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#### Editorial

Finally, as they say, Spring has sprung and it has done so with a vengeance with some beautiful blossoms on the trees and flowers.

There are several things to look forward to and one date for your diary, not to be missed, is the Coronation Party to celebrate King Charles III's crowning.

The party in Jubilee Gardens will have all sorts of activities and on page 23 there are details of the full programme. Fingers crossed the weather will be good and we can enjoy the day, much like we did for the Queen's Jubilee.

Many of you will have seen the imaginative and colourful displays done by Cannington Yarn Bombers and talking of colourful displays, the Open Garden Day on June 17th shouldn't be missed, especially as there are cream teas available on route!

The Target always carries a report from Parish Council and, as an occasional the feature, I shall be including minutes from bygone meetings. So, on page 6 there are some minutes from 1901 - 1910 which make interesting reading.

I love playing all sorts of card games, especially Euchre, and I was interested enough to find out the origins of the game and was surprised at some of the terms used; the article is on page 67.

I was recently asked if I could update some of the leaflets that describe some of the walks that you can find around our beautiful village. With the help of Peter Nurse, who checked the accuracy of the walks and made any necessary changes, I designed the new leaflets and had them printed and they will be appearing shortly in various locations. They are also to be found on the Cannington Website alongside a PDF version of the Target for the partially sighted.

By enjoying all the various activities taking place in the next few months, you are also helping to support the various groups around the village.

Thank you to all those people who, in all winds and weathers, deliver the Target, much like the Pony Express did in days of old in the west, but without the horses! Shaun (Editor)

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# **Buttons**

Cannington Pantomime Society made a welcome return to the stage during February Half-Term. The pantomime chosen was Buttons, a sequel to Cinderella where the characters didn't quite have the happily ever after.



The sets and staging were of the usual high standard that we have now come to expect. Costumes were colourful and well put together. There were excellent wigs, hats and props. The Dame changed frequently as is the custom each time donning another suitably crazy outfit as the story unfolded.

Buttons was again watching Cinderella from afar but this time with a new best friend, Arthur – the coachman. All was not well for our heroine due to the return of her wicked stepmother and stepsisters in disguise. Having turned Cinderella back into a maid and taken her voice away, the three then conspired to get the prince to marry one of the stepsisters instead, as he had been 'abandoned'! The Fairy Godfather was suffering from magic loss due to the evil magic in the air and so struggled to help. Magic could only be boosted by the coachman making a generous decision to change back into a rat to help. The change scene was brilliantly executed with the bathtub. The rat waving a torch through the song was sweet. It was a shame we had all turned off our mobiles as it felt like we should have joined in for support!

Along the way the audience enjoyed the singing, dancing and performance of light-hearted entertainment. There was a catalogue of well-known songs and dance numbers. It is always a challenge having a chorus of such young children, but of course they stole the show especially the mouse scene. It was nice to have the cast members using the aisle to bring the show off the stage. The audience participation song was sung with enthusiasm. I think quite a few of the grown ups had learnt this one in their past.

A village pantomime audience always welcomes a cast made up of familiar faces. The casting of our friendly neighbourhood all round good person, Kate Slade, as the wicked stepmother was a surprise to many! She was ably assisted by newcomer Sarah Clarke as Gladys. Nigel as the Dame, Alexia as Cappuccino, Clive as the Fairy Godfather, Carl as the Town Crier and Hannah as Buttons were obviously enjoying their return to the stage. The newcomers playing Cinderella, Prince Charming, Lady Priscilla and Arthur were welcome additions to the cast. Richard Bevan, as Arthur the coachman, had a great stage presence, at one point launching into a commanding Shakespearean speech.

Lighting, sound and the backstage crew kept the show on the road. This was the first outing for the new stage curtains which opened and closed smoothly without trapping anyone the wrong side. The interval refreshments were well received. For the first time a VIP section was available with refreshments being served in the seats. However, for us normal people the queue was handled well with service completed during the time allowed.

Buttons was a fun evening out. Thank you to all involved. The village should hope that the Pantomime Society continues to grow so that there will be a return to the stage in 2024. *Issy Watchalot* 



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# **Cannington C of E Primary School P.T.A.**



Wow! What an incredibly busy and successful year the PTA have had so far!

So much has happened since our last Target article! Back in November we held our annual Christmas Fayre, we had an amazing turn out, the children enjoyed singing in the Choir, visiting Santa in his Grotto and lots of great stalls and yummy refreshments. Thanks to all your support the Christmas Fayre raised a whopping £1864.87!

We also recently held a Easter Bingo, we were amazed by the support that we received for this event, at one point we were unsure if we were going to fit everyone in the School hall but we did and an amazing evening was had by all, with some great prizes being won. The Bingo raised £768.78, we think this may have been the most we have ever raised at a School bingo!

This would not have been made possible without the commitment of our amazing PTA members, the School community and members of the public who attended and donated to our events. We would like to say a huge thank you to each and everyone of you who made it possible for these events to happen. With the profits made we funded a school trip to the Pantomime in Weston and also a visit to Paignton Zoo which was partly funded by the PTA.

#### Now onto our upcoming events!

On Friday 14th July we will be holding a Summer Fayre, there will be games and entertainment for the children, stalls and refreshments and lots more! Keep an eye out on Social Media and for posters around the village for more information about this event. If you are a local business or charity and would like to have a stall at the festival, please email 73dooishroad@gmail.com for more information.

We will also be hosting a Quiz and Chips evening on Friday 12th May, come along and enjoy a family friendly quiz with a Fish and Chip Supper, pre-booking is essential please contact the School office by 5th May for more information about how to book. As always any raffle donations would be gratefully received, just drop them off to the School Office.

Once again thank you for your support and we are looking forward to an exciting Summer ahead. *Dates for the diary: Quiz and Chips Evening - Friday 12th May* 

#### Summer Fayre - Friday 14th July

**Cannington Parish Council** was formed in 1899 and took over the running of the village charities, the Almshouses and the cemetery. Throughout the magazine there will be extracts from the minutes of some of the meetings that took place over the years. (1900 - 1910)

- An asphalt path was laid in the cemetery at a cost of £50, as no one could be found to weed it every two weeks and the existing well was covered.
- A light railway was proposed to run from Bridgwater to Stogursey, the station would have been at the end of East Street, but after 20 years of discussion, the plan was dropped through lack of finance.
- It was proposed that Cannington should have its own horse drawn fire engine, but a lack of financial support from the large property owners quashed the idea.
- The Parish Council organised the celebrations for the Coronation of King Edward VII and after, there was a sum of £6.14s.6d left and it was proposed to purchase 8 lamps to light the village from the bridge to the Rose and Crown but the idea was abandoned due to the high maintenance costs.
- A new road was proposed to avoid the Wembdon and Sandford Hills and after lengthy discussions, it was finally built in 1922.
- The population in 1901 was 1021.

(Maureen Hudson)

## QUARTERLY WEATHER REPORT



**January 2023** was certainly a month of two parts. The first eighteen days were dominated by low pressure systems which brought us unseasonably mild and wet conditions. We recorded almost all of the month's 63mm during this period. Temperatures were also much higher than expected. This was followed by a high pressure system with very dry days and cold nights. Nine air frosts were recorded, -4.5c on the 24th was the lowest. The final monthly average temperatures were a

maximum of 9.8c and a minimum of 3.4c both of which were a degree above normal. The rainfall was some 12mm less than normal.

**February** was a very calm month. Only on two days [1st and 18th] did the wind exceed 25mph. Do you remember last February when winds approaching 60mph were recorded? The daytime average temperature was 2.5c above normal at 11.2c, whilst a night time average of 3.0c was almost exactly normal. It was a very dry month. We recorded only 5.8mm which is about 10% of the average. Half of that fell on one day, February 21st.

**March** was a turbulent month weather-wise. We experienced winds over 35mph on the 13th and the 28th. Snow fell during the night of the 7th-8th. It was wet month, we recorded 81.6mm which is about 50% more than the long term average. A predominately SSW wind and a series of low pressure areas made the month a little milder than average. There were just two air frosts at the beginning of the



month. Daytime and night-time averages of 11.7c and 5.7c were a little above the normal. *David Daggar* 



ADIDAS - that it stands for "all day I dream about sport" is an urban myth. It was founded in1949 in Bavaria Adolf "Adi" Dassler who made sports shoes in his Mother's wash room. The brand name came from a combination of his name - Adi - Das. **TESCO** - was started in 1919 by Jack Cohen in the East End of London. The brand's name appeared in 1924 after Jack bought a shipment of tea from TE Stockwell. Jack created new product labels using the supplier's TES and the first two letters of his surname - CO.



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#### Contact: Margaret Boyd 01278 653214

# **Cannington Food Pantry**

For those struggling to feed themselves and their family. Food can be collected from the church foyer on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9am.

For more information – Contact Claire Atkinson Te

Tel: 07467878750

# Future Events

Future events, dates and details of planned events, as yet undecided,

#### will be published in Cannington Now

For Church information please contact: Gina Bryant <u>bryant76@btinternet.com</u> Tel: 01278 652796

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What a busy few months!

The Brownies celebrated Chinese New Year by decorating the village hall with lanterns and dragons they had made previously. We enjoyed a Chinese meal together and had fun trying to eat with chopsticks! We were



so pleased that the girls tried food they hadn't tried before. To finish off the evening the girls took great delight in opening their fortune cookies.



We have been very lucky to have received a donation enabling us to buy each Brownie a "knitting Nancy doll". The Brownies have been allocated the footbridge to decorate for the King's Coronation. The girls have measured the bridge and were amazed to find their creativity has to stretch to 39 metres! We hope you enjoy our efforts. Finally, on behalf of the Brownies, we would like to thank the Friendly Spirit, Clive, Shaun, Mary and Ann for organising and

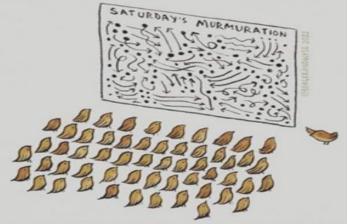
hosting the village quiz which raised some much needed funds for us. **Brown Owl and the Owls** 



#### <u>Big Help Out Day 8 May</u> https://thebighelpout.org.uk/

To mark His Majesty's Coronation, thousands across the country are getting together to give us all the chance to help out in our own local communities. If you can spare an hour...fantastic. 3 hours?...amazing. This will be our chance to get together to tidy the village, maybe discuss potential ideas for improvements and enjoy a free BBQ and drink at the end.

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**January** - We celebrated our 100th Birthday with a most wonderful **INSPIRING WOMEN** 'High Tea' at Blackmore Farm

**February** - Amanda spoke to us on her charity 'A Bag Full of Hugs' A wonderful idea giving persons who have escaped abuse or are homeless a suitable personal bag full of the necessities and some niceties to help them cope and feel better about themselves. Cannington W I will continue to support this cause with occasional collections of goodies.

**March** - Belly Dancing with Layla and friends. Well, the ladies did have some fun. After a few demonstrations the ladies donned some very glamorous and sparkly sashes and danced away!

April - we had our AGM followed by a film afternoon with Popcorn and Ice creams.

We have also been very busy knitting towards our part of 'Yarn Bombing' the village for the Kings Coronation. We have had several Knit and Natter afternoons to support each other, which have been great fun.

#### Upcoming events

May 8th - Lottie Dale will be giving her talk on 'I want to tell a story'. Lottie is a favourite speaker who talks on many subjects.

June 12th - We are holding an 'OPEN DAY' celebrating and exhibiting all our memorabilia over the last 100 years. Tea and cake will be served

July 10th - We are having a talk on 'Blood Bikes' a very worthwhile organisation.

In our growing village there are always new residents arriving who would like to be part of the community. We are a friendly, sociable club and you may be assured of a very warm welcome. Your first afternoon is free of charge. We have already made some new faces very welcome.

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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month

9.30am Family Service A service of story and song for all ages. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

10.00am United Benefice Service Held at one of the Churches in the Benefice.

# Weekday Services

6.00pm	Tuesdays
9.00am	Fridays

# **Other Activities**

Tuesdays	9-12pm	Babes & Tots (in Village Hall)
	7.30pm	Bellringers' practice
Thursdays	10 – 11.30am	Coffee and Chat in Church

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Yarn bombing, can also be called many other names including "Granny Graffiti", but don't try calling it that to us as we're not all old enough to be Granny's! Remember knitting needles are sharp implements so could do harm....We quite like the terms "guerrilla knitting" or "yarn street art" better.



The covering of objects with yarn began in the United States

of America during the 1990's and early 2000's. Several artists used cosies to cover items which included tree stumps. This developed into wrapping trees or objects found in the dark corners of urban areas. In 2009, a London based artist, Lauren O'Farrell developed the concept so that characters were also used to show a story or have a theme. Yarn bombing is now practised all over the world. In the UK, post boxes have become a popular object to decorate as have bollards and benches.



The Cannington Yarn Bomber Command was born from the Warm Space Initiative offered by the United Reformed Church over the past winter. It was hoped that more people might use the space if there was something to do. Crafting was discussed, then one of the members suggested a Yarn Bomb of the village. The idea was initially taken up by a handful of people, then a Facebook post was put on Cannington Now! and the handful became more than 40. The WI, Brownies and Church formed sub groups to work on specific projects.

The URC Warm Space has remained our hub and we are grateful for the welcome that we have experienced there. We are thankful for the yarn donations that have been made from individuals as well as Combwich WI and the Nether Stowey Knit and Natter Group. Members of the Cannington group have also provided a lot of the yarn needed for their individual projects. We all had a long term goal to work for the Coronation and this is now about to be revealed around the village. We practiced by putting out the mini displays to celebrate Buttons the Pantomime and more recently Spring/Easter. The bollards by the Village Hall make up a little for Cannington not having one of the round post boxes that yarn bombers find so useful.

We have been very lucky so far only losing one of the Spring bollard displays for a short time one Sunday morning. Ginny the Gonk was later found a few metres further up the road so was able to return to her home. We hope you all enjoy our work. We've had fun and friendship putting the displays together.

We hope that everyone shows our work some love and respect so that the array of knitted and crocheted creations remain in place until we decide to remove them! Cannington Yarn Bomber Command







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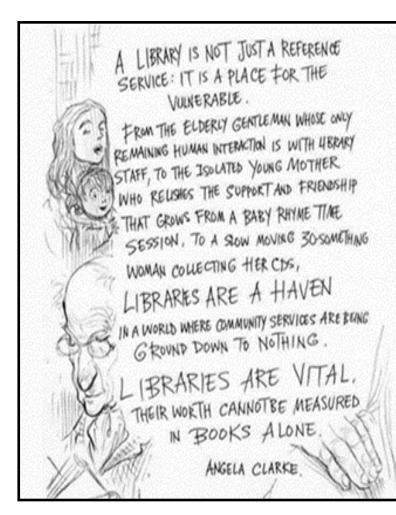
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#### King Charles III Coronation celebrations: 7 May

In 2023, we will be celebrating this once-in-a-lifetime event in style and alongside the Parish Council, the Bloomers are helping to organise Cannington's big Coronation party on May 7 in Jubilee Gardens.

As with the Queen's Jubilee, there will be a BYO picnic, but with the added highlights of some local fayre, including a hog roast, BBQ (with veggie options), tea, coffee and cakes. Proceeds from all sales will cover costs (some of which will be subsidised by the PC) and help support Cannington community groups.

There will be music by our own local band, Ali and the Swing Cats and Morris dancing throughout the afternoon, with added fun provided by a duck race and tug 'o' war. Face painting, tattoos, willow crown making and dressing up (royally-themed please) will all contribute to making this Cannington's biggest party ever. And there will be prizes for the best-dressed picnics with judges particularly looking out for sustainable, home-made and eco-friendly efforts. Can we even go plastic free?

#### Big Help Out Day 8 May https://thebighelpout.org.uk/

To mark His Majesty's Coronation, thousands across the country are getting together to give us all the chance to help out in our own local communities. If you can spare an hour... fantastic. 3 hours?...amazing. This will be our chance to get together to tidy the village, maybe discuss potential ideas for improvements and enjoy a free BBQ and drink at the end. We meet in Jubilee Gardens at 10.30am. Help us to do something amazing. Join in, lend a hand. Make a change.

#### **Cannington Front Garden competition**

Judging takes place in July (the exact date is a closely-kept secret!) and there are prizes for the best-kept front garden, hanging basket/containers (these need to be seen from the public road/footpath), best-kept allotment and best commercial premises (visible from the public road/ footpath). Every property in the village is automatically included in the judges' route – <u>contact</u> <u>us in advance if you don't wish to be included in the competition</u>



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# And finally... who are these guys? (or gals)?



You may have noticed the mysterious figures appearing on bollards opposite the village hall. First there were panto characters and now we have some Easter-themed toppers. How delightful! Apparently, although Ginny the Gonk went walkabout for a day or so, she was swiftly returned and once again, sits proudly alongside her mates. So Cannington has its very own Yarn Bombers... can't wait to see what they have planned next!!

(see page 16 for more information from Bomber Command Cannington Yarn )

# Programme of events at the Coronation Party

•9:00 - Volunteers start general setup – tables, chairs, hay bales, gazebos, electrics, PA



- •11:50 12:10 Church bells ring to herald the start of the event.
- •12:10 Cannington PC Chairman opens the Kings Coronation event
- •12:15 -13:15 Ali and the Swing Cats (first set).
- •13:15 -13:45 Morris dancers
- •13:45 1st Duck race
- •14:00 15:00 Ali and the Swing Cats (second set)
- •15:00 15:30 Morris dancers
- •15:30 16:30 Ali and the Swing Cats (third set)
- •16:30 2nd Duck race
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In the challenging financial environment it faces post-Covid, the Diocese of Bath and Wells has taken the difficult decision to reduce its number of paid clergy. Every area of Somerset will be affected by these reductions and in our area (Quantock Deanery), we are required to reduce our number of those clergy from 5 to 4.

We have considered very carefully how this could happen whilst ensuring that the church continues to serve our rural communities such as yours, maintain regular worship in our church buildings, and provide pastoral care for those in times of sorrow and joy. There were no easy answers but after a great deal of consideration by representatives from across the Deanery, and consultation with all the church councils, the following proposals are being made.

Stogursey and Fiddington parishes will become a new benefice with Cannington, Stockland and Steart, and Otterhampton with Combwich, with Revd Alison Waters (me) as their Rector.

Kilve, Holford and Stringston parishes will form a new grouping with the parishes currently known as the Quantock Villages Benefice with Revd Eleanor King (based in Nether Stowey) as the new Rector.

Revd Nicky Morgan (currently Rector of Stogursey) will move to Bicknoller. She will remain the Rector of East and West Quantoxhead, and will also serve the parishes currently known as Quantock Towers.

Watchet and Williton Benefice will remain as it is.

In addition, all the parishes of our Deanery will form a new Group Ministry. This is a means by which we can work much more closely together as dergy and church communities, supporting one another, and especially those invaluable and incredibly hardworking wardens and volunteers who keep our churches open and available to villagers and visitors.

The consultation period, once it begins, will last for six weeks during which all residents are welcome to respond to the proposals. If you would like to know more, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Getting to the point of this proposal has been difficult, and we are very aware that it will be painful for some. We are glad, though, to have been given the opportunity to put the plan together ourselves, knowing as we do the needs of our churches and our communities, and we believe that this proposal does offer the best potential for our churches going forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

#### **Revd** Alison Waters, Rector and Area Dean

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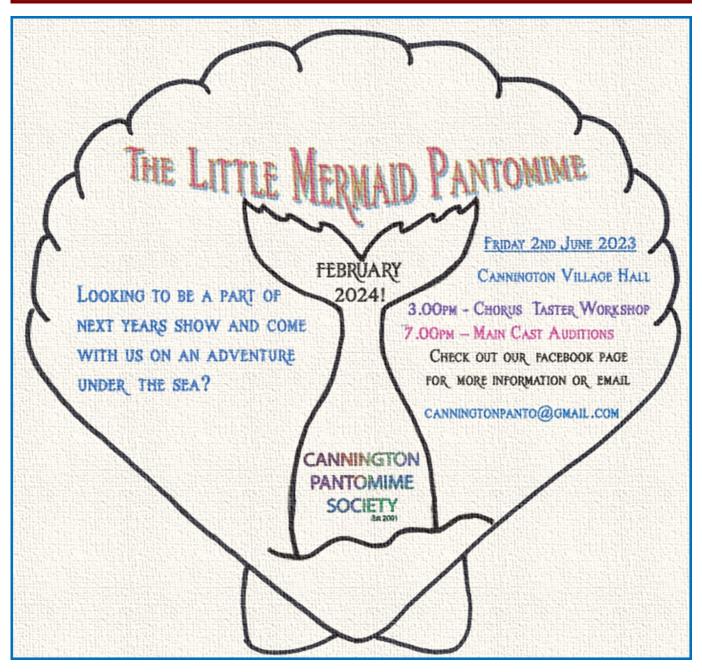
Up in the tower we have been preparing for a busy time at the beginning of May when we will be privileged to be part of the nationwide ringing for the coronation. There is a national shortage of Ringers, a recruitment drive by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (CCBR) called "Ring for the King" began



last autumn, however, we are very fortunate at St Mary's to have enough ringers to ring for the coronation on 6<sup>th</sup> May and also ring again the following day to open the village celebrations.

There will be many towers forced to remain silent as they simply don't have enough ringers to form a band. We are grateful to all our ringers who give up their time to ring, you never stop learning new skills no matter how many years you have been ringing.

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# **Parish Council Report**



#### **Pump Track**

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Before we can proceed any further, we have to apply for planning permission to alter the layout of the Rodway car park and create a separate access for the pump track.

#### **Parish Council Finances**

Although the Parish Council holds a lot of cash reserves there are restrictions on them and they can only be used for certain projects. The revenue reserves have greatly reduced and we are anticipating that the precept will need to be increased for the next financial year commencing 01.04.24. The current precept of £40,000 hasn't changed since 01.04.12 and we have been very fortunate to keep the parish precept low for so many years.

#### **Fees and Policies**

Due to current inflation and rising costs the council will be reviewing the allotment rent charged and will be looking to bring the rent in line with National guidelines over the next few years. The cemetery fees will also be reviewed and compared with other organisations before agreeing a new set of fees. Policies and procedures will also be reviewed.

#### **King's Coronation**

Thank you to all the volunteers who are busy planning a wonderful day on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. The Parish Council are very grateful and have set aside a budget for the event. We received a request from Cannington Primary School to help fund commemorative mugs for all their children which we were pleased to oblige. There will be a limited number of mugs available to any child aged 11 years old and under who lives in the village. These will be on a first come first served basis and will be available from the Clerks' (contact details below).

#### Donations

The Parish Council has recently made a donation of  $\pounds 1,750$  to The Cannington Target to help with printing costs and to ensure its survival. As with most things The Target has been hit with spiralling costs. We will also be supporting Cannington URC's trained worker to engage with families and facilitate activities by supplying essential equipment.

#### Village Walks

A huge thank you to Peter Nurse and Shaun Ryall who have reviewed four local walks and produced leaflets funded by the Parish Council. These are now available in local establishments and online at <u>https://www.cannington.org.uk</u>

#### **Parking Issues**

This is a constant problem in all areas of the village and although there is no magic solution, we are working closely with other organisations to see if improvements can be made.

#### **20mph Speed limit**

At a recent Parish Council meeting it was agreed to pursue the possibility of a 20mph speed restriction for the whole of the village. We understand that this could be a slow process and could take a number of years, but we are going to give it a try.





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WOW!! What a response and what a creative lot you are. Thank you for your efforts and apologies if I haven't mentioned your caption. There is another picture below for you to have a go at.

Doctor said I need to dry out – *Joan Salmon* Legs eleven! – *Doreen Bunch* 

1980's version of a spin class – Sheralyn Crisp This wasn't exactly what Beryl had in mind for a Spa day – *Claire Atkinson* It shrinks my clothes, so why not me - Sara Jones I always said she was full of hot air - Janet Pettitt You have to take them off first – Sylvia Rose For goodness sake, I know I left it somewhere – **Betty Edney** I said jumper in the washer, not jump in the washer – *Ellie Nicholson* He offered me a free tumble – *Kim Cook* There is no place like home – there's no place like home – Mandi Pither I can't find anywhere the odd socks get stuck - Carole Taylor She read the memo wrong, pegs out the washing not the machine – *Matt Francis* Feeling washed out today - Ursula Rich What's Eddie Izzard doing? - Mick Franks Palace was good last night! - Paul Enever RIP Dot Cotton - Shell Giles I feel completely washed out - Sue Wand When your hair dryer packs up before the big date - Trevor Vincent Thomas It is the first time I tried this for weight loss - Jane Tarr Going for a spin? - Mike Radford I will be slimmer of the week said Sharon, turning the temperature up to hot - Sara German No matter what you have done, it will always come out in the wash - Sara Colwill Cynthia thought maybe the dryer would shrink her waist like it had shrunk Arthur's underpants - Claire Ridgment Left high and dry again - *Liz Carter* Dave soon regretted his decision to leave the stag party organisation to the Hotpoint rugby team - Steve Pavne After a night out with the girls, missing lady found in laundrette singing You Spin Me Round - Clive Boucher

Karen was trying to prove that she was correct and that you can fit more than 9kg in this one - Sara Colwill

Even wearing heels, Susan was unable to reach things at the back of the drier -

*Kate Prothero-Davies* Is this the Eddie Izzard Domestic Repairs photo? -*Pete Keane* 

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### Summer hours at recycling sites from 1 April

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The year-round Saturday and Sunday hours remain 9am-4pm at all 16 sites & opening days vary from site to site. For information about you local sites, when they are open and what materials they take, please visit:

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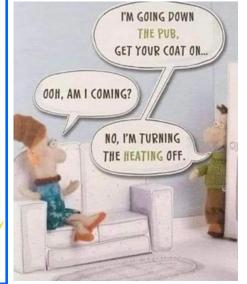
Somerset's recycling site network is open every day of the year except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day, and receives around 1.5million visits each year.

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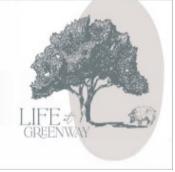
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Our landholding incorporates a diverse range of habitats from wetlands to woodlands, grasslands and meadows, and provide secure environments for a diverse range of wildlife such as dormice, otters, hedgehogs, barn owls and many other species.

Alongside our members and volunteers, we work year-round to protect wildlife, transform landscapes and put nature back into people's lives. If you are interested in the work done by the Trust and would like to volunteer, contact us at:

volunteering@somersetwildlife.org



Over the past several months 1<sup>st</sup> Cannington Scout Group have slowly been reforming. We have held an open day and school assemblies to gather interest and are now running with a Beaver and a Cub section, hopefully Scouts will soon follow.

We started out with 4 weeks of taster sessions and over the past few months our interest list of young people has grown dramatically! We're on the lookout for adults who'd like to volunteer within our sections and help us take more young people off the waiting lists and offer them a chance to be involved in Scouting, offering Skills For Life. We all want young people to have the chance to dream big, give it a go, and build skills for life.

You may have been a scout when you were younger or are looking to give back.



Do you have some free time to support the scout group? Whether that's every week or bi-weekly or whether you think you can help the young people learn new skills, we would like to hear from you. It's not just the young people who benefit from Scouts. Working with young people not your thing? Volunteer in a

way that's good for you. We're looking for people to make an

impact behind the scenes. We're looking for adults to be a treasurer, chair and Group Scout Leader as well as other behind the scenes roles. You'll learn career-friendly skills, boost your wellbeing, and make new friends. Because volunteering at Scouts is a two-way street – good for young people, and good for you too!

If you can help support the Scout sections, Beavers 6-8yrs, Cubs 8-10.5yrs or Scouts 10.5-14yrs please get in touch today. If you'd like to add your young person to our interest list please scan the QR code or type the following link

https://bit.ly/1stCanningtonInterestList

We look forward to having a thriving Scout Group running in Cannington and telling you all about our adventures in the next issue. Hannah Jackson,

Local Growth Assistant – Somerset, Growth & Communities, The Scouts Hannah.jackson@scouts.org.uk



#### *Locations of Defibrillators in the village of Cannington:* Public Accessible Defibrillators – 24h Access

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#### What is private fostering?

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People become private foster carers for all sorts of reasons. They might be a friend of the child's family. They could be someone who is willing to look after a child they do not know, for example if that child is on an exchange trip or have parents who live overseas.

If Children's Social Care has made the arrangement, or the person who is caring for the child is and approved foster carer, this is not private fostering.

## What to do if you know of a private fostering arrangement

The law says you must tell Children's Social Care if you know about any private fostering arrangements.

If you think you are privately fostering a child or know about a child who is being privately fostered, then don't worry, it is allowed. But you do need to tell us - we have a legal duty to ensure that all children who are privately fostered are cared for in a safe and suitable environment.

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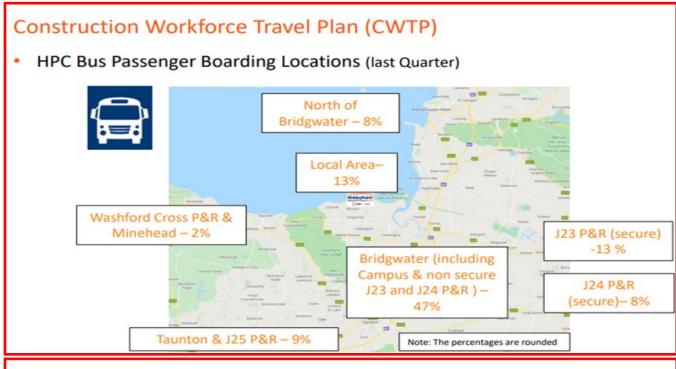
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### Construction Workforce Travel Plan (CWTP)

Final Journey to HPC	Target	<b>Q3</b> (21/09/22) Workforce	%	<b>Q4</b> (30/11/22) Workforce	%
Walk	9%	640	9%	671	8.5%
Cycle	0%	25	0.4%	34	0.4%
Motorcycle	0%	70	1%	75	0.9%
Car	4%	212 (173 car drivers and 39 passengers)	3%	215 (188 car drivers and 27 passengers)	2.7%
HPC Bus Service	87%	6,161	86.7%	6,932	87.4%
Total	100%	7,108	100%	7,927	100%

#### Construction Workforce Travel Plan (CWTP)

HPC Helpline Complaints	2022 Q3		2022 Q4	
Fly Parking complaints received by HPC Helpline	119		159	
HPC Worker not Fly Parking	20	17%	27	17%
HPC Worker Fly Parking	26	22%	37	23%
Not a HPC Worker	73	61%	95	60%

 The HPC Fly Parking Team also undertake their own checks and investigated 472 potential observations.

During the last Quarter, 233 bus passengers were found to be fly parking.

- This represents 2.98% of the total workforce and based on a full working week (Monday to Sunday) during the Quarter equates to 3 HPC workers fly parking a day.
- All those identified will go through the 3 Step Fly Parking Process.

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4 eggs beaten in a bowl with a fork

One teaspoon each of powdered cloves, nutmeg and cinnamon spices

Two tablespoons of vegan spread or unsalted butter

Two teaspoons of pure vanilla extract or one teaspoon of organic vanilla powder One pint bowl of frozen black and red fruits for example; strawberries, blackcurrants, black grapes, loganberries, raspberries, blueberries, blackberries, black cherries (option to use mixed fresh fruit and sliced strawberries in season)

Quarter pint of pure (125ml) 100% Canadian Maple syrup

Four tablespoons double cream (option to use single cream or plain full fat yogurt) <u>Method</u>

Put fruits in the microwave on defrost setting or leave overnight in the fridge or covered on the counter. Beat the eggs in a large bowl with a fork and then add the spices and vanilla then beat again. Push the bread down into the egg mixture gently with the fork. Leave for about 15 minutes. Carefully turn over with a fish slice and leave to soak for another 15 minutes, ensuring all the bread is covered.

In a large non-stick frying pan on a high heat melt the butter or vegan spread until bubbling. Use the fish slice to place the slices in frying pan. Cook for 3 minutes then turn over and cook for another 3 minutes. Edges should be slightly crispy and bread a golden colour. Turn down heat for 2 minutes to cook right through. Serve immediately onto hot plates, spoon fruit onto the French toast and pour on the maple syrup. Spoon on the double cream. Eat right away. Yum. *Catherine Nightingale 7 April 2023* 

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Cannington Open Gardens'

Saturday 17th June 2023 1pm - 5pm Start at 41 East Street TA5 2HL £5 for map. All £5s and donations will go to Cannington in Bloom. Cream teas on route.

Also 25% from sales of limited edition prints of my paintings will go to

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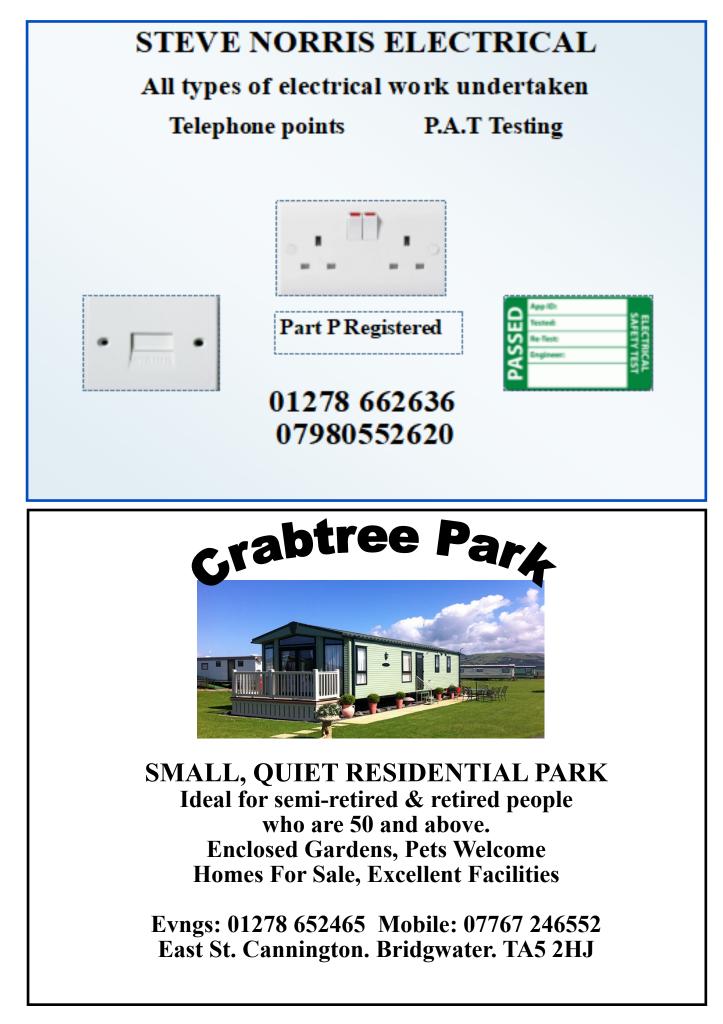


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#### Tips for your Garden & Allotment - May - June - July 2023

May - Begin cutting asparagus from established plants. Continue sowing salad crops and

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for harvesting next winter: things to look forward to in the colder months. Sow seeds with just a sprinkle of compost over them, not too deep. Water well and keep watered.

Stake peas and support broad beans. Pinch out tender centre shoots at top of broad beans as this deters blackfly. Blue tits will enjoy blackfly so where possible attract birds to your outside space by adding feeders giving them seed only at this time of year as peanuts can choke the baby birds. Keep bird baths filled and clean and a small pond will attract dragonflies who will devour greenfly.

Thin out direct sowing of hardy annual flowers. Plant out dahlias and cannas after Whitsun, when all risk of frost has passed. Tie sweet peas to supports. Divide primroses, polyanthus and lift and divide crowded clumps of daffodils. Remove spent wallflowers and dead head tulips. Prune spring flowering shrubs such as Berberis, Choisya, Chaenomeles and

overgrown Clematis Montana and wall trained Pyracantha. Keep ponds topped up and plant new aquatic plants. Don't bother with zebra grass as it is very invasive. The majority of baby birds fledge around 25th of the month, so if it is important to you, where possible keep cats in just for those few days. Plant a small Wildflower meadow using plug plants. If children are in your life perhaps

give them a patch of garden or allotment to plant sunflowers, lettuce, carrots, rocket peas and beetroots. Once they have their own gloves and watering can, it is surprising what they can achieve with a little help.

<u>June</u> - Continue keeping ponds topped up with water. Avoid planting or watering in the heat of the day. Water potatoes, brassicas and other vegetables weekly. Make and keep a hole under your fences for a hedgehog corridor, they will eat all the slugs that go for your plants. Cut grass leaving the mower blade a little higher, so that beneficial insects can live in the grass. Keep the edges of your lawn sharp by trimming or cutting. Makes the whole garden look smart if you are having visitors round for the Coronation. Onions, roots & sweetcorn can survive with less water. With the Kings Coronation either plant a tree or grow red, white and blue flowers.

**'Cannington Open Gardens'** will be on Saturday 17th June 2023 1pm - 5pm and Cream teas on route. Start at 41 East Street, TA5 2HL. £5 for a map. All donations will go to Cannington in Bloom, our very worthwhile group who make our village beautiful. Also on show For Sale will be some of my paintings, framed, limited edition prints of which

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<u>July</u> - Want to grow something more drought tolerant than rosemary, why not try Perovskia 'Blue Spire', the bees and pollinating wasps will love it. One metre tall, (39") blue/mauve flowers late summer to autumn. Trim back in March. Related to mint family and has sage like leaves.

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If you would like further information on Children's Hospice South West, please contact Jean or Colin Fitzpatrick, telephone 652859

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#### **Origins of Euchre (Juckerspeil)**

Euchre has been played in North America since the early 19th century. It originated in Alsace as "Juckerspiel" and was carried to the New World by German-speaking immigrants. Some of the game's other terms also come from German. In euchre, the jacks are called "bowers" which is derived from "Bauer", the word for farmers in German. Winning all five tricks is called a "march", derived from "marsch".



Euchre was once enormously popular in America. In the 19th century, Euchre was widely regarded as the national card game. In one early book The Laws and Practice of the Game of Euchre, published in 1877, the author calls Euchre "the Queen of all card-games", claiming that "no sedentary game is more popular, or so generally played for amusement in domestic circles, throughout the widespread 'eminent domain' of the United States."

The same author says that even "a squatter, in the 'Land of the West,' would consider his education sadly neglected, nowadays, if a knowledge of this game was not one of his attainments.

Around 1850, jokers were first added to playing-card decks in the U.S. for specific use in the game of Euchre. Today, a joker is no longer used in the

form of Euchre practiced by most U.S. players, but it still serves as the highest trump in the British version. There are many variations of the game, with its own

language and as you will be told by seasoned players, the only way to learn is to play it - to watch a game can be very confusing!

One term that has several variations is "Farmer's Hand" which is a hand consisting of all nines and tens. If you declare Farmer's Hand, you show the hand in question and then exchange four of them for the four cards remaining in the undealt stack.

Communicating with one's partner to influence their play, called table talk or cross-boarding, is considered cheating. This can include code words, secret gestures, or

other forms of cooperative play. Depending on house rules, table talk can result in replaying of a hand or awarding of a point to the team calling out the infraction

Euchre is a fast paced and lively game. It is also very easy to learn, and the 5 card hand is ideal for young players as well as the elderly

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat? Whose idea was it to put an S in lisp?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard when there are no razors in the jungle?

Why do banks charge a fee on insufficient funds when they know there isn't enough? *Why did kamikaze pilots wear helmets*?

Why does pushing a lift button more than once make it arrive faster?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?

What is the speed of darkness?

(Mandy Priestley)







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#### Answers to Children's Quiz

#### **MYSTERY WORDS**

- 1. TIGER
- 2. AMPHIBIAN
- 3. HIPPO
- 4. 2
- 5. BLUE WHALE
- 6. PACK
- 7. CHEETAH
- 8. 5
- 9. HAIR (Keratin)
- 10. HUMMINGBIRD

#### **Answers to February's Puzzles**

#### Answers to Shaun's February's Quiz

- 1. Diane Rigg
- 2. Aurora Australis
- 3. Costa Concordia
- 4. Vulcan
- 5. Minerva
- 6. Swan Vesta
- 7. Janus
- 8. Nemesis
- 9. Apollo
- 10. All answers are Roman Gods



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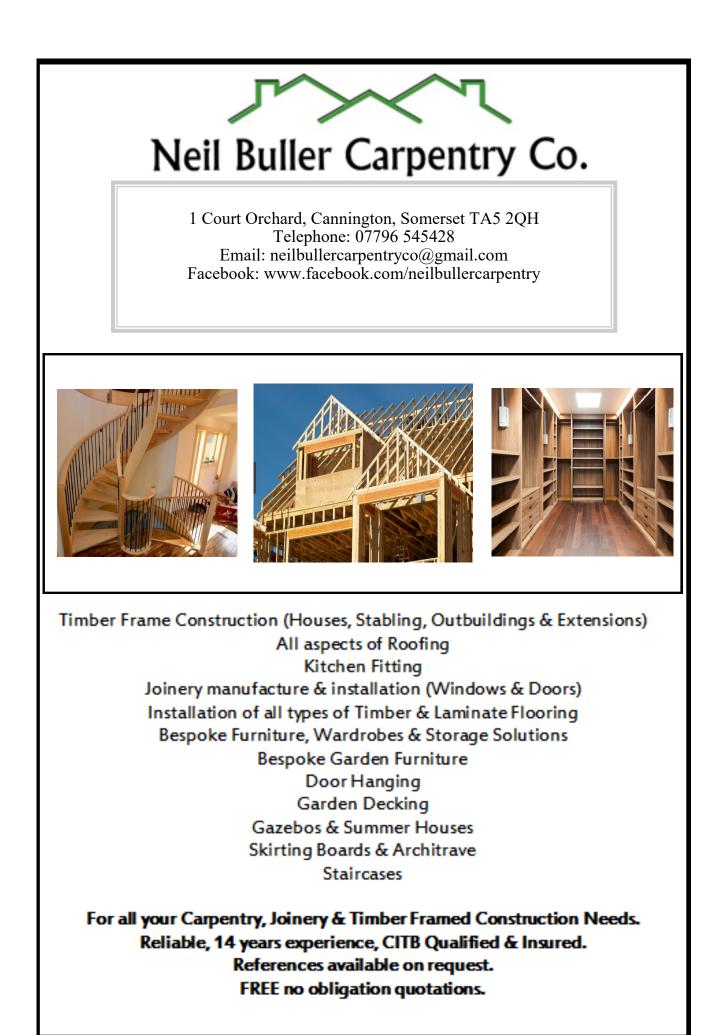
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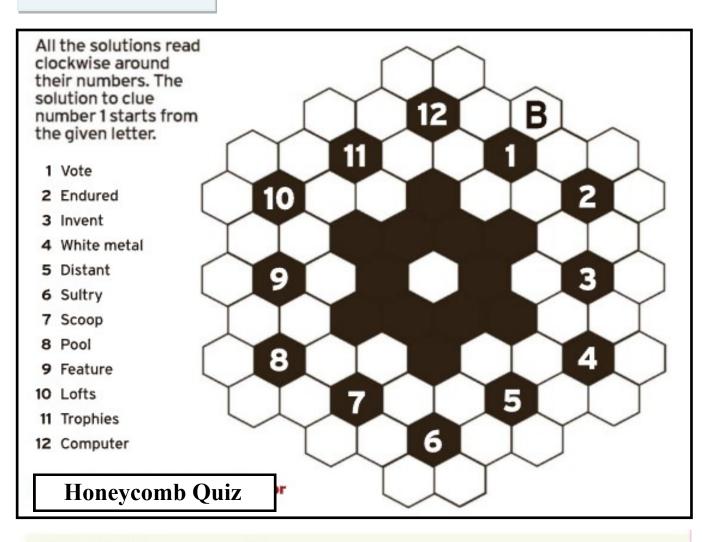


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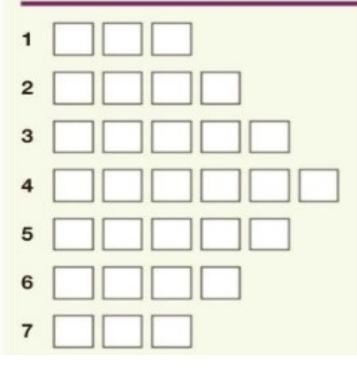




### Adult's Corner



## Brickwork



Enter the solutions to the clues in their numbered layers of the wall. Each word must be an anagram of its neighbours, plus or minus one letter.

- 1 Fedora, for instance
- 2 Warmth
- 3 Detested
- 4 Strand
- 5 Soil
- 6 Rip
- 7 Craft

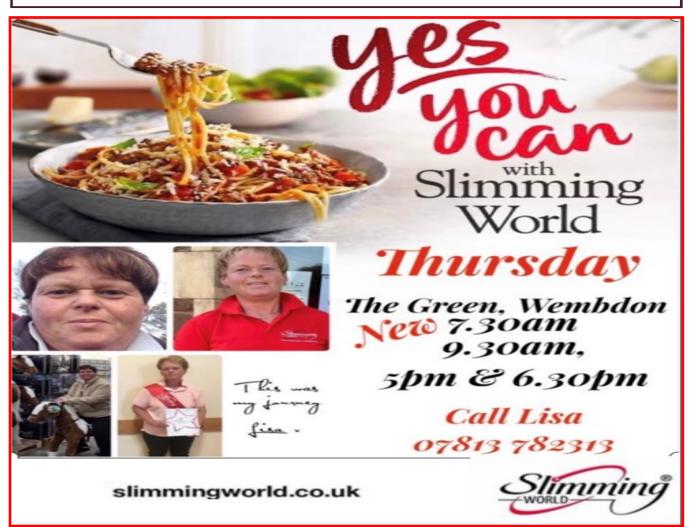
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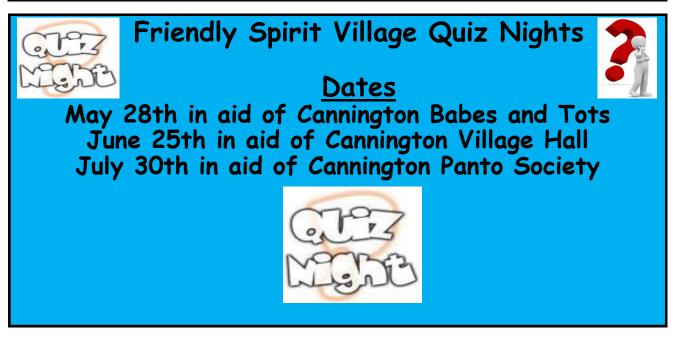
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