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(Shaun, Editor)

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## Editorial

First off, may I wish all Target readers and distributors a Happy New Year. As well as reflecting on the past year that had some good times but there were also times of great sadness when we lost friends and family. It's at this time when we should look back and recall all the good times spent with those we've lost, with love and fondness.

Many of you will make New Year's resolutions that you're determined to keep this year; however, did you realise that the second Friday in January is traditionally known as Quitter's Day?

This is the time when many people feel that enough is enough and give up! Are you going to join a gym to keep fit? I don't want to discourage you, but Baylor College of Medicine reports that 88% of people who join a gym usually fail before the end of January. How well have you done?

The Christmas period was, as usual, a busy time with last minute shopping, food preparation and the inevitable putting up of decorations. Those of you that decorated the outside of your house in preparation for the Christmas lights judging must have spent hours doing it. The end result was a breath-taking, beautiful display and the top three displays can be seen on page 7. Well done to all concerned, including the Wendy House who achieved the Commercial prize

The Christmas tree festival held in the Church was no less spectacular, and was well supported by the community. Some very imaginative minds were put to work to produce such an array of beautiful and amusing trees. The eventual winners were the Bellringers and some pictures of the entries can be found on page 34.

I don't know if you noticed that amongst the plethora of Christmas goods on sale in the supermarkets, there were also a selection of Easter eggs! I know Easter is early this year but I think this is taking it too far.

Finally, celebrating 25 years as Cannington Pantomime Society, their latest production is The Snow Queen and is on in the village hall from February 18th until February 21st with 2 performances on the Saturday. Tickets are selling fast so get yours now and come along and support an excellent cast and production crew who have won many awards in previous performances. Contact us at:

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Shaun - editor

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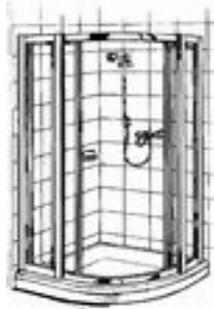
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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month

- 9.30am Family Service  
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### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

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

### Weekday Services

- 6.00pm Tuesdays  
9.00am Fridays

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

Holy Tuesday	7.00pm	Tenebrae <i>Reflective service of light &amp; shadow</i>
Holy Wednesday	7.00pm	Agape Meal at Village Hall
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 Service & Easter Egg Hunt

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1<sup>st</sup> Prize

Old Forge Cottage



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34, Brownings Road



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

11, Priory Close



Commercial Prize – Wendy House

## *Christmas Lights Competition Winners*

### THINGS TO PONDER 🤔

1. If the No. 2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still No. 2?
2. Why do we press harder on the remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?
3. Why are you "in" a movie, but "on" TV?
4. What was the best thing BEFORE sliced bread?
5. Why do we drive on parkways & park on driveways?
6. Why do "fat chance" & "slim chance" mean the same thing?
7. Why do British people never sound British when they sing?
8. At a movie theater, which arm rest is yours?
9. Why are there no "B" batteries?
10. Why do people say "heads up" when you should duck?

\*Original quote sources unknown

How many of these arts can still you do?

- ◆ Write a letter
- ◆ Read a map
- ◆ Know proper grammar
- ◆ Mental arithmetic
- ◆ Remember phone numbers
- ◆ Use a compass
- ◆ Handwriting
- ◆ Handwash clothes
- ◆ Making a fire from scratch
- ◆ Stamp collecting
- ◆ Sewing/making your own clothes
- ◆ Spelling
- ◆ Wiring a plug yourself
- ◆ Calligraphy
- ◆ Preserving food by pickling
- ◆ Sewing on a button
- ◆ Making your own jam
- ◆ Making your own cheese/butter
- ◆ Tying proper knots
- ◆ Knitting or crocheting
- ◆ Research in books, not Google
- ◆ Hand write love letters
- ◆ Courtesy and respect
- ◆ Make your own go-cart from a crate

Our worship on Sundays is at 9.30am and is an informal "Café Style" one. Each week we have a different speaker who brings us a message from God's Word. This service is also available on Zoom.

If you wish to join us by Zoom, please contact Gina by email to request the link on  
[ginanne8151@gmail.com](mailto:ginanne8151@gmail.com)

### **Sunday Service 09:30am**

Communion is held on the third Sunday of each month.

Our minister is **Richard Pope** who can be contacted at the church office at Westfield on  
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### **Lunch Club**

Most Tuesdays at 12:30pm - £6 per person

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### **Time Out**

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## **EASTER**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** joining with St. Mary's for The Seder Meal in the village Hall at 7pm

**GOOD FRIDAY** at 10.30am in church **PRAY GROUND**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**8.30am BREAKFAST** followed at **9.30am EASTER CELEBRATION** with communion.

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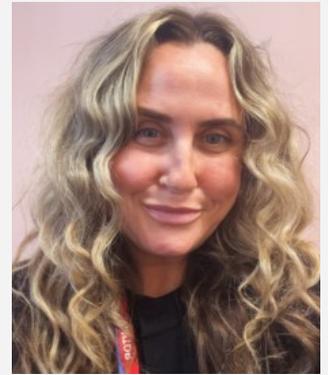
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## Cannington C of E Primary School

'Together we grow, flourish and thrive' Psalm 98 12-15

Introducing Miss Marie Marchant - Head of Cannington Primary school as of 5.1.26. As you may know Mrs Claire Nurse retired in the summer and Mrs Paula Goodchild has been the interim head for the Autumn term. Miss Marchant has previously worked in several schools in the Bridgwater area including Cannington Primary School where she was the Deputy Head teacher until December 2019. She is incredibly excited to be back in Cannington and cannot wait to develop school links and have Cannington School at the heart of the community. Please contact the [office@cannington.somerset.sch.uk](mailto:office@cannington.somerset.sch.uk) if you would like to communicate with the school or Marie.



We'd like to say a huge thank you to St Peter's Brownies in Taunton, Nerrols Primary School, and Cannington CofE Primary School for taking part in our Reverse Advent Calendar and collecting donations for the animals in our care.

The generosity shown by the children, families, and staff has been truly heart-warming. Every item donated helps us care for our dogs and cats and makes a real difference to their daily lives - especially during the colder winter months.

We're so grateful that you chose to support our rescue and help spread kindness and compassion in your communities. Thank you for thinking of our animals and helping to make their Christmas that little bit brighter 🎁🐾



“Genuine” answers given in an exam.

- \* In which battle did Napoleon die -his last one
- \* What looks like half an apple - the other half
- \* If you threw a red stone into the Blue Sea, what will it become - a wet stone
- \* How can a man go 8 days without sleeping - easy, sleep at night
- \* How can you drop an egg on a concrete floor without cracking it - any way you want, you can't crack a concrete floor.
- \* If it took 8 men 10 hours to build a brick wall, how long would it take 4 men to build it - no time at all, the wall was already built
- \* Where was the Declaration of Independence Signed - at the bottom
- \* The River Ravi flows in which state - liquid state

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

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NEW YEARS DAY FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE 2026



## **New Year's Day Charity Football Match**

New Year's Day saw the 41st Charity Football Match held at the Rodway ground. The first event was back in 1984. Only two years have ever been missed; once because of unplayable weather conditions and the other due to the Covid pandemic.

Well over 150 players and supporters from Cannington and the surrounding areas got involved on the day, many of whom made their way to the ground in time for a noon kick-off; a fantastic effort which is greatly appreciated. We saw many new faces both on and off the pitch this year. It was very encouraging to see a growing number of younger players - some making their debut! The weather was kind to us and the match was played in great spirit on a pitch provided and very well prepared and maintained by the Parish Council, so our heartfelt thanks go to them.

After the match we were again wonderfully hosted by the Friendly Spirit. The excellent buffet (provided at our host's expense) was gratefully received by everyone. Huge thanks to Nicki and the team.

This year, the Charity's main beneficiary was 'Children's Hospice South West', with the remaining funds going back into our Local Community, supporting groups and organisations. The grand total raised this year was £1750, which really is superb.

Congratulations and a massive thank you to all involved. We hope to see you all again next year.

(Neil Lush & Colin Allen)

## Tales from the Tower

We had to say a sad farewell to Gerry Brown whose funeral took place at St Mary's Church, Cannington in November. As ringers it was a privilege to ring at his funeral. Gerry was a bell ringer and rung at Cannington for many years, he taught many people to ring during his time at our tower. Sadly, following Gerry's funeral, we were once again called upon to ring at another bell ringer's funeral. We rang to celebrate the life of Keith Lane whose funeral was held in December. Keith rang regularly at St Mary's church in Bridgwater but often helped us out by ringing for special occasions when we were short of ringers. Keith also loved the handbells and helped us by leading and conducting so that we were able to ring carols at the annual carol service several years running. Both Gerry and Keith will be sadly missed in ringing circles.



During December the ringers once again had a lovely social evening to celebrate Christmas with a Christmas dinner at the Cottage in Keenthorne.

As Ringers we were very pleased that our Christmas tree received the most votes in the Christmas Tree Festival. We very much enjoyed getting together in the Village Hall to make our Christmas Gonks.



Finally, we were pleased once again to ring the New Year in.

If you are interested in joining us, our practice night is Tuesday evenings 7.30 until 9 pm, we would love to have new team members.



This could be your chance, New Year, new challenge, so take this opportunity to learn a new skill, with the added bonus that climbing the tower steps and pulling a bell rope is really good exercise and unlike gym membership is free, please come up on a Tuesday evening and talk to us.

Angela Underwood

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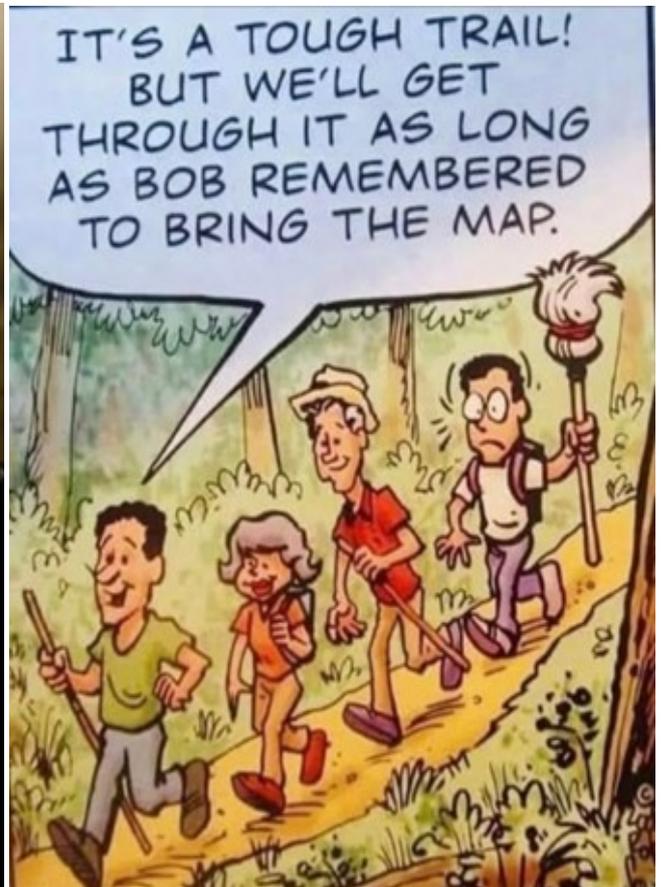
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Through every nook and every cranny  
The wind blew in on poor old Granny  
Around her knees, into each ear  
(And up her nose as well, I fear)

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the wind grew worse  
It nearly made the vicar curse  
The top had fallen off the steeple  
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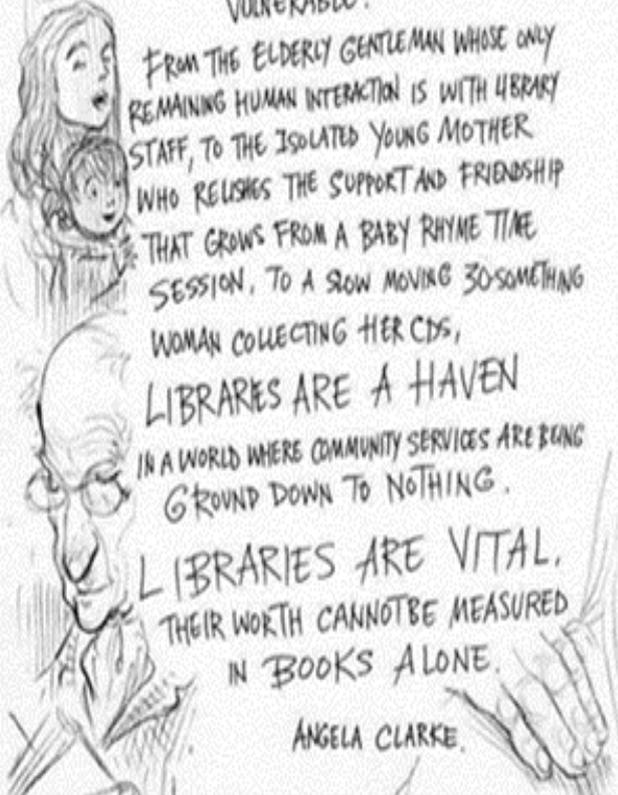
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## Here's to 2026... and some changes in the air for Cannington in Bloom



Once again Cannington in Bloom were awarded **GOLD** in the 2025 South

West in Bloom RHS competition. We also won the Cox Cup in the 'large village' category, top of our class across the UK. In November, we published the results of all the categories which were entered and it's significant that Cannington enjoyed entries from 5 different groups, above and beyond our village entry.

### Plans for 2026

We have decided to focus our efforts in 2026 to encourage more 'It's Your Neighbourhood' groups and commercial entries, so that the net is widened to involve a greater number of contributors. So for 2026, Cannington as a village will not be entered in the South West in Bloom RHS competition. The Bloomers are a very small team who do a lot to ensure our village continues its long tradition of horticultural excellence and looks its best throughout the year.

We will continue to plant and tend the borders, barrier baskets and planters around the village as before, but without the extra pressure and work that comes with the South West in Bloom judging.

We hope to encourage more of you to just do a little (and it doesn't need to be focused on growing) so that by 2027, we can reverse the trend of a few doing a lot, to reflect the true spirit of Britain in Bloom, where the greater community takes pride in their neighbourhood and each contributes just a little to achieve another Gold for Cannington (hopefully)!!

### So what can you do?

We are encouraging anyone who might help with:

**Neighbourhood gardening** RHS (IYN) is a unique scheme for community groups who are focused on improving their local environment through gardening. This might be the verge outside your home, a whole street initiative, a school or college project or even an allotment group. The focus doesn't just need to be flowers, but could include wildlife projects, rewilding areas, habitat surveys, wildflower meadows. There's something for everyone!

**Blooming businesses** Blackmore Farm exemplifies the benefits of entering the scheme as a business. Having achieved Gold for many consecutive years, the PR value alone is worth the entry fee! From Bed and Breakfast establishments, pubs, colleges and schools, to larger commercial operations, we'll be inviting you to understand the benefits.

**Sponsors and fundraisers** We have some amazing supporters, from LinPop's café, RocketGro, and Cannington Court to the Open Gardens event, plant sale and pub quiz. We are seeking more organisers who can help support and continue our fundraising initiatives alongside other village wide celebrations.

## Call to action 2026

Await the call, early in Spring to attend a village wide event to help focus the community on Cannington's collective efforts for 2026.



If you have an idea for a neighbourhood project in 2026, please call Tina on **07734113880**



**NEWS/EVENTS: Facebook: Cannington in Bloom (scan the QR code)**  
**WELCOME: Phone/message 07734 113880**



CANNINGTON IN BLOOM GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

# CANNINGTON IN BLOOM 2025



*"We'd far rather see everyone in the community volunteering just for one hour every now and then, than a small team of enthusiasts taking on all the tasks."*

BRITAIN IN BLOOM JUDGE 2024

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- \* **ADOPT:** a plot, a patch, a planter near you!

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## Cannington Yarn Bombers

Since the last Target magazine, we made a mini addition to the Pre-School Scarecrow trail, contributed to the village act of remembrance in November and then added a bit of festive cheer to the village bollards and phone box for Christmas. Unfortunately our 12 Days of Christmas musicians struggled to stay upright. We can blame the piper breathing in beer fumes from the Kings Head, but not sure about the drummer by the Village Hall. Thank you to everyone who tried to put these chaps back up right on passing by. Part of the fun for us is seeing the reactions from the passers-by.

We feel very lucky that apart from the Easter Chick stolen by a man, in a blue 18 plate Ford Focus, our creations are left alone for everyone to enjoy. They are not made as toys and contain all means of support to try to keep them in place.

We had our first group outing back in November when we went on Berry's Bus to Sherborne Abbey to see our work in the The Longest Yarn - 2 exhibition. We expected a mini bus, but were met with a full sized executive coach which proved a bit interesting for the driver on Sherborne's ancient streets.

We joined the URC Lunch Club for Christmas Dinner and ran a tombola at Cannington Christmas. Thank you to everyone who supported the stall.

The group continue to meet on Tuesday mornings, from 10-12, upstairs at the URC Church. Everyone is welcome to join us for tea, coffee and some crochet or knitting or just a chat.



**Cannington's  
Yarn Bombers  
Contribution to  
The Longest  
Yarn that has  
been displayed  
around the  
country**

## Wanted!

Can you knit or crochet?  
We would love you to contribute to the new village  
poppy display for Remembrance Day 2026.



- \*We will be happy to receive 1 poppy or 1 bag. All count and will be used.
- \* Poppies can be knitted or crocheted.
- \* Must be poppy red (a bit like the post box colour) with black centres.
- \* No buttons or other colours to be used.
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Please ask if you need a pattern, but they will be posted on our Facebook Page. Thank you



**Cannington Yarn Bombers (07880 501642)**

### Cannington Pre-School

Cannington Community - You've done it again. A huge thank you to everyone who donated and bought Scarecrow Trail maps for our recent fundraiser, organized by our amazing committee.

After counting all the votes, we're thrilled to reveal the winners of the Scarecrow contest.

1st place: The Peacock - 54 votes

2nd place: Fireman Sam - 45 votes

3rd place: The Fallen Scarecrow



We are still gathering the last of the donations and will share the total amount raised very soon.

Thank you all for your wonderful support, you make our community shine.

We hope the winning entries enjoy their well-deserved prizes.

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Cannington Women's Institute have really enjoyed the past three months, beginning in November with an enjoyable afternoon watching a DVD of "The Three Tenors" with ice cream and popcorn served at the interval.



In December we had our usual Christmas Lunch but this year we held it in The Village Hall with Lin Pops providing us with a delicious festive meal.

January saw our birthday afternoon when we had a game of bingo followed by a slice of birthday cake and tea.

***Forthcoming Events are:-***

- February -** We will be having our Soup and Pud Lunch
- March -** Emma Duke will be speaking about "The Lost Coast of Somerset"
- April -** A representative of BARB Search and Rescue based at Burnham on Sea will tell us all about the tremendous work they carry out.
- May -** A PCSO from Avon and Somerset Police will be here to talk to us about Cyber Crime/Scams

Cannington WI meet on the second Monday of the month at 2.30pm in The Village Hall and would love to meet new members so please do come along and join us.

***If you are interested please contact:-***

***Mrs Sheila Fry (President) - 01278 229680***

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"The Poppy Appeal raised £2167.25 from Cannington & Comwich plus any money that was paid via the QR Code that is not assigned to our area until the financial year end. Thank you to everyone who supported the appeal by buying a poppy or having the poppy boxes on their counters.



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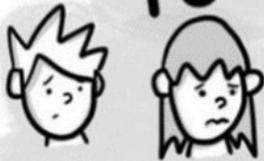
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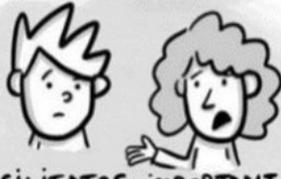
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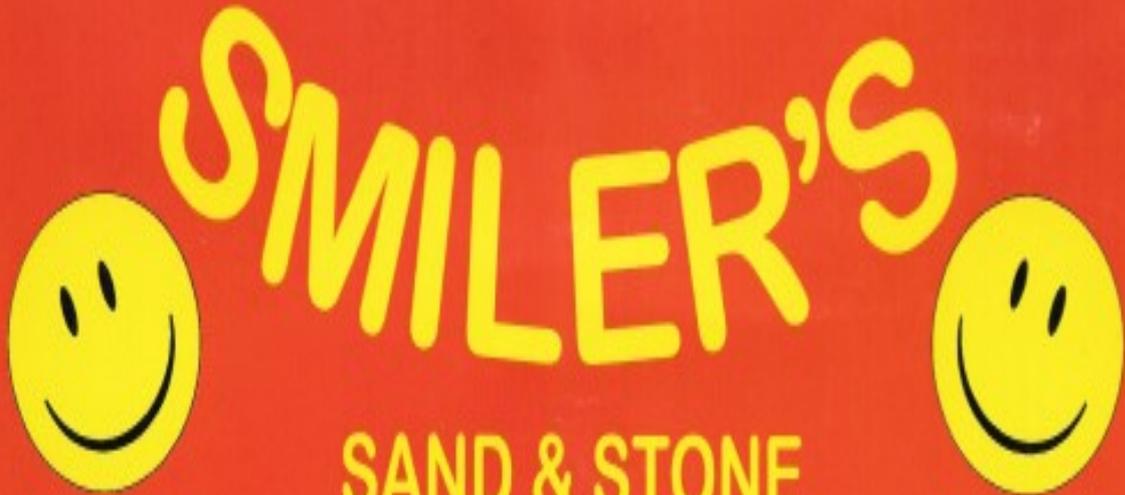
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## 1<sup>ST</sup> Cannington Brownies

Brownies

### What an amazing end to 2025!

The Brownies made decorations to decorate a Christmas tree for the Christmas tree festival held at the church. We hope you were able to visit and enjoyed the festival, appreciating the girl's efforts.

In December our Brownies joined 200 other members of the Guiding community to watch Zoo Tropolis 2. We had a great time, and the girls thoroughly enjoyed the film. After the cinema we were invited along with Sunday Club back to the village hall, where lunch had been provided for us. (Thank you Tina) We played party games and finished off with some parachute games.



Finally, we walked to the church to attend the Christingle service. It was a lovely service held by Reverend Alison. Some Brownies brought gifts for children who were less fortunate than themselves. We enjoyed listening to children singing and telling stories. Each child was presented with a lit Christingle. Thankfully there was no singed hair!

Our last event of the year was a visit from The Bloomers. They helped us to make stars from willow. With their help, 22 were made ready for Cannington Christmas Lantern Parade. We finished the evening off with party games and of course a visit from Santa.



We would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has supported us this year and look forward to 2026 and welcoming two new members, Adlyn and Aurora. Happy New Year.

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## Target submission from Cannington Parish Council



### Cannington Christmas

This year's Cannington Christmas celebrations were nothing short of magical, bringing together residents, local businesses, community groups, and volunteers for what has become one of the most anticipated events in our town calendar. Not forgetting the Christmas duck race and its runaway ducks.

### Community Payback

We would like to extend a special thank you to the Community Payback team for their invaluable support in keeping the village clean, tidy, and welcoming. Community Payback often goes unnoticed, but their contribution is essential to maintaining the look and feel of our village. We are incredibly grateful for their efforts and commitment to supporting the local community.

### Putting up and taking down the Christmas lights

Our local councillors also deserve special recognition for the hard work they put in alongside volunteers each year to ensure the Christmas lights are installed and removed safely. From organising equipment and coordinating teams to being hands-on in all weathers, their commitment helps make sure the festive lights shine brightly for everyone to enjoy, while always putting safety first.

### Christmas light Competition

This year's Christmas Light Competition once again highlighted the creativity, effort and festive spirit of the Cannington community. Homes and businesses across the village were transformed into sparkling displays, bringing joy to residents and visitors alike and making evening walks through the streets a real seasonal treat. *(see page 7 for the prize winners)*

### Christmas Tree Festival

The church was transformed by an array of uniquely decorated Christmas trees, each one created by local groups, schools, businesses, and individuals. Every tree told its own story, reflecting the creativity and care that makes our community so special. Thank you to everyone who took the time to help. *(see page 34 for pictures)*

### Bleed kit



The college has secured a bleed kit from the Avon and Somerset Bleed Kit Partnership and it is placed on the side of the High Street Bus Shelter next to the defibrillator. These kits are easily accessible to help anyone respond quickly in life-threatening situations. As in every emergency the first step is to call 999.

*I walked into a local Pizza with a buy one, get one free coupon for a regular pizza. I handed it to the assistant and he looked over at a little notice pinned to the menu that said buy one get one free. They're already buy one get one free he said, so I guess they are both free. He gave me my free pizzas and I walked out the door!*



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### Rebecca Gaylor (Parish Clerk)

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# 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 inspired you, well done for your lateral thinking. Apologies if I haven't included your caption.

You said you were a bell ringer - **Steve Tizzard**  
 You two are driving me up the pole - **Chris Dabenett**  
 Mabel, this isn't the best way to top up your pension - **Carole Taylor**  
 Okay, start the music - **Pam Jacobs**  
 The WI's latest initiative to increase membership - **Russell Salmon**  
 Trainee firefighters, no age restrictions - **Sylvia Rose**

But when are the lovely firemen coming to save us - **Baul Doughy Poucher**  
 Cost of living crisis creates new job opportunities for pensioners - **Melanie Wedgbury**  
 When a game of "Truth or Dare" gets out of hand - **Nick Singleton**  
 Make sure no one can see my knickers - **Sally Wellings**  
 Me and my friends pole dancing - well we tried - **Beris White**  
 Latest recruit to Cannington district firefighters. Well done Betty & nice catch Doreen and Joan  
 Hold on tight to your dreams - **Sal Sally Ingram** **Sue Blackmore**  
 It was at this moment that Iris realised she shouldn't have had wine at lunchtime - **Shell Giles**  
 1 in 3 over 60's are still trying to hold on to their youth, according to a poll - **Adam Woodcock**  
 When I said I wanted to slide up and down a pole for 1 last time, I didn't mean this - **Paul Enever**  
 See Gladys, I told you those magnetic knickers would help - **Andy Lyon**  
 3 quid she charged us for this lesson and now we've got to get her down - **Stephen Hembery**  
 I told you Doris, that super glue was one joke too far! - **SJ Taylor**  
 Elsie, get your hearing aid sorted out - I said time for a stroll! - **David Stanley**  
 When we said we needed a disabled lift, this is not what I meant! - **Rita Todd**  
 Back in the day it was called Maypole dancing - **Claire Louise**  
 I know you love firefighting Maud, but maybe it's time to retire? - **Sue Wand**  
 You lift me up so high, that I'll never come back down again - **Pippa Moore**  
 Anyone for bell ringing? - **Vikki Venner**  
 I know it's quicker than the stairs but look at the hole you've made in the ceiling - **David Stanley**  
 New night club opens in local village is a pole dance ahead of the rest - **Dawn Marks**  
 How many ladies does it take to change a lightbulb - **Jane Bryant**  
 I thought this was how you rang the church bells - **Betty Edney**  
 We never had any trouble 50 years ago - **Michael Hill**  
 Hold on Doris - **Jasmine Ley**  
 I'm going up the pole - **Doreen Bunch**  
 Now Daphne, if we push you higher up, then spin you round, it will polish the pole nicely for  
 those lovely firemen to slide down - **Liz Harfield**  
 This was supposed to be pole vaulting - should have gone to Specsavers - **Delyth Drew**





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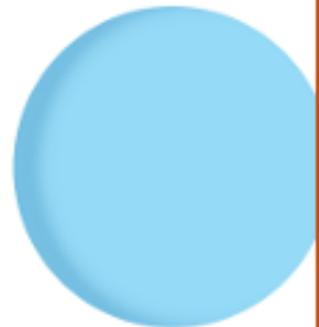
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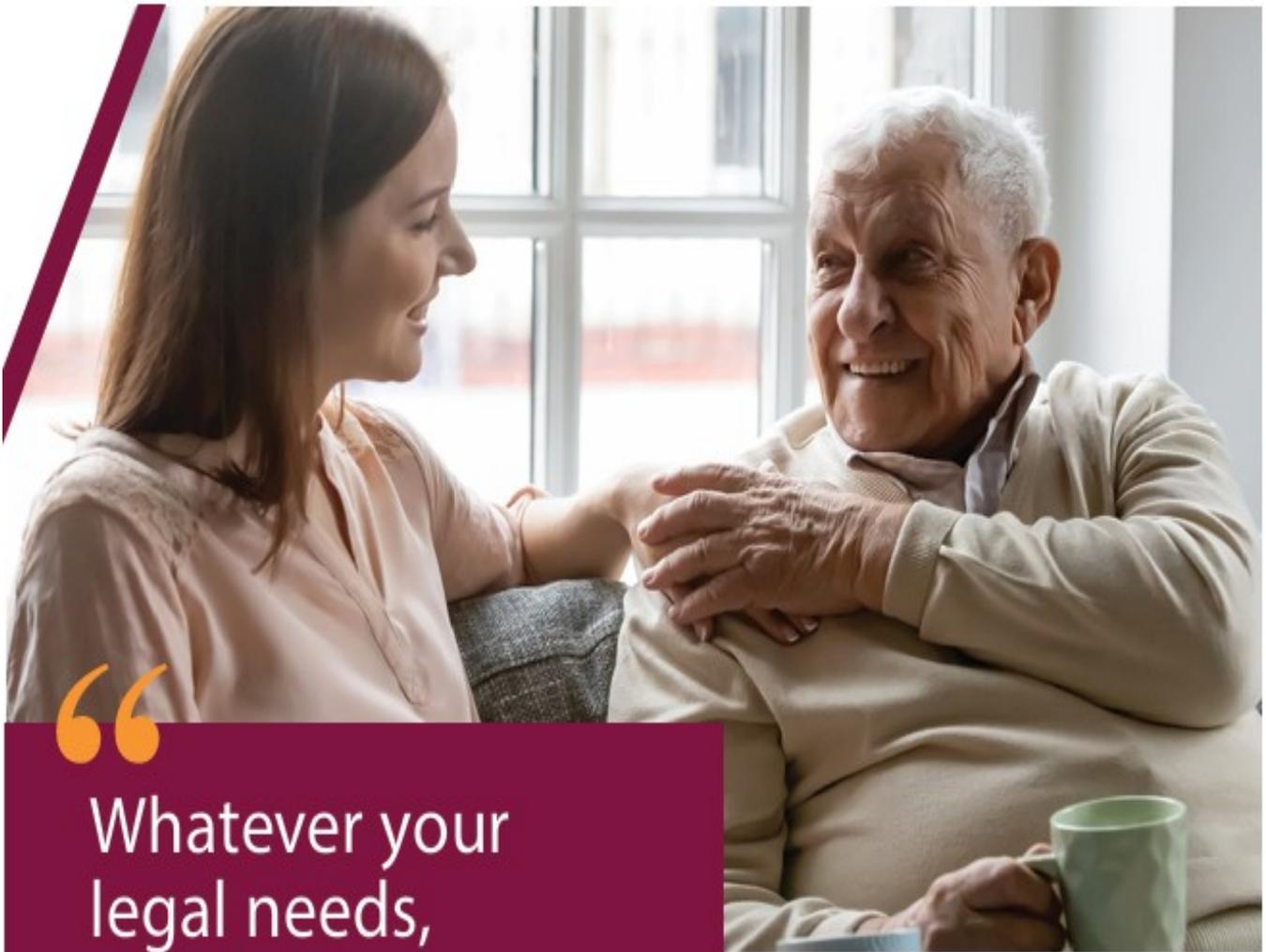
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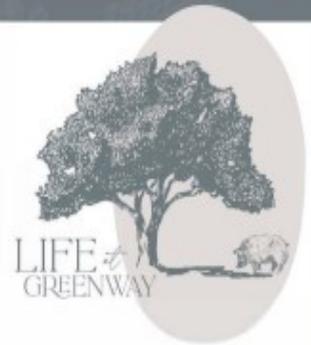
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February	13, 27	4, 11, 18, 25	11
March	13, 27	4, 11, 18, 25	4, 25
April	11, 24	1, 9, 15, 22, 29	15
May	9, 22	7, 13, 20, 28	7, 28
June	5, 19	3, 10, 17, 24	17
July	3, 17, 31	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	8, 29
August	14, 28	5, 12, 19, 26	19
September	11, 25	3, 9, 16, 23, 30	9, 30
October	9, 23	7, 14, 21, 28	21
November	6, 20	4, 11, 18, 25	11
December	4, 18	2, 9, 16, 23, 31	2, 23

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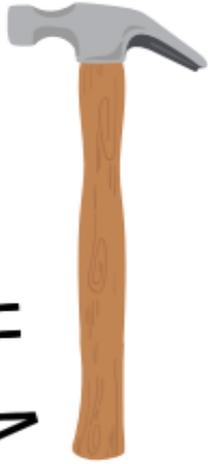
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We are already looking ahead to Summer 2026 – and we're on the hunt for more glorious gardens to join the line-up! All gardens are welcome – big or small. Visitors love to see spaces they can draw inspiration from, so while large country gardens make for a wonderful day out, a beautiful English back garden can be just as inspiring (sometimes even more so!). We welcome all outdoor spaces – allotments, school or church gardens, woodlands, farms... we love an eclectic mix to offer our visitors

If you're worried your garden might be too small, why not ask your neighbours to join in with you, or perhaps hold a small garden party, or plant sale? We would be delighted to hear from you if you would like to take part, have any questions regarding our support for the gardens taking part, or have any ideas of your own.

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Many garden centres and good plant nurseries will stock these trees. Dig a hole, and the new thinking now is not to put any nutrients in the planting hole. Create a mini moat around the edge of the root ball. But what is very important is to ensure the tree is planted at the same level as the ground around it. Make sure no air holes are in the soil by treading in very gently. Also very important is to water in well; a good 2 x 5 litre watering cans. The tree is dormant until March. The third important thing is to water your tree with these 2 x 5 litre watering cans of water every two weeks from March to October for two years. This makes the roots go down deep. After that it is on its own for you (and your neighbours if they can see it) to enjoy. Put organic seed potatoes on a window sill in egg boxes to chit, eye side up. Prune roses, ornamental grasses, apple & pear trees, Autumn raspberries, Hibiscus, Perovskia, Buddleia & Hardy Fuchsias. Continue feeding the wild birds. Put up bird boxes before they start the nesting season which starts end of this month.



**March** - A busy month for seed sowing. Anything you fancy, just check out your local garden centre. Plant onion and shallot sets, another row of garlic and even early potatoes. Raise tomatoes and small seeds such as celeriac, celery and parsley indoors on a warm window ledge or in the greenhouse. Divide perennials. Level and feed allotments with general purpose fertiliser. Plant autumn flowering bulbs.

**April** - Hoe and hand remove annual weeds. First cut for grass, keep blade high & go for longer grass on lawns to create world for beetles and insects. Trees greening up everywhere. Switzerland's leading science university tracked over 6 million adults and found people living on streets with leafy tree cover had lower rates of death from natural causes. In other words trees are proven to be good for health, obviously beautiful, cool down overheated towns, clean the air and reduce stress. So if you can, walk under them and plant more of them. Hope to see you at ours for a cream tea on Sunday 26th April 1-5pm for Cannington in Blossom. (see page 5 for full details of Cannington in Blossom)

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### Ingredients

2 cups plain flour    ¾ cup sugar    2½ teaspoons baking powder  
¾ teaspoon salt    1 egg    ¼ cup butter/margarine  
¾ cup milk    2 cups blueberries

### Crumb Topping

½ cup sugar    ⅓ cup plain flour  
½ cup ground cinnamon    ¼ cup butter/margarine

### Glaze

⅓ cup icing sugar    ¼ teaspoon vanilla    2 teaspoon hot water

### Method

- ◆ Heat the oven to 375 degrees F.
- ◆ Blend the top lot of ingredients except the blueberries which you can stir in after the rest is blended. Spread the mixture into a cake tin.
- ◆ Put all the crumb topping ingredients into a blender. When they look like a crumble mix, spread on top of the cake.
- ◆ Cook for about 45 minutes, but test if it's cooked by using a skewer. Turn out of tin to cool.
- ◆ Make the glaze and drizzle it over the top.

### Enjoy



### **Join Our Valentine's BioBlitz at Kilve Beach – Fall in Love with Nature This February**

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

## Answers to Children's Quiz

## ANSWERS TO SHAUN'S QUIZ ON PAGE 40

1. LUDO
2. SCUT
3. MICA
4. OCHE
5. TIME
6. POLO
7. GOAD
8. RITZ
9. DODO
10. CORK



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## Adult's Corner Answers

### Word Wheel

### **DICTATION**

I had dinner once with a chess master in a restaurant with checked tablecloths. It took him two hours to pass me the salt.

### Cracker jokes

- I wouldn't buy anything with Velcro - it's a total rip-off
- Time flies like an arrow - fruit flies like a banana
- Why can't you give Elsa a balloon - she'll let it go
- I used to be a baker, but couldn't make enough dough

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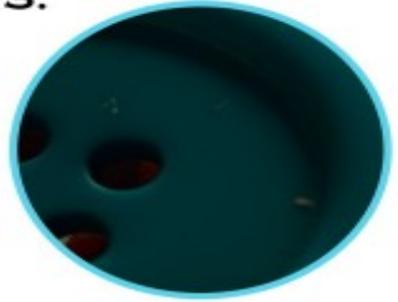
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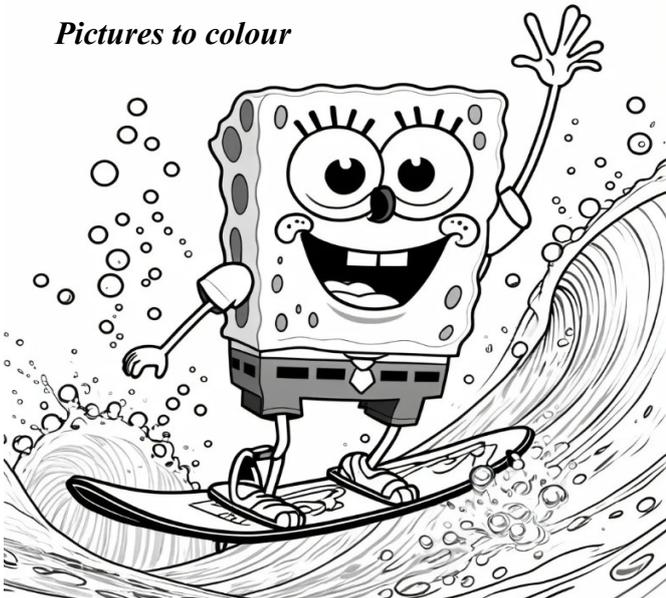
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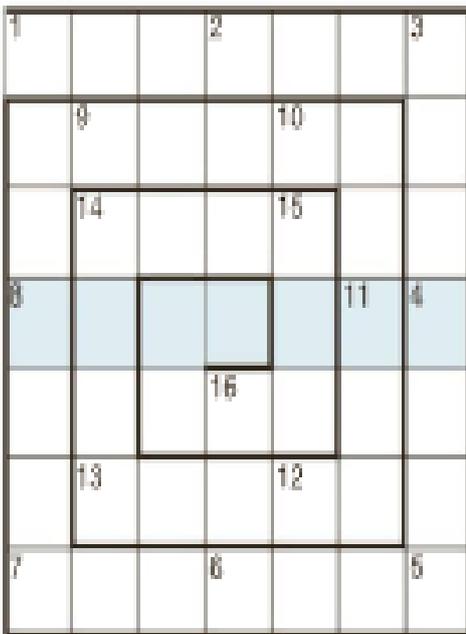


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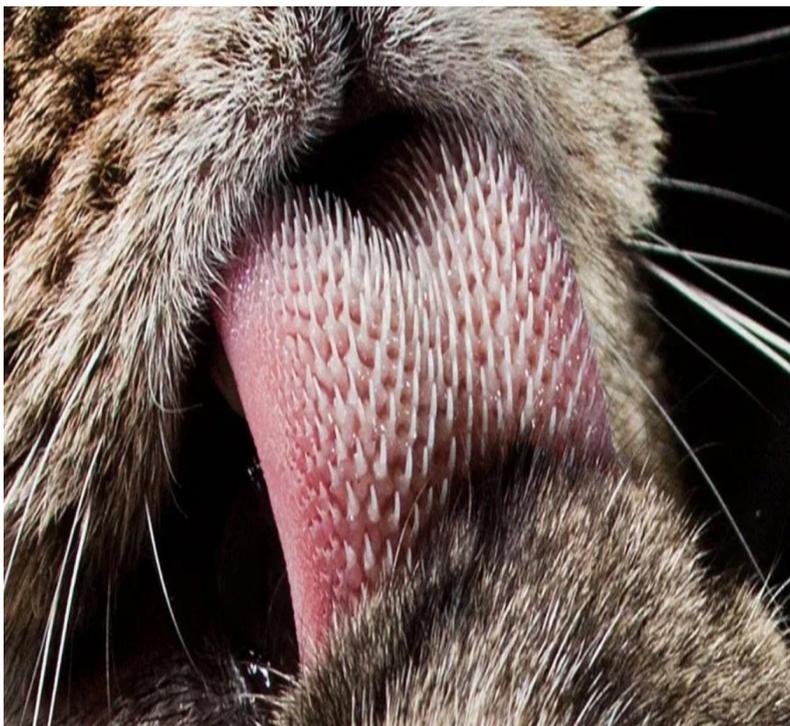
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Starting from 1, fill in the grid clockwise with four-letter words. The last letter of each word becomes the first letter of the next and the shaded squares will reveal a surname.

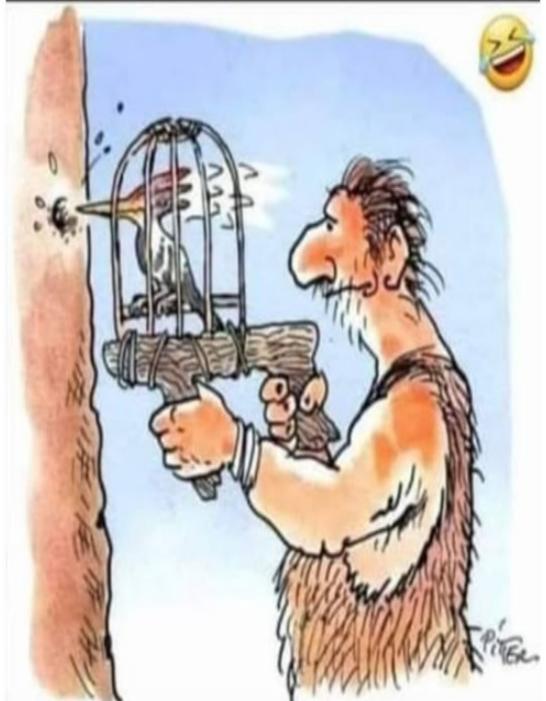


1. Magician's stick
2. Tied game
3. Clean with water
4. Bird of prey
5. Pavement edge
6. Forehead
7. Wild animal
8. Blond
9. Wet weather
10. Tidy, clean
11. Short-term worker
12. Mountain top
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14. Defeat
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16. Hearing organs

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*Page 73 Answer: This is a close-up of a cat's tongue*



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