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(Shaun, Editor)

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Fditorial

What a busy three months we have had as a community with everyone playing their part. The highlight was probably the Coronation celebrations held in the Jubilee Gardens that was so well attended, that a request for an annual village day has been made. One of my memories of that day is of Mike Andison organising the children and adults in the tug-of-war, obviously enjoying the occasion.

The Yarn Bombers "bombs" were evident throughout the village, putting a smile on people's faces. Other events included the Brymore Open Day and Country Fair, SW in Bloom judging in July, C-i-B Front Garden competition, the Scarecrow Trail, Open Gardens and Church Fete to name but a few.

The Child of Cannington was awarded to Colin Allen for his outstanding contribution to the village. Although Colin has retired as Chair of the PC, he continues to serve on the Council and Ian Dyer takes on the role of Chairman.

On page 27 there is an appeal by the Yarn Bombers for help in producing poppies to help decorate the church tower. They have also been invited to contribute two panels to join the Carentan Tapestry that is being produced to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings and they are asking for your memories or pictures of that time (page 67).

Once again thank you to those of you who have contributed to this magazine; whether it's an article or a letter or even a poem that you have written (see below).

If there any features that you would like to see included, please let me know and I will try and comply.

Finally thank you to the stalwart band of volunteers who deliver the Target in all winds and weathers.

(Shaun, Editor)

Nature's Philosophy

Nocturnal birds in sibilant causerie Forest creatures in distant revelry While nature's blanket dims their rivalry And stills the air to peaceful reverie

How brief is this tranquillity
As hostile meetings in darkened shrubbery
Remind, if only momentarily
That man alone enjoys in camaraderie

Victor Timmons

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Cannington Brownies

This term we have joined in with two events with brownies from across the district. The first event was a trip to Scott cinemas in Bridgwater to watch Little Mermaid. There were over two hundred Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers. The girls really enjoyed the film and are looking forward to their next trip.



Secondly, 26 brownies attended an Austrian Challenge Day at Fiddington village hall. We learnt how to make camping equipment using sticks and string. We made lots of Austrian crafts before stopping for our picnic lunch on the playing field. The brownies enjoyed making

campfire biscuits and learning some new songs. It was a fantastic enjoyable day for everyone.

Our brownies enjoyed designing and creating their entry to the scarecrow competition "Tea break at the Palace" They have been placed in the churchyard, lazily sat on the bench!

For our annual raft race the girls individually made a raft to race down the brook. It was lovely to see and hear the excitement from the girls as the raced their rafts. We had enough time to do some pond dipping catching fish and pond skaters. As usual most girls went home with wet feet!

We have finished brownies this week with an end of term party. We played traditional party games and had hot dogs for supper. We finished the evening saying goodbye to our eldest girls Cristal and Lena, we wish them well and have enjoyed having them. We welcome Fluffy Owl, alias Fiona, who has volunteered to help us.

Brown Owl and the Owls

Brymore Country Fair and Open Day (24/06/2023)



















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= Wiring a plug	40%
5 Bleeding a radiator	38%
6 Finding the electricity meter	37%
7 Restarting the boiler	36%
8 Reading the gas meter	35%
= Finding the gas meter	35%
10 Changing a lightbulb	34%
11 Hanging a picture	33%
= Turning the mains electricity off	33%
= Putting up a shelf	33%
= Descaling a shower head	33%
15 Unblocking a drain	32%
= Replacing a fridge bulb	32%
17 Finding the fuse box	31%
18 Getting in the loft	27%
19 Finding the boiler	26%
20 Finding the water tank	17%

CHILD OF CANNINGTON 2023

The recipient of this year's Child of Cannington award for longstanding community service to the village is Colin Allen, who recently retired as chair of Cannington Parish Council. The award was presented at the Parish Meeting by Revd Alison Waters, the Rector, and the citation was written by former Somerset County Council chair, John Edney:

"After the sad death eleven years ago of Maurice Locke, the then chairman of the Parish Council, Colin, took over the reins and steered the village through one of the most difficult periods in its long history.



The development of the Hinkley Point Power Station came with as many problems as benefits and the by-pass positioning, particularly, became a major debating item at many Parish Council meetings.

The other great achievement was the installation of the Flood Protection Scheme that Colin greatly helped in the securing of the necessary funding.

The creation of the Parish Office was another valuable asset to the village, largely through Colin's efforts.

He has led the village with skill and diligence for the eleven years. He has always made himself available when emergencies occur and when village activities needed an extra hand."

Cannington Community Celebrating the Coronation in Jubilee Gardens























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Future Events

Future events, dates and details of planned events, as yet undecided, will be published in Cannington Now

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Creating wildflower meadows

At the recent meeting of the Parish Council, the decision was made to create areas of wildflower meadow as an experiment to replace some of the areas of conventionally mown grass. The area chosen for this experiment is the grass area either side of the footpath leading from Main Road to Otters Brook and the centre of the grass area at the bottom of this path.

To manage this effectively, one cannot just leave the grass

to grow and then cut say once a year. This will not work, just leading to long uncut grass which will become infested with weeds such as Broadleaved Dock.

When creating a wildflower area, the level of nutrients in the soil is reduced which reduces competition from the various grass species present. This will mean, in October, killing off the existing vegetation with a selective herbicide. This will be followed by sowing with the wildflower mix in November. This mixture will include native wildflowers such as Oxeye Daisy and Campion; but also, a 'key' species called Yellow Rattle, which is a self-seeding annual which parasitises grasses to reduce their vigour.

The future programme of maintenance will include mowing possibly in the spring to reduce vigour, although this is unlikely the first year after sowing. The main cut will be later when all the herbage will be cut and removed. There will be continued mowing in the autumn to a height of 50mm to remove excess growth.

All grass cuttings will have to be removed to

reduce soil nutrient levels.

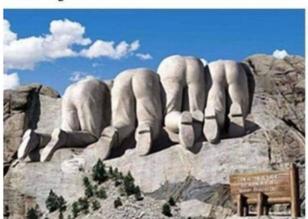
This will NOT save money; in fact, it is likely to increase cost in the short term. This is designed to increase biodiversity in encouraging insect pollinators and colour during the late spring and summer.

We would appeal to all dog owners to not let their dogs defecate in these areas and to take all poo bags home or put in the nearest bin.

Literally watch these spaces to see what happens.

John Addison

You know, there are some things that you just never think of like Mt. Rushmore from the Canadian side.









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Shaun (Editor). My details are on page 75.

The ladies of Cannington Women's Institute continue to meet on the second Monday of each month at the Village Hall at 2.30pm. We meet upstairs and there is a lift available if needed.

In June we held an extremely pleasant "Open Day" when we displayed many items accrued over the past 100 years which members and visitors alike found extremely interesting. A cream tea was served which was well received. We had quite a few visitors who expressed their interest in joining us so we look forward to seeing them at future meetings.

Our speaker in July was John Taylor talking about the charity Freewheelers, an out of hours emergency voluntary service. The volunteer riders deliver blood, pathology samples, breast milk, medical notes, medication etc. to and from hospitals, air ambulances, laboratories and private homes on motorbikes all over Somerset and sometimes beyond working in relays with other like organisations.

Upcoming events

August 12th - Skittles - Cancelled September 11th - The Glastonbury Festival by Richard Raynsford October 9th - Harvest Lunch, Village Hall at 1pm

Obviously, like all organisations, we are always seeking new members and would welcome all newcomers. Information from - Mrs Sheila Fry (President) - 01278 229680

Mrs Doreen Bunch - 01278 653969



This picture shows Jason Wyatt posing with his electric bike.

Jason says that "I have been a PCSO for Cannington for 5 years and work closely with the parish council. I will be on bike patrols over the coming summer and look forward to meeting everyone".

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



We have now come to the end of our first full year as a reformed PTA and what a busy and successful year it has been!

There has been lots going on since our last Target article!

The PTA hosted a Quiz and Chips evening in the School Hall, this was a great event enjoyed by all, the Fish and Chips were delicious and definitely a highlight of the evening, we would like to say a big thank you to Fancy Fish and Chips who supplied us with the food. We would also like to say thank you to Shaun Ryall who kindly put together the questions for the quiz, your help and time was very much appreciated.

We had the pleasure of attending the Church Fete, thank you to everyone who came to see us and won some prizes on the Tin Can Alley and Lollipop game. We really enjoyed being part of this special community day, the highlight for me was the parachute teddy jump, such fun to watch!

As well as community events we have been busy in school selling ice lollies in the playground every Friday (who doesn't love a Friday afternoon treat!) and keeping everyone hydrated with tea, coffee and well fed with pastries during Sports Day.

When you read this article the Summer Festival will have already happened but as I am writing this, we are well underway with preparations. We know that it is going to be a fantastic community event I will let everyone know how much money we raised in the next Target article.

As always none of this would be possible without the commitment of our amazing PTA members, the school community and members of the public who support and donate to our events.

A big thank you for your support and we are looking forward to another successful year ahead for the PTA.



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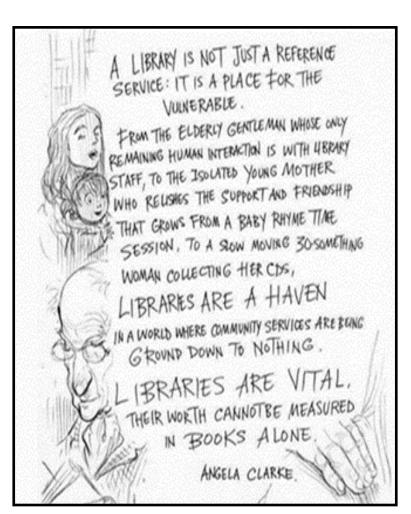
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The Cannington in Bloom team gave a short presentation to the Judges before escorting them on a tour around our village.

The village looked really great and notable were:

- The Barrier Baskets (Planted by Brymore Academy boys)
- Royal Themed Scarecrows.
- Walled Gardens and Volunteer's Border
- Cannington Front Gardens

Thanks to everyone for supporting the village and making such an effort to help us get ready for judging.

We find out the result in October





C-i-B getting ready for the big day

Royal Corgi



King Cute

Marmalade for tea

Cannington in Bloom Garden Competition Results 2023

Front Gardens:

1st – 19 Toll House Road * 2nd – 20 Rydon Crescent * 3rd – 6A Gurney Street **Highly Commended** - 14 Withiel Drive * 13 Rydon Crescent

Container or Hanging Basket:

1st – 2 Putnell Cottages * 2nd – Brooklands * 3rd - 34 Lonsdale Road

Highly Commended - 17 Mill Lane * 38 Clifford Park * 18 Potters Way

30 Oak Tree Way * 20 Lonsdale Road * 4 Conway Road 6 Conway Road * 11 Conway Road * 2 East Street

Commercial Premises: Blackmore Farm

Allotments: 1st – 11A – Mrs C Brooks

Highly Commended: 30A Ms A Laidler * 27 Mr M Franks * 19 Ms K Whyte

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They are needed by mid-October as it will take time to fasten together for the finished display.

If you would like to be part of this project or have any questions please let me know.

Any friends or family, outside of the village, who may like to help are very welcome.



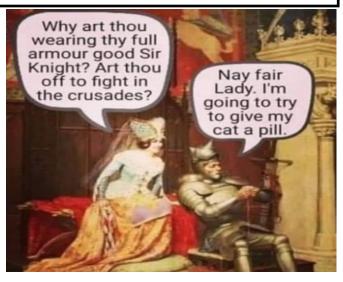
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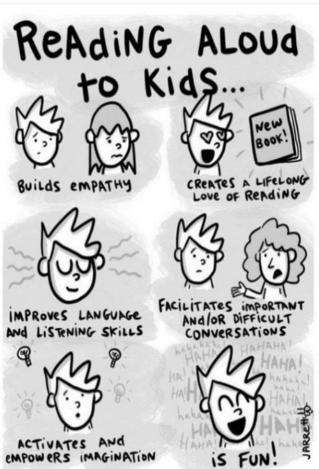
Thank you Linda Anniss Tel: 653256 Editor,

Regarding your request for persons deserving recognition; whilst all Parish Councillors deserve our thanks, giving freely of their time to attend to the running of the village, Colin Allen deserves recognition for his long service to the community firstly as Vice-Chair and currently as Chair of the Parish Council. He has worked tirelessly for the village, wading through a sea of bureaucratic treacle to get improvements to our village done, some of which, although seeming simple, have taken years of effort from him. His biggest achievement was getting the flood relief scheme delivered, without it the village would undoubtedly have been flooded several times since its construction. All achieved through entirely voluntary service. Well done, Colin!

Anonymous







Top 20 things Mum <u>did</u> know best about

- 1. Treat people as you would like to be treated.
- 2. Family comes first.
- 3. Life isn't fair sometimes.
- 4. If you can't say anything nice, say nothing at all.
- 5. A little kindness goes a long way.
- 6. Work hard.
- 7. Know when to say sorry.
- 8. Look after the pennies and the pounds will look after themselves.
- 9. Don't mix your whites and darks in the same wash.
- 10. Never go to bed on an argument.
- 11. Don't wash your dirty linen in public.
- 12. A tidy house is a tidy mind.
- 13. Remember your P's and Q's.
- 14. Everything in moderation.
- 15. Always eat your greens.
- 16. Don't live in the past.
- 17. Don't burn your bridges.
- 18. Always make your bed.
- 19. Always send a thank you note after receiving a present.
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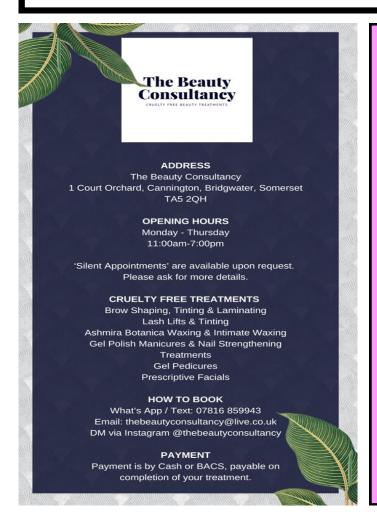
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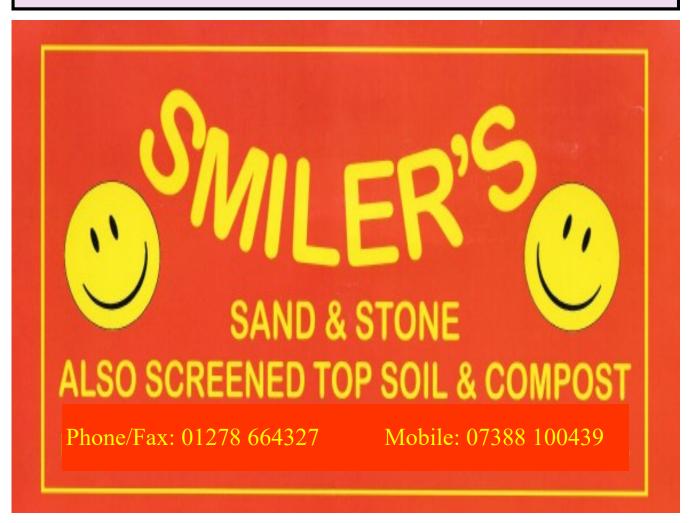
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We are now in our busiest wedding season so you may well hear the bells at different times through the day as we do our part to mark people's special occasions.

We recently took part in the church fete day in June offering a chance to climb the tower and see the views from the top as well as see what goes on in our bell tower, clock room and see the bells themselves.



This was a popular event and we welcomed many visitors throughout the afternoon. We also had the honour of launching the parachutes, made by local children and Brownies, from our tower window to see which ones travelled best and furthest; top tip, the heavier soft toys made a better descent!

I finish with a picture that was taken recently at one of our Tuesday evening practise nights from our tower window. You are welcome to come along on a Tuesday night 7.30 until 9pm to join us in the tower.

Angela Underwood



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Do you know this man?

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A passer-by stopped to chat and when our friend made comment about the poor cutting of his saw, the passer-by kindly pointed out that the chain had been replaced the wrong way round!

After turning the chain around, our friend found, to his surprise, that the cutting was much improved!



It is rumoured that his next job is to lay some turf so can I take this opportunity to remind him that it should be green side up!

Weather Report

<u>April</u> - recordings were very close to the long term average. Daytime and night time figures of 14.2c and 5.7c were a very little higher. There were two air frosts [-0.3c and



-0.7c] on the 3rd and 4th. The highest temperature was 19.2c on the 29th. Rainfall was 48.4mm, just 2mm below average. It was quite evenly spread. However there was some particularly heavy rain on the 11th and 12th when an exceptionally low pressure area passed, accompanied by named storm Noa with winds of 40mph.

<u>May</u> - will be remembered, I am sure, as we saw the early arrival of summer weather brought by a large high pressure system from mid month onwards. Daily maxima averaged

19.3c, some 2.5c above normal. Night time minima averaged 8.4c, just a little above normal. The highest temperature was 24.6c on the 28th, unusually high for May. We recorded 31.2mm of rain which is 21mm below the monthly average. There were two particularly wet days, the 8th and 9th when 21mm of that total fell. After five months we have a rainfall deficit of 50mm.



June - continued to give us hot weather. Nationally it was the

hottest June on record. We recorded a daytime average of 24.9c, which is exceptionally some five degrees above normal. The hottest was 29.6c on the 17th. On fifteen days the thermometer exceeded 25c. Night time temperatures were a couple of degrees above normal at 12.2c. The month was also very dry. We received 30.6mm, 20mm of which fell in one heavy storm early on the 20th.

(David Daggar)



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King's Coronation

Thank you to all the volunteers and village groups who worked very hard in the organisation for the Coronation celebrations that took place on 7th May. It was a wonderful village day and we have only had positive feedback (*see pictures on page 7*). A request has been made to have an annual village day. Also, a huge thank you to all the 'Yarn Bombers', what a magnificent display they made all around the village, a lot of hard work went in to achieving this and it is very much appreciated

Cannington in Bloom (CiB)

At the time this article was written the judging for this year's South West in Bloom competition has not taken place. We all have our fingers crossed that they are successful as they certainly deserve to be. CiB members and volunteers have put a lot of hard work and planning to make the village look its best. The Parish Council has also helped financially and helped co-ordinate the Community Payback team and all our contractors in coming together and we owe them all our very special thanks.

Bus Service

The £2 fare on all bus journeys will continue until October 2023 and then a £2.50 fare will be introduced until November 2024. This is being done to encourage more people to take the bus instead of using cars. During January to May 2023 there was a 16% increase in the number of passenger journeys, this is very encouraging indeed. Please try and use the bus service whenever you can.

Defibrillators

Following the discussions on Facebook regarding defibrillators and how to use them, the Parish Council has booked a training session. This will be held at 7.00pm on Monday 4th September, upstairs in the village hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Details will be published nearer the time. If you wish to attend, please contact the Clerks. Depending on the take up further sessions can be organised in the future.

20mph Speed limit

We reported in the last Target that the Parish Council would actively pursue a 20mph speed limit for the village. There has been a new initiative from Somerset Council for a community funded 20mph speed limit. The cost to the Parish Council will be in the region of £15,000 and at a recent meeting, councillors unanimously supported this. There is money available in the EDF mitigation fund to cover these costs.

Anti-social behaviour

Sadly, there have been a number of incidents of vandalism in the village recently which the police have been made aware of. It would be appreciated if you could let the parish council know of any such incidents, they can also be reported on :-

https://www.police.uk/pu/contact-the-police/report-a-crime-incident/

Dog Fouling

We are very concerned about the amount of dog fouling around the village. There is no excuse for not picking up after your dog. At great expense to the Parish Council, we have provided 10 dog bins around the village.





Emergency Contact Numbers

For all emergencies including flooding (emergency flood line no longer in use).



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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 by email or phone (answer machine checked twice a week).

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Did you hear about the pig that lost his voice? He was disgruntled



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 were almost 50 responses - well done you There is another picture below for you to have a go at.

Too many letter boxes to choose from - *Beris White* We are the Urban Spacemen - *Doreen Bunch*

Looks like our cat has been on number 8's lawn again - Geoff Parle

I reckon we've a good chance of winning the scarecrow competition - Christine Godfrey

Time to go poo pavement picking - Dawn Marks

Suited and booted - Liz Carter

Here are the judges for the annual Cannington pickled egg eating -challenge - Jamie Leaver

We're going on a radioactive bear hunt - Carole Taylor

Another swarm of bees to capture - Yvonne A Parker

March of the mods - Mary Ryall

Stag night out - Dennis Burge

Coming home with the lads to the wife after being in the pub all day - Tim Quick

Aliens have just landed, seen the human race, and are heading back home - Kym Wardhaugh

The Teletubbies didn't get the memo regarding covid being over - Mike Anderson

EBay Cybermen costumes ruin Dr Who themed stag week-end - Steve Payne

I said "get the cider then" not "dress the Cybermen - Paul McGrath

Rushing for the Hinckley bus - Sylvia Rose

Covid family picnic - Paul Davies

The marshmallow men off to keep fit - Claire Ridgment

John Edney says "oh no! Dopey's fallen in the radioactive pond again"- Betty Edney

Everybody join the Conga - Heidi Ingram

If anyone asks, It wasn't us - John Parsons

We're off to see Wizard - Maggie Cridge

I told him not to spread the dung so thickly - Lynda Laird

Time to fertilise the fields againoff to the tractors we go - Paul C Marker

Dave Dee Dozy Beaky Mick and Tich do last Covid gig - Wayne Ryall

Judges arriving at the first UK Flatulence Festival - Clive Boucher

Hi Ho, Hi Ho, off we go to the Titanic - Trevor Webb

Hi Ho, Hi Ho, it's off to work we go - Libby Watts

Howzthat Hazmat! - Julia Williams

Do you think they will know we are the group who robbed the bank? - Jane Tarr

Why couldn't we have at least different colours, I like to think of my self as an individual -

They're coming to take you away ha ha - Michael Burke

Lena Tucker

Haz Mat been over to the curry house again - Matt Francis

Oh my! Hinckley's had it! - **Betty Edney**

Get your suits on lads, they are bringing out 6g this time - Suzanne Duddridge

Martians march into Cannington but they seem to be all white - Adam Woodcock

Porton Down 5-a-side team take no chances on their away game with Moscow FSB Mark

Reynolds



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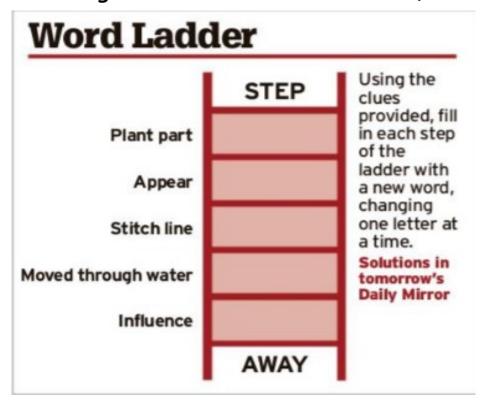
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Thank you to everybody who took part in this quiz. Congratulations to Kim Cook who is the winner of the May quiz and wins a £10 cash prize (Answers P69).

The first correct answer drawn out of the hat will win a cash prize of £10.

Something different and a bit easier (I think!)



Answers to: shaunryall@talktalk.net or by post or carrier pigeon to The Editor, Target Magazine, 14, Court Orchard, Cannington. TA5 2QH

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- # They should not allow topless sunbathing on the beach. It was very distracting for my husband who just wanted to relax.
- # The beach was too sandy, we had to clean everything when we got back to our room.
- # No-one told us there would be fish in the sea the children were scared
- # Although the brochure told us it was a fully equipped kitchen, there was no egg slicer.
- # It should have been explained in the brochure that the local convenience store does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts.
- # It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England. It took the Americans only three hours to get home. This seems unfair.
- # I compared the size of our one-bedroom suite to our friends' three-bedroom and ours was significantly smaller. (thanks to Tracey Rich for these complaints) (more on page 48)

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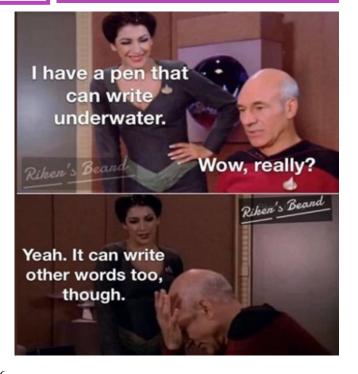
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Cub Scouts Unleashed



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bright future.

One of the key aspects that make Cub Scouts so exhilarating for the participants is the wide array of activities on offer. From outdoor adventures learning the countryside code to engaging in community projects, the scouts are constantly on the move, exploring the world around them and discovering their own potential.

Cub Scout meetings are brimming with excitement as the children engage in creative crafts, games, and hands-on learning experiences. They develop their problem-solving abilities, critical thinking skills, and gain a deeper understanding of conservation.

Over the past few months both Beavers and Cubs have been

involved in many activities such as learning first aid skills, making and flying kites, building and firing catapults, a visit from the RNLI to talk about water safety and an athletics evening are amongst the many highlights.

As Cannington continues to thrive, the presence of the Cub Scouts acts as a beacon of hope, reminding us of the incredible potential that lies within the hearts and minds of our youngest members. Through their excitement, energy, and unwavering dedication to scouting, these young individuals are shaping a brighter future for themselves and our community. So, if you happen to see a group of youngsters exploring Cannington and the surrounding area with an infectious spirit

of adventure and a twinkle in their eyes, know that the Cub Scouts are not only discovering the world around them but also discovering themselves.

Joining the Cub Scouts may just be the start of an extraordinary journey that will shape these young lives for years to come. Together, let us celebrate the vibrancy and excitement that these budding adventurers bring to Cannington.

If you think you may be able to support the Scout sections, Beavers 6-8yrs, Cubs 8-10.5yrs or Scouts 10.5-14yrs please get in touch today.

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- <u>Independent Visitors</u>: These volunteers make a long term commitment to one child in care. They visit the child once or twice each month to build a trusting, supportive relationship and friendship that can sometimes last many years. This can bring life-changing experiences and opportunities to a child or young person and their Independent Visitor!
- <u>Advocates:</u> Volunteers work alongside individual children to ensure their voices are heard, and their wishes and feelings are taken into account when decisions are being made which affect them. Each child's support is usually short term and there is no expectation of a long term commitment to any particular child.

"I would strongly encourage local residents to come and help children and families, do some real long term good, use and expand their existing skills and experience and make a huge

difference to young people in Somerset," said Cllr Tessa Munt, Lead Member for Children, Families & Education.

Your volunteering can be arranged to suit your availability. Your life experience will be highly valued and you will be trained and supported in developing key skills.

If you're interested and want to find out more about volunteering with Somerset Council, please visit **volunteering.somerset.gov.uk**.

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(Geoff Parle)

- Like rats, hippos, owls and aardvarks, bulls are colour blind and it is the movement of the bull-fighter's cape that makes the bull charge.
- The loudest natural noise in the sea or on the land is made by shrimps, amounting to an ear-splitting 246 decibels, louder than a jet taking off.
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Cathy's Recipe for Courgette Soup

- 6 to 8 Courgettes thickly sliced
- 6 medium to large Potatoes, peeled and sliced (cover with cold water to stop them going brown)



- ◆ 1 pint stock (either homemade by simmering the bones of a whole roast chicken for 20 minutes then straining through a sieve or 2 x less salt chicken stock cubes or 2 x organic vegetable stock cubes) One large or two medium onions, peeled, sliced in half then sliced in the other direction to get small pieces, cover & microwave for 2 minutes
- 3 to 4 fresh garlic cloves, crushed or chopped small and fried in small saucepan in vegan spread or unsalted butter for one minute only.
- Pour the water away from the potatoes, rinse them. Then put all the ingredients into a covered saucepan cook until potatoes are tender about 20 minutes. Allow to cool and put in blender into two batches until smooth. If no fancy equipment in your kitchen mash everything as best as you can in the saucepan.



- Stir in five grinds of sea salt, and five grinds of black pepper and add a knob of vegan spread or unsalted butter. At this stage the soup can be portioned up into lidded tubs (the kind we get from takeaways) or Tupperware and freeze up to 4 6 weeks.
- This is a great way to use up courgettes. Those of us with allotments often end up with a glut. One plant produces loads of courgettes. Any other vegetable can be used to same way to give a wholesome filling soup. Defrost thoroughly before use.
- Heat gently in a non-stick saucepan. Serve with a whirl of whipped or double cream. (Whipping cream and double cream can also be frozen for one month). Whip or beat first until it is stiff in the bowl, then out into a piping bag with a large star nozzle. If you don't have one of these it's worth investing in one and a few nozzles.
- Great for children too, for royal icing and mashed potato. Fold the top of the bag tightly over and squeeze fifty pence sized whorls onto a baking sheet. Place in the freezer. When frozen, slide off, bag up and clip. These are then ready to use as individual portions on soups and desserts). Serve soup with chunky fresh bread.

Catherine Nightingale

- Between 1912 and 1948, the Olympic Games awarded medals in sculpture, music, painting, and architecture, according to Smithsonian magazine.
- A chef's tall hat (officially known as a "toque") is traditionally made with 100 pleats, meant to represent the 100 ways to cook an egg.
- To keep their whiskey stills from being spotted, moonshiners during prohibition would often wear "cow shoes," with wooden blocks attached to the bottoms to make their footprints resemble a cow's.

Letter to the editor.

In HPC's spring 2023 community magazine 'Plugged In' I read with some incredulity the supposed fly parking figures for the last quarter of 2022; as a response, since the 25th of April I've been diligently logging and reporting to EDF Hinkley Point Enquiries on a daily basis registration numbers and times etc. of fly parking in Church Street/Bowling Green between the hours of 5.00 and 7.00am; in just over two weeks the total was thirty-eight: HPC figures for the last quarter of 2022 for Bridgwater and surrounding villages, thirty-seven.

Initially I would phone EDF HPE and report a fly parked vehicle only to be told " not registered, not one of ours"; this "not one of ours", wearing an EDF lanyard would then walk to the high street and get on a HPC bus to the Point, it was at this juncture that I decided a record should be kept of all communication with EDF HPE.

Feedback from Somerset Passenger Solutions via EDF HPE suggests that 80% of those reported as fly parking are not registered which means that EDF has no idea who the vehicles belong to or where the owners reside. One such "unregistered" vehicle that arrived daily in Church Street and departed at the end of the day's shift was in fact registered, and as a "local resident entitled to park," until it was pointed out that the vehicle was being investigated, i.e. contact being made with his employer to verify his address, whereupon the vehicle disappears: the residing address given I have been told was Cannington Court.

My understanding is that when working on, or having access to a nuclear site it is imperative that the correct residing address is given, and thereby known to the appropriate authorities.

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August September October Gardening & Allotment Tips

Cinnabar moths, Small Tortoiseshell, Common Blue, Peacock, Gatekeeper, Comma, Marbled White butterflies have all shared our space so far this year and the Jersey Tiger, fantastic looking, is one of



six types of moth that lives on and in nettles. Peacock butterfly, Comma, Small Tortoiseshell, Red Admiral lay eggs on stinging nettles, caterpillar & chrysalis feed, hibernate & shelter in them. If you provide a refuge with a little space to long grass, nettles, ivy, dandelions, chicory, dock and grasses, many bees, pollinators and insects will soon visit. Moths & Butterflies provide 1000s of caterpillars for baby birds in spring.

We raised £257 at the Cannington Open Gardens for Cannington in Bloom and every open garden showed how a wild patch can be incorporated in an attractive way. A big thank you to those who opened their gardens and all those who supported it.

August is a time to enjoy being outside. Keep deadheading, hand weeding, hoeing, mulching, evening watering and harvesting veg and fruits. This is the month for ordering bulbs for September delivery. The view from your windows and where you sit outside are excellent places to plant a show with blue Anemone blanda, chionodoxa, muscari and scilla bulbs. Short tulips and dwarfs daffodils make for low maintenance colour. On the allotment cut away old leaves of squash & pumpkin. Earth up & stake brussel sprouts & winter greens. Plant out mini cauliflowers & leeks.

September - First week, cut down wildflower patches and leave for 2 weeks for seeds to shed then remove the cuttings. Sow spring cabbage, beetroot, carrots. Store onions & late potatoes. Second cut of the year for some hedges now that it is legally allowed as all birds have fledged. Consider planting a double row of blackthorn, hawthorn, bramble, privet & hazel instead of having a fence. Moths & butterflies love these. To see it as mature hedge visit Steart near Combwich.



October - Lots to do. Lay thick layers of mulch around trees, being careful not to touch the trunk, on allotments and garden planting beds. Sow broad beans & hardy peas. Earth up leeks. Lift and store carrots & beetroots. Bring in marrow, pumpkin and winter squashes before heavy frost. Continue to harvest pears, deadhead hybrid tea & climbing roses. Cut out fruited canes of summer raspberries and tie in new canes. Prepare and water new strawberry beds. Dig up tomato plants and hang upside down in greenhouse or indoors to finish ripening. Plant perennial plants. Sow annuals. Sow biennials such as hollyhock, wallflower & foxglove.

Credit photographs to www.butterfly-conservation.org

Catherine Nightingale

Cannington Open Gardens 2023

Thank you to all those that opened their gardens, all the visitors and for the donations of chocolate brownies by Rose Cottage Cakes. Another great community day that raised £257 that was donated to Cannington in Bloom .

13 & 16 Rydon Crescent, Nethercotts, Gurney Street, 6 Lonsdale Road, 25 Folly Close, and us at 41 East St. all enjoyed sharing the gardens; they showed how a wild patch and scented plants can be attractive and create habitat for hedgehogs, butterflies, birds and insects. A lovely afternoon.

For 4 years it has been a very hot and humid day. So next year we are planning to open on the Saturday afternoon 2nd June and it would be great to have more gardens to share with even more visitors.

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town.

We are signed up to produce two of the panels which will depict the preparations and events of D Day, 6th June 1944. As many will know the US Army 535th Anti Aircraft Battalion were billeted at what was then Brymore House before going to Normandy on D-Day. One of our panels will depict the camp at Brymore House, the other will represent the battalion shipping out through the village.

It is the panel that will depict the village that we need help with. Basic information such as: What was growing in the gardens? Was tape on all the windows? Were there air raid shelters? Anything that will help us learn what Cannington may have looked like at in 1944. We have access to the Cannington Reflections Book and what can be found on the internet. We are looking for more personal memories that you may have.

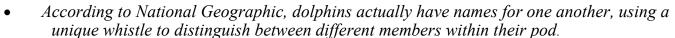
- Do any of you have photographs of Cannington which would show buildings as they might have been in 1944?
- Do any of you have personal memories of wartime in Cannington or have family memories that have been passed to you?
- Do you have any relatives or know of Cannington service personnel who were present in Normandy on D Day? Part of the project is to ensure that regimental badges and national flags of those there are included.

Any help with our research will be greatly appreciated and we will treat any information or materials with the greatest respect. Please contact me with any information.

(An appeal for people to help produce the actual panels will follow later. At the moment we are in the planning stages whilst the village crafts people are needed for the poppy project!)
Thank you.

Carole Taylor on behalf of Cannington Yarn Bombers - 07880 501642

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So i was flying a kite and and this guy actually asks me, "So ya flying a kite?" I replied, "nope, fishing for birds."

Answers to Children's Quiz

Answers to May's Puzzles

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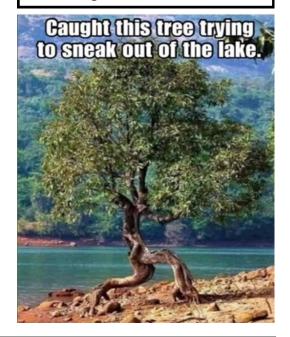
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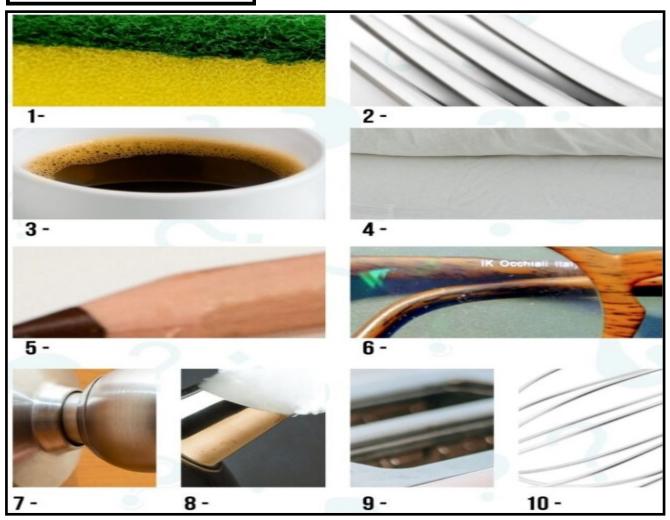
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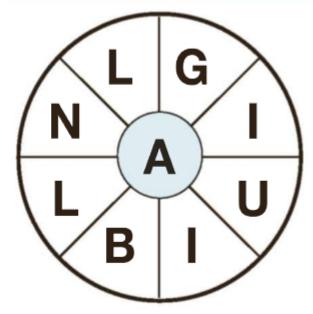
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Answers to May's puzzles and quizzes on Page 69

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