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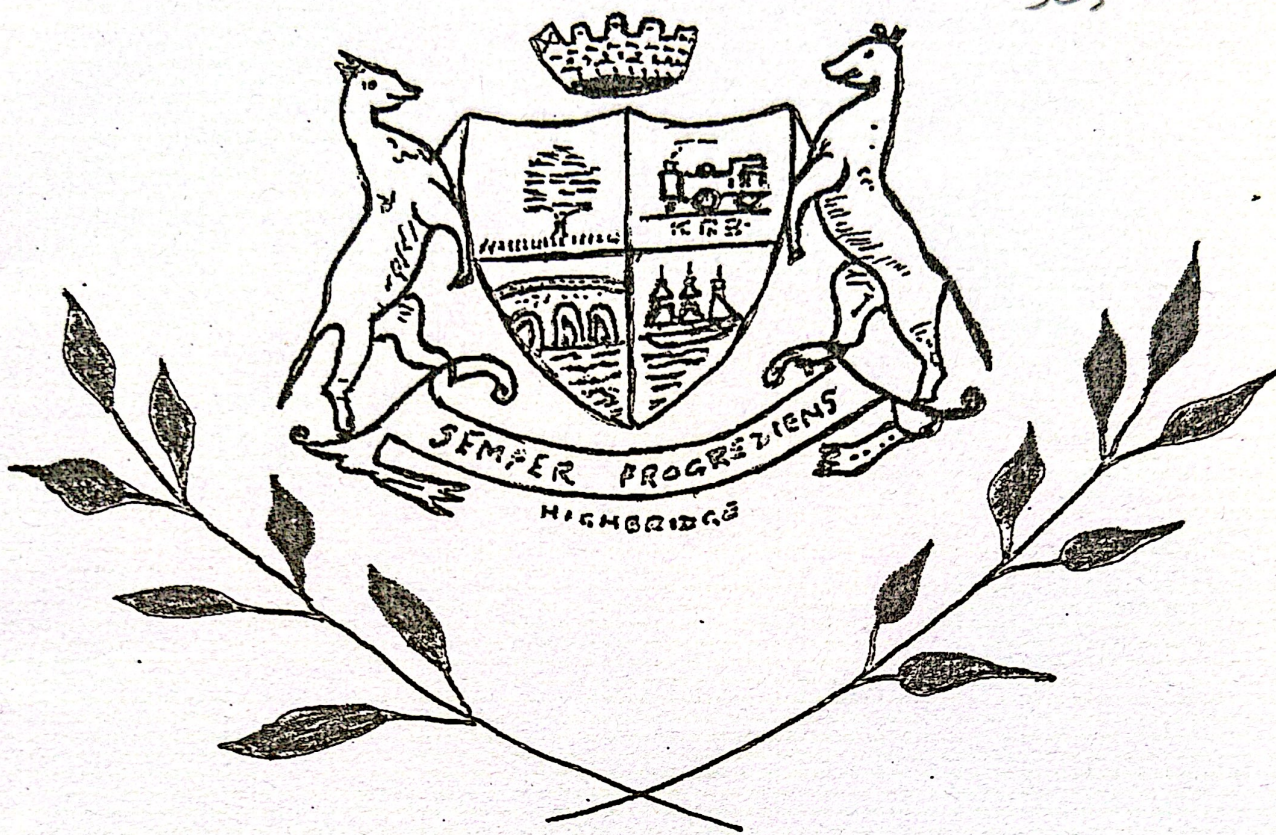
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Coffee Mornings are held every Wednesday at The Highbridge Community Hall from 10.00 am to 12.00 am. All are very welcome to join us.

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Editorial

Tempus Fugit! Time flies! July already and half the year gone and still we are waiting for a spell of warm weather; enough to say that we have had a summer. Tuesday 7th May was a lovely warm day, I hope that wasn't it!

Our Annual General Meeting has also been dealt with for another year, we were able to get through the formalities fairly quickly, taking about 50 minutes; no point in hanging about.

Chairman Tony, welcomed everyone, it was an excellent attendance again this year, thank you one and all for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated. Our membership did not quite reach the double century last year, we fell short by one.

Carole Loveridge, our Treasurer, confirmed that our financial position was healthy; all Groups are well supported and paying their way. However, with regard to the financial state of this U3A we find it is now necessary to increase the Membership Fee for 2014/5.

At last year's A.G.M. we reported that the Third Age Trust had raised the Capitation Fee from £2.50 (per member) to £3.50 (per member) and, as a result, we would need to look at our overall finances. This we have done and have to advise that as from 1st April 2014 the Membership Fee will be raised to £9.00,

(Anyone joining this U3A after 1st January 2014 will pay the new fee and it will carry them through until 31st March 2015).

As reported, all Groups are paying their way and on that front we do not feel we need to make any changes, but we do need to make sure there is enough money in the funds to cover all eventualities. It will no doubt be appreciated that there are many other costs that have to be met, the printing of the magazine, payment of insurances and a rents not covered by the groups.

Your Committee Members for 2012/3 had, in accordance with the Constitution resigned, but all were willing to stand for re-election; you were obviously happy with the way they run things last year because no-one objected to the motion that they be re-elected en bloc. The motion was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

Editorial--- continued

We are a comparatively small U3A and thanks to the support you give to our Groups and other activities we are doing very nicely. This support reflects in a very 'healthy' membership, a membership that enjoys the companionship of its colleagues in their respective Groups.

It is the camaraderie exercised by everyone that gives the U3A of Highbridge the description of being 'the friendly club'. It is of course appreciated that the majority of members are not interested in taking on any responsibilities, but your involvement does not end there. Your help in other matters is always greatly appreciated, it enables us all to enjoy the occasion and it shows how much we are prepared to consider other members, not just ourselves.

The last two issues of the magazine, instead of being printed and published by yours truly, were printed by Burnham Printers & Stationers. Materials, print toners and drums have increased in price so much lately that the Committee decided to investigate the possibility of having it printed 'professionally'. It proved to be slightly cheaper; it also avoids the problems of replacing toners when they dry up during a print run.

We look forward to receipt of your comments should you not be happy with this arrangement; as Editor I am always looking for write-ups to help fill the magazine, so please do not be afraid to put your ideas into writing.

Future Activities

These are a few dates to note, NEW EVENTS.

12th July.....An American Picnic at Lower Maunsel Lock, hopefully there will not be an accident on the M5 this year to delay our return home. Please see Page 12

24th July.....Cabaret to be presented by Burnham U3A Concert Party at 10.30 am during our Coffee Morning. We have accepted their offer to give us a performance in the hall, it will last approx., one hour, please give them a "U3A of Highbridge" friendly welcome.

31st July.....Age UK advice session-- Having things in place? The Coffee Morning on that Wednesday will close at 11.30 am so that a representative of Age UK may speak to us about matters that may arise when 'growing old'; there is more about this on Page 14 & 15

15th October.....Open Day. Details will follow. Our last Open Day, thanks to you all, was a great success; we look forward to a repeat performance.

Group News

The Tuesday Art-1 Group has room for two or three more budding artists, anyone interested in joining them should contact Maureen McLaren, they meet from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm at Southwell House.

The Thursday Art-2 Group is, at present, full.

The Genealogy Group is now into its annual sabbatical and will restart on October 3rd; it meets in Room 1 at the Community Hall on the first Thursday in the month.

The Card Making Group will be meeting on:

July 17th, (afternoon), August 5th, (morning) and August 21st. (afternoon); mornings 10.00 am until 12.00 am--- afternoons 02.00 pm to 04.00 pm.

Dates for the rest of the year will be advised.

The Luncheon Group is proving to be one of our successes from 2013; Pat Clipstone undertook to organise the visits to the local hostelrys that serve good food, and she has received excellent support.

Another success from 2013 is the resurgence of the Creative Writing Group its members are, I believe, in the process of writing a play. Somerset Films and Videos have shown an interest in this Group and are working in conjunction with them on this project.

The Photography Group has also received support from Somerset Films and Videos; the members have spent the last few weeks taking images of our Group activities and aim to produce an exhibition for our Open Day in October.

During the Coffee Morning on June 12th photographs were taken of the assembled members, all part of Somerset Films and Videos 'Talking Communities' Project.

Alongside this project, but part of our own scheme of things we intend to photograph EVERY group whilst it is in progress. Some Groups (Art-1, Board Games, Card Making, Crochet, Genealogy, Kurling, Strollers and Somerset Villages) have already been visited by one of our photographers.

During the next few weeks you will ALL receive a visit, the images that result from this exercise will be included in our Open Day Exhibition. The Photographic Group is making the most of the opportunities that have come their way from Somerset Films & Videos and we thank S.F.& V for their interest in the U3A of Highbridge.

Group News (Continued)

Our Board Games & Quiz Group would welcome a few more members to their Tuesday afternoon sessions; they start with Quiz that gets everyone into a good frame of mind due to the hilarity it produces. After a break for tea at 3.15 they settle down to the serious proceedings of Rummikub, Upword, etc. until the finish at 5.00

The Calligraphy Group members who meet on the second Monday of the month are gaining in confidence and producing creditable scripts; recently their numbers have increased due to an intake of 3 members who wish to learn the craft.

The Kurling Group now has two sets of kurling equipment and is therefore able to keep all its members active during the playing session, which are on the 1st and 3rd Monday from 2.00 until 3.30 pm.

One of our 'oldest' activities is the Skittle Group; it is now 'resident' at the Crossways Inn at West Huntspill and has a good constant membership.

The Patchwork/Quilting Group meets on a Tuesday at Ann Lismore's home; there are two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Ann says she is not able to take any more on a Tuesday so would need to start a Wednesday group if more members are keen to learn.

The Crochet & Knitting Group that has successfully taught a number of members to crochet and/or knit, as a result the Wednesday classes are now depleted somewhat save for the 'late comers' who need tuition.

Arranging flowers so that they provide an attractive display is an art and the members of our Floral Art Group are, from what I have seen, making a good job of the instruction they receive. The group meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month in Southwell House from 10.30 am until 12.00 am.

The remaining 2 Groups that I have not mentioned are Beading and Mosaics, both have are holding the interest of their members and we can expect to see some attractive productions at our Open Day.

There is so much planned for the coming months that it is difficult to keep up with it all; as Editor of the magazine I need a crystal ball so that I can plan well ahead, hopefully not missing something important that you should have been told about.

More Club News

We now have another activity for you to consider, **BARN DANCING!**

This Group will be holding its sessions at the Methodist Church in College Street. Burnham on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in the month, and also the 5th Thursday when there is one. Times 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm.

The Group Leader is David Napper (a new member) who is an experienced 'caller' having run barn dancing classes for many years.

This is a new innovation for us, so please look in on David's classes and have a go, one thing I do know is that everyone has a good laugh, there is never a dull afternoon. Try it. The usual cost is £1.00 per session.

The "Away Day" Group's programme of trips is about halfway through for this year with the day out at Highclere Castle next on the list. Vour is taking bookings for all the remaining trips e.g. for Ilfracombe, Cardiff and Gloucester so if interested please let her know a.s.a.p.

Support has been good, but we would like a few more 'bums' on seats, Vour and Carole have attempted to keep costs to a minimum so that the trips are reasonably priced, hopefully giving all members the opportunity to have a day out.

The Theatre Group (Dianne and Brenda) have reserved seats for another show at Weston Playhouse---again see Page 9. It is a musical "Anything Goes", I believe the tickets are being booked rather quickly.

Payment for Trips, Theatre and Holidays

Please make payments for trips, theatre seats and holidays by 11.30 am on a Wednesday Coffee Morning in order that the organisers may cash up and give the monies to the Treasurer BEFORE we close. If it is left to the last minute it causes a lot of inconvenience.

CONCERT PARTY. Don't forget that we have accepted an offer from the Burnham U3A for their Concert Party to entertain us at the Coffee Morning on Wednesday 24th July at 10.30 am.

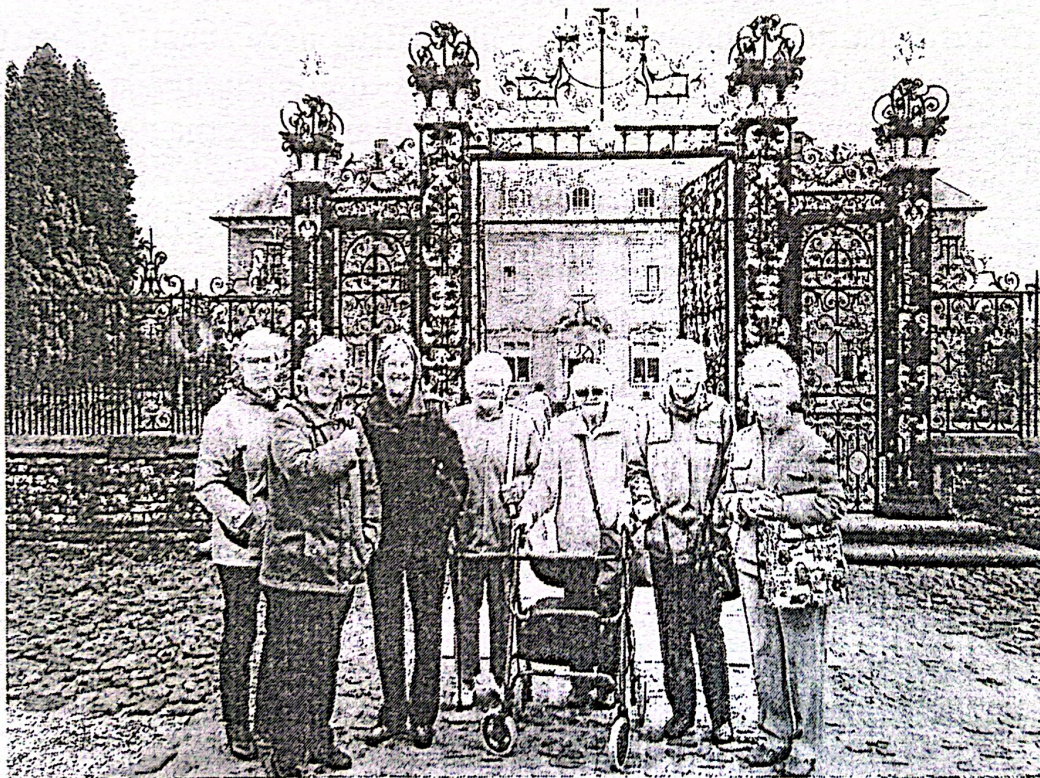
Please give them a great welcome.

“Away Day” trip to Tredegar House & Gardens.

When members set off on Thursday 16th May the weather outlook was not too good but everyone had high hopes it would have improved by the time they crossed the Severn Bridge. It was not a very long journey from Burnham and they were soon at Tredegar House, upon arrival some decided to have the inevitable coffee break and discuss their programme for the day.

Tredegar House is reputed to be the grandest and most exuberant country house in Wales; it was built by William Morgan from red brick, stands in an estate of 90 acres, the building is Grade I listed.

The family's finances came from making use of its assets, because it owned much of the land that was found to contain coal and by leasing the rights for mining they became very rich. Members of the family also married into money and over many years their wealth grew alarmingly.



Members at the imposing entrance to Tredegar House

In 1854 Godfrey Morgan fought in and survived the Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava, his horse “Sir Briggs” also survived and lived to the age of 28. It was buried with full military honours in the Cedar Garden and its memorial still stands there today.

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Group News –continued
Social Group---Travel & Theatre

“Away Days” for 2013

My wrists have been slapped and I give you my most humble apologies because I gave you some duff information in the last issue, sorry!

- a) The cost of the Highclere Trip is £23.00 NOT £20.00
- b) Because the date of the proposed trip to Cardiff clashed with our Eastbourne holiday it had to be amended, (I got that bit right).
- c) It is NOT the 3rd October but has been brought forward to:-

Thursday 19th September—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, Vour is accepting bookings for all trips so if you wish to go on any trip book now.

Theatre

Another trip to Weston Playhouse has been booked by Dianne and Brenda; it is appreciated that it is a long way off but I am sure you are interested get your name down quickly, the show is:

“Anything Goes”

Musical with music and lyrics by Cole Porter.

Date: 2nd November 2013

Cost: £18.00 covers circle seat, coach and driver's gratuity.

Coach will leave Market Street Highbridge at: 12.45 pm

This show's story concerns the madcap antics aboard an ocean liner bound from New York to London and the love of a stowaway for a wealthy passenger. It was first performed in 1931.

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 12.00 a.m. & Wednesday 02.00 'til 4.00

£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)

Board Games & Quiz

At: Every Tuesday
 Gospel Hall, Old Burnham Road.
 Time: 2.15 until 5.00 pm
 Group Leader: Betty Worthy (795823)

Luncheon Group

At: Various local hostelrys
 Time: Usually 12.00 am for 12.30 am
 Group Leader: - Pat Clipstone (788128)
 See Notice Board for details of dates, menus and venues.

Crochet & Knitting

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

Photography

At: Second Wednesday
 Highbridge Community Hall (Room 1)
 Time: - 10.00 am to 12.00 am
 Cost: - £2.00
 Contact: - Kevin Gainford (789374)

Art-2

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

Genealogy

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

Skittles

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

Strollers

At: 2nd and 4th Friday in the month
 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

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

Should you wish to join a Group please check first if there is a vacancy.

Sandra

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The next "Away Days" are to:-

Highclere Castle on Friday 26th July, this was requested last year and such was its popularity we had to wait 12 months before being able to attend. So it has been long awaited by the followers of 'Downton Abbey' and it has arrived at a good time, especially with the next episodes starting in the autumn.

The next trip is to Ifracombe on Thursday 29th August, if the coach driver decides to go via Exmoor it will be a very picturesque run. The views across the moors and out to sea are outstanding and are well worth the extra time necessary to go via that route.

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American Picnic on Friday 12th July.

This is to be at Lower Maunsel Lock again, if you are interested in coming along you need to bring picnic food that can be shared, e.g. salad items, sausage rolls, pork pies, all types of sandwich, gateau, and drinks of some sort. Plus knife, fork, spoon and a glass.

If you are interested in coming please let Fay know by Wednesday 10th July and advise what goodies you intend to bring, it is usually a great afternoon's social gathering. Canal boat rides are available at £6.00.

Strollers Programme

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

July 12th Lower Maunsel Lock & American Picnic
 July 26th No stroll---Away day to Highclere Castle
 August 9th Steart
 August 23rd Congresbury/Yatton

There will not be a Stroll on July 26th because the majority of members will be on the coach to Highclere.

August 30th Somerset Villages Group to Weston Zoyland

It was near this village that the last battle on English soil took place in 1685 between the Royalists and the Monmouth Rebels, the church was used as a 'prison' for the captured rebels where some were immediately hung. Close to the village is a memorial to the Battle of Sedgemoor which will, no doubt be visited.

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"Away Day" trip to Tredegar House & Gardens.

Charles Morgan was knighted in 1779 and became a baronet in 1792 being M.P. for Brecon, Radnor and Glamorgan; and as the Industrial Revolution transformed South Wales the Morgan's recognised the commercial potential of their land exploiting the mineral wealth of the extensive estate.

Sons of the family continued to expand the commercial and industrial projects and, in doing so virtually established Newport as an industrial trade centre. Godfrey the most popular of the Morgan's died in 1913 when his income was estimated to be £1,000 per day (a lot of money in those days).

Unfortunately extravagance, eccentrics and death duties seriously depleted the financial assets and when John Morgan died childless in 1962 it signalled the end of the Morgan's of Tredegar.

The contents of the house were auctioned and the estate sold.

In 2011 the National Trust took on the management of the building and estates. The House is popular with film makers, it is used for some episodes of Dr Who, plus other productions.

Have you thought about planning your future care?

As one gets older you find that, in today's world, there are so many things to take care of; it is easy to forget or mislay a million and one things you should have done.

Documents by the dozen suddenly appear as if from nowhere, so many that it is sometimes difficult to keep track of them and what you do with them...heaven knows!

Well, Age UK has some answers that may be of help to you. .

They have decided to help people resolve these problems with a simple solution; they have developed Age UK Life Book.

The aim of this book is to enable you to record important information about your life; once recorded you will know where to find it when you need it. Bits of information like: where did I put my will, which supplier do I use for my gas and electricity and what about the water rates?

If you drive, where are your driving licence and your car insurance papers, (who am I insured with)?

Where are all my key documents, like birth and marriage certificates?

Well, the Age UK Life Book is just what you need, it enables you to record all this information and step by step put you affairs in order. You are able, in the book, to enter all the relevant information about your life in your own time and to include details of family, friends and your final wishes.

The Life Book is yours to hang on to, once you have filled completed it you should keep it in a safe place where you can easily access it, use it and keep up to date.

People keep papers/documents in all sorts of different places, Banks, solicitors and similar places; and as a result are not easy to get hold of when you want them.

Finally, there is one important section in the book that enables you to record your thoughts and wishes for that time when others will have to administer your affairs.

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In the Life Book you can record:-

Personal Information, Life contacts, e.g. family, pets, friends.

Financial Details, (information on shares, ISA's Bank securities Etc.

Documents, all types, Deeds, Wills, Health cards, Passport, TV Licence.

Possessions, details of property you may own, your car, houses, etc.

Final Wishes, your funeral, (buried or cremated), order of service.

Conclusion. There may be times in your life when you think about the consequences of becoming seriously ill or disabled; this may be at a time of ill health or as a result of a life changing event. On the other hand it may be because you are the sort of person who likes to plan ahead.

You may wish you had the opportunity of discussing with someone what living with a serious illness might mean to you, or your partner, or a relative; particularly if you become ill and were unable to make decisions for yourself. On the other hand you may wish to record what your preferences and wishes for future care and treatment might be; of course you may simply choose to do nothing at all.

One way of making people aware of your wishes is by a process of advance planning. Wishes you express during this advance care planning are personal to you and can be anything to do with your future care.

You may want to include priorities and preferences for the future; for example: -

How any religious or spiritual beliefs that you may hold should be reflected in your care.

The name of the person or persons you may wish to act on your behalf should the need arise.

Your choice about where you would like to be cared for, at home or in hospital, nursing home or hospice.

Your thoughts on the treatment or types of care you might be offered.

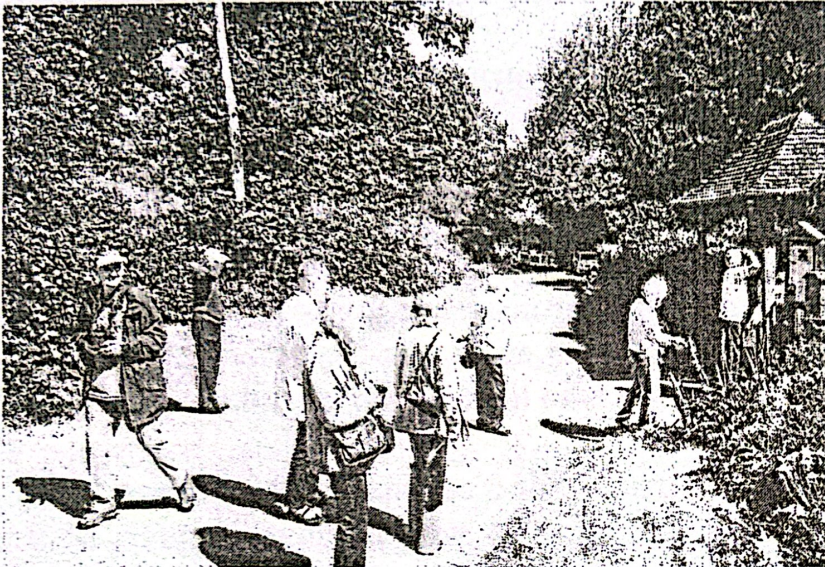
Concerns or solutions about practical issues, like who would look after your pets if you became ill.

Somerset Villages Group

The Group visited Goathurst on Friday 31st May and were very lucky with the weather it being a lovely warm day.

Goathurst lies about 3 miles west of Bridgwater and is one of the places sheltered on the edge of the Quantocks that the rest of the world has passed by.

We arrived at about 10.30, and park near the little church; there was no-one about, not a sign of life! We started our tour at the church of St Edward King & Martyr; it is a lovely building, apparently it was built



from rubble with ashlar dressings; the tower dates from 1424.

There is a family tomb for Sir Charles Kemeys-Tynte's family in the south transept around which are edifices of their nine children.

The parish was originally part of the Royal Forest of North Petherton; its first squire owned the church, which is dedicated to Edward the Martyr. He was a young Saxon King who was murdered, at Corfe Castle, by his step-mother in order that her own son would then become king, a painting in the church depicts the dreadful act.

We spent some time in and around the church before touring the rest of the village; where the gardens were full of assorted summer blooms. At one we found Peter cleaning his car and, after passing the time of day he invited us to view his very large well-kept garden. There was a view across to Glastonbury Tor, a lovely situation. Commenting on the amount of work the garden required Peter showed us his labour saving lawn mower. It is automatic and programmed to cut the grass a certain length, at pre-set times, regardless of the weather, when the battery needs recharging it returns to the charging point, gets re-charged, then continues cutting the grass. Everyone decided they wanted one of these for their lawns.

Goathurst is a lovely quiet backwater, if you are ever out that way why not spare a few minutes to go off the beaten track and experience the peace and tranquillity that we were once able to enjoy. (Continued on page 17)

Monthly Draw

April	No 37	Ron Fulcher	No 37	June Gibson
May	No 09	Peggy Hicks	No 09	Bernard Martin

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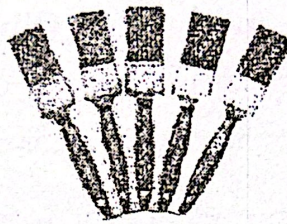
Somerset Villages---continued

If you do visit the village try to go on a Sunday because that is when the Temple of Harmony in the grounds of Halswell House is open to visitors. The Temple is based on the 1st century BC Temple of Fortuna Virilis in Rome. The Halswell House has superb views over to Bridgwater Bay but at present is empty. There are other 'folly's' in the grounds but these are not accessible, they are all part of a 17 acre pleasure garden created by Sir Charles Kemeys-Tynte in 1767.

Historical note: There was a P.O.W. camp for 300 Italians from the Western Desert Campaign in the village during WW II; it also housed German prisoners after the D Day landings at Normandy.

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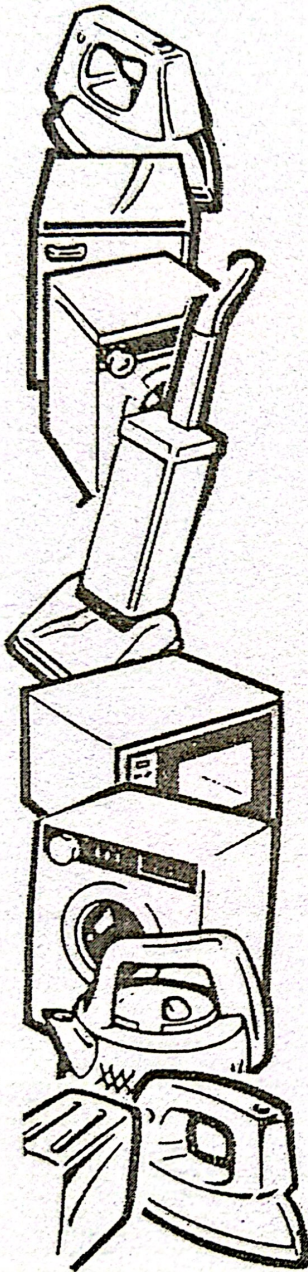
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Social Activities---2013

"Away Days"-- 2013

Highclere Castle

Date: - Friday July 26th 2013

Cost: - £23.00 includes admission

Coach will pick up at: -

Berrow: - Triangle at 09.30 am

Burnham: - Morrisons Pier St at 09.40 am

Highbridge- - Alpha House, Market St at 09.50 am

Ilfracombe

Date: - Thursday August 29th 2013

Cost: - £10.00

Coach will pick up at:-

Berrow: - Triangle at 90.30 am

Burnham: - Morrisons, Pier St at 09.40 am

Highbridge: - Alpha House, Market St at 09.50 am

Pick-up Points and times for all "Away Day" trips will be advised well before the trip takes place and may vary depending upon the destination, so PLEASE check with Vour or Carole well before the trip.

Cheques to cover payments for all "Away Days", Theatre trips and Holidays 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 you can be notified quickly.