

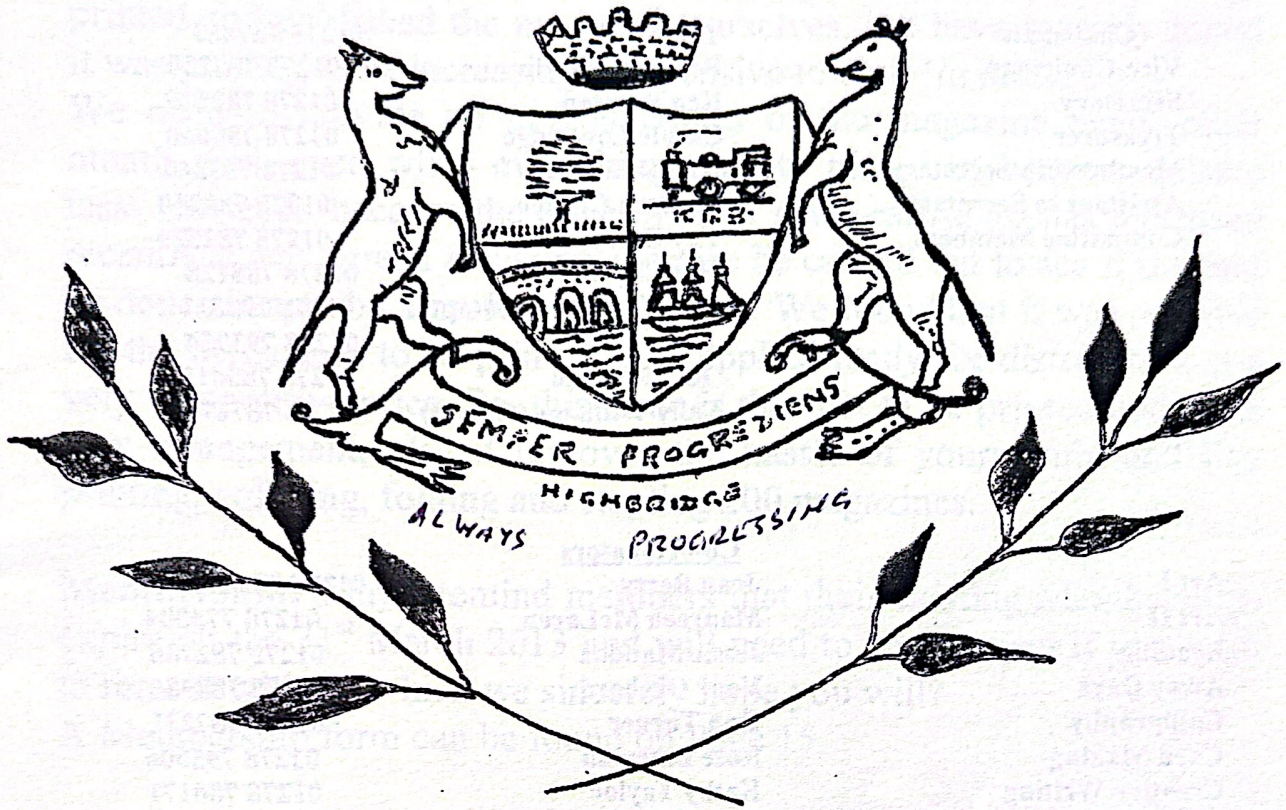
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Editorial

This, your Magazine for March/April 2013, has been printed and published by a local professional printer. Up until now we have always printed and published the magazine ourselves, but have recently found it was proving to be increasingly expensive to do it 'in house'.

We need to provide up to 200 copies of the magazine every other month, and, even when everything runs to plan, can become quite a task. However, because the price of toner (ink) cartridges has increased recently it was agreed a costing exercise be carried out to see if it could be done cheaper by a professional printer. We found that it was possible for the magazines to be printed and supplied ready for distribution at a very competitive price. So, this issue is the first to be printed under the new arrangement; also it removes the hassle of yours truly and Fay printing, collating, folding and stapling 200 magazines.

Membership? May I remind members that their existing Memberships expire on the 31st March 2013 and will need to be renewed if you wish to remain with us, which we sincerely hope you will?

A Membership form can be found on Page 15

Also I will remind members that our **A.G.M. is on Wednesday 15th May at 10.30 am in the Community Hall**; so please make a note of the date.

The Club's holiday to Daish's Hotel at Shanklin on the Isle of Wight was a great success, a good time was had by all; more about that later. Another holiday is planned for September, again at a Daish Hotel, this time it is the Claremont Hotel in Eastbourne, details are on Page 7.

Our Treasurer Carole Loveridge is on holiday in the Far East Tour with her friend, another Carol, until the end of April..

In the meantime Bernard Martin, our Vice-Chairman, is looking after our finances, he was briefed thoroughly by Carole before she left, but no doubt he would like you to be a little patient with him whilst he gets the hang of things.

If you are interested in this country's rich heritage you may wish to read about the BEAU STREET HOARD, see Page 16

Group News

Luncheon Group

On the 22nd January, it was a very cold day, a group of members gathered at the Huntspill Arms, West Huntspill for a very satisfying lunch. Most of the country was experiencing snow at the time, but we, being close to the Somerset coast, had cold rain. We, however, were all snug in the Inn enjoying a very convivial couple of hours.

Thank you Pat for organising these little outings to local hostelrys, we are lucky having so many 'good food pubs' in this area. Their menus are varied and inexpensive, this means we are able to meet up and enjoy a social lunch without spending a fortune; we are certainly spoilt for choice.

Art Groups

Many of you may not be aware that we have an 'Arts Lounge Gallery' at The Princess Theatre and Arts Centre in Princess Street. The theatre also has a café that serves a variety of beverages at very reasonable prices, and whilst taking your leisure you can admire the paintings that are displayed in the Arts Lounge. This is not a plug for the Theatre but a means of drawing to your attention the fact that our two Art Classes will be exhibiting their products in the lounge in March and April.

The Thursday Art Class was visited recently by Neil Hansford, the Visual Arts Co-ordinator; he spent some time with the class and has invited the Club to display its paintings at a future date.

Two dates have been agreed with Neil, these are, provisionally, 23rd March and 18th April; paintings are displayed for three weeks.

If it is wet on a 'Strollers Friday' the group still meets but instead of getting wet adjourns to a comfortable café to chat and 'put the world to rights.' On such a day recently we decided to sample the ambience of the gallery and can recommend this town centre café should you fancy a drink in warm, comfortable surroundings.

If you decide to have a coffee there is also free parking at the back of the theatre for patrons!

Give it a try, especially around the above dates; you will be able to judge how good our artists are.

Group News

Theatre Group

Following the success of recent visits to Weston Playhouse it is obvious that members enjoy these trips and want them to continue; your wishes are granted. Brenda and Dianne have booked seats for "Hello Dolly" this hit show is on Saturday 6th April, at the Weston Playhouse--matinee performance—I am afraid it is already fully booked.

Genealogy

Membership of this group fluctuates; at the end of 2012 we thought that the interest in tracing family roots was being to wane, but no! We now have four new members. The availability of "Find my past" plus updates on Ancestry. U K has given us the incentive to kick start the research again.

If you feel you would like to find out more about your families and what they did, where they came from, why not join us at 10.00 on the first Thursday of each month in Room 1 at the Community Hall?

Card Making Group

This group has now settled back in the 'old routine' after producing the Christmas Cards, a small profit was made, and, at the group's request this was donated to The Monarch Gymnastic Club. This club has recently moved to more permanent premises and were in need of funds so that they could obtain new equipment.

Photography Group

There are some photographic competitions coming up soon and I have a feeling this group's members will be considering entering so that they can gain experience and pick up a few useful tips. Details of the North Somerset U3A competition have arrived if you are interested; it is open to ALL members, not just those in a Photographic Group.

Calligraphy Group

This group has gone from strength to strength, originally we were 7, but recently four new members joined. We are surprised that out of the original 7 we have 3 left-handers, not easy, as a rule, to write a calligraphy script if left-handed, but they are coping well.

The Club Holiday to Shanklin

Some months ago Brenda Clapp and Diane Barnard, our Theatre Trip organisers said they were thinking of organising a Club Holiday to Shanklin on the Isle of Wight, would anyone be interested? Before that Coffee Morning closed they had received an over whelming response, in fact they needed to ask for extra rooms.

The day of departure dawned and on Tuesday 29th January the 'holiday makers' assembled outside Alpha House awaiting Daish's Coach. Sharp at 10.00 am it arrived and cases were soon stowed away. Our driver (Bill) took us on an unusual route to Southampton where we were to get the 01.30 pm ferry; the sea got a bit choppy as we approached East Cowes.

At about 3.00 p m we arrived at Daish's Hotel, with dinner being served at 6.30 we had plenty of time to relax, freshen up and take a look around. The usual entertainment followed, Bingo first then a singer; and an early night for those who needed one.

On Wednesday most 'did their own thing', some went on the hotel excursion to East Wight that included visiting the Waltzing Waters display, a vineyard and then on to Ryde. Quite a few members had also made their way to Ryde and had headed for Wetherspoons (*the only one on the island*) for lunch. Following another excellent dinner members adjourned to the lounge, where, before the entertainment there was a Bingo session. One Club member happened to strike lucky because she won the top prize---lucky for some!

Thursday was dry but breezy, a few used their bus passes and went to Newport, and some members have relations on the island and took the opportunity to meet up. The island's museum has a very good display of fossils unearthed from their southwest coast; this part of the coast is being eroded at an alarming rate, estimated in some places, to be a metre per month.

Four members took advantage of an opportunity to visit the Shanklin Theatre which was presenting 'A Viennese Strauss Gala' where a European Orchestral Ensemble was presenting music by Strauss, Lehar and Kalman with soloists from major Opera Companies; they enjoyed a very entertaining evening.

Friday was our last day; some members taking advantage of the hotel's West Wight excursion this involved a run along the southwest coast to the Needles and on to Yarmouth.

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It was misty and damp but by the time we arrived at the Island Pearl Cafe it had improved somewhat. During our break for coffee we were able to see just how much this part of the coast is being eroded. This stretch of beach is the Island's Jurassic coast, where at exceptionally low tides Dinosaur foot prints may be seen in the hard surfaces

Saturday arrived far too quickly, we were all having such a good time; the hotel had looked after us superbly, warm cosy rooms, good food and excellent service; all in all it could not be faulted. Everyone had to be up early, our cases were collected at 7.00 am followed by breakfast at 7.15 am departing at 8.10 having said goodbye to the Daish's Hotel staff. On arriving at East Cowes the ferry was waiting and our driver (Lyn) got us through the formalities and we were soon on our way. A smooth journey via the M4 & M5 brought us all safely back to Highbridge by 1.15 pm.

A great Club holiday, well organised by Brenda and Diane, thank you both for coming up with the suggestion of this holiday, we all had a great time.

The Club's next holiday

Eastbourne: - Monday September 30th to Friday 4th October

Costs: - Double room £180.00 per person----no sea view

Double room £190.00 per person--- with sea view

Twin room £180.00 per person ---no sea view

Twin room £190.00 per person-----with sea view

Single room £205.00 per person-----these have a sea view

Venue: - Claremont Hotel located on the Esplanade opposite the Pier with views across the English Channel.

Hotel has 67 rooms each with en suite.

Price covers return travel, Dinner, Bed and Breakfast & driver gratuity

Live entertainment every night---Optional excursions.

It is understood that Daish's have recently taken over this hotel and are therefore committed to honour any bookings already taken by the previous owners. This means that we have been allotted the only rooms that are available; this may change if cancellations are received from the previously taken allocations.

Note:-On 20th Feb there were just 7 Twin rooms left. (Not sea views)

Annual Lunch

Wednesday 20th March 2013

12.00 am for 12.30 pm

At

Beachcomber Inn Brean

PRICE

Members: £10.00

Guests: £13.00

Name.....

Address.....

Also I wish to book a lunch for Guest/s

My choice from the menu is:

Main course A
 B
 C

Dessert D
 E
 F
 G

Please indicate your choice

Would you please complete the application form, with your menu choice/s, and hand it to: - Fay Burston at the Coffee Morning between 6th February and 6th March 2013 at the latest.

Paid: -.....Date: -.....Receipt No: -.....

Group News –continued
Social Group---Travel

“Away Days” for 2013

**Thursday March 28th -----Swindon Outlet Shopping Centre
and/or Railway Museum.**

Cost: - Coach £8.00

Admittance to Railway Museum: - £4.00

Thursday May 23rd -----Tredegar House and Gardens, Newport.

Cost: - £14.00

**This is a National Trust Property so if you are a member of N.T.
the cost is £8.00, for coach only.**

Please see Notice Board for other information about this trip.

**Thursday June 20th -----Barnstaple & Tarka Trail,
there is a lovely riverside walk.**

Cost: - £10.00

**FRIDAY 26th JULY -----NOT Thursday 25th as previously
announced**

**Highclere Castle. (Downton Abbey). Fully booked with a waiting
list.**

Cost: - £20.00 includes admission

An Amendment:

Thursday 29th August--- Ilfracombe: - details to be advised

Thursday 3rd October—Cardiff Castle & Shopping

Cost: - £9.00

**Thursday 21st November----Gloucester Quay & Christmas
Market**

Cost: - £8.00

**If you wish to go on any of the trips please make your
reservations as soon as possible, Your is taking bookings for
some trips already so to avoid disappointment don't delay.**

GROUP ACTIVITIES

Calligraphy

At:

Times:

Cost:

Facilitators:

2nd Monday in the Month

Southwell House

10.00 am to 12.00 am

£2.00

Ron Turner 787231 & Ken Burston (782529)

Card Making

At:

Days/Times:

Cost: -

Contact:

1st Mondays and 3rd Wednesdays

Southwell House

Monday 10.00 'til 12.30 p.m. & Wednesday 02.00 'til 4.30

£2.50

Rose Bateman (795906)

Kurling

At: -

Time: -

Contact: -

1st and 3rd Third Mondays

Highbridge Community Hall

02.00 p.m. to 03.30 pm.

Stan Vousden-White (781567)

Sybil Tilley when Stan is away (787054)

Beading Group

At: -

Time: -

Cost: -

Contact: -

Third Monday in the month

Southwell House

10.00 am to 12.00 am

£3.00 per class

Jessie Maddox (782786)

Creative Writing

At: -

Time: -

Facilitators: -

Last Monday in the month

Stear Drive

02.00 pm to 03.30 pm

Kathy Taylor (780171)

Mosaics

At: -

Times: -

Cost: -

Facilitator: -

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday

Highbridge Community Hall (Room-4)

02.00 pm. to 04.00 pm.

£2.00 per class

Alison Joyce (784633)

Art-1

At:

Time:

Cost:

Group Leader:

Every Tuesday

Southwell House

1.30 pm to 4.00 pm

£2.00

Self-regulating (Maureen McLaren 773804)

Floral Art

At:

Date/Times:

Cost:

Facilitator

4th Tuesday in the month

Southwell House

10.30 am. to 12.00 am.

£1.75

Jean Williams (785240)

Patchwork/Quilting

At:

Times:

Cost:

Facilitator:

Every Tuesday

Church Close, East Huntspill

10.00 am. to 12.00 pm. or 2.00 pm. to 4.00 pm.

£1.00

Ann Lismore (787607)

Keep Fit & Quiz

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 until 5.00 pm (After Keep Fit & Quiz)
 Group Leader: Betty Worthy (795823)

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 & Knitting

First and Third Wednesdays
 At: - Highbridge Community Hall (Room 4)
 Time: - 10.00 am. to 11.00 am.
 Cost: - £1.00
 Contact: - Lorita Gainford (789374)

Photography

Second Wednesday
 At: - Highbridge Community Hall (Room 1)
 Time: - 10.00 am to 11.30 am
 Cost: - £2.00
 Contact: - Kevin Gainford (789374)

Art-2

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

Genealogy

First Thursday in the month.
 At: Room 1 at Community Hall
 Time: 10.00 am. - 11.00 am.
 Facilitator: Roger Ouston (795007)
 Cost: - £1.00

Skittles

1st and 3rd Friday in the month
 At: Crossways Inn-West Huntspill
 Time: 11.30am to 1.00pm
 Leaders: Betty Worthy (795823) and Phillip Buoy (783647)

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

Somerset Villages

5th Friday in the month
 At: - Start from Bank Street Car Park
 Time: - 10.00 am
 Facilitator: - Bernard Martin (787230)

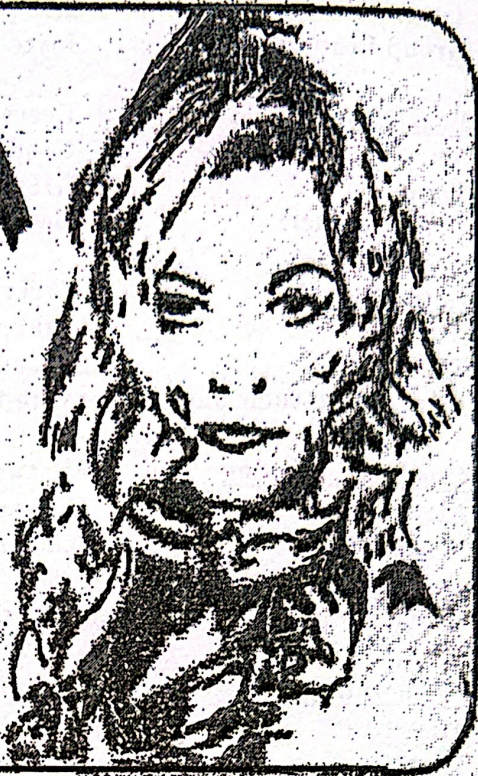
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Sandra

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Skittle Group Xmas Party

On 21st December the Group met as usual for their game of skittles and during the morning the presentations took place to celebrate their efforts throughout the year.

Sallie Park won the trophy for the highest accumulative for 2012, and Barbara Buoy won the trophy for the highest score on Party Day. The free raffle had been organised by Ray Reddish. Eighteen group members enjoyed an excellent Christmas Lunch and were sorry to hear one of their leaders was standing down. Ray Reddish has been a Co-Leader of the Group with Betty Worthy, and has served the Skittle Group since its formation 12/13 years ago.

Phillip Buoy is taking possession of Ray's book in which he has recorded the scores over the years.

The Committee wish to thank Ray for leading the Skittle Group all those years and hope he will be able to attend the alley occasionally, thanks Ray.

Strollers Programme

The strolls selected by the group for the next two months are: -

March 8 th	Strawberry Line, start point to be agreed.
March 22 nd	Portishead
April 12 th	Uphill nature reserve
April 26 th	Bridgwater/Taunton canal

Strollers leave the Bank Street Car Park in Highbridge at 10.00 am.

All strolls are dependent upon the weather on the day; their final destination is agreed when they assemble in the car park, all very democratic.

Just lately the area around Edington has been popular with the Strollers, their new year started with a return visit. The intention was to keep to the roads and avoid the mud that was evident following the recent rain. However, to avoid having to retrace their steps the group did deviate from the road which resulted in them getting themselves slightly muddy; but they enjoyed the opportunity to get out and take some exercise. Refreshments were taken at the Edington café.

On 25th January the group decided to try Berrow Beach, it was a dry, but cold windy day, and the brisk walk along the beach did clear the lungs and help to develop an appetite. This was satisfied at the Sundowner Café that sits at the entrance to the beach; it was warm and the sun appeared briefly whilst they sat having their break.

Dunwear Ponds were visited on Friday 8th February but the walk did not come up to their expectations it was a bit muddy and the paths were not easily discernible so a walk along the River Parrett completed their morning's exercise.

Somerset Villages Group

The group's next outing is to be to Goathurst, the village that lies in a Sheltered spot on the edge of the Quantocks 3 miles from Bridgwater. It appears to exist in another time and so ancient it was mentioned in the Domesday Book.

This will be new territory for the Group who will, no doubt, learn a lot about this little village that is rather off the 'beaten track'.

Social Group—Theatre Visit

“Hello Dolly”

At Weston Playhouse on Saturday 6th April 2013

Total fully inclusive cost: £19.00

£10.00 deposit required by January 23rd

Full Payment no later than 20th February.

**Pick-up for all from Bus Stop by Highbridge Community Hall at
12.45 pm**

PS Fully Booked !

North Somerset Association of U3A's---Study Day

Subject: The Somerset Levels

A Study Day been arranged for Thursday 10th October 2013, to be held at Draycott Memorial Hall, cost £10.00 including Coffee and Buffet Lunch.

Tickets are going fairly steadily so if interested place your order soon; I have the required forms (Ken Burston)

The Programme covers: -

9.00 am ---	9.30 am	Registration
9.30 am ---	9.45 am	Welcome address
9.45 am ---	10.15 am	Somerset Rivers by David Jury
10.15 am ---	11.00 am	Water Management for Wildlife & Farming By Phil Brewin
11.00 am ----	11.30 am	Coffee
11.30 am ----	12.45 pm	The Somerset Levels from Prehistoric to the Medieval Period
12.45 pm ----	13.45 pm	Lunch
13.45 pm -----	12.15 pm	The Avalon Marshes Landscape Partnership Scheme by Alex Sherman & Robert Webley.

It is appreciated that the Study Day is some way off, and, regrettably, they are unable to give refunds, so please bare this in mind.

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Membership Application/Renewal

I wish to enrol as a member of the U3A of Highbridge

I understand that my membership will run from 1st April 2013 until 31st March 2014 and that the membership fee is £7.00

(This may be paid by cash or cheque (made payable to the 'U3A of Highbridge'))

Mr/Mrs/Ms.....Christian Names.....

(Delete as appropriate)

Surname.....

Address.....

.....

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

New Member.....Renewal.....Previous Membership No...

Hobbies and other interests.....

.....

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

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

Please return the completed form with subscription to the Membership Secretary--- Jean Williams at the Coffee Morning.

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NB If a member is not able to collect their bi-monthly magazine or have it collected for them and wishes the magazine to be posted to them an extra charge of £3.00 is required to cover postage.

The Beau Street Hoard

The Beau Street Hoard found in Bath is the fifth largest hoard of Roman Coins found in Britain and the largest ever discovered in a British Roman town. It comprises 22,000 silver Roman coins dating from between 32BC and 274 BC.

Norton Radstock U3A has been asked to become involved with the project to conserve and display the hoard, also to provide a team of interested volunteers to contribute to the realisation of the complete project.

BANES Heritage Services will lead the project and once funding is secured from the Lottery Fund in August 2013 work will begin. Norton Radstock U3A need to confirm their interest in the Shared Learning Project by April in order to support the Lottery Funding bid.

Norton Radstock U3A has invited members of the U3A's in the North Somerset Association of U3A's to join them in this Shared Learning Project. This Club is part of this Association and it is felt they we may have a few members who would be interested in taking part.

The current Project Plan identified 26 Tasks which need resources allocated to them, of these 8 are to be supported by volunteers.

Including: -

- 1 Attending/stewarding at a two day symposium
- 2 Helping with a South West Roadshow in Somerset/Gloucester/Wiltshire.
- 3 Attending/stewarding public talks at Bath
- 4 Attending/stewarding an "In school" project and public launch day
- 5 Scanning and cataloguing the hoard
- 6 Attending/stewarding a "Story Telling" day on "Hidden Treasure"
- 7 Providing help and attendance at Conservation Days (open to public)
- 8 Helping to administer "Adopt-a-Coin" scheme (5 coins session/day)

If you are interested, please let me (Ken Burston) know by the middle of March (13th March) so that your name can be put forward. It is understood, at this stage, that 'out of pocket expense's will be met, e.g. especially if your services are required at the British Museum where perhaps most of the work would be carried out.

This looks to be a golden opportunity to get involved in an exercise that does not come our way very often; so give it some careful consideration.

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Monthly Draw

December	No 2	Peggy Hicks	No 2	Pat Clipstone
January	No 39	Roger Ouston	No 39	Kit Partington

Each received £20.00

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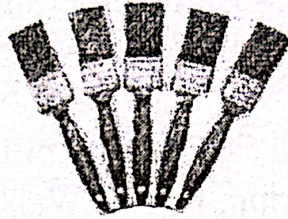
Flower Arranging

The Group did not meet in February but will be operational on the Fourth Tuesdays in March and April. Check with Jean to find out what flowers you will need for the morning's arrangements.

All Groups have now returned to respective schedules after the holiday period; if a member wishes to join a group may we remind them that it would be advisable to first check to see if there is a vacancy in that group.

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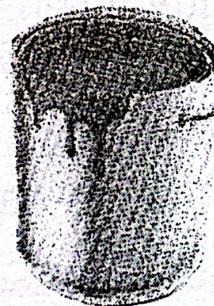
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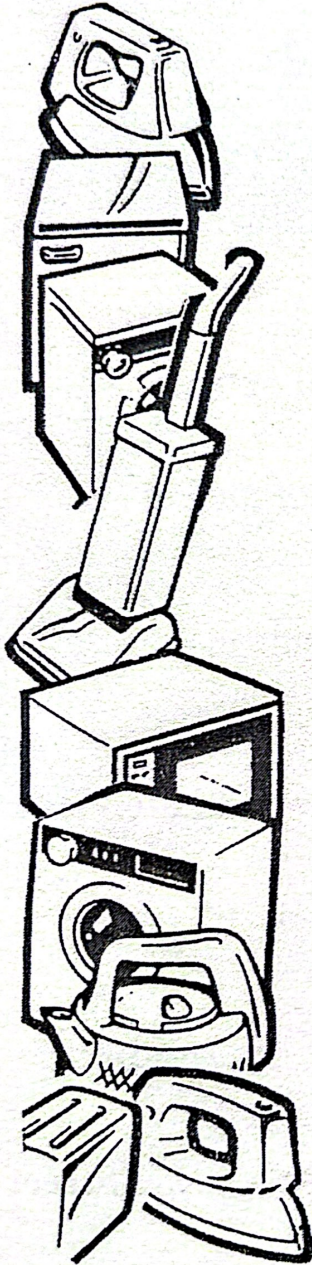
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Social Activities---2013

Annual Lunch

Date: - 20th March Club's Annual Lunch---see Page 7

"Away Days"-- 2013

"Away Day"

Swindon and the Outlet Shopping Centre and/or
the Railway Museum

Date: - Thursday March 28th 2013

Cost : - £8.00

Note: - Admission to Railway Museum is £4.00 extra

Details of all the "Away Days" for 2013 are given on Page 9

Pick-up Points for all "Away Day" trips will be at: -

- a) Bus Stop by Alpha House in Market Street, Highbridge.
- b) Outside Morrison's in Pier Street Burnham-on-Sea,
- c) Triangle in Berrow.

Times may vary depending upon the destination, so PLEASE check with Vour or Carole well before the trip.

Theatre Visit

"Hello Dolly" at Weston Playhouse

Fully Booked

Date: - Saturday 6th April 2013

Pick up at 12.30 pm at Bus Stop by Alpha House Market Street

Cheques that cover payments for all trips/visits must be made payable to
"U3A of Highbridge Social Account"

Please also add your name, address and phone number on the reverse of the cheque, this: -

- a) helps to identify you on the passenger list, and
- b) If a trip is cancelled your details are to hand in order that you can be notified.