



Henstridge Village Hall
2nd July 2.30pm

Michael Malagan
scriptwriter

will be talking about his adventures and experiences as a public speaker at over 400 venues and will be focusing on the funny side.

Followed by at 3.30pm

MEMBERS CELEBRATION CREAM TEA

To book yourself a place contact bvmembership@outlook.com

Rifle shooting taster event

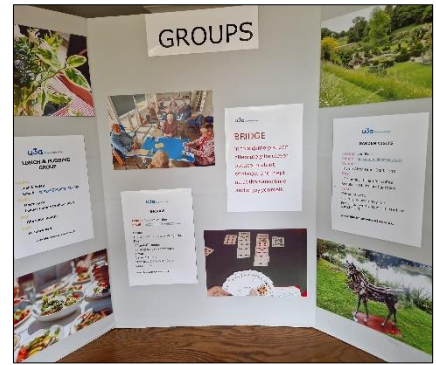
This event was held on the evening of 26th February and despite my trepidation as one of the few ladies present, was a very professionally well run and good fun event. Ten gents and three ladies attended and were put into groups of two or three to try their hand at firing six different style of weapons. They were closely supervised by very competent and experienced volunteer members of Frome and District Pistol Club. There was a bit of a competition for top scores in precision bench rest and tightest grouping, with a grand prize to be won in each. BVu3a's Richard Kidd took top spot in the bench rest, and triumphantly secured one of the two rifle club cups (actually mugs!). All in all, a very enjoyable and worthwhile event and I hope there may be another in the future.

Ps (Only paper and cardboard targets were used!)



Henstridge Village Fete 15th June

There was a plan for the rain but not the wind. The gazebo set up time was 0930hrs. By 0945hrs, with four men holding it down, the site was abandoned and we retreated, tired, to the village hall. By 1100hrs 50% of the gazebos were down and the intermittent rain had started. This did not stop everyone's enthusiasm and the gate clicker registered 1,500 persons, as I went through at least six times perhaps there were 500 visitors.



Anyway, by the 1200hr start, our stand was ready. I'd had my face painted, and Richard had taken a toddler to the swings. It was good to show the u3a flag and the twelve helpers enjoyed themselves as the photos show. We all enjoyed the conjuror.

Susan



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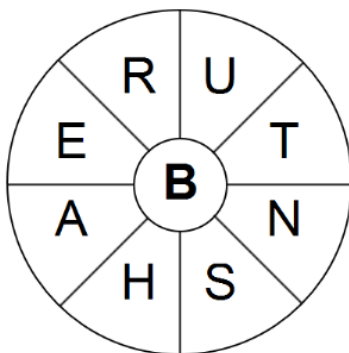
Stalbridge Walk Saturday 18th May

The weather forecast did not mention heavy rain, but on the day there was. This did not dampen the spirits of the 17 members who joined Robert Ralph and Alison Selby, our guides from Stalbridge History Society. There was a mutual exchange of Stalbridge information between the guides and members as well as banter. Now we know where the gentleman's hosiery was made and the medieval homes were. One of our members said that it had changed the way that he looked at buildings with forest marble (Stalbridge Quarries) above his head and at his feet.



Summer Word Wheel

Summer is one of the four seasons and comes after Spring and before Autumn. It is the hottest season of the year. The Eiffel Tower grows in summer. On a hot day the iron from which it is constructed expands so much that the tower can rise by 17cm!!



This Summer themed word wheel is made from a 9 letter Summer themed word. Try and find that word, then make as many words of any length as you can from these letters. You can only use each letter once, and each word must include the letter B.

GARDEN VISITS GROUP



We are having a good Spring/early summer season with our Garden Group so far. Our two recent trips (in April and May) were both further afield. The first one in April was a beautiful house and garden up near Beaminster in Dorset, with amazing far-reaching views. The second trip in May was a very unusual group of four gardens with a 'hippie vibe' starting at Wick Farm, near Langport, Somerset, which was a great trip in lovely weather. We all enjoyed delicious tea and cakes in one of the quirky gardens. It was definitely different and it was a shame only we only had a small turnout for this trip.



Our next trip in July will be more local (Marnhull) where I have arranged a private Group Visit to a lovely garden, which is open for groups as part of the NGS scheme. The entrance fee also includes a home-made tea on the patio, so should be nice.

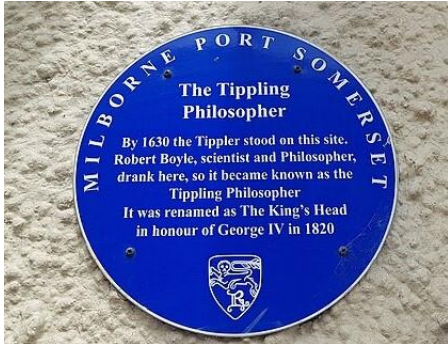
We are still having a very good turnout at our monthly Coffee Mornings, but did have some sad, unexpected news that the lovely Thyme After Time Cafe where we always meet is re-locating into the outskirts of Stalbridge (on a small industrial estate). The owner is hoping to open on Monday 1st July, which is the day we are due to go there, but this may have to change to a different local venue, if it isn't ready by then (we will obviously keep the members posted nearer the time).

We are still full at 30 members and have two members on our 'waitlist' at the current time, so still very popular and going well!
Jan Nast



10th Anniversary – An Historical Walk Day

Milborne Port



Friday 27th September 2024

Led by Milborne Port Historical & Heritage Society

Book at bvmembership@outlook.com

Provisional Programme

<u>Group 1</u>	<u>Group 2</u>
A walk around the old minster enclosure	A walk to the museum via East Street
Lunch in the Tippling Philosopher or elsewhere	A personalised tour of the museum
A walk to the museum via East Street & personalised tour	A walk to Coldharbour, then North Street
A walk to Coldharbour, North Street & back to the Ball Court in the High Street	Lunch in the Tippling Philosopher or elsewhere
	A walk around the old minster enclosure

Information will be given for visiting the areas of Newtown & Lower Kingsbury



Other News

This item was recently received via our old website. It may be of interest to those of you who are into local history.

“Jot & Tittle is a free history newsletter that is published twice a month. It started from my work in Salisbury Cathedral archives, destined for the 500 cathedral volunteers. It has since expanded to Wiltshire’s historical societies and museums. The latest editions have moved into Dorset and Hampshire and the south-west. There are also a growing number of individuals, from as far away as Seattle, who receive copies. I will forward a recent edition on request.

There are two particular attributes to J&T: it is decidedly non-academic and even at times light-hearted - and readers can submit their own articles or correspondence for publication. It is also backed-up by a website jot-and-tittle.com that carries all previous editions.”

Future events

(CAN BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

September 3rd
Open Day – no speaker

Friday September 27th
MEMBERS ONLY
Historical Walk, Milborne Port

November 5th
Brita Wood
Blackmore Vale Stationmasters

Highlighted events consist of our 10th Anniversary celebrations. Regrettably, due to limited numbers allowed, these have to be restricted to members of Blackmore Vale u3a only.

2025

Provisional bookings

January 14th
Quiz

March 4th
Julia Holman
‘Lock ‘em up or let ‘em out’
How the Parole Board Works

May 6th
David Grierson

Asian Adventures

July 1st

Giles Henschel

Revisiting Olive Groves Around the Med

September 9th

Open Afternoon

November 4th

Matthew Scott

Being a Fireman

