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EDITORIAL

Hello again.

With Summer just around the corner I feel excited that we are in for an interesting few months. Not only do we have Brexit but we have a General Election and local elections coming thick and fast. Add some great cricket and football and my cup runneth over.

This edition of the Target sees the last contribution of your County Councillor, John Edney who has faithfully kept us informed for no less than sixteen years. Also, retiring as wardens of St Mary's Church are Ann Cowling and Tony Slade who have given so much of their time over many years. Another retiree is Michael Martin, Musical Director and organist at St Mary's. We wish them all well.

A welcome addition in this edition is an extensive report from Cannington Health Centre pages 36/37. All the latest news from your Parish Council can be found on pages 62/63.



I hope you enjoy the 'funnies' and urge you to enter the ever-so-easy quiz; your chances of winning are great!

Geoff Parle. Editor.

WITH THREATENING CLOUDS

With threatening clouds as black as sin,
Light-hearted thoughts just cannot win.
Our view of earth is dark as night,
And hope today has taken flight.
We dream our sombre reveries,
And think of life's memories,
With dreary doubts expressed aloud,
Quite downcast - and then from a cloud
The sun appears with Summer power
And, drenched, we laugh in an April shower.



Arthur Clark
1915-2012

CANNINGTON PANTOMIME SOCIETY

Well over 400 of you saw our production of 'Pinnochio' and the feedback has been nothing short of tremendous. It appears you had as much fun watching as we did performing. I have to congratulate our new main cast recruits – Lily Webber, Lucianna Shaw, Louise Cannell and Shaz Sparks – on their excellent debuts. And with great performances from our more experienced members a good time was enjoyed by all.



Also once again, many thanks go to our loyal band of helpers without whom nothing would even get to the stage.

This year Cheryl Brown donated a trophy in memory of her husband, Pete, the founding father of the Society. The trophy will be awarded annually to the cast member who gains the most votes from our audiences for the best 'performer on the night'. In the inaugural year, over 250 audience members voted and the first winner was Lily 'Pinnochio' Webber.

Now the dust has settled, we start the process all over again and by the time this issue goes to press we will have held our Annual General Meeting.

**Please remember our next production will be on –
Wednesday 14th February to Saturday 17th February 2018**

Auditions will be in May or June and we will be looking for:

Main Cast – parts to suit all ages

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WEATHER UPDATE

January temperatures were a little above the average [8.6c maximum and 2.3c minimum] We recorded thirteen air frosts which is twice the average. The lowest was -4.4c on the 21st. Rainfall was 37.2mm which is about half the average. 17mm of this total fell on the last four days when the barometer fell to the lowest of the month.



February continued the trend set by January's weather in being warmer than average [9.8c maximum and 4.3c minimum] This was brought about by a dominant west wind. There were just four air frosts. Rainfall at 42.4mm was about 80% of the average. A very dry spell from the 8th to the 23rd finished with 9.4mm on the 24th. This was because of a visit from named storm Doris which also brought the strongest winds of the month at 44mph. Winter ends at the end of February for the meteorologists and we can say we've experienced a milder and very much drier winter than for some years. 9.67c and 3.1c were maximum and minimum averages about one degree above the long term figures while the 136mm was only 65% of the norm.

March lived up to the phrase "*in like a lion and out like a lamb*" The first week brought us 17mm of rain with some very strong south westerly winds. The highest speed was 41mph on the 5th. With the exception of a depression bringing heavy rain from the 21st to the 23rd March brought some fine spring weather. Maximum and minimum averages of 12.9c and 5.8c were higher than normal. The 34.4mm of rain was well below the average.

David Daggar

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What a fantastic pantomime put on for our village this year. Everything was outstanding from all of the actors/actresses, scenery, makeup, bunting as well as all the things that go on behind the scenes that help such a performance come together. My daughters laughed a lot and came home with huge smiles on their faces. We loved every minute of it and congratulations to everyone - it was a brilliant evening.



But why, oh why, did they ask us to pick our favourite character and to make us choose who we thought was the best with 1 ticket and 4 favourites, that was so cruel!

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QUANTOCK DEANERY MISSION PROJECT 2017

Every year, the churches of the Quantock Deanery, including St Mary's, Cannington, adopt a charity for which they raise money. Often these are small charities where our contribution can make a real difference. This year, our charity is the Kathryn Mercy Home Trust.

The Trust, which comprises a school and Joan's Grace Home, a hostel for girls, is the brain child of Rev Jeyapaul, a priest in the Church of South India.

The hostel provides accommodation for young girls from impoverished rural villages in Tamil Nadu, one of the poorest states of South India, in order that they can attend secondary school, and access further education in the town of Devakottai.

The education of girls enables them to break the cycle of poverty which for generations has meant that early marriage, motherhood and manual labour have been all that the future holds.



The Mercy Home Trust relies solely on the generosity of sponsors and donors from the UK and is transforming the future of the girls and their families.

The launch of the project in January at St Peter's Church, Williton raised £190, a truly magnificent start to the year. All the money we raise this year will go towards purchasing a minibus so that the girls can travel safely to school, rather than risking life and limb walking beside a busy dual carriageway with no pavement while avoiding the vagaries of Indian driving skills!

Please keep an eye out for any events and stalls that St Mary's will be running during 2017 to raise money towards buying this much needed minibus. If you would like to make a contribution, please contact Revd Alison Waters, or, for more information, please contact Revds Ben and Kathryn Flenley on flenbenley@btinternet.com / kathryn.flenley@btinternet.com / 01984 633568.

CANNINGTON CRAFT GROUP

We are starting up again but calling all craft makers this time. We will meet at the UR Church on the 16th May at 7pm to 9pm, cost is £3.50. Please come along, you might learn something new and make new friends.

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Bought some 'rocket salad' yesterday but it went off before I could eat it!

Cannington Church of England Primary School PTA.

It has been another very busy and very successful start of the year for Cannington Church of England Primary School PTA. On the back of running another incredibly successful and fun Christmas Fair back in November, the PTA have:

- *Successfully ran a bingo night who through bingo cards, refreshments and raffle ticket purchases helped to raise over £440, and
- *Attended the local Friendly Spirit pub quiz where quiz entry and raffle tickets sales helped to generate another £188.

If you missed out on any of these events and don't wish to miss out on any more fun there is plenty coming up including:

***Purplespoon Supper (20th May 2017)** – This year it will be held at the URC

***Bags 2 School (15th June 2017)** – by getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes, hats, belts, handbags and soft toys. Please note bedding, curtains, and household linen cannot be accepted.

***Summer Fair (14th July 2017 3.30pm to 5.30pm)** – don't miss out on afternoon of sunny fun, stalls and games at the school.

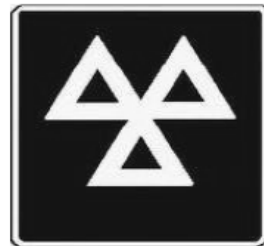
***Christmas Fair (24th November 6pm to 8pm)** – Meet Father Christmas, Christmas Cafe, Festive Stalls and lots of other fun activities.

Thanks again Cannington and surrounding areas for your continued support, we look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events.

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Notes from your County Councillor

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Around 250 vehicles spaces are to be provided on the site which will be in a field on the village side of the old by pass. Access will be from the right hand of the Carriageway only with traffic from Bridgwater having to use the Western Roundabout and return down the road. Traffic from the site will then use the Eastern roundabout to travel to Hinkley Point. There will be 24-hour security on site throughout.

Village Archive Over the years, I have collected quite an amount of pictorial and written information about Cannington and the Parish Council have kindly agreed to act as custodians and store this in the Parish Office.

If any villagers have historic items or photographs that can be copied they would make welcome additions to the collection for future generations to peruse and research.

Cannington in Bloom The volunteers whose work continues to be impressive have provided a wonderful colourful display along the Jubilee Gardens railings. There have been many expressions of support and praise on the 'Cannington Now' website. The team should be assured of the wholehearted support of the village and with more volunteers who knows what might be achieved this year!

Thank you all so much for what you do to enhance our village.

LAST POST This will be my final Target contribution as I am not seeking re-election in the County Council Elections on the 4th May. Having served for four terms it is high time a younger person took over.

The three things I regret not having seen during my term are:

- A New Community Village Centre
- A link from junction 23 to Hinkley Point

A 20-mph speed restriction from Dukes Avenue to the War Memorial.

Perhaps my successor will have better luck!

My sincere thanks to all those who have supported me over the last 16 years.

Very best wishes for an enjoyable summer



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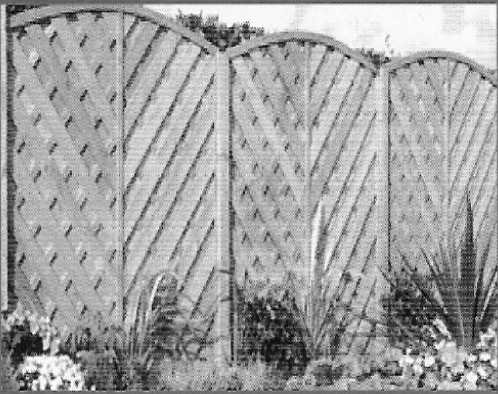


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The committee decided to revamp the program and have made some changes. We've withdrawn classes that have had no entries, combined others, and added new ones. We have taken into account comments made by the judges and wherever possible have made it clearer to what is wanted in each class. For example, instead of 5 tomatoes, it will now say 5 tomatoes with stalks. The program will be available at the end of May.

Could your entry be the best in show? We are excited to announce we have two new trophies donated by Kitchen and Bathroom Features and Taylor Electrical Solutions.

The judges of the first 7 divisions will be asked to nominate what they believe to be the best exhibit in their respective division. These will then be judged by a panel to decide the "Best in Show".

The judges of the children's classes will be asked to do the same for each age group. Again these will then be judged by a panel to decide the "Best in Show".

So, whether you grow vegetables, arrange flowers, bake, knit, crochet, paint or enjoy photography there will be a class for you to enter. Also, there are lots of classes for children of all ages.

Before I forget, this year's photography subject is "Trees".

You can contact us by email at canningtonflowershow@hotmail.co.uk or on our Cannington Flower Show Facebook page.

See you in August.

Joan Salmon

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- June 15th MEMBERS’ GARDEN PARTY
- July 4th Car visit to gardening author of ‘*The Plant Lover’s Guide to Epimediums*’
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June	Annual Summer Outing (TBA)
July 10 th	“Art with a local artist” Tom Jacobs
August	No Meeting
August	Annual Skittle Night date TBA
September 11 th	“ Somerset & Devon fire Brigade”
October 9 th	“ It shouldn’t happen to a Writer” Michael Malgalan
November 13 th	TBA
December TBA	Christmas Dinner
December 11 th	Christmas Party

You would be most welcome if you would like to come along to one of our meetings just come & have a cup of tea with us, you might decide to join!!!!

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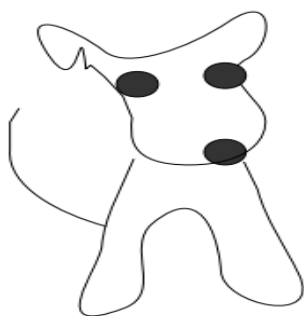


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Village Agent News

The 'darling buds of May' are very much in evidence as I write and it's still only April! It seems like everything is a bit earlier this year, though I haven't heard the cuckoo yet! I'm sure you are aware of the Citizen's Advice drop-ins at the URC on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday mornings of each month, also attended by the Credit Union and other agencies. But did you know that once a month Adult Social Care and Citizen's Advice, along with the Credit Union and lately, Pardoe's Solicitors, are available to give advice and answer your enquiries at the drop-in at Nether Stowey? No appointment is necessary. Here's a reminder from the Adult Social Care Team 'Need some advice? Want some information to help you stay independent?

Community Connect is in Nether Stowey on the second Tuesday of every month from 1pm – 4pm at The Church Centre, 27 St Mary Street, TA5 1LJ. Pop in to chat with our friendly team and find information and advice on care and support options, as well as information about local services and community groups that can provide help. Dates and times of Community Connect drop-ins across the county can be found at: www.somerset.gov.uk/dropin

If you can't get there, or you have issues not covered by the agencies at the drop-ins, perhaps I can help. I am happy to visit you at home and help you to get the advice and information you need. Village Agents are a charity offering free and confidential support about staying independent in your home, managing your finances, queries about transport, becoming a carer, volunteering, attending local clubs, groups and other activities, starting social groups and just about anything else!

You may also be interested to know that the Community Council for Somerset, which runs the Village Agent project are also working to support **Positive People**, a new initiative which is part of 'Building Better Opportunities', a European Social Fund/Big Lottery project. Led by Pluss (an award winning Social Enterprise) the project will be delivered by a team of partners. The aim is to "*support disadvantaged people aged 18 and over into employment.*"

'Employment', in this case, also includes the pathway or progression to employment; and measures of success include: Building confidence, Taking part in training, Education and Volunteering.

The project is in its infancy but there is further information online, or give me a call to find out more. Alison Hoare, phone: 07798 703321

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Tales from the Tower

Our photo shows the historic last occasion when Mike, our tower captain, wound the clock by hand on 7th February this year. Since then there has been an automatic winding mechanism fitted to the clock, but it is hard for us bell ringers not to feel smug as the automatic wind has been beset by problems since it was installed! Happily all problems have now been resolved.

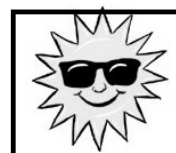


In other news, we welcome two new official members to our tower. Jamie Evans and Ellena Criddle, who have been practising with us for a while, have now gained enough experience to be accepted as members Bath and Wells Diocesan by the Association of Change Ringers at the last quarterly meeting held in April. We are proud to welcome them both.

Angela Underwood

Sunshine Tea Club

Thanks to the hospitality of Leathea and her team The Tea Club has continued to meet on the second Friday of the month in The Globe Inn. At our meeting in February we celebrated Valentine's Day with heart themed fairy cakes, supplied by the Village Bakery. In March despite freezing cold weather, coughs, colds and a lack of public transport we met up as usual and Leathea warmed us up with a delicious quiche in addition to the usual tea and cakes. Our meeting in April was moved to the third Friday of the month to avoid clashing with Good Friday. We looked ahead to the summer months and planned another visit to Lane Farm on Friday 16th June for one of Jane and John's delicious cream teas.



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Cannington Health Centre's Patient Newsletter.

Practice Manager. In March this year, we sadly said goodbye to our Practice Manager, Carol Woodward, who left to return to her Northern roots. Carol has enjoyed her time in Somerset, but will be moving back closer to her daughters and grandchildren.

The Nursing Team . The nursing team continue to strive to meet the needs of our patients and we thank you for your patience and flexibility when we have to juggle your appointments or occasionally run late. Laura the Health Care Assistant, is running very successful phlebotomy clinics. These are for blood tests only, for that reason the appointments are just 5 minutes. If you need something else such as a blood pressure check, the receptionists will be very pleased to book that appointment separately for you.

Amongst many other skills, Laura continues with her invaluable support for those with long term conditions e.g. chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and diabetes.

Jane one of the Practice Nurses who joined us 2 years ago is an experienced nurse and a great asset to the team in many ways. She is training to complete a diploma in COPD at a University in Bristol in order to become more involved with this condition soon.

Many of you will already know Liz Browne, an experienced Practice Nurse as she has done many locum sessions for us in the past. We are delighted that she has agreed to join us on a more permanent basis which makes our team now complete.

We are always looking at ways to improve our service and welcome your ideas. Thanks again for making our jobs so rewarding!

Hayfever. It is the time of year when hayfever symptoms are starting. Symptoms can be similar to a cold, and include a runny nose, watery eyes and repeated sneezing attacks – Did you know you don't need to see the doctor for hayfever symptoms? Community pharmacists can offer advice on how to avoid triggers and how to treat hayfever. A prescription is not needed for hayfever medicines. Many treatments are available at little cost from a pharmacy or supermarket.

Minor Ailments. The pharmacist can help you with many minor ailments such as mild eczema, coughs and colds, indigestion and athlete's foot. You can visit the pharmacy at any time with common health problems, saving yourself the time and trouble of waiting for a GP appointment. If your problem is more serious and needs the attention of a GP, the pharmacist will recognize this and advise you to see your GP instead.



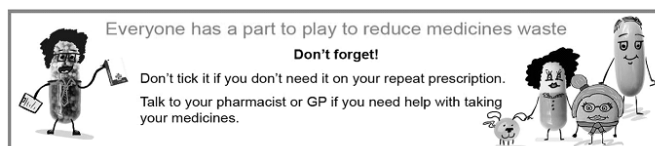


Cannington Health Centre's Patient Newsletter.

Prescription Charges. On 1st April 2017 the NHS prescription charge was increased to £8.60 for each medicine or appliance dispensed.

Reduce Medicines Waste. In an attempt to reduce the **estimated £3 Million pounds** of medicines waste in Somerset per year, the Health Centre are in support of this year's medicine waste campaign.

Medicines waste is an issue where everyone has a part to play, we would encourage patients to only order what medication they need and to check your prescription bag before you leave the practice dispensary or local pharmacy and return any unwanted medicines.



Urgent medication requests. Our dispensers have noticed an increase in the number of 'urgent' medication requests. Whilst our dispensers will always try and accommodate urgent requests, this is not always possible and we may not be able to have the prescription ready for collection on the same day. Please order your repeat medication in advance so that you do not run out. Once ordered, please allow at least 48 hours (excluding weekends).

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SMS Text Service. We have recently enabled SMS text service for appointments. A short text message will be sent to your mobile phone shortly after you book an appointment. A further message will be sent 2 days before your appointment is due to remind you. The receptionist making your appointment should check that we hold your current mobile number.

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The Trustees consider all applications in the *strictest confidence* and no information is in the public domain.

The trustees were delighted to receive three donations recently, including £500 from The Bridgwater Clay Shooting Club. The other donors wish to remain anonymous. We are very grateful for their generosity.

Examples of the help we give are: School trips, clothing, heating bills and replacement of necessary electrical equipment etc.



Cannington in Bloom (CiB) now have a very busy time ahead in the coming months to get the village ready for judging. This year we are judged twice once in the South West in Bloom entry which will be in the first 2 weeks of July and then our most important judging to date Monday 31st July which is when we are judged for our National entry, we are up against 6 other large villages from the Scotland, Northern Ireland, England and Wales, so we as a village are very privileged to have been put forward by Mr Jon Wheatley R.H.S. National Judge to represent the whole of the South West, this is indeed an honour and the whole of Cannington should be very proud of what has been achieved over the few years CiB have been in operation..

All of what has been achieved would not have happened without the help of not only the villagers that went that extra mile last year with SAW (sweep and weed) but also our sponsors and the Parish Council who have been extremely generous in helping us purchase bulbs and other items to keep the village looking good.

We have our Community Action day coming up on Saturday 10th June starting at 10am, this will include weeding paths, sweeping up debris, litter picking and painting, more details to follow on our Facebook page and posters in the near future. But the best bit is when everyone has helped around the village there is a BBQ on the lawn of Cannington House, thanks to Steve and Jan Pettitt, also teas, coffees, squash and cake are on sale along with the burgers and sausages. We are looking for any donations of raffle prizes for this event so please contact Kym Wardhaugh 01278 651107 if you have anything to donate.

Three new areas of planting looked exceptionally good this year and they were Teals Acre with clumps of Daffodils and Narcisse, the bank outside the Army Cadets with Daffodils, Bluebells and Snowdrops and also the corner of Clifford Park with an increased number of Daffodils, Narcisse, Crocuses and Bluebells

CiB are still actively looking for more volunteers to help out on a Wednesday evening weeding and tidying up, and also the occasional Saturdays, you don't have to come each week but as and when you can make it, many hands make light work and then a nice drink in the Friendly Spirit after our details to organisations that may be able to help.

Last year Mr Ian Dyer of Blackmore Farm came up with the idea of having a wheelbarrow competition for residents to coincide with the judging, we are going to do this again as it did prove very popular, along with our now annual Scarecrow Competition, dates will be publicised soon for both competitions.





On a more serious note CiB is a very small organisation with 11 committee members, but we do encompass the whole village in what we do, it is not for self-satisfaction or glory but for the whole village to make it look good and make villagers proud of where they live. We would like to hear more from YOU as to what you feel we could do better or suggest an area that can be worked on. We work with Cannington Primary School, Seed of Hope, Cannington Army Cadets, Bridgwater College Cannington, The Cannington Flower Show, Brymore School and The Walled Gardens of Cannington which won the 5* Parks Award in South West in Bloom 2016. So, although there are only 11 of us for the most part over the year there are a lot more people and groups coming together for the greater good of the village.



One of the nicest things that happens when we are out doing our things around the village is the amount of people who stop and take the time to say, "Thank You" for what we do, also the comments we get on our Facebook page it makes it all worthwhile that you are all so positive. As a little group, I am sure you will agree that we have changed the look of the village for the better and most of this has been accomplished with funds raised by ourselves but again our Parish Council and sponsors have helped.

Kym Wardhaugh

Cannington Parish Council Meeting 11.4.17

Before the start of the meeting Colin Allen made a presentation to County Councillor John Edney, who after 16 years' service, is retiring. John has provided wonderful help, support and encouragement to the Parish Council, and the community including the many clubs and organisations throughout this period, and he will be a very hard act to follow. We send John and Betty our very best wishes.



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News from St Mary's Church

We marked Lent and Holy Week and celebrated Easter with a wonderful series of services and events, helping us to explore more deeply the meaning of this most glorious season.

Over 50 children attended the inaugural Easter Holiday Club, run at the school with friends from the United Reformed Church. We learnt about the life of St Peter as well as enjoying craft, games and activities with a space age theme.

As well as our usual services during Holy Week, we shared a Seder Meal together for the first time – a remembrance of the Passover that Jesus shared with the disciples at the Last Supper – and also a Tenebrae service, a meditation on the growing shadows of before Good Friday.

Churches are always reliant upon the time, enthusiasm and energy of many volunteers. I am especially grateful to everyone who gave so much to make this Easter so special. I must also express my huge appreciation to our churchwardens, Ann Cowling and Tony Slade, who will, after 10 years' service, be standing down this month. They have both served longer than would normally be expected, ensuring a smooth transition between Rectors, for which I am very thankful.

We are also sad to say goodbye in June to Michael Martin, our Musical Director and Organist, who is taking much-deserved retirement after serving at St Mary's for 16 years. Michael is looking forward to spending more time in Belgium with Lutje, his wife but he will be hugely missed at Cannington, where he has played such an important role in the musical life of the parish. We wish them both well in this new chapter. Revd Alison Waters

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




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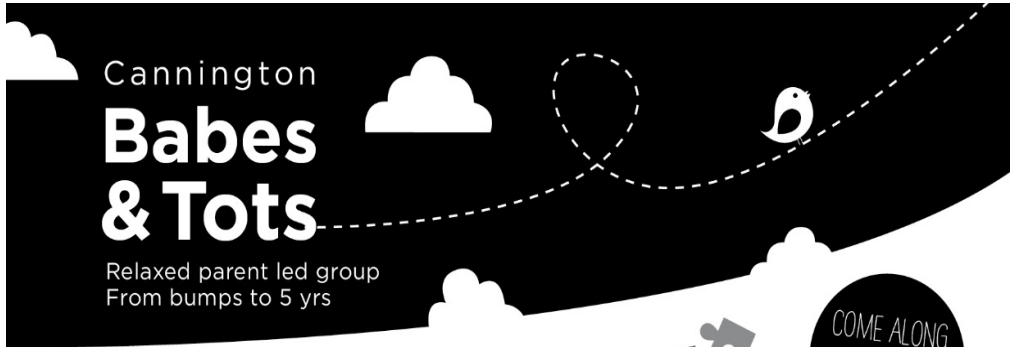
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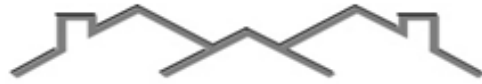


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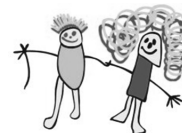
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CANNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 22nd May 2017 at 7.00pm in Cannington Village Hall



You are all welcome to attend our Annual Parish meeting. The Parish Council Chairman will give his report for the year ending 31st March 2017. Local groups and organisations are also invited to report on their activities (not obligatory).

Light refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting.

If you would like to attend please contact the Clerks;

Tina Gardener and Aly Prowse
Community Room, Cannington Village Hall
01278 653322 or canningtonparishcouncil@cannington.org.uk

CANNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



Parish Council Precept

The Parish Council has kept the precept at £40,000 for the sixth year in succession. You will however have noticed a small increase on your council tax demand which is due to the reduction in Government funding. It has only been possible to keep the precept at the same level due to the additional income received from EDF for the rent of Rodway Playing Field car park.

Village Maintenance

The Parish Council has greatly increased its budget for this financial year. We are paying SDC Clean Surrounds to double the number of times the highways grass is cut around the village. We will also be assisting Cannington in Bloom this year in the forthcoming regional and national competitions including watering the planters and barrier baskets and targeting specific areas that need more attention around the village.

Southbrook Housing Development

The Parish Council has made a formal complaint to SDC Planning Department regarding irregularities with the planning consent and we are awaiting a response.

Youth Club

As reported in the last Target the Parish Council took over the management of the Youth Club in January however it hasn't been possible for us to continue. We are in the process of setting up an agreement with Youth Unlimited to manage the Youth Club on our behalf. It is hoped that the Youth Club will resume on Monday 8th May 2017.

Traffic Calming

The Parish Council met with SCC in February 2017 who will complete a feasibility study and have been given a free hand to come up with suitable traffic calming measures for Cannington. We hope to have a report on their study shortly.

Dog bins

The dog bin at the junction of Chads Hill and Park Lane has been removed and placed where the path from Sandy Lane meets Brymore Way.

Allotments

Following our advert in the last Target all our allotments have now been allocated and there is no waiting at the present. If you would like an allotment in the future then please contact the Clerks for an application form.





CANNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



Flood Alleviation Scheme

This was expected to be completed by the end of March 2017. It has been put back due to the delay in getting the gas main diverted. It is now hoped to be operational by the end of May 2017.

Cannington Neighbourhood Plan (NHP)

The NHP Steering Group has been working hard on producing the NHP and the Parish Council is now in receipt of what is hoped to be the final draft. This will need to be endorsed at a Parish Council meeting before the official consultation process begins. The Parish Council would like to thank all the members (past and present) for the tremendous effort they have put into this over the last 3 years, it has been very much appreciated.

Notice boards and website

Please check the notice boards on the Village Hall and in front of the Almshouses and the website for details of our meetings and other useful information.

Parish Community Room

Just to remind you that the opening days have changed and we will be available in the Community Room on Monday and Thursday mornings from 10.00am to 12.00pm

Our next meeting which will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7.00pm on Tuesday 9th May 2017 in the Village Hall. The Annual Parish meeting will take place on Monday 22nd May 2017 at 7.00pm in the village hall. These meetings are open for everyone to attend.

Finally it would be appreciated if you have any non-emergency matters that you wish to report or discuss to contact the clerks in the first instance either by phone, email or in person.

Tina Gardener Clerk to Cannington Parish Council
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Opening times: Term time only Monday to Friday 8 am – 5.30pm
Hourly Rate: £4.15 for 3 & 4 year olds. £4.55 per hour for 2 year olds.

Please feel free to contact us or pop in for a chat.

At Pre-School this term the children are becoming gardeners and nature detectives. They shall be investigating seeds and growing both flowers and vegetables. Our book this term is Superworm – the children will be using their imagination by creating their own 'Super Worm'.

Indoors we shall be watching our tadpoles, caterpillars and wormery to see what happens (so exciting). Phonics and mathematics will again be a focus area and our school transition process begins for these children starting school in September 2017.

Our **HOLIDAY FUN CLUB** was launched over the Easter holidays offering a variety of fun activities for primary school aged children. Whilst on site the children enjoyed breakfast, snacks and home made pizzas for tea. Activities included sports, baking, craft, games and a visit to the park. As part of the Easter Extravaganza we had the great Easter bake off, children had great fun making chocolate nests, cookies and the day ended with all children hunting numbered eggs around the school field. It was a fun filled couple of days enjoyed by both staff and children.

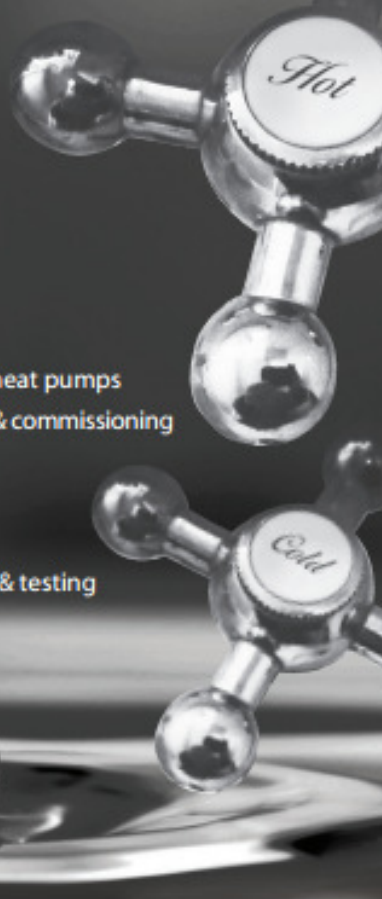
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