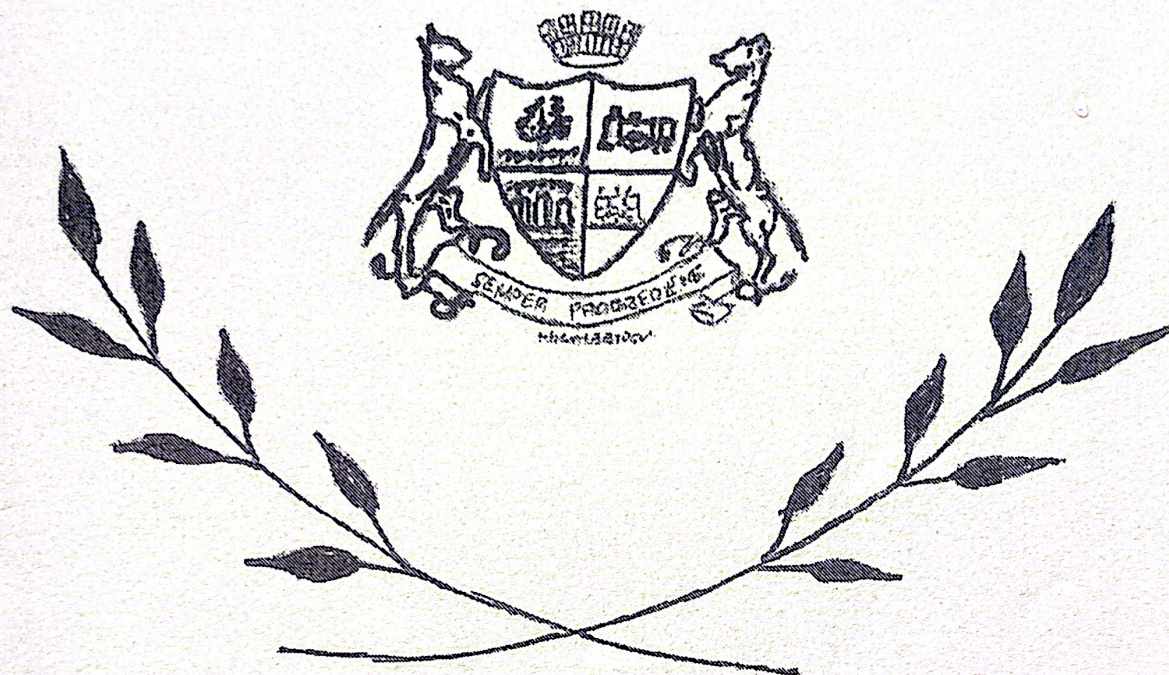


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Editorial

Notice is hereby give that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th May in the Highbridge Community Hall starting at 10.30 am to which all fully paid up members of the U3A of Highbridge are invited.

Chairperson's Report

The time has again come round where I need to make a report on how I see the year that has just past; another A.G.M. is approaching already, it is surprising how quickly the year passes The Committee will be up for re-election and with two of its current members resigning this year, namely Beryl Bryant and Sylvia Shepherd it will be necessary to fill their places.

During the year four new groups were formed, three being the Crochet Group lead by Lorita Gainford, Mosaics lead by Alison Joyce and Kurling under the guidance of Stan Vousden-White. At this point I feel I should thank Sybil Tilley for keeping this latter group running whilst Stan and Rae V-W were away in Australia. The fourth new addition is the Away Day Team comprising Vour Orchard and Carole Loveridge.

Right at the end of the year the Calligraphy Group made a comeback with Ron Turner guiding the class through the initial steps of learning this ancient art.

Whilst on this subject I will report that, hopefully, we may have a Creative Writing Group starting soon; three members have shown an interest in getting a group going and should be in action soon.

Although we may soon have five groups it would be nice to provide more activities for our members to enjoy? It must be remembered that all U3A's are self-help clubs therefore any help from within a club provided by its own membership is very much appreciated.

Those of us who have, in the past, enjoyed the theatre trips, days out and holidays organised by the Social Group will be very disappointed that they have disbanded. We must however, thank them for all their good work it was greatly appreciated. As a result of their 'retirement' we now need to find a member or group of members willing to organise the theatre trips and, possibly, holidays.

Finally, may I thank everyone for their support over the past year, we celebrated our Tenth Anniversary last July and the Tea Party was a great success. Let us now look forward to another ten years, we may not all be able to celebrate it but let us try and make each coming year a good year.

The Annual General Meeting

Last year a copy of the minutes for the previous years A.G.M. were included in the magazine, this was not to everyone's liking, so this year a copy of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting will be available at the meeting.

The Management Committee of this Club comprises 10 members, this year two of these have advised that they wish to resign; namely Beryl Bryant and Sylvia Shepherd.

Beryl Bryant was voted onto the Committee in 2002 and immediately became Membership Secretary a position she held for five years. Beryl also served on the committee for the Social Group and helped in the organising of numerous theatre trips, days out and holidays

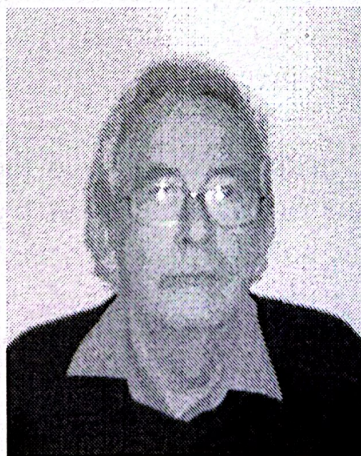
Sylvia Shepherd was one of the Club's founder members becoming Hon. Secretary in 2001; she resigned in 2004 when, with husband Malcolm, she relocated to France. Upon returning to the U.K. in 2009 Sylvia rejoined the Club and in 2010 joined the Committee becoming Vice Chairperson; she has however now decided to stand down, this being due to various pressures (work on their home in West Huntspill and a health problem) and she feels unable to do justice to her position as Vice Chairperson.

On behalf of the Management Committee and Club members may I express on everyone's behalf our most sincere thanks to them and say how much we have appreciated the help and time that they have given to the Club.

Because members of the Committee are resigning this year we need to find replacements and are pleased to advise that three members have shown an interest in filling their positions, they are: -



Pat Clipstone



Bernard Martin



Pearl Price

The Committee, look forward to welcoming these new members and we are sure the services of Pat, Pearl and Bernard will proved to be invaluable.

Pat Clipstone was born in Nottingham and brought up in Northampton; she emigrated to Rhodesia with a young family and worked for the Rhodesian Broadcasting Company in advertising. She returned to the U.K. in the 1970' managing a Cash & Carry Warehouse for some years then managed an Antique and Second-hand Business in Weston. She went to live in France in 1991 where she had a holiday home business returning to live in Highbridge in 2009; where upon she joined the U3A of Highbridge becoming a member of the Kurling Group.

Pearl Price grew up and lived the Lichfield area of Staffordshire attending local schools and, she says 'managed a reasonable level of education' school not being her favourite place to be. She married Roger in 1969 and they have two children, Spencer and Sally; her son lives in Southern Ireland and her daughter still lives in the Midlands.

The family visited the Burnham area over many years on camping holidays and 5 years ago they moved to live in Burnham, she says she was a 'True Grockle'. Pearl found it difficult to settle here but after meeting Sandy and Vour in the Coastline Singers her life changed for the better when she was introduced to the U3A of Highbridge. Pearl enjoys being in the Card Making and the Patchwork/Quilting Groups and recently took up Calligraphy, theatre trips and days out are also enjoyed.

Bernard Martin although born in Burnham has live mostly in Highbridge and worked for many years on British Rail, he also worked at British Cellophane and at Willsher and Quick's. Following his retirement he was persuaded to join the U3A of Highbridge where his late wife Sandy Martin had been an active member; Sandy had been a regular player in the Skittle Group. Bernard has become a volunteer helper for the West Somerset Railway and on a Friday joins the Strollers on their visits to the Somerset countryside.

Bernard's grandfather was Mr A. E. Buncombe who many of our 'older' members will remember lived at 24 Church Street where he could be seen most days sat on his bench wearing his sailor's cap. He had sailed the world from the age of 21 and, in later years was master of the "Rexford" the last ship to enter Highbridge Wharf before its closure. Following his retirement he would sit outside his home and chat to passers-by, at his feet was a 'compass' that had been laid out in tiles at the entrance to his home.

The remaining Committee Members are all happy to stand for re-election, they are: -

Fay Burston, Ken Burston, Carole Loveridge, Roy Bryant, Phil Lyes, Ray Reddish, Tony Webb and Jean Williams.

News on the Groups

A brief summary of our Groups at the end of 2010/11: -

Members of both the Tuesday and Thursday **Art Groups** enjoy their afternoons at Southwell House, it is understood that there may be one or two vacancies at both classes. If any of you are interested in joining them I suggest you contact either Phil Lyes for Tuesdays or Ken Burston for Thursdays. Jean Berry, the tutor of the Thursday class, is at present convalescing following a knee operation but hopes to return to the fold soon. Take care Jean, we know you are raring to get back but you need to go softly, softly for a while.

We had two **Away Days** recently, the first to Bath and the more recent trip was to the Slimbridge Wetland and Wildlife Park. The weather for the Bath trip could certainly have been better but everyone enjoyed their brief visit to this World Heritage City. The day at Slimbridge was a little tiring, tours lasting 2 hours had been arranged and these proved to be invaluable giving us much information about the birds and wildlife? Another successful day out.

See Page 9 for details of the next Away Day.

The **Card-Making** group is so busy it has extended its class by thirty minutes so that it can complete the work it started at the beginning of the session; Rose Bateman its leader, is certainly keeping them all at full stretch. There are two sessions each month, 1st Monday morning and 3rd Wednesday afternoon.

Now that her class is getting proficient at producing some good **Crochet** work Lorita Gainford their Leader feels that they no longer require two classes a month, they now meet once a month on the second Wednesday

The new **Calligraphy** group is beginning to get into its stride, its membership has increased and the newcomers were introduced to the art by Ron Turner who is the more experienced of the leaders, Ken Burston although having been taught the art is not as proficient as Ron. Some of the class are getting the hang of this craft but as with many things, practice and more practice is necessary. The group meets on the 2nd Monday morning of each month.

The **Genealogy Group** meets once a month on the 1st Thursday and it is still learning a lot about tracing ones family history, Roger Ouston its Mentor has been able to find information that some group members have had difficulty tracing; some however, have come to a halt with their research. They are finding that having the time and enthusiasm to continue is a bit difficult when information is hard to obtain.

Now that lovely spring flowers are available the **Floral Art** group is meeting again on the fourth Tuesday of the month to produce some attractive arrangements under the guidance of Jean Williams their tutor.

Tuesday afternoons every week starts off with **Keep Fit** at the Gospel Hall and when they have tired themselves out they have a cup of tea and then relax to play **Board Games**, mainly Upword or Rumikub I believe. Joyce Beard and Betty Worthy are the leaders of the respective groups.

The **Kurling** group is growing in popularity and when Stan and Rae return from their visit to Australia they will be pleased with the outcome. Sybil Tilley and Lyn East have kept the group going but play has ceased until May 9th due to being interrupted by the Club's Annual Lunch on the April 18th and Easter Monday on April 27th. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday afternoon at the Highbridge Community Hall.

The **Mosaic** group is lead by Alison Joyce and they meet at the Community Hall on Wednesdays. (See Page 19) This is a small group and it is very hands on, having previously decided on the design of their finished product each member then has to put it together a piece at a time, a bit like a jig saw puzzle I suppose.

Ann Lismore holds the **Patchwork/Quilting** group sessions at her home in East Huntspill every Tuesday; they too are very busy producing some very attractive items and, on occasions, have reaped the benefit when selling them.

Play Reading has been held at the home of Tony Webb for a number of years, unfortunately the supply of readers has diminished over the years due to some re-locating away from Highbridge and, regrettably some deaths. Tony has agreed to struggle on but will concentrate on One Act plays in the future.

On the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month the **Skittle** players meet at the Crossways Inn at West Huntspill. This venue has been undergoing an up-date recently and the skittle alley has not been welcoming of late but it is understood that all is now greatly improved.

The weather conditions during the past few months have not always been ideal for venturing out into the countryside but the **Strollers** have managed, on occasions, to pick a good spell of weather for their outings. They meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays and, on average, cover about 1 or 2 miles in a rather leisurely manner, taking some refreshment at a convenient hostelry invariably follows this.

From this brief summary you will note that we are not a very academic Club; we are more social people. It would perhaps be nice to have groups that covered languages, current affairs or something scientific but it is obvious we get our pleasures from partaking in an activity that enables us to mix with other members, chat and put the world to rights.

Day trip to Bath ~~~~~ Carole Loveridge

This was the first of our days out for 2011.

The weather was appalling; everybody came with wet weather gear and brollies. The coach collected us from Highbridge at 9.30 am and our driver was a very pleasant man named Tony. He helped the people with their 'walkers' or 'chairs' and cracked a few jokes during the journey.

We took the scenic route via Blagdon and despite the weather we were treated to views of snowdrops along the way that reminded us that spring is on the way. An hour or so later we were dropped outside the Abbey and bade our driver farewell until 4.30 pm. when he would return to collect us and take us home.

Our little group did its usual thing and decamped to a café for our first stop where we treated ourselves to toasted teacakes and coffee whilst we made plans for the day. Some wished to visit material shops in order to obtain material for their patchwork projects, whereas I wanted to find the mosaic shop on Pulteney Bridge. We split up and agreed to meet in the Abbey courtyard area before going to lunch.

I spent the next hour or so in mosaic heaven, making some purchases towards my next project—I'm full of good intentions now whilst it is rains, but I know that when the sun reappears my garden will beckon.

Whilst waiting to meet up with the others Sue and I listened to a young girl singing; she stood under the covered walkway by the pump rooms. She had a lovely voice and was singing the aria from Madam Butterfly. The acoustics in the Abbey courtyard were good and she could be heard belting out this wonderful piece of music from all around the courtyard causing many people to just stand in the rain to listen.

We all met up again and headed for Jamie Oliver's 'pasta restaurant that is opposite Jolly's. It was packed, but we waited only a few minutes before being seated and our order taken; we all had a delicious meal and a glass of wine. When we left the restaurant the weather had not improved so we made our way, via a few shops, to the Abbey. No one in our group had visited it despite many trips to Bath in the past. It is a lovely building with wonderful stained glass windows and vaulted ceilings. We spent some time here reading about its history and the hundreds of memorials that adorn its walls and floors. The Abbey is a parish church, albeit a rather grand one.

We speculated about some of the people named on the memorials, they were obviously wealthy traders from around the empire of their day; being possibly connected with the slave trade which was big in Bristol. A question that I had whilst we discussed the Abbey was, what is the difference between a Minster as in 'York Minster' and a Cathedral? No body seemed to have an answer, do any of you know? (Continued on Page 9)

When we came out of the Abbey there was just time to visit the sausage shop and purchase some unusual flavoured sausages and visit a couple of the other small interesting shops before heading back to the coach pick-up point.

Our driver brought us back via Cheddar Gorge and despite the fading light the Gorge never fails to enthrall; it took a little longer to get back to Highbridge but I heard no protests. The rain had eventually eased when we alighted from the coach and judging from the members' faces and comments they had enjoyed their day. I hope they, and maybe others, will be encouraged to come on our next trip to Slimbridge at the end of March.

(Definitions: Cathedral—A Christian Church that contains the seat of a Bishop and thus the central church of a diocese. —Wells Cathedral.

Abbey—This was a Catholic Monastery/Convent under the authority of an Abbott/Abbess who served as spiritual father/mother of a community. —Bath Abbey.

Minster--- Is derived from old English 'mynster' meaning a group of clergy living a communal life---York Minster.)

Above from Goggle—Wikipedia

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"Away Day"

St.Fagans Rural Life Museum Cardiff and Cardiff City Centre

Date: - Thursday 26th May 2011

Price £14.50

Deadline for payment: - 12th May

Pick-up: - 09.30 am Bus Stop, Highbridge (**opposite Maisey's Bakery-~~not~~ in the car park**) and: - 09.45 am Bus Stop, Pier St. Burnham

The trip to St Fagans has always been a popular day out; there is so much to see, a reconstructed Celtic Village, Pottery, Tannery, Working Men's Club and a whole lot more. A day is never really long enough to see it all and, an advantage is, if it should happen to be wet there are many indoor attractions.

It is appreciated that some members may not be interested in visiting the Rural Life Museum so if they would prefer to spend the day in Cardiff, they may do so because we will be drop them off at the Castle in the City and pick them up on the way back.

Future Attraction

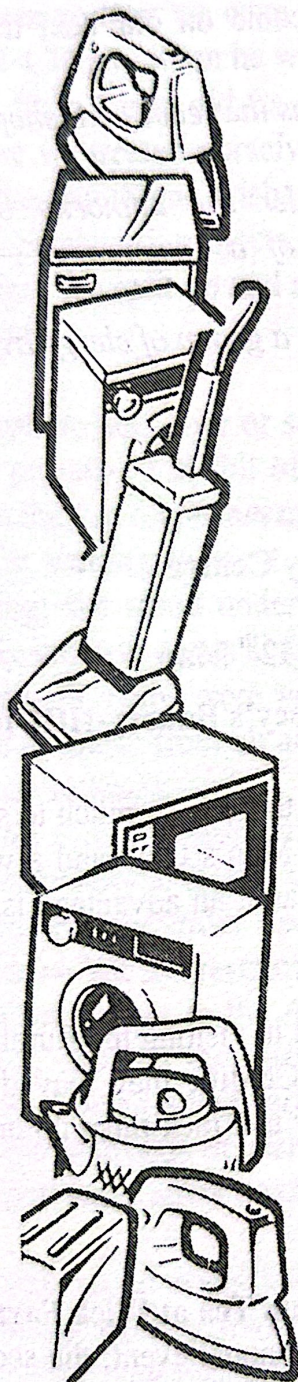
On Tuesday 21st June, the longest day, there will be a **Cream Tea at Wick Farm.**

This get-together on the lawn at the farm has become an annual event; the scones with loads of cream and jam are not to be missed. There is also the pleasure (very naughty but nice) of an added array of fancy cakes.

This year the start time is 3.30 pm and the price is £5.00. Please let Fay Burston (01278/782529) know as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

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Holidays?

Over the years the Club has organised a holiday around the Christmas period, usually a Tinsel & Turkey type of event. I have recently received some publicity blurb from Daish's an established group that owns 4 holiday hotels along the south coast. (Voted Best Coach Holidays in 2010)

Their hotels are at, Bournemouth, Shanklin, Torquay and Newquay.

Their holidays, at the end of this year, are as follows: -

Bournemouth, Shanklin and Torquay

October (All) } 4 nights/5 days -dinner, bed & breakfast

November (All) } coach etc inc VAT£159.00

Newquay (All) as above but.....£149.00

The above are NOT Tinsel & Turkey events but straightforward holidays.

The Tinsel & Turkey events are from Dec 1st to 23rd and are £10.00 less at each resort; if interested please let me know (Ken Burston).

If you have not renewed your Membership for 2011/2012 you will not receive any more magazines.

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The Third Age Trust

The North Somerset Association of U3A's meets twice a year to discuss Third Age Trust matters, its aim is to ensure that the local Clubs are au fait with the workings/requirements of "Head Office." Quite often matters arise that need to be discussed in detail so that we all know what is happening and what is expected of us. At a recent meeting a number questions were raised that needed verification from "Head Office" and their replies are as follows: -

a) "The insurance that is provided by The Third Age Trust for paid up U3A Club members of a Club covers all members whenever and wherever they are undertaking/participating in U3A activities."

b) Many U3A's within the Third Age Trust operate reciprocal arrangements whereby if a member wishes to learn a subject that his/her own Club does not have then that member is free to attend another local U3A that does, without necessarily paying that Club's Membership Fee. The proviso is that it must be just that one Group and only if that Club has a vacancy within its Group.

There are some Clubs that do not recognise this arrangement, unfortunately there is nothing that can be done about it because each Club is an autonomous unit, (self governing) and it is up to that Club to run its own affairs as it deems necessary..

Conclusion. All you can do is make your own decision whether or not to support any of their activities.

c) Capitation Fee. This comprises part of your Membership Fee, at present it is £3.50, This Fee is paid to the Third Age Trust by your Club and is, in effect, returned to you in the form of a variety of insurances. See a) above.

The Third Age Trust does not require more than one capitation fee per member; it is therefore up to each individual U3A to decide what its fee is and how it handles members who already belong to another Club. Some deduct the capitation fee from their own membership fee; others do not and require the full payment.

Conclusion. Again this is something you need to consider if you are thinking about joining more than one Club

Late News

The Chairperson mentioned in her report that we may soon have a Creative Writing Group, well Sylvia Shepherd (01278/780377) has advised me of the following:

"Our first meeting took place early in April and although there were only three members at that stage, the exchange of achievements and ideas for future scribbling flowed fast.

Work is in hand on a group compilation story, together with a collection of verses suitable for Greetings Cards. These to be made available to the Card-Making Group should they wish to use them.

We would be pleased to welcome any member who may be interested to join us, the more experienced or beginners; give it a try it's good fun.

Our next meeting is arranged for Wednesday 11th May at 02.00 pm. venue to be advised---ring Sylvia for details.

Strollers Programme

The strolls suggested for April needed to be re-scheduled due to a) a number of the group being away on a weekend break and b) because that for the 29th April clashing with THE wedding. Both strolls will, hopefully be held in May.

May 13th This stroll will be to Black Rock Path at Kewstoke, a new stroll suggested by Vour Orchard.

May 27th This stroll from Sandford to Congesbury was attempted some time ago at that time was considered to be rather long and uninteresting, but is now going to be tried again; refreshments at the Railway Inn are planned.

June 10th A new stroll suggested by Ann Puddy it will be at North Curry, Ann and Carole have done a recce and think this new area will be enjoyed.

June 24th A stroll at Brean Down, whether we go up along the top or along the bottom in the direction of the River Axe is debateable, we will decide on the day.

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Slimbridge Wetlands and Wildlife Park----31st March

A party of members, plus guests, visited the Wetlands & Wildlife Park at Slimbridge on Thursday 31st March, we set off at 10.00 am under slightly damp conditions hoping that the sun would eventually appear as forecast.

Upon arrival we discussed, over a mug of coffee, plans for the day, a guided tour having been booked for 2.00 pm. The restaurant did not open for lunches until 12.00 am so this gave us time to take in the Visitor Centre. We found that some of the wildlife is still dozing at this time of the year and are not particularly interested in the public, the Caribbean Flamingos were however out in force.

Taking the lift to top of the Sloane Tower we were rewarded with a view over the complete park, it is a vast the area being about 800 acres. Time spent in the Discovery Centre proved to be very instructive, there were a number of small reptiles from the tropical areas of the world on display, the small Yellow, Blue, Black/Yellow frogs (some poisonous) plus Toads and Newts were fascinating creatures; but you first had to locate them in their tanks.

Following an excellent lunch we assembled at 2.00 pm and split into two groups then setting off on the 2 hour tours. Although we were told the names of the various species it proved, after a while, to be impossible to remember them all so one just listened and tried to absorb the information that was imparted by the very knowledgeable guide.

After lunch the weather had improved as forecast and during the tours we were bathed in sunshine, windy but not cold. We were fortunate to see the European Cranes that the Wildlife Centre had reintroduced into the U.K. and from which they had bred the chicks that are now on a R.S.P.B. Reserve somewhere on the Somerset Levels. The Otters were being fed when we reached their enclosure and their 'Keeper' was in the process of giving a commentary on the Otters behaviour and 'life style'.

At 4.30 we trudged back to the coach, tired out and glad of the opportunity to relax on the journey back to Highbridge, arriving on the dot, at 6.00 pm.

Thank you Vour and Carole a great 'Away Day' thoroughly enjoyed by all,

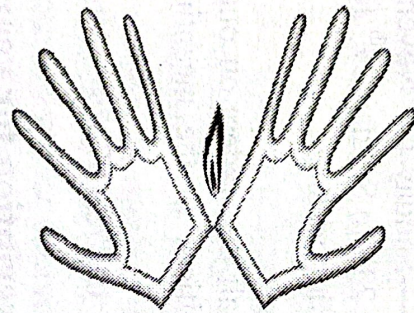
Billy Conibeer took many photographs of the Wildlife at Slimbridge and has made available a sample for inclusion in the magazine; unfortunately there is a limit on the space available in this issue but we plan to include them in the July/August edition.

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The Annual Lunch

During the winter months the Beachcomber Inn underwent a major refit but the snow and cold weather seriously affected the reconstruction work and delayed it's re-opening. Luckily the weather improved and it re-opened for business in time for the members of the U3A of Highbridge to hold its annual lunch on Monday 18th April in the newly constructed Cabaret Bar.

This new function room with stage and 'pillar free' space is ideal for all types of celebratory function, a great improvement on the 'old' set-up.

The carvery meal was again up to the usual high standard and everyone had an enjoyable lunch, our numbers were slightly down this year but this did not deter from the usual jolly social atmosphere enjoyed by our members.

Thank you Fay for again organising this successful annual event, it was over far too quickly.

Social Scene

The following shows are coming this way: -

Dirty Dancing will be at the Bristol Hippodrome from 31st August until 8th October, is anyone interested in going? We might be able to arrange a visit--- just a thought!

ABBA—The Show----Colston Hall-----Sunday 13th November

2012--Lord of the Dance ----Monday 23rd to Sunday 29th January

Bristol Hippodrome

Traders List

We are in the process of contacting all the traders on our list to ensure they wish to remain on the up-dated edition; in the meantime here is another recommended expert.

Electrical Contractor Nick Laws 01278/787279 Very professional

If you have not paid your subscription for year 2011/12 this is the last magazine you will receive!!

Monthly Draw

February Sally Williams No 49. Not sold--Club benefits No 49

March Brenda Hooper No 25 Phyllis Walsh No 25

All received £20.00

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Mary Akers, Fay Burston, Pat Gray,

Pearl Price, Thelma Tripp, Phyllis Walsh,

Chris Winter, Betty Worthy and Marion Wright.

North Somerset Association of U3A's----Workshop Friday 3rd June

If you wish to take advantage of the Workshops please let me (Ken Burston) know by 25th May at the latest, the Workshop is to be held at the Community Centre in Burnham.

The Workshop Groups are: -

- a) "Humour" led by Wendy Hill of Ledbury U3A
- b) "Handbell Ringing" led by Margaret Fernie of Cheddar U3A
- c) "Somerset Villages" led by Chris Lessey of Burnham U3A
- d) "Poetry" led by Dilys Andrews of Cheddar U3A
- e) "Classicism & Romanticism in Literature" by Graham Max of Weston

Cost per delegate per course: - £2.00 (Club will pay, if you wish to go)

Holistic Weekend

Dates for your Diaries-----4th and 5th June

Joy and Rita say: -We invite you to join us for our fun charity weekend~~details are given in the advert on Page 15.

“We have over 80 stalls covering Artist Pictures, Jewellery, Tombola, Spinning Games to play, plus Therapies, e.g. Reflexology (feet), Heating, Clairvoyance, Indian Head, Crystals. Private Therapies such as back Massage can be booked in with the House Therapists, free Posture Checks, excellent Catering Stall cooking on site, Motor Bikes on display, these deliver Bloods and other urgent items, Variety of talks over the two days, too many stalls to mention here but something for all. Come and see for yourselves, you won’t be disappointed.”

This Event is in aid of St Margaret's Hospice, Taunton.

Entrance £4.00 including programme. Children Free, we have a safe play area. Plenty of free car parking spaces.

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A nursery school pupil told his teacher that he had found a dead cat. "How do you know it was dead"? She asked her pupil.

“Because I p---d in its ear and it didn’t move” answered the child innocently. “You did WHAT”? Asked the teacher in shocked surprise.

“You know” said the lad “I leaned over and went ‘Pssst’ and it didn’t move.

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GROUP ACTIVITIES

- Calligraphy** **2nd Monday in the Month**
At: **Southwell House**
Times: **10.00 am to 12.00 am**
Cost: **£2.00**
Facilitator: **Ken Burston (782529)/Ron Turner**
- Card Making** **1st Mondays and 3rd Wednesdays**
At: **Southwell House**
Days/Times: **Monday 10.00 'til 1230 p.m. & Wednesday 2.00 'til 4.30**
Cost: **£2.00**
Contact: **Rose Bateman (795906)**
- Kurling** **1st and 3rd Third Mondays**
At: - **Highbridge Community Hall**
Time: - **02.00 p. m. to 03.30 p.m.**
Contact: - **Stan Vousden-White (781567)**
- Art** **Every Tuesday**
At: **Southwell House**
Time: **1.30 pm to 4.00 pm**
Cost: **£2.00**
Group Leader: **Phil Lyes (784629)**
- Floral Art** **4th Tuesday**
At: **Southwell House**
Date/Times: **10.30 a.m. to 12.00 a.m.**
Cost: **£1.75**
Group Leader: **Jean Williams (785240)**
- Keep Fit** **Every Tuesday**
At: **Gospel Hall, Old Burnham Road**
Time: **2.15 pm to 3.15 pm**
Group Leader: **Joyce Beard** **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)**
- Patchwork/Quilting** **Every Tuesday**
At: **2 Church Close, East Huntspill**
Times: **10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. or 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.**
Cost: **Free of charge at present**
Facilitator: **Ann Lismore (787607)**

Coffee Morning

Every Wednesday
 At: Highbridge Community Hall
 Time: 10.00am to 12.00am

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

Crochet

Wednesday (see notice board for details)
 At: - Highbridge Community Hall (Room 4)
 Time: - 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.
 Contact: - Lorita Gainford (789374)

Mosaics

Wednesday (4th / 18th May & 1st June)
 At: - Highbridge Community Hall (Room-4)
 Times: - 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 a.m.
 Cost: - £2.00 per class
 Facilitator: - Alison Joyce (784633)

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: Crossways Inn-West Huntspill
 Time: 11.30am to 1.00pm
 Leaders: Ray Reddish (785411) and Betty Worthy (795823)

Play Reading

Friday 27th May
 At: 18 Channel Court. Burnham-on-Sea.
 Time: 10.00am
 'Producer': Tony Webb (787483)

Family History

Tutorial Workshop on first Thursday in the month
 At: Room 1 at Community Hall
 Time: 10.00 a.m.- 11.00 a.m.
 Facilitator: Roger Ouston (795007)
 Cost: - £1.00

Strollers

2nd and 4th Friday in the month
 At: Start from Bank Street Car Park
 Time: 10.00 a.m.
 Stroll: Stout footwear is recommended.
 Self-regulating Contact No 782529 in event of a problem

With all of the Groups 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. Also, please contact a Committee Member if you have any doubts regarding any activity.

Social Events

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The proposed "Away Days" for this year are: -

26th May: - St. Fagan's Rural Life Museum and Cardiff City Centre.
It is appreciated that some members may not wish to visit a museum but may prefer to have a day in Cardiff-----so arrangements have been made for them to do just that.
Please see details on Page 9
Start 09.30 am from Bus Stop opposite Maisey's Bakery,
also at Pier Street Burnham at 09.45 am.

30th June: - Weymouth, a day at the seaside, visit the Brewers Quay, the town and harbour or take in the preparations that have been made for the 2012 Olympic sailing events.

18th August – Dawlish, this visit to the seaside is during the towns Carnival Week, it could be an interesting day out.

8th September: - Morwellham Quay, with its award-winning Heritage site featuring a historic port, copper mine, working farm plus its railway, heavy horses, museums, and a pub where you can lunch on pasties, etc.
This is where the BBC filmed its recent "Edwardian Farm" series. Could be another busy day.

12th October: - Minehead, incorporating a Steam Train Trip.

Please note the NEW PICK UP arrangements at Highbridge. In future coaches will pick up at the Bus Stop outside Alpha House instead of in the Car Park, this is at the request of the Axe Vale Coach Company driver, he often finds it difficult to manoeuvre in the car park when cars are parked rather haphazardly.

Cheques-----Please note that if you wish to make a payment to the Club using a cheque it should be made payable to: -

"U3A of Highbridge".