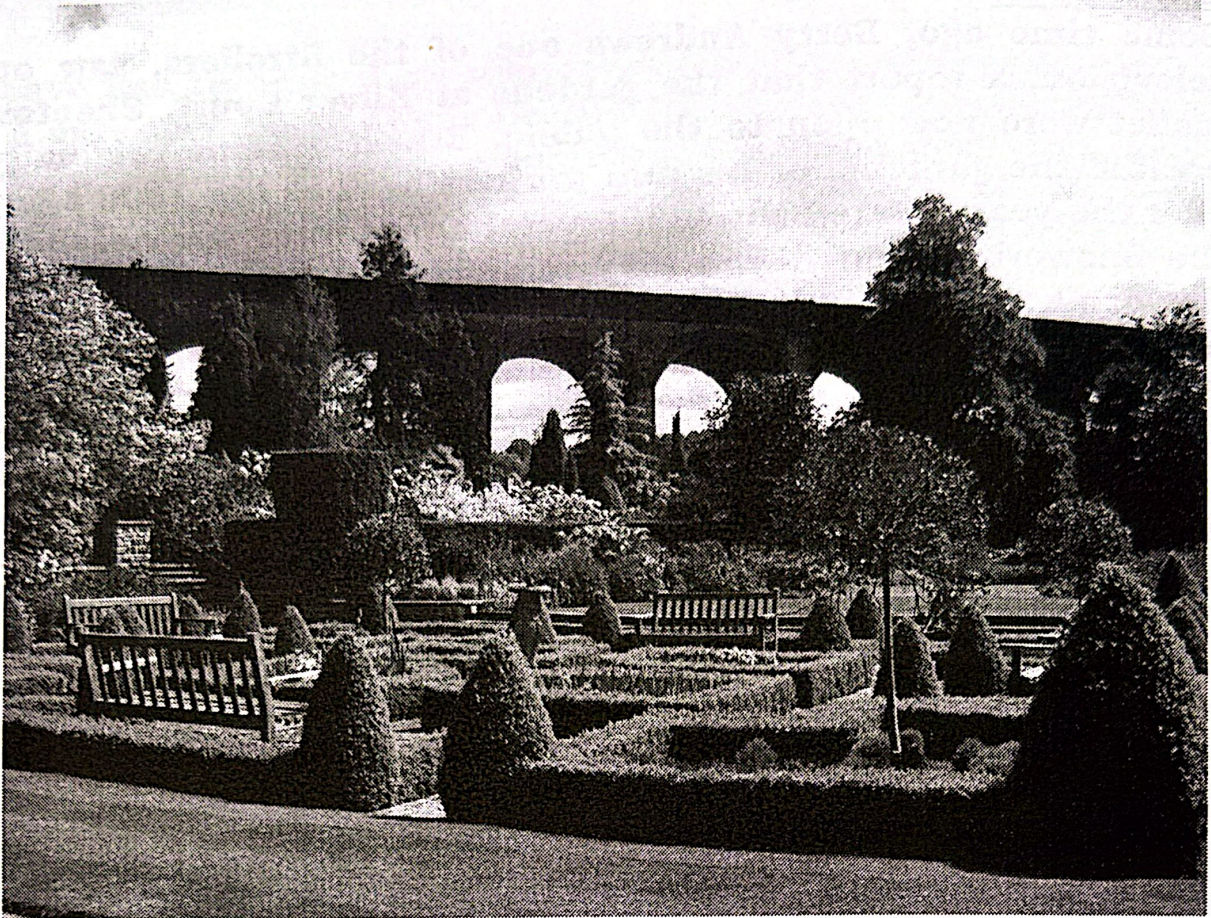
Some time ago, Betty Andrews one of the Strollers, saw on television, a report that the gardens at Kilver Court, Shepton Mallet were now open to the public. Ernest Jardine originally created the gardens for his mill workers back in the 1800's but over the years passed through several hands until purchased by the Showering family, you may remember that they produced the drink 'Babycham'. In 1995 the property passed into the hands of Roger Saul and became the base for the designer label 'Mulberry' and have since been transformed into a the beautiful setting that welcomed the Strollers on Friday 22nd May. Having assembled as usual at 10.00 a.m. we set off for Shepton Mallet, the weather was a bit suspect but by the time we arrived it had brightened to produce a perfect day for viewing the gardens. We struck lucky with the parking as spaces at Kilver are at a premium.

The entrance is through the old Showering premises and you step out onto a terrace surrounded by a splash of colour and from there on the scenery is fabulous. We had timed our visit perfectly, the azaleas, rhododendrons were in full bloom and I think we saw the gardens when they were probably at their best. The 50ft high 27 arch viaduct built in 1874 for the Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway is the perfect backdrop for the gardens. The lakes and waterfalls are fed from the nearby River Sheppey and produce a tranquil and peaceful scene.

One wonders where the large rocks came from and how they got there, so we asked one of the two, (yes just two) gardeners who told us that when lorries delivered loads of Babycham into Wales the drivers were instructed not to return empty but to collect the tons of sandstone rock from the Forest Of Dean. The rocks, some weighing many tons had been built into the landscape, a circulating pump in one of the lakes supplied the water to a point at the top of the gardens that was hidden from view; it then cascaded down through the gardens before returning to the lakes.

It does not take long to walk around the three acres but it is well worth the trip and no doubt some of the Strollers will be making a return visit. If you happen to be in that area of Somerset do try and visit the gardens, you will not regret the effort.

(A photograph of the gardens is on Page 16)



Kilver Court gardens, viewed from the terrace as you enter the grounds.

Monthly Draw

April	Viv Wyatt	No 20	Tony Webb	No 20
May	Maisie Hand	No 21	only one sheet was sold	

All received £20.00

Editor:	Ken Burston
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Distribution:	Ann Smith (West Huntspill)
	Mary Akers, Fay Burston, Pat Gray,
	Thelma Tripp, Phyllis Walsh, Chris Winter,
	Betty Worthy and Marion Wright.

Social Scene

Our trip to Gloucester on 21st May coincided with the opening of the Gloucester Quays new shopping centre and its various attractions but I am told that most of our members took advantage of the 'Blue Badge' Guided tour of the town. Their Guide (on her first solo run) made the tour very interesting and our members felt that they now know Gloucester a little better.

The next day out was on Thursday 18th June when at 8.30 a.m. sharp the coach left Highbridge with the 29 members looking forward to 'A Grand Day Out' in Plymouth. It was dry but not very warm down in Devon but everyone set off to tour this ancient naval city. I must say the place has deteriorated somewhat since I was last there (that was a very long time ago); but it appears that the recession has hit the town rather badly.

By the time you get this magazine the Club will have visited the Bristol Hippodrome to see "West Side Story" on July 2nd.

In response to a members' request the Social Group have made arrangements for us to visit Windsor Castle on 21st September, price £25.00 (coach and entrance). I've been passed it many times but have never had the opportunity to go in so this may soon be rectified.

Another theatre trip is planned for 7th October to see "We will Rock You" at Bristol Hippodrome Price: - £26.00 coach to leave car park at 12.30 p.m.

Another trip planned for October is to the Arboretum at Westonbirt, this is in association with the Strollers. The details are on the Notice Board so if interested please add your name by 15th July because we have to book the coach early, this is a very popular venue at Autumn Colours Time.

In November about 24 members are going to the Alveston House Hotel in Chester for a Tinsel and Turkey 'do', visits to Liverpool, Nantwich and of course Chester are on the itinerary.

What a terrible thought! We've planned our year away already.

esday 1st September

what we have to offer.

August

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

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

Play Reading **Fourth Friday in 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.- 11.00 a.m.**
Facilitator: **Roger Ouston (795007)**
Note: - **Now having a break until October 1st**

Strollers **2nd and 4th Friday in the month**
At: **Start-Bank Street Car Park**
Time: **10.00 a.m.**
Stroll: **Stout footwear is recommended.**
Group Leader: **Fay Burston (782529) or Ray Reddish (785411)**

Patchwork/Quilting **Every Tuesday**
At: **2 Church Close, East Huntspill**
Times: **10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.& 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.**
Cost: **Free of charge at present**
Facilitator: **Ann Lismore (787607)**

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

2009

N.B. Prices quoted for all days out are subject to a minimum of THIRTY seats being occupied on the coach.

Show: - "West Side Story"
At: - Bristol Hippodrome-----Evening Performance
Date: - 2nd July 2009 Thursday
Meet: - Coach will leave Bank Street Car Park at 05.45 p.m.
Price: - £30.00

Day Trip: - Windsor Castle
Date: - 21st September 2009 Monday
Coach: - Leaves Bank Street Car Park at 08.00 a.m.
Price: - £23.00

Show: - "We will Rock You"
At: - Bristol Hippodrome-----Matinee Performance
Date: - 7th October 2009 Wednesday
Meet: - Coach will leave Bank Street Car Park at 12.30 p.m.
Price: - £26.00

Day Trip: - Westonbirt Arboretum
Date: - 23rd October Friday (Friday before the clocks go back)
Meet: - Coach will leave Bank Street Car Park at 10.00 a.m.
Price: - £15.00 (Coach and Entrance)
 (Return coach to leave Westonbirt at 4.00 p.m.)

Please note the following 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 see them at the Wednesday Coffee Morning.

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