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(Shaun, Editor)

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A belated Happy New Year to you all and may you achieve whatever you set out to do in the coming year.

Wow! The last three months have been a busy period for everyone with so many activities taking place in the village.

The Christmas tree festival was a great success with so many well decorated trees and the houses that brightened up the night sky with their variety of lights and figures all go to show that people are prepared to make the effort and have a go.

The parade of children and adults with their glittering stars, opened the Jubilee Gardens lighting of the Christmas lights ceremony. Despite the cold weather, it was, as usual, well attended with a variety of stalls selling gifts, raffle tickets and a gamut of food and drinks; the mulled wine in particular was so popular that stocks had to be replenished. The carol singing was a joy to hear with many people joining in.

Christmas is said to be a time for giving and the generosity of the village knows no bounds, supporting many charities including the Musgrove Leukaemia Group (see page 11), the Brownies Café that raised funds for British Heart Foundation (see page 16) and the annual New Year's Day charity football match that raises money for Children's Hospice SW and has been running for over 40 years. (see page 42)

Any gardeners out there? If so, a date for your diary would be June 9th when the Cannington Open Gardens event takes place, so it will soon be time to start sprucing up your garden; whether it's big or small, wild or cultivated, all will be welcome. If you're proud of your patch, get in touch with Catherine Nightingale for more information (see page 34). Unfortunately, Cathy recently broke her wrist so we all wish her well and a quick recovery.

Finally, another date for your diary - 15th February. It's Panto time! Oh no it isn't, Oh yes it is (sorry, it had to be done). The Little Mermaid is on for three nights and a matinee on Saturday, so don't be slow in getting your tickets as I'm sure they will soon sell out. It's always a good night's entertainment.

As usual, my thanks to Kate for her support and to all those who give up their time to deliver The Target around the village.

Shaun (Editor)



N.B. 2024 Is a leap year so gentlemen beware! A leap year offers women the once-every-four-years opportunity to get on one knee and pop the question rather than wait for a man to get up his nerve.

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Environment Agency

Following the widespread effects of the recent storms and gales, both on the coast and inland, we would like to stress the importance of reporting flooding. If your home or business has flooded, please make sure you report it as soon as you are able to. There are lots of reasons why you should report flooding, most importantly so authorities and agencies can respond to close roads, unblock gullies, and provide an emergency response if required.

While we do have a significant number of staff out on the ground, due to the scale of the event we were unable to cover all areas. We are seeking to build a comprehensive picture of impacts across Wessex so we would be very grateful if you could provide any available information regarding flooding in your area with as much detail as possible on timing and location. **Please report online using the [Flood Online Reporting Tool](#) or you can respond by contacting the Environment Agency Incident Hotline on 0800 80 70 60.**

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Useful information includes:

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**Any photos or videos of the above and inundated areas of floodplains*



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Sign up for [Flood Warnings](#)

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- ◆ What did one DNA say to the other DNA? "Do these genes make me look fat?"
- ◆ My IQ test results came back. They were negative.
- ◆ What do you call a hippie's wife? Mississippi.
- ◆ Among the things that are so simple even a child can operate them are parents.
- ◆ Two men walk into a bar. You'd think at least one of them would have ducked.
- ◆ If you arrest a mime, do you have to tell him he has the right to remain silent?
- ◆ What do you call a parade of rabbits hopping backward? A receding hare line.
- ◆ This is my step ladder. I never knew my real ladder.



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Weather report for October - December

October like September was a warmer and wetter month than average. The daytime and night-time averages of 17.7c and 10.2c were some two and a half degrees above normal. Rainfall of 111mm was 34mm above average, making it the wettest month by far this year. The 13th and the 18th were the wettest days, with 20.6mm and 22.4mm being recorded. The total for the year so far is 619mm. This is 26mm above what we would expect in the first ten months of an average year.



November continued the trend of the last few months, being warmer and wetter than average, although an easterly wind brought us some colder weather and two air frosts during the last few days. Daytime and night-time averages were 12.4c and 6.8c. These were about a degree above normal figures. The recorded rainfall was 102.4mm. This is about a third more than a normal November. The total for the year so far of 722mm is 50mm over average.

December, like November was wetter and warmer than average. The first few days saw the only air frosts of the month then the milder weather set in. The daily highs averaged 11.2c some three degrees higher than normal. Lows were similarly well above average at 7.2c. There was one particularly wet day. 20mm was recorded on the 4th. The monthly total of 88.4mm was just 6mm above the average.



2023 as well as being one of the warmest on record was the wettest we have had for some time. The annual total of 811mm was 56mm above average. Our wettest day was the 17th September when we recorded 28.4mm. Our highest temperature was only 28.1c on July the 7th; we have often recorded over 30c in earlier years.

David Daggar





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High Street TA5 2HF

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We are at present without a Minister but we have a team covering a variety of preaching arrangements during the vacancy.

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Future Events

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Do you know of someone who deserves recognition for their efforts? It may be a sporting achievement, public service, charity work or helping in the community. If so, let me know the details, with picture if possible, and I will highlight their efforts in the Target.

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



Recently, Louise Hooper organised a raffle in aid of Musgrove Leukaemia Group and the response was fantastic, both in the amount of prizes donated and the tickets sold; so much so that £1,600 was raised for the charity. Pictured above on the left with Louise, is Grace, Landlady of the Rose and Crown where the raffle was held, and Gaynor, who helped sell the tickets. The picture on the right shows Maureen Hudson M.B.E., ambassador for the MLG, accepting the cheque on their behalf. Well done to all concerned.

Below is a note I received from Maureen:



“Louise Hooper has raised an amazing £2216.00 for the MLG Somerset in a year. Her hard work and dedication supporting the group over many years is really appreciated by group members and the many patients being treated at Musgrove Park Hospital. I would like to thank her personally for all her help - WELL DONE LOUISE, you're a star.”

Maureen Hudson M.B.E.



On the 3rd of October, Maisie travelled out to Bulgaria as part of the England Team to take part in the European Majorettes Championships. The opening ceremony took place in the amphitheatre in Plovdiv which set the scene for the next few days!

She performed her routine brilliantly and didn't show any nerves whatsoever, competing against athletes from France, Croatia, Wales & Holland! She then had a long wait until the end of the competition on Sunday to find out the results where she was crowned European champion! A huge achievement as this was the first year she had performed a solo & only her second year of competing in Majorettes! Not only did she get gold as a soloist but they took silver for the team performance she was in as well!

She's now back home and back to training, planning next year's routines with her team Elysian Twirlers who are based in Bridgwater. She wants to say the biggest thank you to Faye & Philippa Martin her coaches at Elysian who plan and choreograph all the routines. In total the team brought home 2 gold medals, 3 silver, 3 bronze and 5 top 6 placings! Which is just amazing!

Sam



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2nd Sunday of the Month

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5th Sunday

- 10.00am United Benefice Service
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- 6.00pm Tuesdays
9.00am Fridays

For dates and times of other services and events, please see the notice in the Church porch. *Additional Services will be held during Lent.*

Holy Week and Easter

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| Holy Tuesday | 7.00pm | Tenebrae <i>Reflective service of light & shadow</i> |
| Holy Wednesday | 7.00pm | Seder Meal, Village Hall <i>Contact below for tickets (free)</i> |
| Maundy Thursday | 7.00pm | Holy Communion |
| Good Friday | 12.00pm | Prayer and Reflection |
| Easter Sunday | 6.00am | Dawn Eucharist at Steart Chapel |
| | 8.00am | Eucharist |
| | 9.30am | Family Communion <i>Followed by Easter Egg Hunt</i> |

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Cannington Brownies

This evening was our first meeting back after Christmas, so we sat down with the girls and asked what they wanted to write for the Target. *"We watched Wish at the cinema with over 200 Rainbows, Brownies and Guides - it was so good"*



The Brownies have been working towards their Charity and First Aid badges and we would like to thank you Liz and Dean for helping us with the first aid badge.

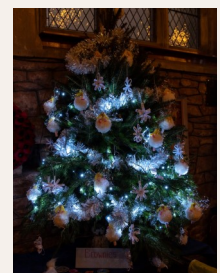


We had a Brownie Café to raise money for the British Heart Foundation; we made cakes and served tea and coffee. Altogether we raised £610 helped by lots of family and friends. Comments from some of the Brownies were *"It made me happy"* said Florence T - *"I felt proud and important"* said Arwen, and Florence G commented that *"I felt like we were saving lives"*

Three Brownies and two Leaders then delivered the money to the BHF shop in Taunton where they were greeted by the store manager, Jacqui. She was very impressed and sent us a thank you card. (see below).

We were so proud of our girls!

The Christmas tree festival came next and we started making Angels for our tree. We used dolly pegs and made pom pom skirts. The Angels looked beautiful and we were delighted to be voted second, even if Florence thought *"the wings looked like elephant ears"*!



Finally our term finished with a Christmas party held in McDonalds at Dunball and we had such a lovely time. The staff went to lots of trouble decorating our tables and looking after us.

We wish you all a happy New Year

The Brownies and Owls



"Dear 1st Cannington Brownies, well done and thank you so very much for raising such a wonderful amount of money. You should all be very proud to know your donation will go to help so many lives. Your money will help to stop heart attacks and strokes, mend broken hearts, and support children and adults with heart disease. We spend money on:

- + Research to make new heart tissue to prevent heart failure
- + We have funded over 1600 defibrillators in public places
- + We have funded research to find medicines to stop blood clotting for 1000's of heart attack patients

One day we hope we will stop heart break forever! So once again, thank you all.
Jacqui, Store Manager, Taunton British Heart Foundation

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Brownies, I would like to say well done to you all in the 1st Cannington pack for organising the coffee and cake afternoon in the village hall for charity in November last year.

My husband and I were so impressed with your waitressing skills, taking our drinks orders and making sure we knew where to go to choose our cake, from a huge selection. It was a most enjoyable afternoon and I hope you raised a large sum towards your chosen charity.

Thank you Brownies, Brown Owl and the adults who helped to make the afternoon go so well. Best wishes for the future, **Mary Ryall**

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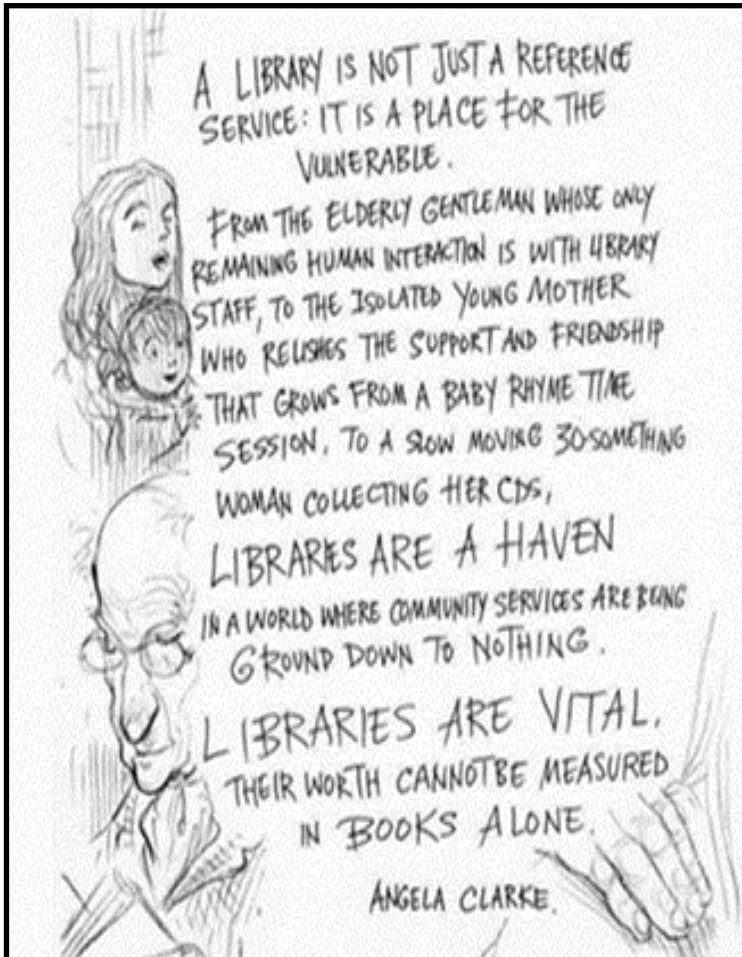


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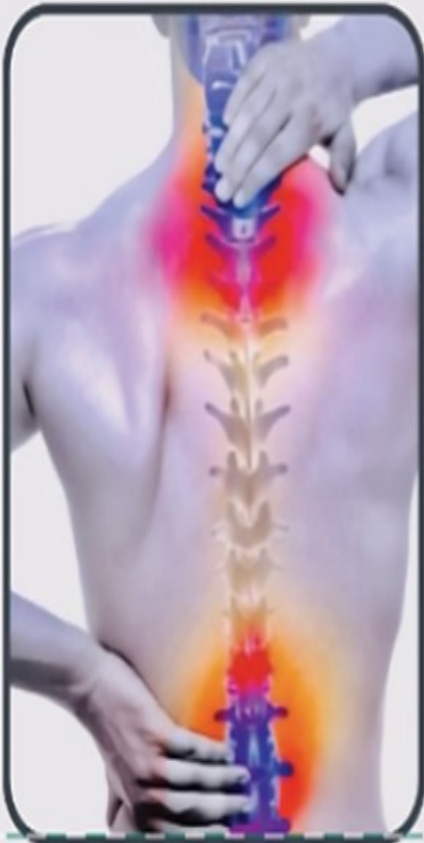
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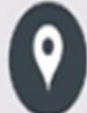
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The chutney making team harvested local apples to make over 60 jars of Cannington's own brand relish. We are still busy selling the last few jars and they make really lovely gifts. Locally sourced and locally made. All proceeds go back into making our village look beautiful. See details of how to buy at the foot of the page.

Our buckets o' bulbs (a steal at £8) have been layered up with daffodils, tulips and spring flowering plants planted into scrummy compost which guarantees spectacular spring displays. And after flowering, the plants and bulbs can be used to stock your flowerbeds and borders. There are still some available, but they're going fast.



Our social calendar gets quite full in the build up to Christmas and it's an opportunity for us to spread our creative wings. Our star making workshop proved really popular and helped bring a little bit of magic to Cannington Christmas – in spite of the cold, Father Christmas and his elves were joined by over 50 little stars in the procession to mark the lighting up of the Christmas lights.



And what a turn out there was... the bloomers were blown away by the appetite for mulled wine and hot dogs – so much so that we had to send out for more supplies!

It was a lovely way for our village to come together to mark the beginning of the festive season. We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed to the organisation of the event and indeed all of you who wrapped up warm and came along to make the evening a great success.

The Cannington in Bloom pub quiz as always, was as popular as ever – thank you to The Friendly Spirit for hosting and to all you quizzers – it really helps to keep Cannington blooming in 2024.

Cannington in Bloom, alongside other village organisations are making plans for 2024, building on the success and support we've enjoyed in the past two years since the end of lockdown. CIB are proud that our village is not only made beautiful through flowers, but also by the vibrancy, creativity and energy of our community. Keep a look out for more community projects and initiatives in 2024 – it's going to be another blooming year to remember.

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NEWS/EVENTS: Facebook: Cannington in Bloom (scan the QR code)

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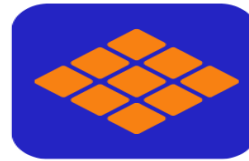
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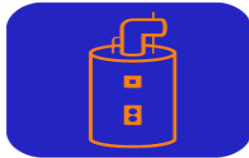
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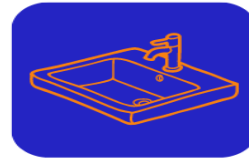
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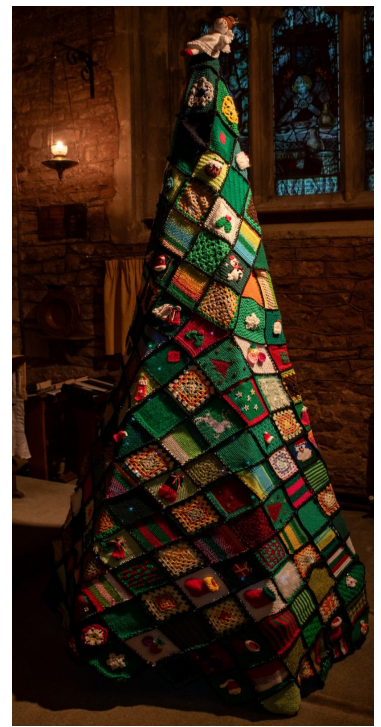
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It's really important that people know their collection days - direct mailing is still the best way to get information to everyone, including those not online, and writing twice makes sure that people affected are looking out for their calendar and don't miss it when it comes.



Cannington WI

The ladies of Cannington Women's Institute continue to meet on the second Monday of each month in the Village Hall at 2.30pm. There is a lift available if required.

Our speaker in November was Helen Walker who gave us a very interesting and informative talk about her life as a local Magistrate.

Our Christmas Lunch in December which took place at Blackmore Farm was not only a great success but a great adventure also. Whilst we were all busy tucking into our delicious meal the rain came down in torrents and we were informed by Ian Dyer that we were actually trapped in by flood water! Ever resourceful Ian offered to ferry us down the lane two at a time in his tractor where we were met by the son of one of our members who kindly ferried us to our homes, again two by two! Some of us had never ridden in a tractor so that was a first but to climb in and out was quite a challenge but we all got home safely.

In January we had a talk by Sarah Bennett, our Village Agent. She was extremely helpful and pointed us to various means of obtaining help should we need it.

Upcoming Events:-

February - a change of date this month so as not to clash with the pantomime. We are meeting on Monday 5th February at 12.00 for 12.30 for a lunch of Soup and Pud.

March 11th - Chris Hocking will be speaking about Bridgwater Carnival.

April 8th - We will be have a film afternoon with ice cream etc.

Obviously, like all organisations, we are always looking for new members and would welcome all newcomers.

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The Ringers recently enjoyed playing the hand bells at the Carol service at St Mary's and have discussed finding time to practise this more frequently throughout the year. We also enjoyed taking part in the recent Christmas Tree Festival in church, it was an added bonus to receive the most votes for our entry. Next year we are leaving our male ringers to organise decorating our tree so we will see how they do!

At the beginning of December, the ringers had a very enjoyable Christmas Dinner at the Ancient Mariner pub in Nether Stowey, lovely food and company!

We were pleased once again to ring in the New Year in the Cannington Tower, our photo shows the New Year Ringers.

We held a social evening prior to this, sharing dinner and attempting to solve a murder mystery together.

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- ◆ Never date an apostrophe. They can be a little possessive.
- ◆ Money talks. But all mine ever says is goodbye.
- ◆ My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo. I had to put my foot down.
- ◆ Do you think Noah included termites on the ark?



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Cannington Parish Council Report



Precept

I am sure you are all aware that Somerset Council is facing a huge budget deficit. One of the ways to reduce this is to pass on services to Parish and Town Councils. After much discussion the Parish Council has decided to take on all the grass cutting previously carried out by Clean Surroundings, Somerset Council. We have scrutinised our budget and adjusted our reserves where possible to keep the inevitable increase to a minimum. The parish precept is currently £40,000 (it has been at this level since 2012) and we will need to increase it to £50,000, this equates to £11.35 per annum for a Band D property.

Dog Mess

We are constantly having complaints about inconsiderate dog users not clearing up after their dogs. The latest areas which have noticed an increase are the Marsh Lane and Chads Hill areas. The Council dog warden will be notified and asked to increase patrols of the area. It is most annoying especially when the Parish Council spends nearly £1,400 per year providing 10 dog bins.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Kym Wardhaugh has resigned from the Parish Council after 7½ years as a councillor. Kym is thanked for all her help and support during that time. Notices have been placed on the notice boards advertising the vacancy and if no request for an election has been made then this vacancy can be filled by co-option. If you are interested in becoming a councillor please contact the Clerks for an application, or download one from our website

Jubilee Gardens Christmas Lights

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Tree lights this year. It is very much appreciated. You will have noticed the lights weren't always on all the time, this was due to the extreme weather conditions. A special mention to Andrew Taylor who constantly monitored the lights throughout Christmas and isolated the stretches that were waterlogged until they had a chance to dry out again.

Parish Clerks- future vacancies

The Clerk and Deputy Clerk have both given notice that they wish to retire in 2025. If anyone would be interested in these positions, please contact the Clerks for further information.



Cannington in Bloom's Flowers Need You!

A self-employed person is required to carry out the watering of the tubs and barrier baskets that are vitally important to the success of Cannington in Bloom.



The plants will require watering up to three times a week, mainly in the summer months, depending on the weather.

For further information please contact
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Emergency Contact Numbers

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No fouling

The Parish Council have received an increasing number of complaints regarding dog fouling in and around the village.

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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. This picture must have stretched your imagination to the limit as there were fewer responses this time There is an easier picture below for you to have another go..

The search for Cinderella has now become a police matter - ***Kev John Taylor***

Eeny, Meeny, Miny, Moe, catch a model by the toe - ***Mike Radford***

One foot at a time - ***Jane Tarr***

Foot loose - ***Mary Ryall***

Alright, who pinched my boots - ***Wayne Ryall***

All the ones, legs eleven - ***Barry Lukins***

Is that you Mum? I'd know those ankles anywhere - ***Claire Ridgmont***

Eye, Eye. There's a hairy one - ***Mike Hill***

That pair would make a change from police boots - ***Carole Taylor***

You have a very arresting pair of ankles. I will have to ask you to accompany me to the

Toeing the line - ***Liz Carter***

station - ***Julia Williams***

You know the ladies like your uniform when you can identify them all by the soles of their

Local Bobbies looking for missing soles - ***Lee Tolchard***

feet - ***Sam Norbury***

It got so serious, even the police are looking for Cinderella - ***Matt Davies***

Now then Mrs Marcos, are you going to come quietly? - ***Russell Salmon***

Before you leg it, let me look at them there feet! - ***Jane Bryant***

Clarks, Shoezone, M&S, Deuchmann, On Line.....- ***Roger Anniss***

I think that's the wife, or it could be that one - ***Kim Cook***

You're stepping out of line! - ***Ken Baker***

Legs eleven - ***Sylvia Rose*** and also ***Fi Hugill***

Is this the first ever episode of Naked Attraction? - ***Lisa Jarvis***

Allo! Allo! I've spotted a likely pair - ***Baul Doughy Poucher***

It's number 3 Sarge, I'd recognise those ankles anywhere! - ***Nicki Berridge***

Hang on! There's an odd number, one too many! - ***Anon***



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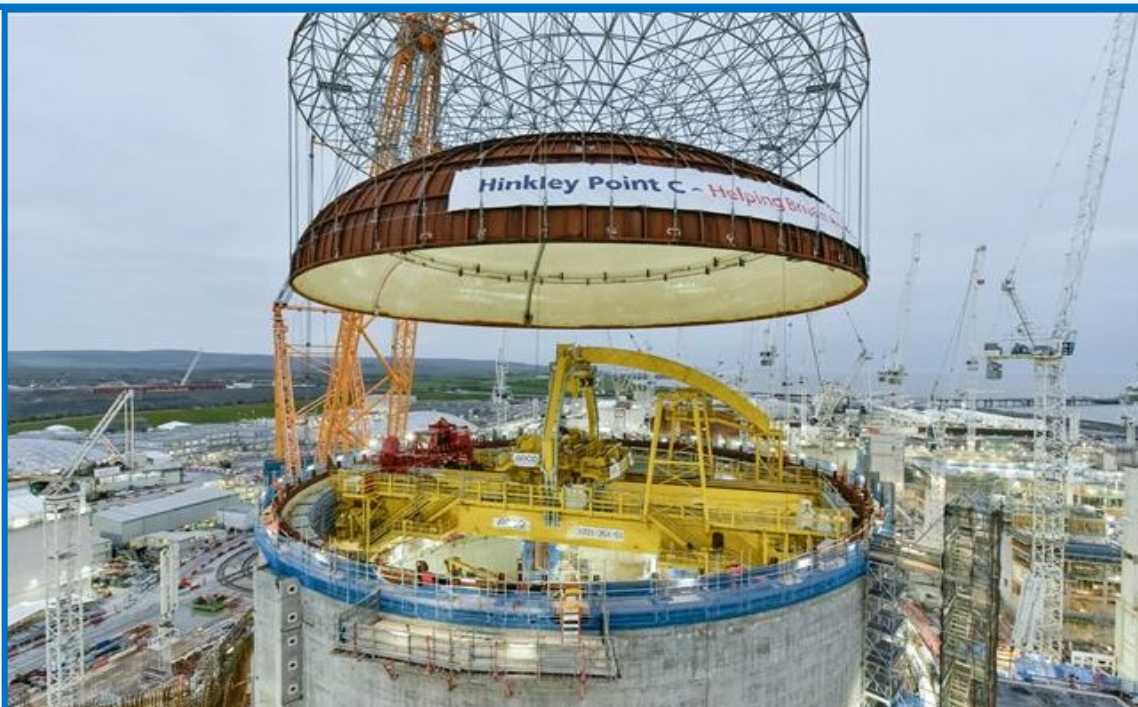
1. Where would you be if you were standing on the Spanish Steps?
2. What disease commonly spread on pirate ships?
3. Who was the Ancient Greek God of the Sun?
4. What year was the United Nations established?
5. How many minutes are in a full week?
6. How many faces does a Dodecahedron have?
7. Queen guitarist Brian May is also an expert in what scientific field?
8. Aureolin is a shade of what colour?
9. What is the 4th letter of the Greek alphabet?
10. What is a group of pandas known as?

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

HAVE A GO! GOOD LUCK

Big Carl's spectacular dome lift caps the year at Hinkley Point C

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

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The Christmas Fayre held back in November was a huge success, we raised a whopping £1756.62. The money raised funded the transport for a school trip to Bridgwater Cinema to watch the new Disney movie 'Wish' and the children had an amazing time!

We will be holding our annual Summer Festival on Friday 24th May. The festival was such a huge success last year and we hope it will be this year too! There will be plenty of stalls, games, refreshments, plus lots more. If you are interested in having a stall or wish to support/ sponsor our Summer Festival please contact the School Office for further information.

The PTA are always grateful to receive donations of raffle prizes that we can use at future events. If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts or anything you are willing to donate please drop them into the school office, we would be very grateful for all donations received.

The PTA will also be hosting a Quiz night, the date is yet to be confirmed. This event will be advertised on Facebook and posters around the village so please keep a look out!

The PTA would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended our events, donated prizes and visited our stalls last year, we hope to see you at our events again this year.

Dates for Diary:

Summer Festival – Friday 24th May

Quiz Night – Date TBC

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A full report will be in the next issue of the Target.



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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.

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Cannington Yarn Bombers

Christmas



Thank you to everyone who contributed crochet or knitted squares for the Christmas Tree exhibited as part of the Church Christmas Tree Festival. We were very pleased to take over the Lady Chapel as it gave an opportunity for the tree to be viewed from all angles. We hope everyone who saw it appreciated the amazing skill of all the contributors. Many asked what was under the tree so we can reveal that it was a feat of engineering using a garden parasol, garden canes, insulation tape and of course the yarn bomber's best friend, lots of cable ties!

The tree has been dismantled and is now being recreated into blankets by the group.

No squares were wasted, the few leftover from the large tree were used to produce a smaller one positioned on top of the phone box by Jubilee Gardens. Unfortunately the wind and rain did cause the tree shape to be more like a sorting hat as time went by

Thank you to everyone who supported our tombola stall at Cannington Christmas. We have other projects being planned for the rest of the year as there is a bag of wool to keep us busy.



The Longest Yarn – 80th Anniversary of D Day

Our current project is international. This will show the preparation and events of D Day in 80 x 1m panels made from knitting or crochet. The completed work "The Carentan Tapestry" will be exhibited in Carentan Cathedral, Normandy, from June – September as part of the official 80th Commemoration of D Day events



Our part will show the US 535th Anti Aircraft Artillery Unit camped at Brymore House and then passing through part of Cannington on their way to their embarkation point at Dartmouth. We thought that this project was a way of honouring the men who made Cannington their temporary home whilst preparing for the D Day invasion. We are lucky to have stories about the time the US 535th were here from residents who were children at the time as well as a book written by the unit loaned to us by the Edneys.

Anyone interested in finding out more about "The Longest Yarn" visit the website www.thelongestyarn.com The photographs there better explain the idea of D Day in yarn. We will update locally using Facebook as our work progresses and we hope to show our finished panels in Cannington before their trip to France.

The two poppy cascades, seen on the church last November, are also crossing the Channel to be displayed as part of the Commemorations. Unlike our panels the poppy cascades will be returned here. It is planned that the Carentan Tapestry will remain on show in Normandy for years to come.

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The GQLDF scheme launched in 2014, and we have since supported 55 projects. Although we only have 2% of our original budget left to allocate, we are still keen to develop new projects with community groups looking to deliver tree, orchard and hedge planting, restoration of ponds and wildflower meadows and small-scale woodland management. You could receive a grant of up to £5,000 towards your project, or 75% of your costs.

If you are involved in a community group in the parishes of Broomfield, Cannington, Chilton Trinity, East Quantoxhead, Enmore, Fiddington, Goathurst, Holford, Kilve, Nether Stowey, Otterhampton, Over Stowey, Spaxton, Stogursey, Stockland Bristol, Stringston, Watchet, Wembdon, West Quantoxhead or, Williton we may be able to help.

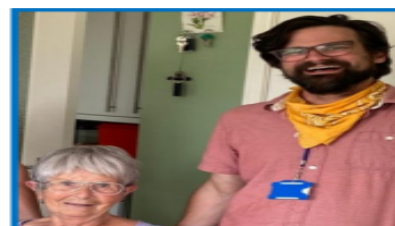
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175g/6oz soft brown sugar

225g/8oz self-raising flour

Pinch of salt

2 eggs beaten

225g/8oz canned chopped pineapple, drained

125g/4 1/4oz glace cherries halved



1) Put mixed fruit in a bowl and cover with boiling water, set aside for 10 to 15 minutes and then drain

2) Put the butter or margarine in saucepan with sugar and heat gently until melted. Add the drained fruit and cook over a low heat stirring frequently for 4 to 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and transfer into a mixing bowl. Set aside to cool.

3) Sift flour and salt into fruit mixture and stir well. Add the eggs and mix until thoroughly mixed.

4) Add pineapple and cherries to the mixture and thoroughly stir. Transfer into a lined / greased round or oblong 1kg/2lb 7 inch cake tin.

5) Bake cake in a preheated oven 180c/350f /gas mark 4 for about 1 hour, test with a skewer. If it comes out clean it is cooked. If not return to oven for a few more minutes.

6) Leave to cool

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GUEST RECIPE FROM Pauline Sutton, Gurney Manor Mill 12.1.24



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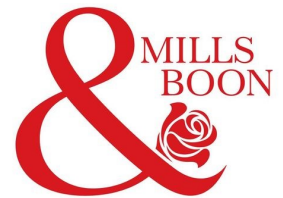
I woke up on Monday Dec.4th and thought today is my birthday. I was staying at Westonzoyland where I'd had a birthday tea with family the previous day. I left early as it was our WI Christmas Lunch at Blackmore farm. I picked up Joan and Jean and headed for Blackmore farm. The weather was getting worse but we managed to get there after going through two lots of water across the road.



We had a lovely Christmas lunch and were drinking our coffee/tea when Ian said that the water had risen and we would not be able to get home. In the meantime, Joan's son Andy phoned her to say the roads were nigh impossible to get through and he would come and pick her up. No good, the water was too deep. Ian and Andy formed a plan that between them they could get us home. Pity because I fancied an overnight stay.



Ian said he would get his tractor (and what a big tractor it was) to get us to the main road where Andy would be waiting to take us home. We had some house steps to get us on to the first step of the tractor, then Ian said "Hold my hand and I'll help you up". After much heaving and pulling I got up into the cab but had to stand as Janet had the only seat. I won't say it was the best of journeys but Ian got us to the main road where Andy was waiting. Next it was like something out of a Mills and Boon novel. I started to climb out of the cab when I felt a hand upon my leg, I turned around and it was Andy's. He gently put my leg on the step of the tractor then placed his hand on my other leg and guided it to the next step. When I got to the bottom step Andy said, "Can I put my arms around you and carry you to my car" (I think that's what he said). I looked into his eyes and said, "I might be a bit heavy" and thought of the other ladies still to come. He managed to hold me (where, I can't remember) and guide me to the wet road.

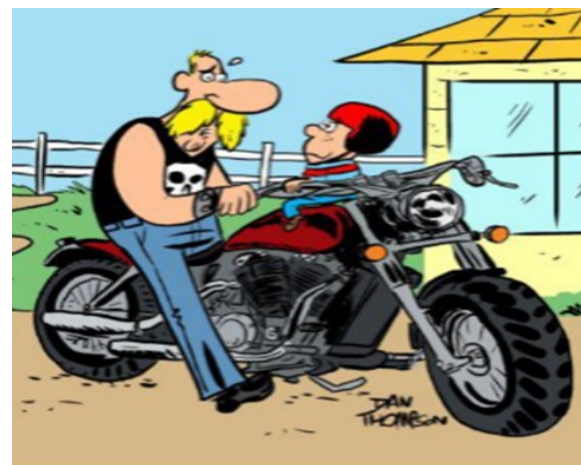


I got into Andy's car, reluctantly in the back seat as Janet could only manage to get in front. Andy then drove us home with Janet getting out first and when we got to my home I found I could not get out of the car, the door wouldn't open. We tried all sorts to get the door open when Andy discovered the child lock was on. He reached across me and unlocked the door. (Honestly, I didn't put on the lock on purpose). I watched Andy slowly drive away from me, my Hero.

Back to reality - I stood in my driveway and realised I could not get into my home as the gadget that opens my electric garage door was in my car back at the farm. Luckily my neighbour was in and had a spare key for my front door.

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- Soak Sweet Pea seeds for a week, then put 4 seeds to a small pot of compost (vermiculite, sharp sand, or perlite and compost mixed)
- Sow marigold seeds
- Scrape soil from mole hills and use as readymade, naturally sieved compost for seed sowing and planting (a way to work with wildlife, rather than use chemicals or killing moles)
- Keep feeding wild birds and give fresh water every day
- Using secateurs, cut wisteria tendrils down to 10cm (4")
- When not too wet and not frosty, use the garden fork prongs to make holes in your lawn to aerate the soil and create better drainage
- Make patios safe and ready for spring, by giving them a good clean using water with a power washer
- Order any flower and vegetable seeds



March



- Scrub bird tables early in day with very weak disinfectant solution to protect from disease.
- Clean out bird boxes.
- Bury some wood for stag beetle larvae. They take eight years to mature.
- Sow seeds thinly. Keep moist and warm in either cold greenhouse or light windowsill or window box.
- Good Friday. Plant new potatoes 25 cm (1 foot) apart, rows 50 cm (2 foot) apart and 10 cm (4") deep. Water really well every week. Ready for harvesting mid July.

April

- Make an insect hotel. Mason bee home. Lacewing and butterfly homes. Look at ideas on internet for bug and insect charities. Great for children and families to do to get into looking after essential bugs and wildlife.
- Divide allotment into Roots, Legumes, Potatoes & Squashes, Brassicas, Wildflowers, Fruit and Fallow spaces
- Hoe and hand remove annual weeds. Keep a few dandelions as these are the first flower food for emerging bees and insects after the long dark winter.
- Keep a scruffy corner in your space for insects, mammals and amphibians; wood pile, nettles, twigs, compost pile, dead tree trunk and root



(Catherine Nightingale)

How many egomaniacs does it take to screw in a light bulb? One.
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We would also like to thank members of the community for donating unwanted clothing to our clothes bank collections at the Friendly Spirit and supporting our events throughout 2023. All money raised is spent on enhancing our pre-school to benefit the children. Your support truly makes a difference and enables us to provide the children in our care access to the best possible learning environment. This term we are looking to purchase the children an interactive whiteboard and are busy trying to raise funds to make this happen.

We are currently busy learning about winter, exploring weather, observing environmental changes including trees and plants and how animals cope in the colder months. We shall be feeding the birds and looking for signs of other animal activity in the outdoor environment. We will also be looking at Chinese New Year, Valentines Day and Pancake Day.

Finally, we would like to unashamedly shout about our recent Ofsted grading, achieving **OUTSTANDING!!!!** We are so delighted to receive such high recognition and thank our parents for their unfaltering support in all we do.

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Happy New Year and thank you for your continued support!

Once again we would like to thank everyone who continues to support Children's Hospice South West in so many ways. The residents of Schoolfields for their continued support. Mike Phillips and Grace at the Rose and Crown for the donation of £365 raised from the sale of Mike's bird boxes. Colin Allen and the New Years Day Fundraising Committee, the many individuals who gave donations during the year and all who bought Christmas cards.

Children's Hospice South West provides the only respite and hospice care available to families in the South West. Little Bridge House, Charlton Farm and Little Harbour are a home-from-home, a place where each family member can find time and space to feel normal and do the things they enjoy, as a mum, as a dad, as a brother or sister, as a family, not overwhelmingly as a carer.



The cost of this very special care is over £11 million per year and the charity currently only receives around 16% of income generated from statutory funding, which is not guaranteed. It therefore relies entirely on the generosity of the people of the South West to be able to continue its work.

Children's Hospice South West is dedicated to making the most of short and precious lives. With your continued support, Children's Hospice South West can continue to care for more children and their families every year.

If you would like further information on how you could help Children's Hospice South West, please contact Jean or Colin Fitzpatrick, telephone 652859 or visit their website www.chsw.org.uk



**Colin Fitzpatrick - Cannington
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0% loan to help people living in off-gas properties to spread the cost of heating their home

The current energy crisis is having an effect on everyone, coupled with the rising cost of living. Living without mains gas can be expensive. For those who are buying home heating fuel in bulk, a council-funded loan may be an alternative solution to spread the cost.

Somerset Council work in partnership with Lendology CIC, a Social Enterprise lender, to provide council funded 0% Bulk Buy Fuel loans to homeowners, social tenants, and private tenants to spread the cost over the winter months.

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SATURDAY 10AM - 1PM

Answers to Children's Quiz

1. Fish and Chips
2. Shepherd's pie
3. Steak and kidney pie
4. Bangers and Mash
5. Haggis
6. Yorkshire Pudding
7. Sunday Roast
8. Full English Breakfast
9. Toad in the hole
10. Cornish Pasty

Answers to Shaun's Quiz

1. C - Steven Spielberg
2. C - Belgian
3. A - John Steinbeck
4. A - Austria
5. C - Judaism
6. A - Bob Dylan
7. C - Leonid Brezhnev
8. A - Sikhism
9. C - Canada
10. A - Oxford

Answers to November's Puzzles

Word Spiral

1 Snow; 2 Weep; 3 Punt; 4 Then; 5 Nose;
6 Eros; 7 Sail; 8 Lisp; 9 Pate; 10 Edge;
11 Exit; 12 Tuba; 13 Ayes; 14 Snub;
15 Bran; 16 Nave.
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Finally settling down to my vegan, gluten free, soy free, antibiotics free, raw, non GMO, organic, fat free, low carb meal!



Attention all Target readers

If you have difficulty reading the magazine, you will be pleased to know that after some hard work behind the scenes, you can now access the Target on the Cannington website which can be found by going to www.cannington.org.uk and click on the Target link. (Shaun, Editor)



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Speed Indicator device (SID)

Apologies for these belated results, but we are having technical issues downloading the information we need, and, despite contacting the French manufacturers, we are still continuing to have problems accessing the figures.

The one interesting result is the comparison between before and after installing the mattresses across the road on Rodway Hill. It shows a significant drop in the volume of cars entering and leaving the village by this route and it's pleasing to note the average speed recorded has also dropped.

The other set of figures for Jubilee Gardens and High Street, gives a snapshot of the volume of traffic moving through the village. Hopefully we can overcome the difficulties and provide a more up to date set of figures. Shaun

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| <p><u>RODWAY HILL</u></p> <p>SURVEY DATE: 28/11/22 - 05/12/22</p> <p><i>(Pads only)</i></p> <p><u>VOLUME OF CARS</u></p> <p>INCOMING: 11,943</p> <p>OUTGOING: <u>11,604</u></p> <p>TOTAL CARS: <u>23,547</u></p> <p><u>AVERAGE SPEEDS</u></p> <p>INCOMING: 25.37mph</p> <p>OUTGOING: 27.91mph</p> <p><u>MAXIMUM SPEEDS</u></p> <p>INCOMING: 80.00mph</p> <p>OUTGOING: 58.00mph</p> | <p><u>RODWAY HILL</u></p> <p>SURVEY DATE: 10/02/23 - 18/02/23</p> <p><i>(Full mattress)</i></p> <p><u>VOLUME OF CARS</u></p> <p>INCOMING: 5445 (6,598 less)</p> <p>OUTGOING: <u>6803</u> (4,801 less)</p> <p>TOTAL CARS: <u>12,248</u> (11,299 less)</p> <p><u>AVERAGE SPEEDS</u></p> <p>INCOMING: 19.95mph (5.42mph slower)</p> <p>OUTGOING: 20.97mph (6.94mph slower)</p> <p><u>MAXIMUM SPEEDS</u></p> <p>INCOMING: 46.00mph (34mph slower)</p> <p>OUTGOING: 44.00mph (14mph slower)</p> |
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| JUBILEE GARDENS – INCOMING TRAFFIC | | HIGH STREET – INCOMING TRAFFIC | |
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| 28/02/23 – 05/03/23 | | 01/05/23 – 08/05/23 | |
| INCOMING VEHICLES | 10,365 | INCOMING VEHICLES | 3,425 |
| OUTGOING VEHICLES | 10,972 | OUTGOING VEHICLES | 4,445 |
| TOTAL VEHICLES | 21,337 | TOTAL VEHICLES | 7,870 |
| AVERAGE SPEED IN | 24.88mph | AVERAGE SPEED IN | 23.81mph |
| AVERAGE SPEED OUT | 26.46mph | AVERAGE SPEED OUT | 25.77mph |
| MAXIMUM SPEED IN | 65 | MAXIMUM SPEED IN | 56.00mph |
| MAXIMUM SPEED OUT | 63 | MAXIMUM SPEED OUT | 68.00mph |
| <= 30mph INCOMING | 94.30% | <= 30mph INCOMING | 92.88% |
| <= 30mph OUTGOING | 84.32% | <= 30mph OUTGOING | 85.31% |

Children's Corner

Identify these vegetables



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6-



7-



8-



9-



10-

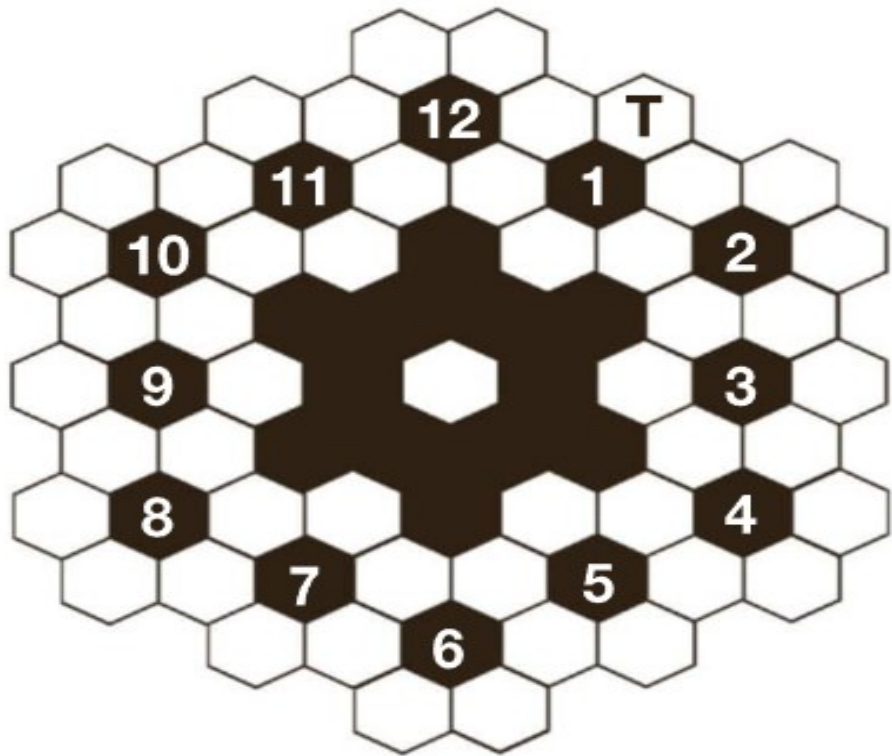
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All the solutions read clockwise around their numbers. The solution to clue number 1 starts from the given letter.

- 1 Gullet
- 2 Terror
- 3 Decorative
- 4 Sample
- 5 Stank
- 6 Cauldron
- 7 Male hawk
- 8 Invent
- 9 Gossip
- 10 Pill
- 11 Small
- 12 Shred



- Melody
- Prong
- Alcohol
- Learned
- Desire
- Type of crop
- Centre
- Ripped
- Sound quality
- Units of weight



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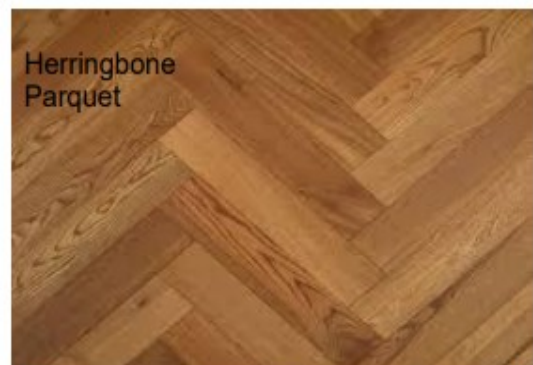
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Something to say? Complimentary or otherwise please send your comments / views to the Editor,

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Remember the new start time of 7.30pm



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