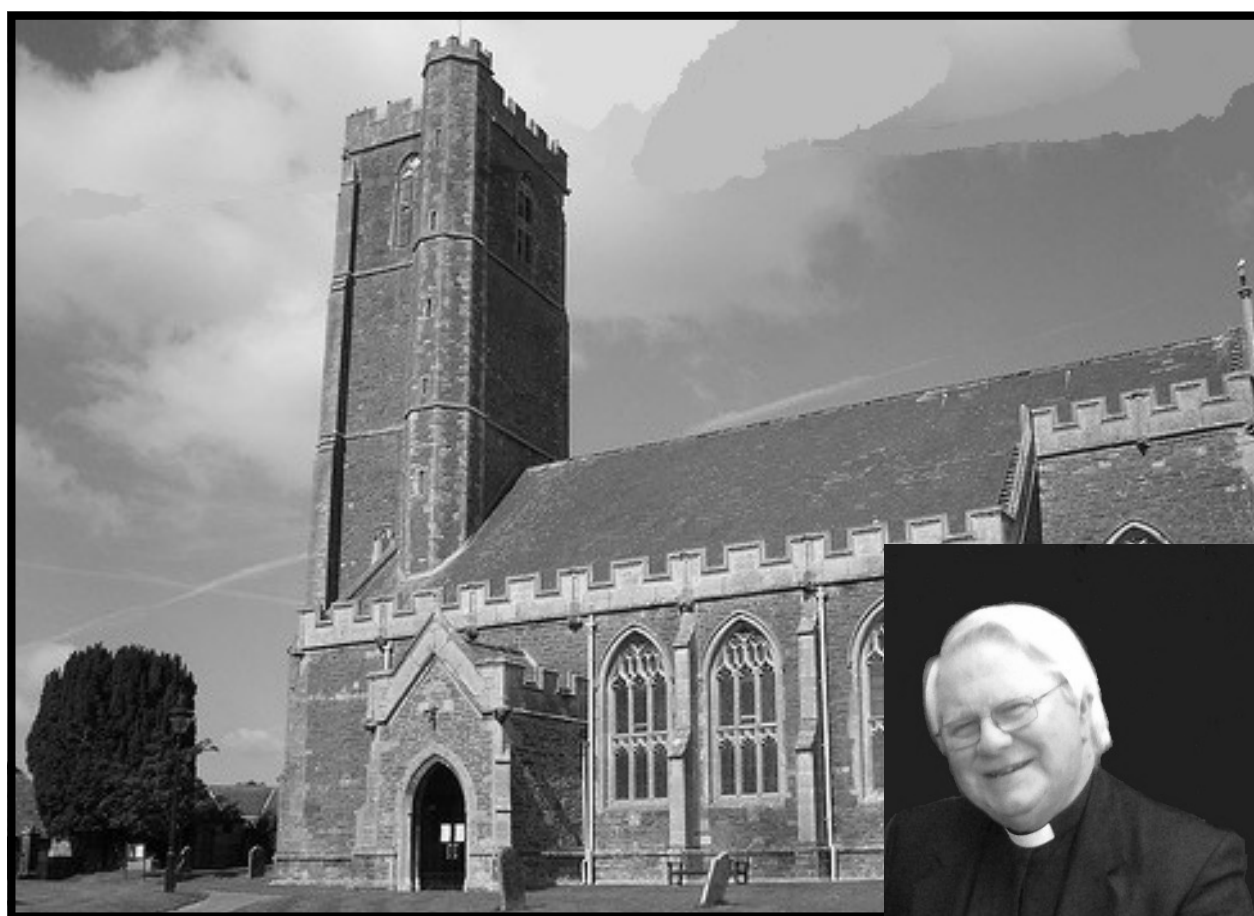


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EDITORIAL

Hello again.

In this, the Summer edition of The Target, you will find several references to the retirement of Fr. Peter Martin. Now recovered from his recent illness Peter is looking forward to a long and happy rest of his life. We wish him well.

With Spring almost a thing of the past Cannington in Bloom is very active and the Flower Show will soon take place. Also, it's good to have the Cannington Pantomime back again. Details lie within.

The General Election is only days away but an election isn't required for our own Parish Council. On your behalf I would like to thank the nine members of the Council for generously giving their time to act on our behalf. They have a difficult task and they fully deserve our support.

Finally, here's hoping for a glorious Summer; let's regain those Ashes!



Geoff Parle. Editor.

PHOBIAS

I'm terrified to admit my fears,
I won't make a complete list, but here's
Just a vague idea of things that frighten me.
I'm afraid of heights, of depths and of adversity.

I have even a fear of being afraid,
But I'm afraid it's just the way I'm made.
I'm afraid of being in open spaces,
But more afraid of enclosed places.

I'm a practising defeatist, a broken reed;
Courage is my most urgent need.
All enclosed spaces I would ban
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THE VILLAGE MATTERS
Notes from your County Councillor

As the Bard said “Parting is such sweet sorrow” and in this edition we say farewell to a couple of village stalwarts and a landmark

Tribute to Father Peter

On Monday May 11th Fr Peter will conduct his final service after 27 years ministry in Cannington and the neighbouring villages.

Despite several illnesses, some very serious over the years Fr Peter has always bounced back and now looks forward to many years of happy retirement in Minehead near his beloved West Somerset Railway.

Fr Peter was brought up with brother Geoff in Datchet in the shadow of Windsor Castle and Eton College. Following school he entered local government and became a housing officer. He worked in some of the poorer parts of London before a move to North Dorset where he became head of the housing department.

In his early 30's he was called to the ministry, trained at Lincoln Theological College and following short spells in Taunton and Bath came to Cannington in 1988. He quickly became a familiar figure and immersed himself in village life. There are very few families in this village who have not come in contact with Fr Peter both in sad and happy times. He has managed to tread that difficult path of avoiding controversy and has been awarded various Diocesan posts including at times, Prebendary of Wells Cathedral Archdeaconry, Warden of Readers, Rural Dean of Sedgemoor and Quantock Deaneries. Chairman of Trustees of the Abbey House, Glastonbury – the Diocesan Retreat House. He has continued his interest in housing and for two years was Chairman of Taunton Association for the Homeless and founding Chairman of SHAL Housing Association for 11 years

His main legacy will be the condition of the Parish Church which he has nurtured and kept in excellent order with the help of many willing workers.

We will all very much miss his cheerful face, ready sense of humour and a ‘can do’ philosophy in all things he has undertaken.

God Bless you Peter and we thank you for your outstanding ministry.

Fr Peter has agreed to answer the following questions which may give us an insight into the man behind the Dog Collar!

1. What was the last book you read
‘War Horse’ – Michael Morpurgo
2. Name your pet hate
Being told I only work on Sundays!
3. Two words or phrases you would abolish from the English Language
I personally, you know





THE VILLAGE MATTERS

Notes from your County Councillor

4. If you have to get a degree, what would you study (Theology not allowed!)
History
5. Best car you ever had
Lime Green Fiat 128 Sport
6. Best ever holiday destination
Kenya
7. What aspect of Cannington life would you change for the better
Make people more thoughtful of others – dog fouling and bad parking
8. Five dinner guests (living or dead)
Sir Winston Churchill, Sir Thomas More, Ann Widdecombe, S. Mary Magdalene and Martin Luther King.

Postmaster Mike Harding

After nearly forty-five years service to the village Mike will be retiring soon. The Post Office will not disappear but is set to be absorbed into the adjoining village store. Mike has seen many changes and feels that this is likely to be the way forward for Post Offices in the future. I am sure the village would join me in thanking Mike, Hillary and all his previous assistants for all their devoted service.

Farewell to the Black Poplar

So at last after initial problems the iconic tree in the Jubilee Gardens has been felled and only the lower section of the main trunk remains.

It is estimated to be around 300 years old and became dangerous and unsightly at the end.

As a small boy in short trousers I never liked it much. It was very hard to climb, had no fruit or berries and the bark was like razor wire to knees and elbows!

But as I grew older I came to appreciate its qualities.

The Jubilee Gardens are now a safer place for children to play.

With very best wishes

John Edney

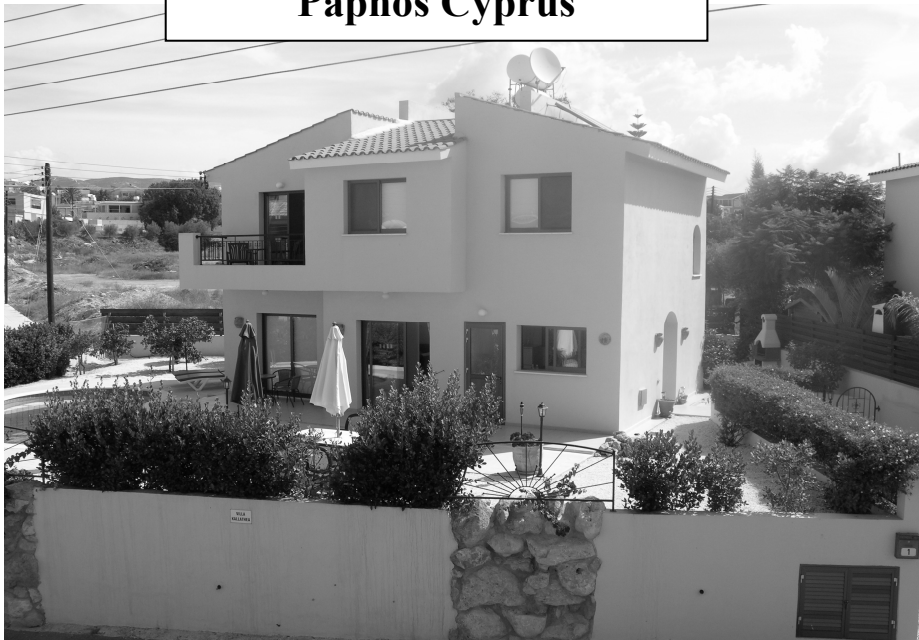


IN MEMORY OF TOM BOYD

I would like to thank all my many friends in Cannington for the cards, flowers and words of comfort received, and prayers offered, on the death of my beloved Tom. He has left an enormous void in my life, but the wonderful memories of our five decades together will last forever.

With love and gratitude from Margaret.

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Cannington Flower Show – 2015

This years Show will be held on Saturday 22nd August at Cannington Church of England Primary School. Please look out for schedules which should be around the village during July. We made a lot of changes last year to the classes so the Committee have decided to leave the classes the same for 2015. So.... please start your upcycling now as that could be a bigger project.

Remember we had furniture last year so everything would be welcome! Cannington Flower Show is an open show so is as that suggests **open to all**.

You do not have to live in Cannington to enter a class. Some of the trophies are reserved for Cannington residents, but please don't let that stop you from entering a class if you live outside the village because all First, Second and Third prizes can be won by anyone, living anywhere if your entry is considered the best by the judge.

The children's classes are divided into age groups and there are lots of things to make or grow to enter. Again, children can enter wherever they live, so if anyone has visitors this summer and need to entertain the children on a rainy day make something for the Flower Show. The entrant doesn't have to be there on the day of the show so long as someone can stage the exhibit for them.

We handed over the administration of the village Front Garden Competition to Cannington in Bloom last year. This seemed to fit better with their work in improving the look of the village, but the presentation of prizes remained at the Flower Show. Members of Cannington in Bloom are also helping us with the Show by being the drop off point for trophies and entry forms. This help is greatly appreciated, especially as none of the Flower Show officers live in the centre of Cannington.

If anyone has any queries about how to enter the Show or how to display their produce or craft items please get in touch. We do have a Facebook page called "Cannington Flower Show" and we get to hear about any posts on the Cannington Now page too. We will try to set a link to this year's Schedule once it is available. If anyone would like a schedule e-mailed this can also be done – please let us know your Email address via the Facebook page or ring me. The schedule isn't quite finished yet, so please be patient.

We have managed to keep the Show on the village calendar since its restart in the 1980's and we'd like to keep it there a few years longer. If anyone reading this article is interested in joining the committee, or has a little time to help out on show day, please get in touch.

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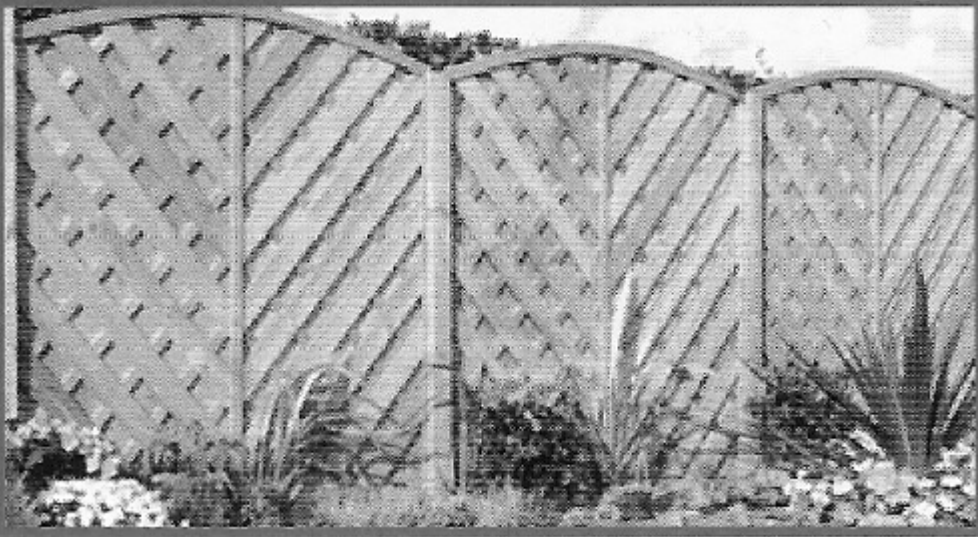
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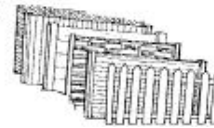


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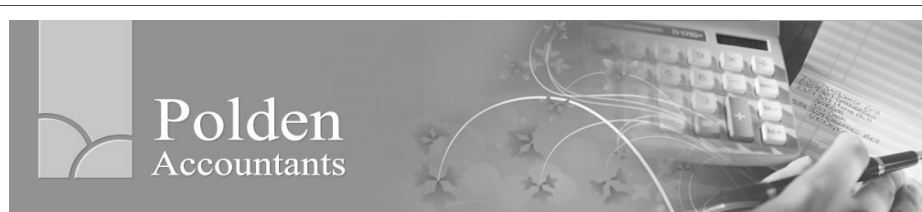
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Entry is free of charge; parking as always is very limited around the school so please be considerate to local school residents when you park on the day.

The PTA would also like to remind everyone that the next **Bags2School** collection will be taking place on **Tuesday 14th July.** Please look out for the distribution of bags nearer the time from the school and ring the school on 01278 - 652368 should you require a collection of filled bags before the main collection date. As usual we unfortunately aren't able to accept toys or bedding.

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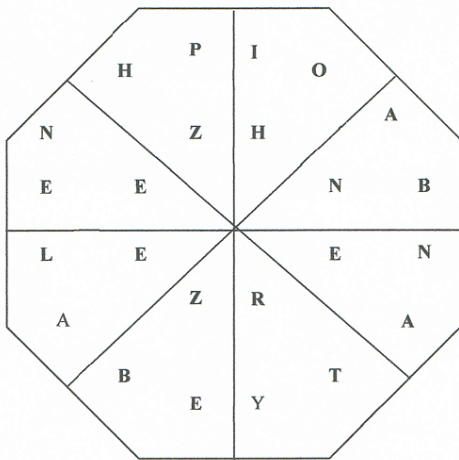
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Barrier Baskets and Planters: I am always surprised that in a village of 1500 residents we can only rustle up 11 people to help this village look more beautiful. I am sure you will agree that the barrier baskets along the Jubilee Gardens looked absolutely amazing. I am never quite sure if our selection of plants and colours will work but I shouldn't have worried as they have been full to bursting and the scent from the blue and yellow Hyacinths has just been delightful. The baskets were planted by the students from **Bridgwater College Cannington Centre** under the watchful eye of Jayne Alcock who is also a member of CiB. Well done team.

The summer barrier baskets will be going out in June. All the plants have been grown from seed by **Brymore Students** and CiB will maintain them throughout the summer months. This is where you come in dear reader. We need your help to take part in a watering rota and some deadheading. It only takes an hour twice a week to fill the planters up but with holidays and so few of us, we really struggle to keep it going so if you can spare some time we would be delighted to hear from you. Equally if you are just walking past and you can see that some of the flowers have died, please help us by deadheading to encourage new growth to come through.

I would also like to say thank you to Mrs Wilde of School Fields who kindly donated 4 planters and 2 tubs full of Hyacinths. Once they have finished flowering we will be doing some maintenance on them and then replant for the summer.

Weedy Wednesdays: Every Wednesday at 7pm from May onwards, CiB meet in various locations around the village. On our hit list this year is the school path, wild flowers on the roundabout, the Garden of Rest, the Community Orchard and the entrance to the allotments. If you want to join in we would love to hear from you. It is great fun and we have a giggle and pretty much always end up in the pub to reward our efforts!

Wednesday 13th May 7pm: John Addison will be hosting a tour around the Walled Garden and College Grounds highlighting and talking about plants for various situations. Meet at the glass house at the back of the Walled Garden. This is a FREE event that is being hosted by The Walled Garden and Bridgwater College Cannington Centre as part of our working partnership to encourage more community participation within the village.





Saturday 6th June 10am Community Pride Day: Back by popular demand this day is designed to get everyone in the village involved in helping to tidy up our village. We will be organising another litter pick amongst other things but more details will be in our Spring Newsletter that we will be delivering to every door in the village. Once our work is done we will finish back at Cannington House where Steve and Jan Pettitt will host a barbecue and plant sale.

Front Garden Competition: This is open to absolutely everyone in the village and is applied to any area that can be seen from the road. It is divided into 3 Categories: **Best Front Garden, Best Hanging Baskets or Tub and finally, Best Commercial Premises.** The first two categories can win a National Garden Voucher prize of £30, £20 or £15 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd and a silver trophy or plate. The Best Commercial Premises will win a silver trophy. You don't need to enter as the Judges will be visiting the village sometime in the last 2 weeks of July and will be scouring the whole village for the winners. We are keeping the 4th Category introduced last year for **Best Allotment.** Once again this category is sponsored by **On the Level Building Services Ltd** to try and encourage some of you allotment holders to excel in your efforts. The potential winners for all the categories will be notified before the **Flower Show** which will be held on **22nd August** to ask them to come along for the Prize Presentation. To keep the suspense going they won't actually know what they have won!

Scarecrow Competition: After last year's success we will be running the scarecrow competition again this year. The theme is characters from a **Children's Book or Film.** Dates to be advised.

Finally I would like to draw your attention to the **RHS Greener Streets: Better Lives** launch this April. With the involvement of community groups across the country, the RHS are hoping to revitalise thousands of neglected and rundown spaces over the next three years. For more information go to www.rhs.org.uk/GreenerStreetsBetterLives.

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I turned up at nets wearing Cricket gear,
and the ball smashed my Buddy Holly glasses



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June 8th Summer Outing to " Orchard Manor House & Gardens " Williton.

**July 13th Life in the Netherlands during the German Occupation
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August tba Annual Skittle Night

**September 14th S.U.R.E (raising money for the Beacon Centre)
Roy Hole**

**October 12th Somerset "Worthy's & not so Worthy's"
Chris Sidaway**

October 19th Harvest Supper

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!!!! Meetings are usually held on the 2nd Monday in the month 7.30 upstairs in the Village Hall.

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February was a month of two halves. Up to the 13th it was colder and drier with seven air frosts and only 1mm of rain. After midmonth a series of low pressure systems brought wetter, milder and windier weather. An average maximum [7.9c] and average minimum [1.9c] were just below the average, while the 32.2mm of rain we recorded was 62% of the average.

Winter 2014-15 was slightly warmer. The 17 air frosts recorded were 8 fewer than average. Rainfall at 133mm was only 63% of the norm. Do you remember last winter? Only 3 air frosts and over twice the average rain.

March began with some strong winds [30 -35mph gusts] and some frontal rain, then pressure built and we experienced a quiet and largely dry three weeks. However there was a sting in the tail and March did not go out like a lamb . We recorded winds of 35mph to 45mph during the last three days concluding with one of 55mph at 04.00am on the morning of the 31st. This is the highest for several years. Maximum and minimum temperature averages [10.8c and 3.66] were about the norm. There were no air frosts and the rainfall at 29mm was just over half the average.

David Daggar



A man was arrested for stealing helium balloons, police held him for a while then let him go.

The Parish Church of S. Mary the Virgin, Cannington

Rector : Vacancy
[See below]



Sunday Services

8.00am Eucharist [Communion]

9.30 am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School

2nd Sunday 10.00am Family Service - See porch notices for details

5th Sunday

8.00 am Eucharist

10.00 am Joint Benefice Eucharist at one of the Churches in the Benefice

Weekday Eucharists

10.00 am –2nd & 4th Mondays only at Schoolfields

6.45 pm –Tuesdays

8.30 am –Fridays

For dates and times of other Services and any alterations to the above pattern please see the Notice in the Church porch or the Notices which frequently go up around the village.

Other Activities

Tuesdays –7.30 pm Bell ringers Practice

Thursdays –10.00 am –11.30 am Coffee and Chat in Church
7 pm Choir practice.

THE RECTOR'S RETIREMENT

Can we emphasise that Fr Peter's last service in Church is at 7 pm on Monday, 11th of May and reception afterwards in the Primary School are open to everyone. It would however help those organising the evening to know how many people are coming so please would you indicate your attendance by putting your name on the list on the Parish Chest in Church or email The Rectory at revd.petermartin@gmail.com if you have not already done so



The Parish Church of S. Mary the Virgin, Cannington



There is a collection for a retirement gift. If you would like to contribute please use one of the envelopes on the Parish Chest and pop your donation into the wall safe or give it to Kate Slade, 10 Lonsdale Road - Thank you.



Once Fr. Peter has retired Fr Peter Attwood [734588] or Fr Ron Owen [433801] will be conducting the majority of service during the vacancy. They will also be available to cover funerals, baptisms and marriages and any other pastoral need. We are very grateful to both of them for being so kind and generous to us.

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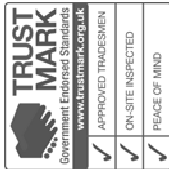
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We have welcomed several visiting bands of ringers to our church recently, Cannington seems to be a popular ringing location and visitors are always impressed by our beautiful church, the location alongside the Brook and the close proximity to the Walled Gardens. I believe we have much to celebrate in Cannington, and it is nice to see the things we take for granted through the eyes of visitors to our village.

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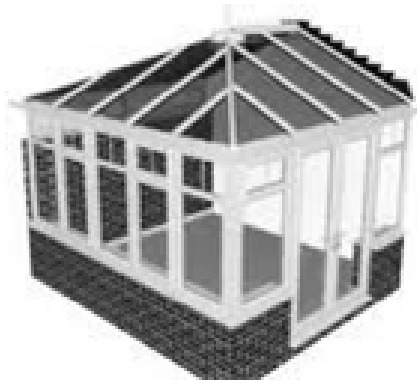
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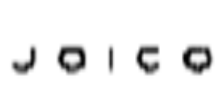
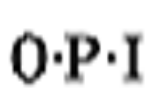



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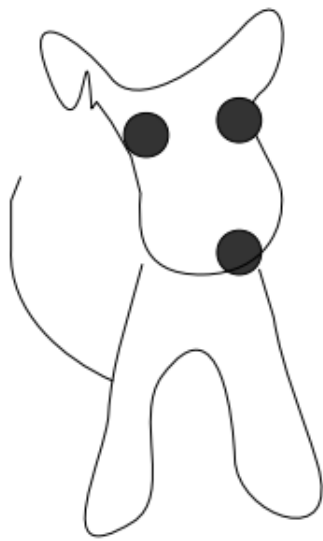
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CANNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

This will be the last submission from the current Parish Council before the May 2015 elections. The Parish elections will be uncontested as only nine nominations were received for the ten councillor positions. Current Councillors who decided not to stand for re-election are Mrs Lynda Laird, Mrs Sheila Allen, Mrs Sarah Jansons, Mr Brian Stother and Mr Lawrence Greenslade.



As from May the Council will consist of Mr Colin Allen, Mr Mike Phillips, Mr Alan Davey, Mr David Greenslade, Mr Alan Beasley, Mr Robert Morgan, Mr Robin Phipps, Mr Jack Popham and Mr Andrew Vickery. An additional Councillor will be co-opted at a later date.

Our current Chairman, Colin Allen has produced a report on the last four years of the Parish Council:-

EDF has dominated the work of the Parish Council with the numerous public consultations and IPC consultations on the planning application for Hinkley Point C, transport forum and community forum meetings, development of Cannington Court and monthly updates with the Cannington Bypass.

Flooding has also been a major issue with a number of properties being flooded in the Northbrook Area. The Parish Council has set up an Emergency Flood Committee and has a flood store in Northbrook stocked with sand, sand bags and a water pump. The Council co-ordinated with various Authorities to get the drains cleared. We are currently supporting the Environment Agency with the proposed Flood Alleviation Scheme for which a planning application has now been submitted.

Over the last 4 years the Council has dealt with numerous planning applications and in particular the 16 properties to the East of Main Road. The S106 agreement is being completed for the open green space to be given to the Council along with a commuted sum of £50,000 for future maintenance. There will also be a £150,000 contribution to the Flood Alleviation Scheme.

The Cemetery has seen a new path installed and the old hedge at the front of the Cemetery removed and a new hedge planted. Both the bus shelters have been refurbished and a defibrillator installed on the High Street Bus Shelter. The Playing Field Pavilion has had new doors and windows installed and the car park refurbished. We have received over £20,000 from renting the car park first to Magnox (Hinkley Point A) and currently to Kier Construction the contractors for Cannington Court. We have installed grit bins and additional dog bins throughout the village.

The Black Poplar in the Jubilee Gardens has been cut down to a safe height. It caused a great deal of interest to many people as it was taken down in sections using a large crane. Numerous photographs were taken for our archives. We hope to establish the age of the tree in the near future.

A Steering Group was set up for the S106 Mitigation from EDF of £500,000. After various meetings and public consultations a wish list was agreed. One of the main items was for better play facilities and the Park in Brook Street is currently undergoing a major face lift. We are currently negotiating with SDC to purchase the Rodway Playing Field.





CANNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Youth Club in the village hall is now in its third year and is growing strong. The Council supports the club along with grants from SCC.

There have been a number of Highways issues in particular the number of accidents and an unfortunate fatality along Brook Street and an anti-skid surface has been recently installed. A Traffic Calming consultation has recently taken place in the village and the report has been sent to SCC; we are waiting their response.

A steering group has been set up to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. Information has been gathered from residents from Open days and various questionnaires including online questionnaires. The information is now being collated and the information gathered will be used to produce the plan.

I would like to thank all the Parish Councillors, District Councillors Ann Bown and Ian Dyer and County Councillor John Edney for their contribution and support over the last four years.

We must not forget the tragic deaths of Maurice Locke and Roger Nurton and the valuable contributions they made to the Council.

Colin Allen Chairman

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

Tina Gardener Clerk to Cannington Parish Council
Community Room, Cannington Village Hall
Opening hours; Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10.00am to Midday
01278 653322 or canningtonparishcouncil@cannington.org.uk

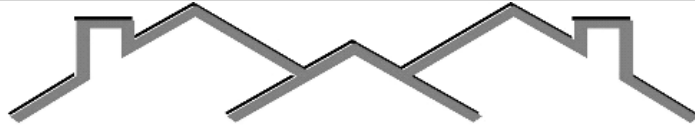
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2014

It is thanks to the help of so many people and establishments that I can announce that a record amount (in my time as co-ordinator) of £2351 was generously raised last year, exceeding previous years' collections by nearly £400. This was quite an achievement considering the lateness of the delivery of poppies and subsequent launch delay due to an original consignment being lost in transit. Despite this, a band of staunch collectors gave up their time in the true spirit of the appeal. In using the word 'appeal' there are areas of Cannington not covered by collectors and anybody's willingness to help the cause would be much appreciated.

Thanks to all who helped with all the administration - it is pretty full-on when the ball starts rolling and, again, any additional help (however small) wouldn't go amiss with deliveries, banking, collections etc. Many thanks again.

Malcolm Coats Area Co-ordinator



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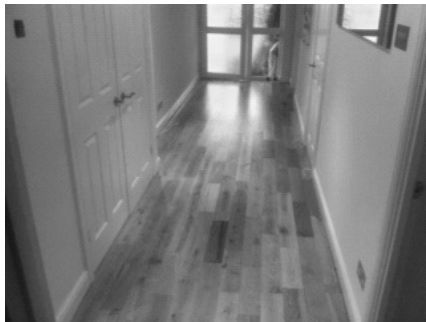
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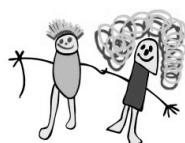


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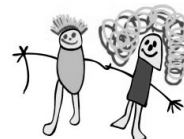
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HAAS (Help and Advice Across Somerset) is open each Wednesday afternoon; here you can get help and advice about finance, housing, council tax, benefits and other matters from Citizens Advice Bureau and Sedgemoor District Council. Savings bank facilities are also provided at this time by the Cannington branch of the Credit Union in a simple and friendly setting.

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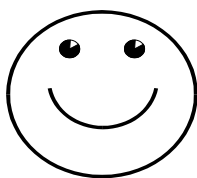
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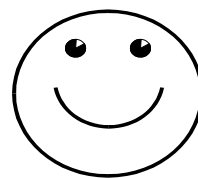
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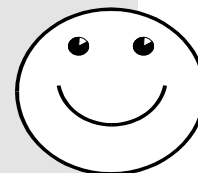


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Ann 653200 (NB. 1st Friday of the month is Messy Church)

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Janet Child Coordinator.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I would appreciate it if you could include the following poem in the target. It is written by Jean Jeffery from Cannington, she attends the @Cannington community hub on a Wednesday afternoon 1-4pm @ Cannington United Reformed Church.Abbi Taylor

My Radio Times

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Cannington Pantomime Society

At the well-supported AGM on 15th April, a new Committee was elected to take the Society into a new year and their first decision was to confirm Joy Speed as our Director and the next production as:

PUSS IN BOOTS

On 17th to 20th February 2016

At Cannington Village Hall

After 'taking a break' this year, it is essential for the Society's existence that this next production happens and to that end we are holding early auditions to ensure that we find the right calibre of cast and chorus. Details are as follows:

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