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Sunday  
**4th**  
May



**CANNINGTON IS CELEBRATING 80 YEARS SINCE VE DAY**  
**Jubilee Gardens Sunday 4 May, starting at 1.00pm**

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|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 👑 40's dress theme<br>(prizes for best dressed)           | 👑 Tug o'war                    | 👑 BYO picnic             |
| 👑 Live Jazz band  | 👑 Duck race                    | 👑 Hog roast              |
| 👑 'I remember'- share wartime relatives' photos & stories | 👑 Face painting                | 👑 BBQ burgers & sausages |
| 👑 Paul Lamb hedge layer/author                            | 👑 Glitter tattoos              | 👑 Cream teas @ St Marys  |
|   | 👑 Plant your own sunflowers    | 👑 Yeo Valley ice cream   |
|   | 👑 Oatley vineyard wine tasting | 👑 Cakes by the WI        |
|   |                                | 👑 Street Bean coffee     |

*Poster by Tina Carter*

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(Shaun, Editor)

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Spring has final sprung and we are making our way, albeit slowly, to the first day of summer (21st June). The few sunny days we had recently brought out a plethora of shorts and T-shirts, but my Mother always said “ne’er cast a clout ‘til May is out,” meaning to keep your warm clothes on until the end of May - so be warned!



The next three months will be a very busy period for the village; the highlight will be celebrating 80 years since VE day on the 4th May in the Jubilee Gardens. Many activities are being organised for your enjoyment including cream teas in the Church, a duck race, live music and the ever popular tug-o-war. The theme will be the 40’s with prizes for the best dressed.

The end of May will see the beginning of the very colourful Flower Festival, a celebration of children’s literature in flowers by local groups, businesses and individuals, so get your imagination working.

Then on 14th June there is the Church Fete, held on the Church grounds, which is always well attended. At the end of June, on the 28th, Brymore will be holding its annual Open Day, which is very popular, so you may want to arrive early to get a good view. The Open Day is always worth a visit just to see what the boys are doing as all the departments are open, displaying the boy’s work. This could include their academic work to their woodworking and metal working skills, there is so much to see. In the arena there will be displays of dog handling, falconry and the boys will be demonstrating their tractor driving skills.

Finally, after a request from the Friendly Spirit to not have our quizzes on a Sunday before a bank-holiday, the May quiz will be on May 18th instead of the 25th .....look out for the posters reminding you.

Again many thanks to my distributors for their efforts in delivering the Target in all weathers.  
(Shaun, Editor)

### **Daffodowndilly (A. A. Milne)**

**She wore her yellow sun-bonnet,  
She wore her greenest gown;  
She turned to the South wind  
And curtsied up and down.  
She turned to the sunlight  
And shook her yellow head,  
And whispered to her neighbour:  
“Winter is Dead”**



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## **Samuel Taylor Coleridge**

He was born in Ottery St Mary, Devon, on 21st October 1772, the youngest son of 13 children. He had 3 older stepsisters and an older stepbrother John. His father died when he was eight. He was educated at Christ's Hospital School in London and at Jesus College, Cambridge, but got into debt and did not take his degree. He enlisted in the 15th Light Dragoons as 'Silas Tomkyn Comberbache' to avoid college debts but was bought out later by a brother under the 'insanity' clause. At first briefly, a Unitarian minister in Shrewsbury he won backing from Thomas and Josiah Wedgewood (£150 a year) which allowed him to leave the ministry.



Portrait painted by  
Peter Van Dyke 1795

Writing poetry while working as a journalist on the Morning Post, he later became Secretary to the Governor of Malta and then a freelance lecturer. He collaborated with William Wordsworth in writing Lyrical Ballads and The Rime of the Ancient Mariner and numerous translations, plays and philosophical and critical writings

Coleridge fell in love with Sara Hutchinson but was rejected by her, reflected in the poem 'Dejection Ode'. In 1795 he married Sarah Fricker, by whom he fathered four children. His friend married Sarah's sister Edith.

Dorothy Wordsworth described Coleridge on their first meeting as 'Pale and thin, has a wide mouth, thick lips and not very good teeth; longish hair, rough black hair. His eye (sic) is large and full, not dark but grey, with fine eyebrows'. Later in life he became very fat, usually shabbily dressed.

A brilliant public speaker and conversationalist, Coleridge was vain and enjoyed looking at himself but was addressed as Coleridge by the Wordsworths and even by his wife.

Coleridge was addicted to opium in its liquid form, laudanum, and by 1814 he was drinking two quarts of it a week. He suffered from rheumatism and neuralgic headaches and complained 'I cannot breathe through my nose, so my mouth is almost always open'. Further physical ailments included eye infections, rheumatic fever and gout.



Coleridge had only had one poem published at 21. He composed nearly 300 lines of Kublai Khan during a three hour sleep in a farmhouse after reading about Kublai Khan in Purchas's Pilgrimage - he woke up and wrote down 54 lines before being interrupted, and found he had forgotten the rest.

The Rime of the Ancient Mariner began when he was walking with Wordsworth near Lynmouth, and was published in 1798.

He died of heart failure at the London house of his surgeon friend in London, on the 25th July 1834 aged 61. An autopsy revealed an enlarged heart and liver and a cyst on the lungs.

(Thanks to Geoff Parle for this extract from the Coleridge Probus Minimag)

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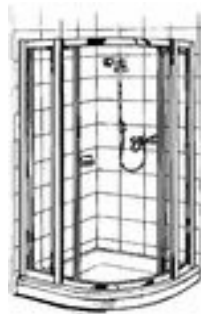
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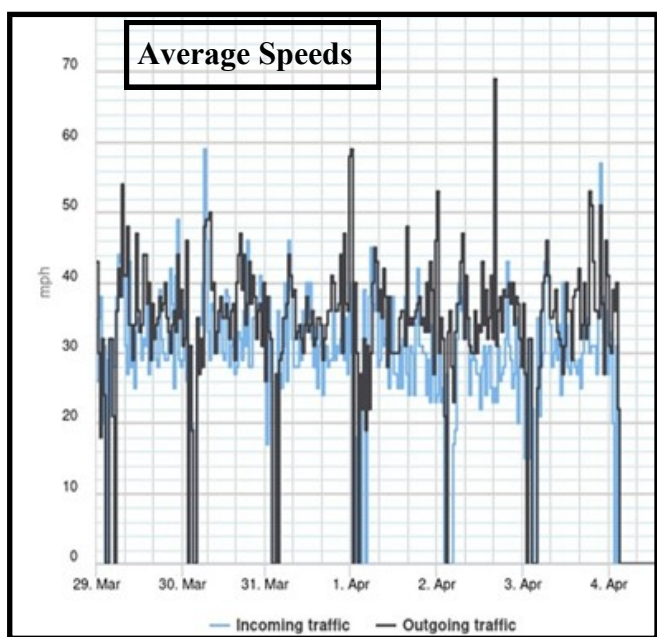
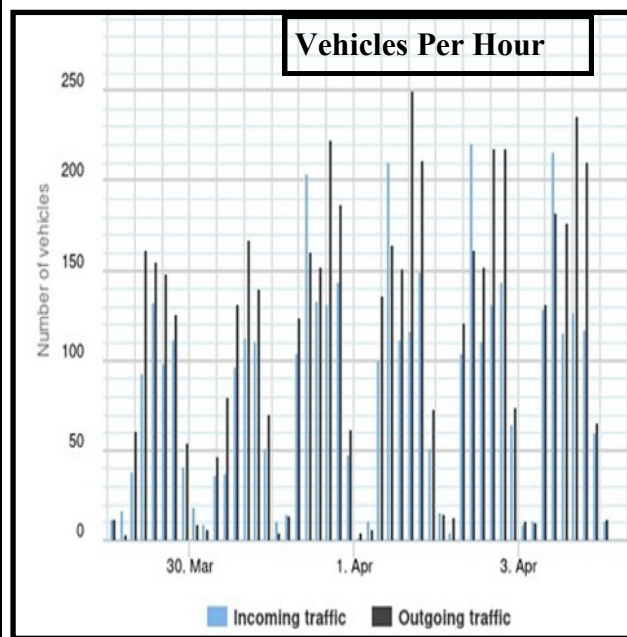
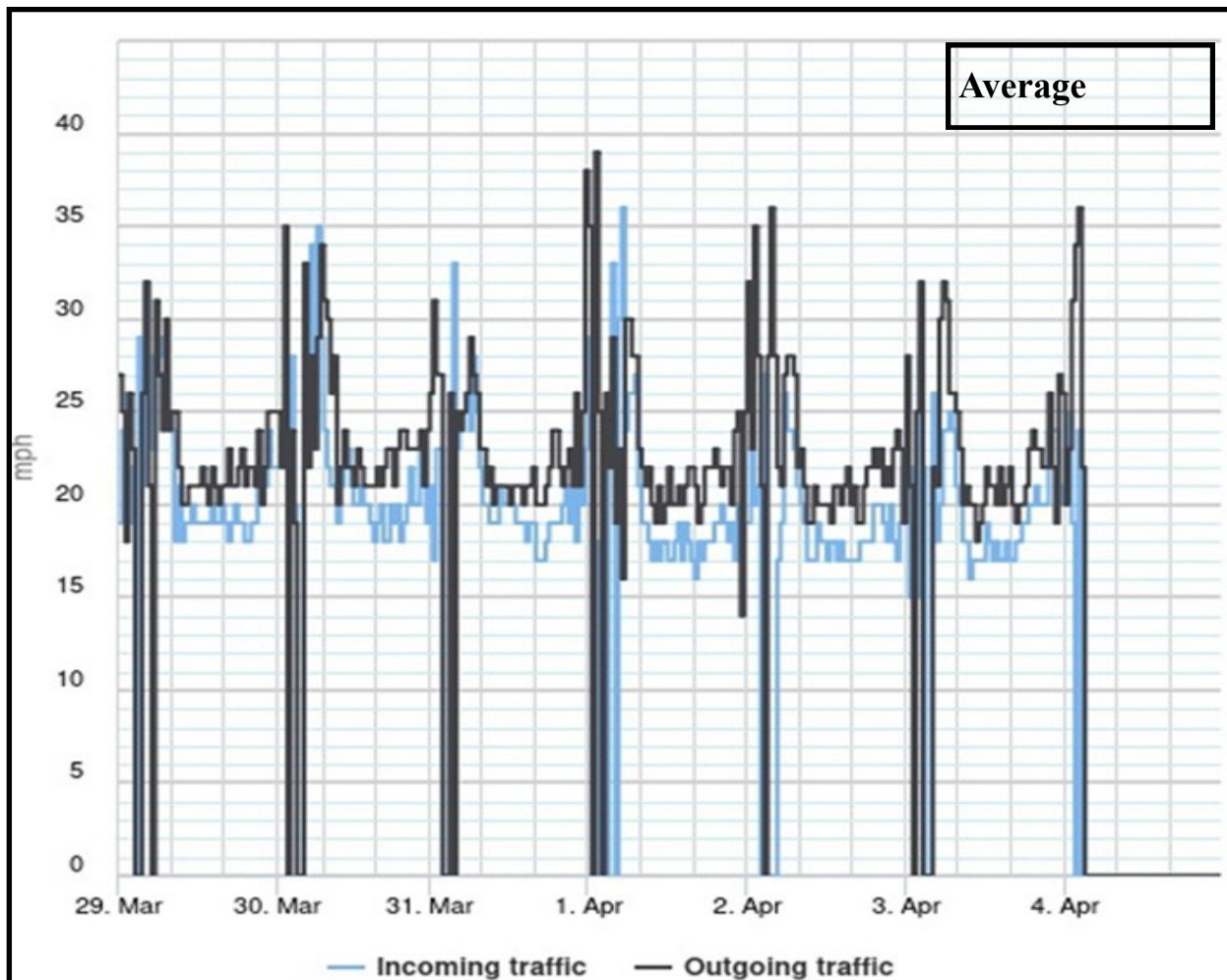
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## Speed Indicator Device Results 29th March to 4th April

**Incoming Cars: 9,537 = 1,362 per day**  
**Outgoing Cars: 12,898 = 1,842 per day**

**Max Speed Recorded = 66mph**  
**Max Speed Recorded = 69mph**





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There will be no Toast church through the summer but we hope to hold some family days during August. These will be advertised on Cannington Now Facebook Page.

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## Tales from the Tower

One windy morning at the beginning of February the Ringers met in the churchyard to remove the stars from the top of the tower and safely store them until the end of the year when they will be returned to the tower for next Christmas season. The stars were carefully lowered using ropes with a team at the top of the tower and a team on the ground. The team on the ground were also steering churchyard users away from any possible danger from wayward stars being buffeted by the wind!



The Ringers are planning to ring for the VE day 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May, some of our Ringers are also going to other towers who are short of Ringers to support them commemorate this event. Towers across the country will be ringing, Cannington are pleased to be able to support this.

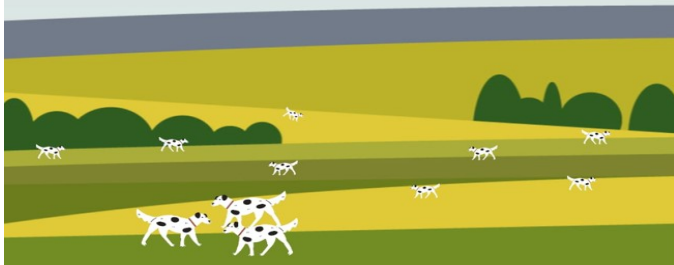
The Ringers are also planning to take part in the church flower festival which is running from Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May until Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

We meet on Tuesday nights between 7.30 and 9 pm to practise and would welcome anyone who would like to join us, come along to find out more about what we do.

Angela Underwood

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





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## Delivering Better Bus Services - Ashley Fox MP



One of the most common complaints I hear from residents is about buses. Whether it's services not turning up, long gaps between buses, or entire communities being left without any access to public transport, it's clear the system hasn't been working as it should. That's why, not long after I was elected, I made it a priority to listen to people's experiences and to take action. I launched a survey to gather feedback directly from residents across Bridgwater and Burnham-on-Sea.

I met with First Bus and Somerset Council to present the findings. I pressed for practical changes—better reliability, more frequent services, and coverage that meets the needs of our growing communities. I also raised specific problem routes, including the number 21 service between Burnham and Taunton, and areas like Wilstock, Puriton and Chilton Trinity which are underserved or completely left out.

Following these conversations and the lobbying that followed, Somerset has allocated significant new funding under the Government's Bus Service Improvement Plan to the Bridgwater Constituency. This should bring real, tangible improvements to our local transport network.

These include extending the 21 service that runs from Burnham-on-Sea to Taunton, increasing the frequency of the B1 Bridgwater Town Service and introducing a Sunday service. We'll also see upgrades to traffic signals in Bridgwater to give buses priority, a feasibility study for a new transport hub in the town, and improved access for buses at Bridgwater Train Station.

Another particularly welcome development is the expansion of Digital Demand Responsive Transport (DDRT) to the Sedgemoor Slinky service. This flexible transport option has real potential to benefit residents in more rural parts of the constituency, where running a regular bus service isn't always practical.

But while this is good progress, I'm under no illusion that the job is done. Rural communities still face significant transport challenges. For many people living in villages or on the edge of town, the bus simply isn't a viable option—either it doesn't run often enough, or it doesn't come at all. We need to do more to support these areas and ensure that no one is left behind.

That means continuing to push for investment, exploring new transport models, and making the most of technology to deliver smarter, more responsive services. It also means keeping up the pressure—on both operators and the council—to make sure improvements are delivered as promised.

If you've had a good—or bad—experience with your local bus, I want to hear from you. Your voice helps shape the case I put forward on your behalf.

***Ashley Fox MP***







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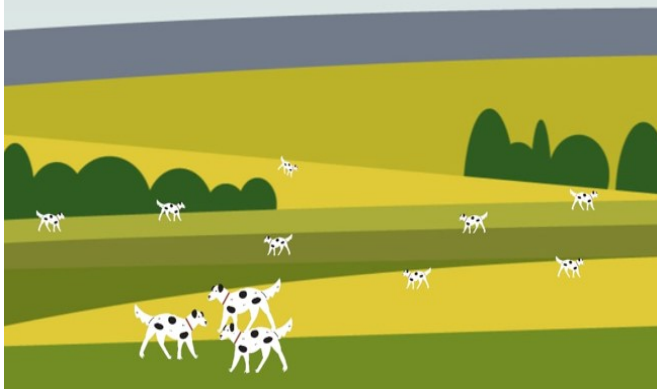
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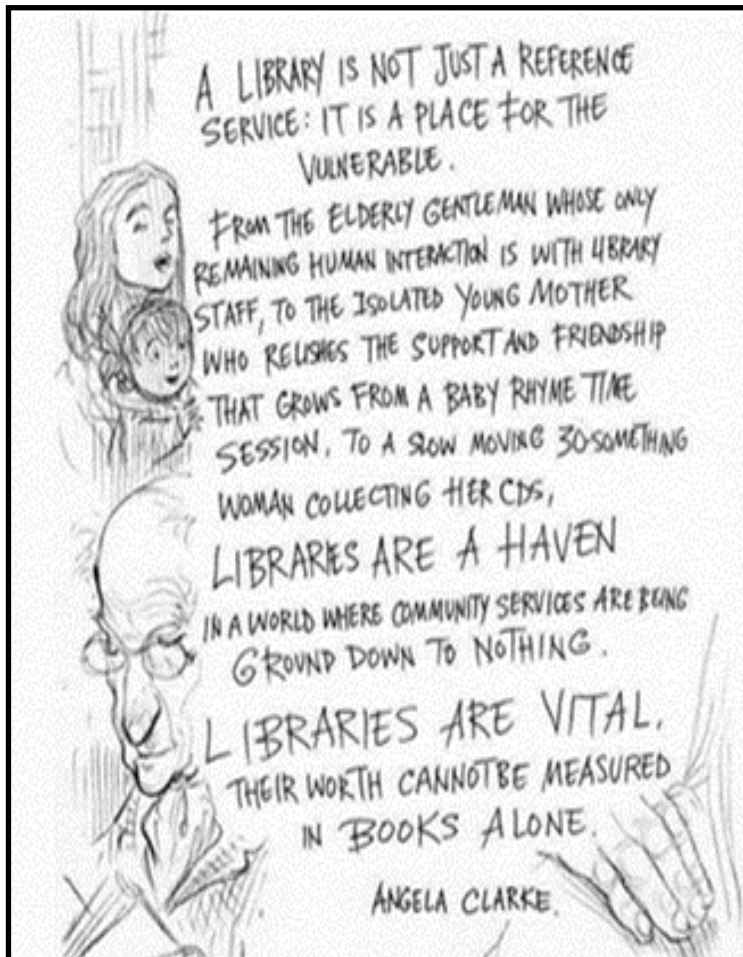
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It has been another busy few months for Cannington WI starting in February with our “Soup and Pud” event. We had a choice of homemade Broccoli and Stilton or Leek and Potato followed by Cheesecake or Fruit Salad. Very enjoyable it was too.



In March we had an extremely interesting talk by Glyn Legge from Bridgwater Street Pastors. The work they carry out is so important and made those of us with children or grandchildren enjoying a night out, feel confident that there are Pastors available should they be needed.

At our April meeting Ian Williamson spoke about his extensive travels.

The Quiz Night at The Friendly Spirit on Sunday 30th March raised £283.50 on our behalf. This is greatly appreciated and we would like to pass on our thanks to all who took part and helped.

### **Upcoming Events:-**

**May** - “My Life as a Court Usher” by Ginny Hearn

**June** - Debbie Birtwistle will be speaking about Children’s Hospice South West

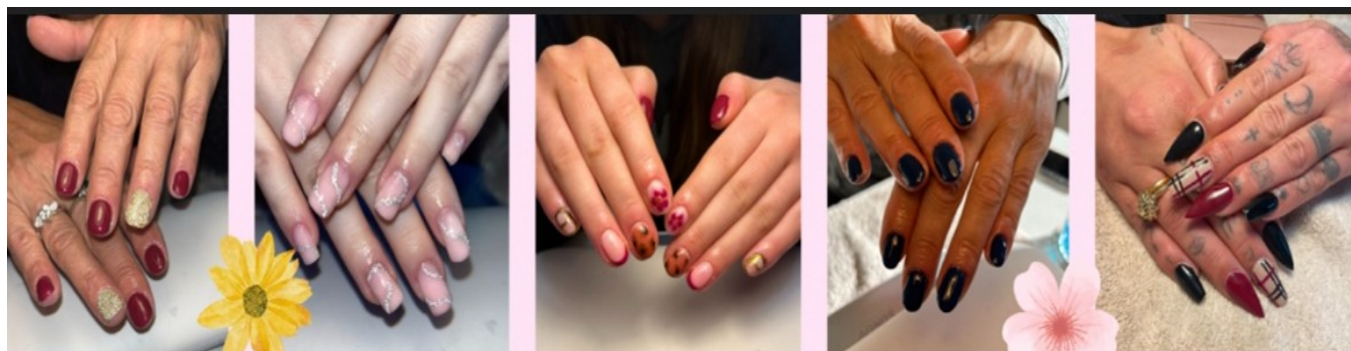
**July** - Rob Davis of Search and Rescue Assistance in Disaster will be telling us about the remarkable and often dangerous work they carry out in disaster areas.

The ladies of Cannington WI continue to meet on the second Monday of each month at 2.30pm at The Village Hall (Lift available if required). As always, like all organisations, we are looking for new members so please do come along and join us.

### **Information from -**

Mrs Sheila Fry - (President) - 01278 229680

Mrs Doreen Bunch - (Secretary) - 01278 653969



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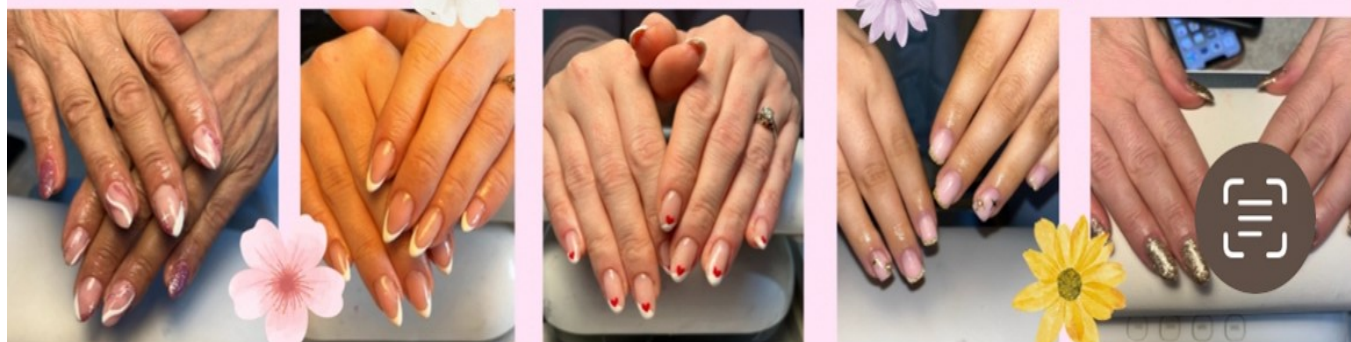
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As Brownies, we have fun and do extraordinary things like a sponsored silent Bingo for Comic Relief. We did not talk for a whole hour, even during the break.



It was really difficult but we were up for a challenge and we did it! It felt good to be helping children who don't have the things and opportunities we have.

Comic relief is a charity that helps local communities across the UK and abroad. £3 paid for crayons, pencils, paint and paper for children living in a refugee camp and £10 covered the cost of 10 hot meals for a homeless person in the UK.

Thank you to all of those who sponsored us, as we raised a grand total of £540.

*(Report by Anna and the Cannington Brownies)*



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\* **Saturday 17 May: Plant sale: Cannington Court from 11.00am**

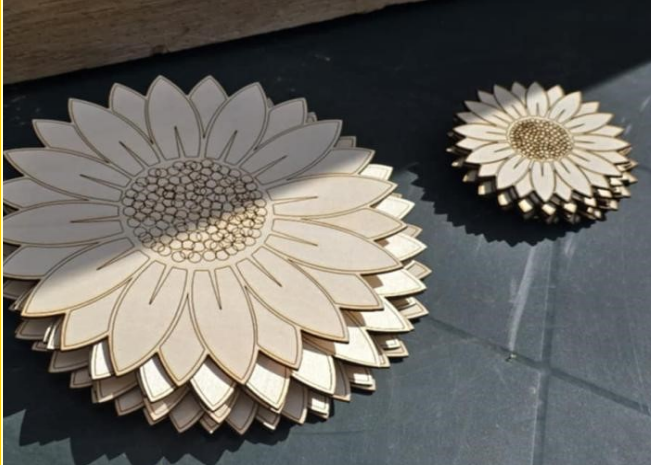
### **Wild, gold and vibrant... let's put on a real show Cannington!!**

This year, we're hoping every resident will join in and participate in our themed planting for 2025. These are:

1. Wild and pollinator flowers in verges and borders (we've already made a start at the roundabout).
2. Go yellow and gold – letting the sunshine in with every type of sunflower we can think of, with free seeds available and seed planting sessions for everyone. Early season marigolds will start the ball rolling. Our aim is for every household to take up the challenge.
3. Multicolour barrier baskets with a vibrant mix of annuals will create a real wow factor.



## And there's more... Join in our sunflower painting workshops.



We have over 80 wooden sunflowers (thanks to Mike Phillips, Mick Franks and Jonathan Gridley for their skill, dedication and creativity) ready for painting as part of a village-wide community arts project. We'll be holding sessions at the 4 May VE Day party and 17 May plant sale. Once finished, each sunflower will be 'planted' in groups around the village and once the season is over, you'll be able to collect your flower as a permanent keepsake.

### LET'S GROW TOGETHER

- Sponsor a hanging basket
- Financial donations
- Sponsorship in kind (raffles/materials/goods)
- Adopt your verge/street/plot
- Donate materials/skills for making signs/labels
- Bake a cake
- Support the village action day
- Plants for seed swap and plant sales event
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### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

*Sunflower planting and painting VE Day party, Jubilee Gardens May 4*  
*Seed and Plant Sale/Swap with BBQ @ Cannington Court. May 17.*

- ♦ In the 1400's, a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no bigger than his thumb. Hence, we have ***"the rule of thumb"***.
- ♦ In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes, the mattress tightened making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence, ***"sleep tight"***.



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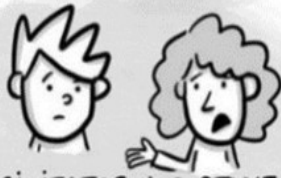
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Cannington Pantomime Society chose an old favourite, Aladdin, and added a few twists. In this version Wishee Washee is not Aladdin's brother, but assistant to Widow Twankey in the laundry, and the traditional policemen were replaced by a couple of chancers from Cannington itself! Pantomime is nothing if not versatile!

Despite the small stage and limited off-stage facilities, they know how to make a dazzling spectacle in the village hall with their colourful backdrops and delightful costumes. And what a spectacle their UV scene was, drawing audible gasps from everyone. And they also know how to enlarge their performing area with an extended stage and entrances and exits through the auditorium, including the famous flying carpet which, festooned with lights, floated through the audience in the conclusion to the first act. And the intimacy of the venue also facilitated some great audience interaction in the packed hall where, even on a Monday night, there were quite a few kids in the crowd.

This was good wholesome family entertainment with some knockabout and slosh for the kids, a touch of magic, and the cutest panda toy ever! There was singing and dancing aplenty and a lot of gags, not least the running gags where Dame Widow Twankey kept referencing Abba songs when addressing Abanazar (Aba for short!).

But even more important than all the usual pantomime traditions was the enthusiasm displayed by everyone involved both on and off-stage. That enthusiasm is infectious and the audience was having a whale of a time. And it is a tribute to the dedication of everyone involved that the society, which put on its first panto in 2001, continues to thrive, bringing so much pleasure to so many people. The SFD certificates displayed on the wall in the hall are a reflection of that. Long may it go on.

**Sam Allen** (The Review from the Moderator from the Somerset Fellowship of Drama of our Pantomime Aladdin)

#### *Cannington Panto Society*

Every year we have a people's choice award in memory of one of our founding members, Pete Brown, where you the audience decide.....and I am pleased to announce that this year's winner was the lovely Corby Stansfield who played the amazing Genie!

Now for the Cinderella Awards evening in May! One comment from our adjudicator was "Your visual presentation was magnificent. Richly colourful and warm with some beautifully crafted sets, with artwork of the highest standard. Costumes were equally lovely and the whole impression was one of phenomenal hard work and concentration on excellence. Really well done indeed."

**Here's to next year which is our 25<sup>th</sup> year!**





- ♦ In the 15th century a new game was invented in Scotland. It was ruled Gentleman Only Ladies Forbidden - thus the word GOLF entered the English language.
- ♦ It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago, that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we now know today as the honeymoon.



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## ***Target submission from Cannington Parish Council.***

### **VE Day Celebrations**

The Parish Council is supporting the VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. VE Day marks a significant moment in history, commemorating the end of World War II in Europe on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1945. Celebrating this event is a wonderful way to honour the courage, sacrifice, and resilience of those who served during the war.



### **Pump Track**

The pump track has become a great addition to the village and it has really encouraged outdoor activity and community engagement. The Council are planning an official opening once the VE Day celebrations are over.

### **20 mph**

Progress is being made on implementing the 20mph speed limit in the village, which is great for safety. It would seem Clifford Park and Mill Lane, are showing to be a challenge when it comes to attaching the signs to the telegraph poles. As a practical solution, roundels will be installed to mark the speed limits, which will be effective in drawing attention to the new speed of 20mph.

### **Allotments**

After a recent inspection of the allotments, it's clear that they are coming along nicely. However, it has been noted that a general clean-up is needed. To help with this, the council is in the process of arranging a skip to allow for a tidy-up ahead of the summer. Once the skip is booked, all allotment owners will be notified.

### **Children's Play Area**

Currently the Council are requesting quotes from play equipment companies in regards to broken tunnel. Once all quotes are in a decision will be made on a suitable resolution, in hopes that this area of the park will be put to use in the near future.

### **Dog Fouling**

The Council is taking steps to address the ongoing problem of dog fouling in the area. Increasing the visibility of the issue through signs, could assist as a reminder to dog owners to clean up after their pets, helping to maintain cleaner public spaces.

### **Rodway Car Park Planning application**

The Council have forwarded an application in regards to Rodway car park. The application is to tarmac the car park, with the intention of making it a long-term fixture. This will improve the car parks infrastructure and make it more durable and better suited for ongoing use.

### **Flower Festival Exhibition**

St Mary's Church will be holding a flower festival on the 29<sup>th</sup> May. The Parish Council will be entering their own display in hopes to join in with the festivities.

### **Council Clerks**

The Council would like to announce that their long-standing Clerks Tina Gardener and Ally Prose will be retiring. Their dedication and commitment in supporting the Council and Cannington Village itself is highly commendable and they will be sorely missed by all.

The Parish Council would also like to welcome Rebecca Gaylor who has taken on the duties of the Parish Clerk.





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<https://www.cannington.org.uk>



# No fouling

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

Please be aware the local Dog Warden has been informed and will be carrying out extra patrols, and if you are caught, it will be a £100 fine.

Please can you be a responsible dog-owner and use one of the 10 bins provided, which cost nearly £1,400, (you pay for this through your council tax), to dispose of your dog waste, or take it home with you.

**There is no excuse for this irresponsible behaviour.**





Thank you everybody for your efforts, this one certainly got you scratching your heads, but well done for your lateral thinking. Apologies if I haven't included your caption.

Early Iron-Man takes flight - **Mike Radford**

This super glue is marvellous - **Chris Dabenett**

Well he's a barrel of laughs - **Liz Harfield**

I wish the boss would buy a hammer - **Geoff Basson**

Head banging taken to a new level - **Jane Bryant**

Not very bright, should be a brick wall - **Susanne Bird**

The Brussel sprouts are working Dave, they took me right off my feet - **Nikie Duddridge**

Local residents are taking the law into their own hands as the local Spar shop closes

- **Matt Davies**

Fred was so frustrated with Arthur and Cyril, he took it out on the down pipe

- **Claire Ridgment**

Not sure the prototype strength tester is a good idea - **Carole Taylor**

1st man - he always said talking to his missus was like banging his against a wall

2nd man - looks like she didn't like his barn conversion again - **Martyn Bryant**

Brian was surprised by the power of Mavis's fridge magnet - **Zoe Van Zwanenberg**

He always was the joker - **Jane Tarr**

Jacob Rees Mogg judges local village idiot competition - **Mark Reynolds**

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## SHAUN IS LOOKING FOR SOME SIMPLY, STUNNING, STUPENDOUS, SCINTILLATING SOLUTIONS TO THE QUARTERLY QUIZ

Thank you to everybody who took part in this quiz.  
Congratulations to Betty Edney who is the winner of the February 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.

### **BIRD BRAINS**

1. Which England off-spinner finished his career with over 350 international wickets?
2. Which character did Jodie Foster play in Silence of the Lambs?
3. Which golfer won the US Open in 1992 and captained the Ryder Cup team in 1997?
4. What was the name of William Wordsworth's house in Grasmere in the Lake District?
5. Complete the motto of the Royal National Lifeboat Institute - Let not the deep.....
6. Who was Tony Blair's first Foreign Secretary when Labour returned to power in 1997?
7. In the children's TV programme Bagpuss, what type of bird is Professor Yaffle?
8. Which character, played by Frank Thornton, was a floor walker at Grace Brothers?
9. Which member of the cuckoo family is constantly chasing Wile E Coyote and is the state bird of New Mexico?
10. What links novelist Jack Higgins and the Apollo 11 moon landing?

Answers to: shaunryall@talktalk.net or by post or carrier pigeon to  
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Hello Shaun

I'm an avid reader of The Cannington Target and always pleased when it's delivered. It's full of interesting and useful local news. So, I was surprised and disappointed to find an EdeF publicity puff for Hinkley Point C (HPC) taking up two thirds of a page in the February 2025 edition.

For balance, here's a few reminders of why HPC isn't as great as EdeF would like us to believe.

We need new electricity generation sooner rather than later as we get rid of fossil fuels and old nuclear power stations go offline. Despite EdeF's ludicrous claim that HPC would be cooking our Christmas turkeys by 2017, its firm commitment to a 2025 completion also proved wildly optimistic. HPC won't be working anytime soon and even 2031 now looks dubious for when it might start up.

As electricity from renewables gets ever cheaper, the agreed price of already expensive HPC electricity just goes on rising with inflation. And, if HPC ever works, we have to pay that price 24/7, however low the spot market price of electricity.

The workforce will soon be up to 15,000 workers, a tripling of the 5,600 forecast. Fly Parking in Cannington, a regular local irritant, can only get worse. And the pressure on the local housing market caused by HPC's Gold Rush economy makes it even harder for people to rent, let alone buy, their first home.

EdeF makes much of how many HPC workers are 'local', which to you and me means Bridgwater at best, Somerset at worse. The fact is that anyone within 90 minutes' drive time of a HPC Park & Ride is classed as local. So, are workers from Cardiff and Plymouth 'locals'?

As long as there's the light pollution, we'll never see the Northern Lights from Cannington.

I hope I've made my point. I haven't got any photos of enormous bits of steel being levered about at eye watering cost. If you had a picture of the Acoustic Fish Deterrent (see page 61 Roy) that EdeF has now decided it will install after causing unnecessary stress to lots of truly local people living by the Bristol Channel, that would be grand!

All the best and keep up the good work,

Roy Pumfrey

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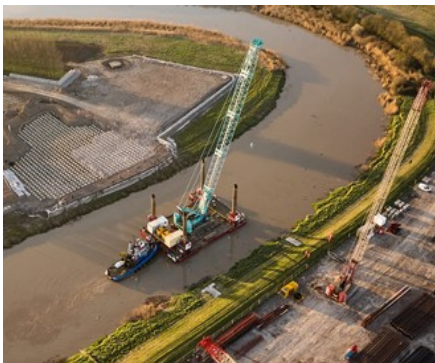
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**BRIDGWATER TIDAL BARRIER NEWSLETTER MARCH** - This Tidal Barrier scheme has been developed by the Environment Agency and Somerset Council due to the increasing tidal flood risk to Bridgwater town centre and the surrounding area. The scheme will deliver a tidal barrier and improvements to downstream defences on the River Parrett near Chilton Trinity, and will reduce tidal flood risk to 11,300 homes and 1,500 businesses. The whole scheme comprises: Constructing a tidal barrier on the River Parrett, next to Express Park, Bridgwater Improving existing downstream riverside banks and constructing new secondary flood banks Improving fish and eel passage at 12 upstream sites on the rivers Parrett and Tone Creating a community resilient to flooding and coastal change



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**Some facts about the 1500s:**

(Thanks to Geoff Parle and the Coleridge Probus Club mag)

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married. Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the Bath water!"



Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would Sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a wake.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the upper crust.

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof... Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."





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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:

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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 an 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.

To report a private fostering arrangement, please call our Contact Centre in confidence on **0300 123 2224** or email [childrens@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk)

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This year, as part of the VE Day celebrations another 80 panels are being created showing life in the UK during the war. As the Bombers are gluttons for punishment we have made two more panels. One shows a street party based on an original photograph taken in Nottinghamshire. The other features the Bevin Boys, sometimes known as the Forgotten Conscripts, who were selected to work underground mining coal between December 1943 and March 1948 to increase the rate of coal production.

This new exhibition will be touring the UK and you can have a chance to see it in Wells Cathedral from April 29<sup>th</sup> until May 10<sup>th</sup>. There will an admission charge to enter the Cathedral.







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- ♦ Never pee on an electric fence.
- ♦ When your Mum is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- ♦ You can't hide broccoli in a glass of milk.
- ♦ Felt tip markers are not good to use as lipstick.
- ♦ Don't pick on your sister when she's holding a cricket bat

**Words of wisdom**  
**from children**

## *Cathy's Gardening Tips*

**May** - Early this month, there is still time to sow flower and vegetable seeds and to plant seed potatoes. Tie in new shoots on clematis, continue successional sowing of salad crops and herbs. Sow cauliflower, leeks and sprouting broccoli for harvesting next winter.

Earth up and create ridges over potatoes when the shoots are 20cm (8") high. Water brassicas well to encourage strong growth. Pinch out tips of broad beans to minimise and control blackfly. At Whitsun plant out bedding plants, dahlias and Canna Lilies, also dead head wallflowers and tulips. You should keep Ponds and water features topped up. Clean pond filters and use grilles over ponds to protect children. Remove blanket weed and floating weeds as soon as they appear.

Avoid feeding birds with peanuts as they could choke fledglings. Keep bird baths clean and filled with fresh water as Bird flu has been devastating across the world. 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. The Swifts, Swallows and House Martins that have flown from Africa will be collecting mud for nest building. Purpose built nest boxes high up on a sheltered or east facing wall is best or wooden soffits where the mud collected by these birds will stick.



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**June** - 'Cannington Open Gardens' will be on Sunday 8th June 2025 1pm - 5pm with cream teas on route. Start 41 East Street TA5 2HL. £5 for entry to all gardens. Perhaps make a day of it with lunch, then garden visits. All monies for open gardens and tours will go to Cannington in Bloom. (see page 64 for more details) You could also visit the lovely Walled Gardens of Cannington too. Normal entry fees apply unless RHS members or already have an annual card. They may on the day offer a discount. At time of print this is not confirmed. The greenhouse really is fabulous.

Those plants that flower before mid summer, cut flowers off after flowering. Those that flower after mid summer, cut flowers off in winter. Water potatoes well once a week, in the evening. Tadpoles will be tiny frogs by now so watch where treading in the garden. Plant the following for bees - Rosemary, Mahonia, Perovskia, Lavender, Pulmonaria, Hardy Geranium, Sedum, Ribes (Flowering current), Majoram, Sunflowers, Nasturtium, Lupin and Catmint (Nepeta) and try and leave some Dandelions; bees need and love them.

**July** - Just enjoy your garden. Water in the evening. Deadhead. Hand weed. In April we had so many Hover Bees, Queen bees looking for nest sites and even Peacock butterflies. Sadly no frog spawn this year. Early potatoes are ready when the leaves start yellowing. Eat tiny with unsalted butter and sea salt. Delicious!

*Catherine Nightingale 6.4.25*

- ◆ When your Dad is mad and asks you "do I look stupid/", don't answer him.
- ◆ Don't sneeze in front of your mother when you're eating crackers.
- ◆ Puppies still have bad breath even after eating Tic Tacs.
- ◆ Don't wear polka dot underwear under white shorts.
- ◆ Never try to baptize a cat.

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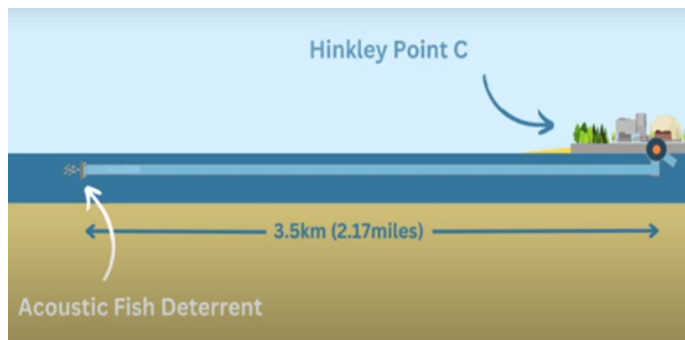
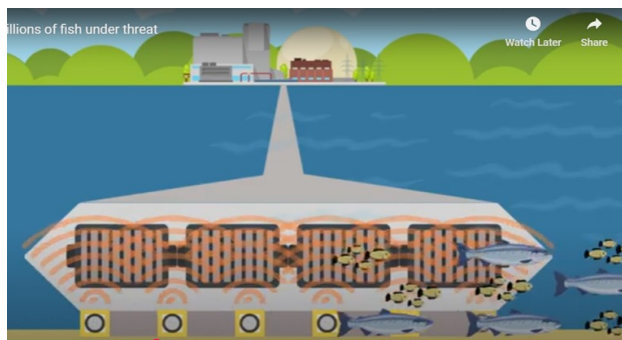
## What is an Acoustic Fish Deterrent (AFD)?

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The type proposed for HPC uses a Sound Projector Array, a system of underwater speakers that produce a repellent sound gradient to block intakes. Species such as Atlantic salmon and twaite shad, which are abundant in the Severn Estuary and of high conservation importance, have responded particularly well to existing AFDs.

- The specific frequencies and power can vary depending on the system and the targeted specific fish species that may be attracted to cooling water intakes.
- AFDs are considered a more effective and an environmentally friendly alternative to physical screens for filtering out fish and debris from cooling water intakes, especially for fragile species that may not survive the return process.
- In January 2024, a consultation on the idea of replacing the AFD with a salt marsh was widely rejected by the public and environmental organisations
- An AFD was tested in Hartlepool, where local seal populations were monitored with no effect on their behaviour (AFD sounds at 1,000 Hz, peak range of sea mammal hearing is 20,000 Hz)..

*(Sources: Fish Guidance systems and River Trust)*



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## ***Natalie's Slow cooked Roast Chicken***

### **Method**

Put your chicken in a large roasting pan. Inside the chicken, put big chunks of onions and rosemary/thyme, then put over the chicken, a thin layer of mustard, Provence herbs, salt and pepper. Sprinkle some olive oil onto the chicken, and then add at the bottom of the roasting pan, about 1cm of water.

Put in the oven at 110 / 120,° Gas mark 4, for about 2 hours. Remove from oven and turn chicken over, add more mustard, a bit more oil all over, and use the juice to baste the chicken. Add a little more water to make sure there is juice at the bottom and then put back in the oven. Increase the temperature to 150,° Gas mark 5 for another 30-40mins.

Prepare some big potatoes chunks, pre-cook them for 4 minutes in boiling water. Put them to the side and when the chicken is slightly roasted (after the 30/40mins), turn it over, and pour juice all over the chicken. Add the potatoes around it (in the juice), sprinkle them with dry garlic, Provence herbs and salt, and sprinkle a little olive oil over them. Turn oven to 200-210° Gas mark 7 to Gas mark 8. The potatoes will roast at the top and be tender underneath with a nice juicy taste. The chicken will then roast and the potatoes too and when the potatoes and chicken are crispy, it is ready.

I like this recipe as it doesn't make my oven dirty and it makes the chicken really soft and tender.

***Nathalie Louis-Andre 7th April 2025***



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It was with deep sadness and a heavy heart that Children's Hospice South West informed us that their Co-Founder and retiring CEO, Eddie Farwell, died on Thursday 27 March following a Motor Neurone Disease diagnosis.



Children's Hospice South West was founded by Eddie and his wife Jill in 1991. Jill was diagnosed with cancer in September 1995, on the day Little Bridge House opened and died in September 2004.

Cannington Friends Group was formed in 1997 although Jean and I were involved prior to the opening of Little Bridge House and we have decided to officially close the group. We will ourselves continue to support Children's Hospice South West and donations can be made directly to the charity through their website. Once again, we would like to thank all who have supported Cannington Friends in raising tens of thousands of pounds for this very deserving charity.

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](http://www.chsw.org.uk)



Vera was born on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1925 in Gurney Street.

She went to school in Cannington and eventually met her beloved husband here during the war. After the war they married and moved away to Birkenhead. When they retired, they moved back to Cannington and Vera happily lives here still. Much love and best wishes to this lovely kind lady.

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## Answers to February's Puzzles (p72/73)

### Clockword

1 Emerge, 2 Donate, 3 Waddle, 4 Astute,  
5 Rustle, 6 Deride, 7 Heckle, 8 Oeuvre,  
9 Poodle, 10 Pierce, 11 Evolve,  
12 Remove.

### Word Spiral

1 Aunt; 2 Turf; 3 Flay; 4 Yank; 5 Kerb;  
6 Burn; 7 Noun; 8 Norm; 9 Must; 10 Tear;  
11 Rise; 12 Ends; 13 Snub; 14 Band;  
15 Deaf; 16 Finn.  
Nunnery

### Answers to Children's Quiz

### - ANSWERS TO SHAUN'S QUIZ ON PAGE 40

1. CHESS
2. MASTERMIND
3. TRIVIAL PURSUIT
4. CONNECT 4
5. MOUSETRAP
6. CLUEDO
7. MONOPOLY
8. KERPLUNK

1. GEORGE LAZENBY
2. ROOM 101
3. CASABLANCA
4. KEN BRUCE
5. 7
6. SCOTTISH
7. THE PINK LADIES
8. GORDON THE GOPHER
9. RUSSIA
10. GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL

I'm not saying I'm  
old...but when I was in  
school we made our  
parents ashtrays  
for Christmas



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## Children's Corner

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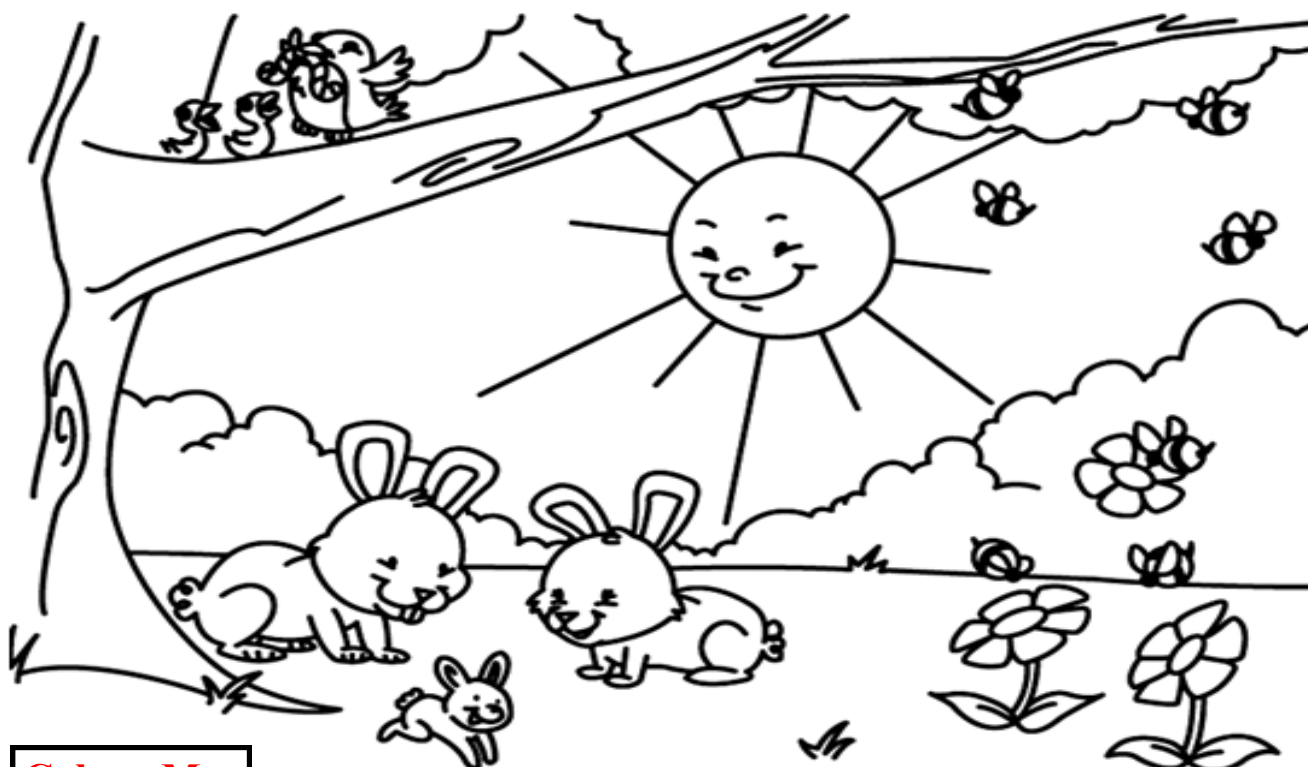
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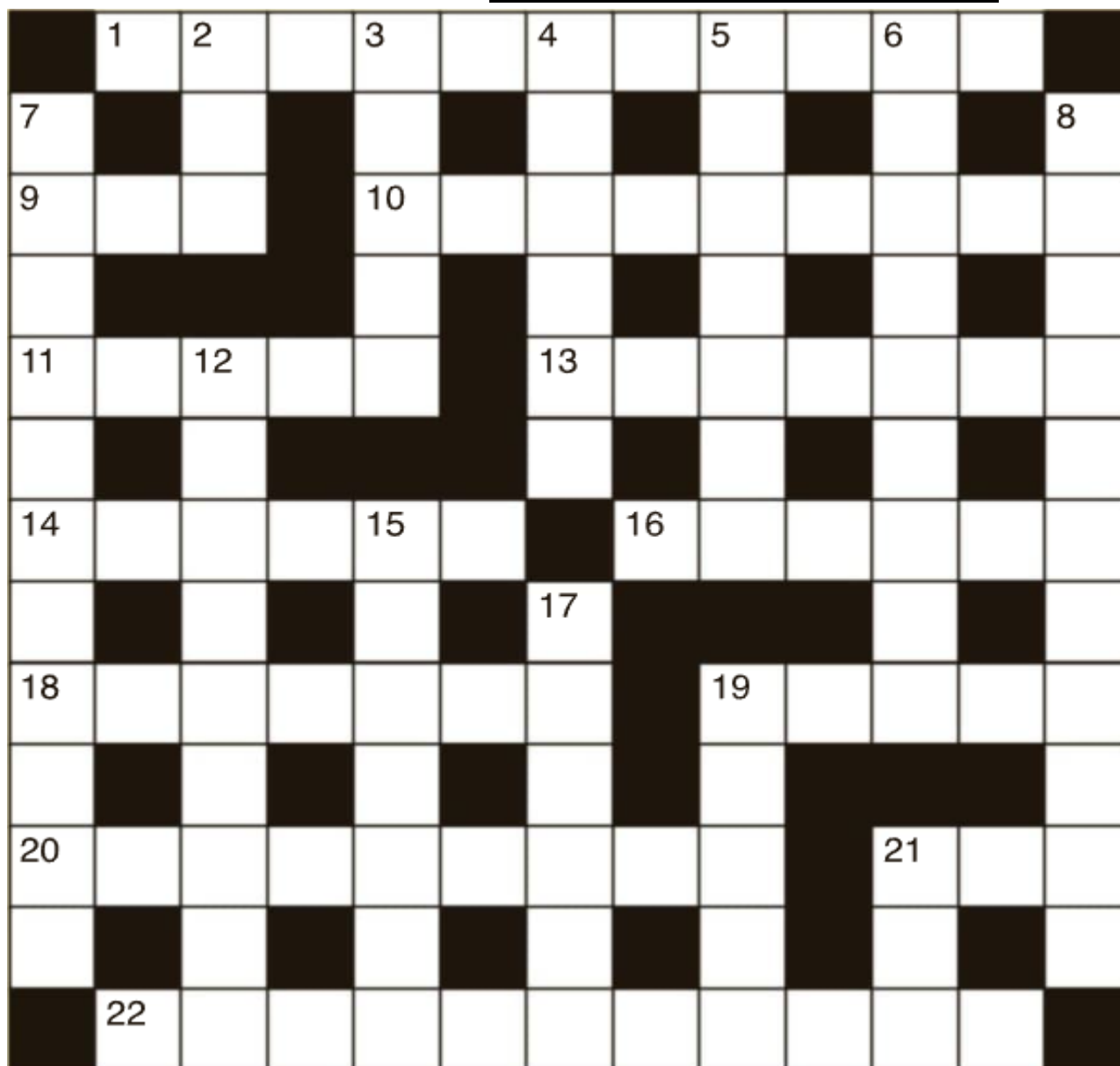
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Colour Me

## Adult's Corner

Answers to February's puzzles  
and quizzes are on Page 69



### Across

1. Deal with (4,2,5)
9. Anger (3)
10. Position (9)
11. Praise (5)
13. Item (7)
14. Contract (6)
16. Fabric dealer (6)
18. Giant tree (7)
19. Big (5)
20. Suit maker (9)
21. Sprint (3)
22. Not well-inclined (3-8)

### Down

2. Poem (3)
3. Artist's stand (5)
4. Fugitive (6)
5. Nuclear device (7)
6. Standard (9)
7. Board (11)
8. Undervaluing (11)
12. Exercise equipment (9)
15. Double (7)
17. Vipers (6)
19. Zest (5)
21. Grass (3)

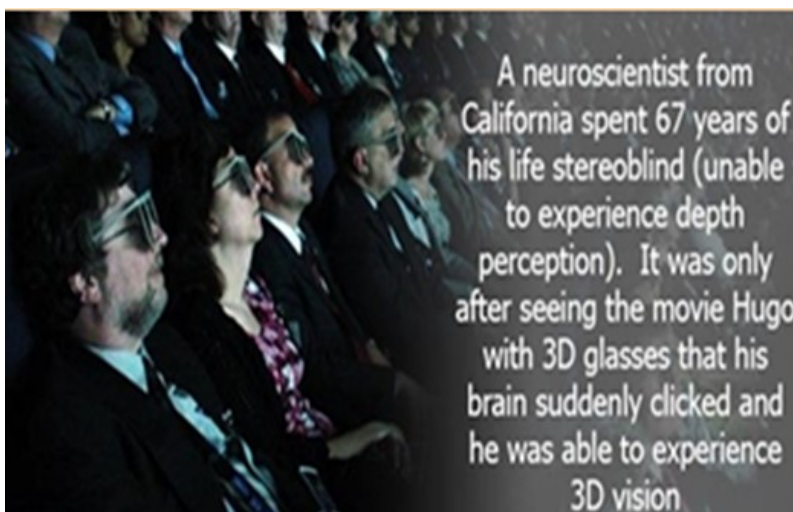


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