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Here we are, the beginning of May already, where has the time gone? The wet weather has meant that the gardeners are chomping at the bit ready to plant all sorts of exotic plants as soon as the ground dries up

The next three months will be a busy time for the village with various activities coming up. These include Cannington being entered for the SW in Bloom and, this year, Britain in Bloom competitions. This is a result of all the hard work done by the Bloomers and the community and you will probably see some changes throughout the village. Following the successes of the Queen's Jubilee and King Charles celebrations, there have been suggestions for a Village Day, so if anyone has any ideas or would like to help in some way, please contact a member of the Parish Council. The date has yet to be decided.

The Yarn Bombers deserve a mention for all their hard work contributing to the D-Day Commemorative Project called the Longest Yarn. Their efforts have been delivered to France and hopefully later in the year it will be displayed in Wells Cathedral. There should have been an article in the February Target explaining what they were doing, but unfortunately, for technical reasons, I missed it, so my apologies to all the dedicated Bombers.

Maureen Hudson of Rydon's Crescent has asked me to make it clear that the lady in the picture on page 11 (February issue) is in fact Maureen Hudson MBE from Wembdon.

Pat Lock, a stalwart of the Target and of the village as a whole, many would have admired her flowers in the church, has moved on, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her efforts and to wish her well for the future. In addition, Pat used to deliver the Target around Teal's Acre, so if anyone would like to take on the role of distributor of the Target, please let me know.

Finally if you get the chance to walk along Otter's Brook you will see the cherry trees at their best, looking a picture. If you can't, there are pictures on page 66 showing them in all their glory.

I make no apologies for the series of Dad's jokes running through the magazine! (*If a pig loses its voice, does it become disgruntled?*)

Shaun (Editor)

PS. If you plan on voting on May 2nd, remember to take a form of photo ID.

Front page, top photo and group photo on page 4 by Jeff Talbat of Blurred Motion Photography.

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Cannington Yarn Bombers

The group is going strong, meeting on Tuesday mornings at the URC in the upstairs area. We are very grateful to the URC church for allowing us to use this space and as a small thank you we donated the money raised from our Cannington Christmas stall to the church. Many of you will have seen the Christmas tree made from a variety of green squares. After Christmas the squares were repurposed and made into blankets which were donated to local charities. Our next project was to make bollard toppers to help celebrate the village pantomime.



Alongside, we have worked on the two panels which will form part of a D Day Commemorative project in Normandy called "The Longest Yarn". Some of you will have seen our work which was displayed before Easter. The first, shows the camp of US 535th AAA camped at Brymore House and the second, the battalion shipping out through a representation of the brook area of the village. We were allowed a photo shoot in front of Brymore Academy with our panel. This matched the old photographs we based our work on. The open events were attended by many villagers including some of the Brymore Academy pupils and the Brownies. We appreciated the professional photography from Jeff Talbot at both events.

The panels are now safely delivered to France where they are waiting to be exhibited along with 78 others at Notre Dame Cathedral, Carentan, from May to August. The work then starts a tour of the UK. It is hoped that we will see it in Wells Cathedral at the end of this year if all goes to plan. We have loaned the poppy cascades to The Longest Yarn. The first is now on display festooned on the house where the panels are being stored and the project worked on.

Our next plans remain a secret so keep a look out around the village

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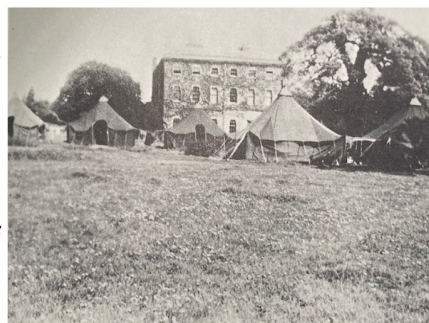
The US Army, 535th Anti-Aircraft Artillery (AAA) Battalion were stationed in Cannington from late February to the end of May 1944. Their billet was Brymore House, now Brymore Academy with most of the men camping with tents in front of the house and around the side onto Cannington Park.

When Cannington Yarn Bombers volunteered to represent this as part of the D-Day Commemorative project "The Longest Yarn" we were very grateful to John Edney who as a child here in 1944, remembered the camp and had also helped veterans from the 535th visit the village so had memories of their time here. John lent us a book written by the 535th from their memories, diaries and letters. This is a short history of the time spent by the US 535th AAA in our village.

The 535th AAA was formed in 1942 at a Camp MAAR (Mojave Anti-Aircraft Artillery Range) in a vast desert area, 35 miles from Death Valley. The Battalion had around 800 men and 39 officers at that time and the 40mm gun was their main weapon. It fired 120 rounds per minutes and each shell was fused to explode on impact with any part of a plane. The 535th knew that their jobs would be to defend strategic points such as airfields and troop concentrations against dive bombing planes and low level bombers.

The soldiers saw the New York skyline for the first time as they went on the ferry boat to their transatlantic ship, The Duchess of Bedford. They were on the ship in harbour for 2 days, before finally sailing on February 11th 1944. They arrived in Greenock, Scotland 11 days later on 22nd February.

They were immediately sent through to the station and loaded onto a train that would take them towards Bridgwater, arriving on 24th February 2 days later. Then it was transport by truck to Cannington and their new home of Brymore House. They describe this as "an old mansion". Their new routine included hikes, meals of dried eggs, potatoes and carrots and illness. There were "plenty of cases of bronchitis and pneumonia during the first two weeks while we were getting toughened up for the weather".



Not really surprising coming from the hot deserts to a cold wet Cannington February and living in a tent.

Some of the troops explored Cannington and the book tells of an older couple inviting two of them into their home for a cup of tea. Unfortunately we don't have names, but the gentleman was a member of the Home Guard and had spent many evenings on watch on a nearby hill, armed with a piece of pipe. A further clue is that their son was in the RAF since the start of the war.

When the GI's were given a pass, Bridgwater was the place to go. Bridgwater is described as having old brick buildings each with a chimney and "four little tubes which the English called chimney pots". The blackout didn't stop the crowds in the evening. The pubs were described "as being a series of small rooms connected by a hallway and time was called at 10pm, but the GI's tried to extend that whenever possible."

In March, the 535th went to Devon to The Assault Training Centre at Woolacombe. They practiced landing exercises using the landing crafts, waterproofing preparations for their equipment, mine clearance training and the expected types of first aid to be seen on an invasion.

Exercise Tiger included the 535th. This was a practice for the D-Day landings at Slapton Sands, south of Torquay. Unfortunately nine German U boats from Cherbourg came out to investigate. Three landing crafts were hit and many hundreds of men were killed. The landing crafts of the 535th were unscathed, but had a near miss.



In May, the final D-Day preparation was done. The vehicles were waterproofed and an upright tube was attached to the exhaust. The troops left as darkness fell. The men of the unit who were not going to be the first part of the invasion force, lined the Brymore drive to wave them off.

Once in camp at Torbay they had to hand over British money and were given leaflets about how to communicate in French. Eventually they were shown maps and where they were to land at Utah beach and when.

The 535th set sail out of Dartmouth, on 4th June and reached the Isle of Wight before D-Day was postponed and they had to return to try again the next day. The 535th landed in France sort of as planned, but the men on the islands off shore were there much longer than expected and many of a group's belongings went down with a ship that sank. Some men landed without shoes or firearms or rations. They made do with items found on the beach or shared by other groups. After the grey day of the first invasion the weather improved and sun burn became a problem for the anti-aircraft battalion dug out holes.

The 535th fought through France and Belgium into Germany. After the German surrender they travelled back to the northern coast of France and guarded POW's at Le Havre before being shipped home from there. The majority of the men of the 535th never saw Cannington again. Those that did arranged for the 535th Award that is given annually at Brymore Academy and the plaque and wreath seen in the village church.

Many of the villagers who remember the 535th here in Cannington were children at the time. They have personal memories of their meetings with the soldiers. Cannington Yarn Bombers tried to include these memories and descriptions from the 535th's own book in our work. *Extracts are from the book "Battalion from the Mojave" by Ted Van Arsdol*
Thanks to Carole Taylor for this article.



Weather Report

January, in spite of six air frosts mid-month, was warmer than average. The daytime and nighttime averages were 9.4c and 3.2c. These figures were one degree higher than the January average. The rainfall totaled 44.8mm, some 30mm less than average. There were two wet spells. The first four days accounted for 23.4mm then 20mm fell from the 20th to the 25th. The remaining 1.4mm fell as a light shower on the last day of the month. Named storms Isha and Jocelyn brought us winds in excess of 30mph, far less than many other parts of the country.

February, internationally, was the warmest February on record. Our recordings go along with this. Daytime and nighttime averages of 12.5c and 6.6c respectively were some four degrees higher than normal. There were no air frosts. Along with these very mild temperatures came a lot of rain. We recorded 89.6mm which is 38mm more than average.



March continued with the trends set in February. It was much warmer than average. Daytime temperatures averaged 12.8c, about 1.5c above normal, the nighttime average of 5.6c was similarly above normal. It was another very wet month. We recorded 95mm, some 40mm over the long-term average. Some rain fell on 22 days.

The wettest day was the 27th when 14.6mm fell. It will be no surprise to know the running total for 2024, at 229.6mm, is also much more than we would have expected.

David Daggar



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



The Little Mermaid Cannington Pantomime Society

The under the sea theme began in the foyer and was advertised on the four bollards across the road, where Aerial, Neptune and Octavia plus a group of under the sea creatures were battling with the weather courtesy of the Cannington Yarn Bombers.

As soon as the lights went down, the creatures on the edge of the stage and Aerial's cave lit up and the pantomime had begun. It is difficult to stage a story known so well through the big "D...y" without a few nods to the familiar whilst avoiding the legal issues. The society did this well as it was obvious to the audience who was the wicked witch and who were the heroes. The sets, costumes and wigs were of an incredibly high standard from the main characters to the chorus, there were no short cuts. It is difficult to pick out a favourite, but there were several clever touches - Flounders wig, Neptune's dreadlocks and Octavia's tentacles. The stage of Cannington Village Hall is small so staging a pantomime must be a challenge. This performance used the aisle as an extension which also kept the audience on its toes as there was a lot of unexpected moments from the back of the hall.

Pantomime wouldn't be pantomime without singing, dancing and comedy. The script was clever, the music lively and we all enjoyed cheering the heroes and booing the baddies. Neptune's live solo with ukulele was enjoyed by the audience. The UV



scene was over a bit too quickly to really appreciate the work that had been put into the costumes, props and scenery within it.



It would be unfair to pick out particular cast members for praise as everyone works hard to put on the performance. A pantomime needs its mix of hero and heroine, fairies, witches, a dame, straight and comedic roles plus an enthusiastic chorus. The Little Mermaid had them all. The shark deserves a mention as it took the audience by surprise which is always appreciated. The new Cannington Taxi Service operated by Coco and Harpo could do with a bit of work to their safety belts. They kept losing their passenger. Maybe with the price of petrol, foot operated transport could be the solution, so we'll keep a look out for the yellow taxi

on Cannington straight.

The Little Mermaid had 4 performances – I hope that all were well attended to support the society in their 21st year of pantomime. They deserved to be. If you didn't attend this year, try to be there next year for their 22nd.

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- What did one DNA say to the other DNA? "Do these genes make me look fat?"
- How does the man in the moon get his hair cut? Eclipse it.
- The cat who ate a ball of yarn? She had mittens.
- If you arrest a mime, do you have to tell him he has the right to remain silent?
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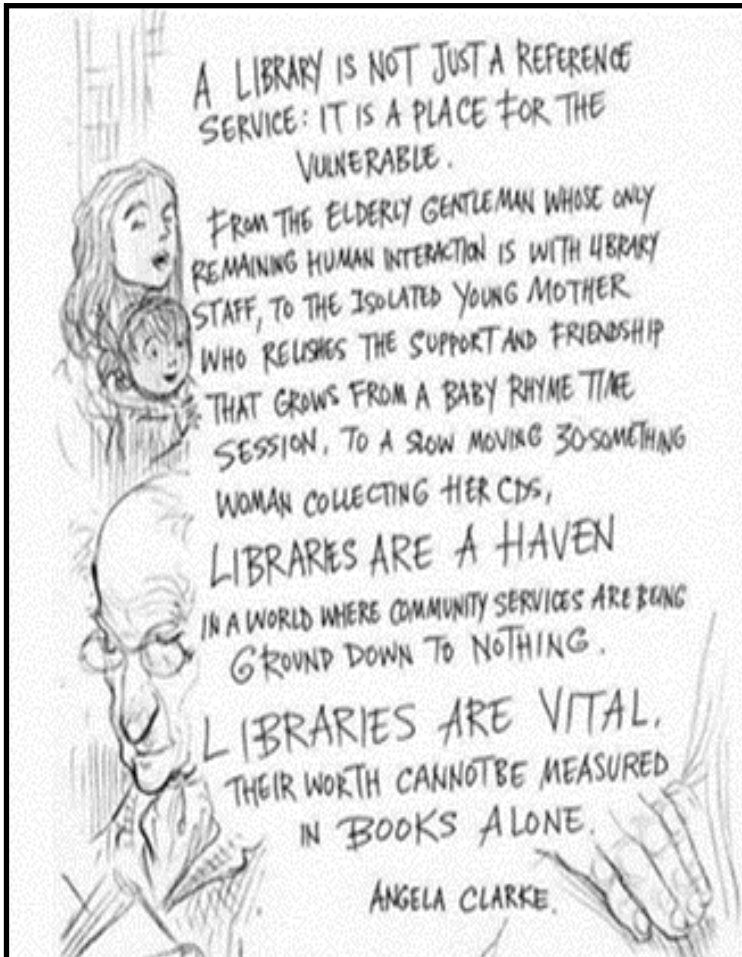


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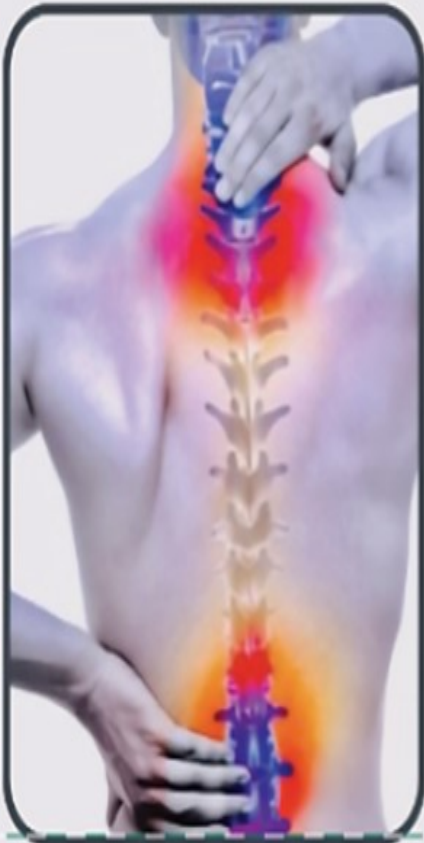
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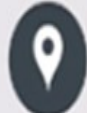
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And we have BIG plans, some of which have already been actioned:

Cannington Parish Council have taken possession of a brand new water bowser, which with the help of a newly appointed water warden, will keep the village blooms looking their best throughout the spring and summer. We may still need help from village water wardens, but the bowser will be there to do the lion's share.

You may have noticed the elegant new grit bins – there's one at Clifford Park. Cannington in Bloom are working hard to enhance the village and this is particularly evident on the Clifford Park corner. One of our dedicated bloomers (Rowena) is leading a woodland wildlife project to encourage diversity in this area and you will soon see some bug hotels being built by a variety of community groups. Watch this space.

Further work has been carried out by the Community Payback team, clearing ivy from the walls opposite Brymore lodge, and in the next few weeks the village will be adorned with six new sustainable planters – purchased with a very generous donation from **Castle Hill Quarry**. These have water reservoirs and are made from recycled materials designed to last for many years. **RocketGro** have once again donated their amazing compost which really does what it says on the packet, so we hope to do Cannington proud this year.

Amazingly, the village has submitted five RHS 'It's Your Neighbourhood' entries this year, all lead by groups dedicated to bringing our community together and improving our environment.

The annual village garden and allotment competition is being brought in line with the Britain in Bloom entries and we should know the judging dates by the end of April.

School path has also been transformed by another dedicated bloomer (Ann) and if you have any spare Hellebores, she's very keen to plant some. Indeed, any plant donations are welcome.

DATES FOR THE DIARY: *Seed and Plant Swap URC*. May 11.

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

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME: Phone/message 07734 113880

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- ◆ Support the village action day
- ◆ Plants for seed swap and plant sales event
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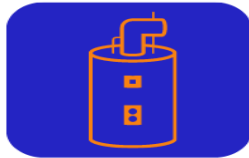
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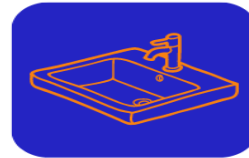
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The ladies of Cannington Women’s Institute continue to meet on the second Monday of each month in the upper Village Hall at 2.30pm and there is a lift available if required.

Our February meeting was brought forward a week to avoid clashing with the pantomime and rather than have a speaker, we all sat down to a lunch of “Soup and Pud”. It went down very well and was enjoyed by all.

In March our speaker was Chris Hocking who gave us a very interesting talk about the history of Bridgwater Carnival. The work that goes into each “cart” is tremendous with bigger and brighter displays each year.

Our April meeting, which is also our AGM, consisted of a talk about a Holiday in China by one of our members, Liz Harfield, followed by ice cream and popcorn.

Upcoming Events: -

In May we are having a talk by Bob Selway about Woodworking.

In June there will be a talk by a member of “Secret World Animal Shelter”

In July there will be “Eyes Down” with a game of Bingo

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

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This term the Brownies have completed their 'Mindfulness' badge and several Brownies have been awarded their 'Performers' badge. We enjoyed watching some of the girls take part in the pantomime.

We visited the D-Day exhibit at the URC church which the Brownies found very interesting and would like to thank Carole and the Yarn Bombers who produced the exhibit. One Brownie was so impressed that she asked "as Carole was so kind,



could she have Oswald for the week?" (Oswald is our Brownie mascot and is given to a Brownie for the week if they have done something special).

I spoke to Carole and thanked her and told her how impressed the girls were and would like her to have Oswald for the week. She replied "if you can get him to me by Friday, he can come to France with us!" Oswald made it and was last seen sat on Andy's knee heading towards France.

At the end of the month the Brownies will be helping Cannington in Bloom to build some bug houses. We are looking forward to this. *Brown Owl and the Owls*



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Dog Mess

We are sorry to have to mention dog fouling once again. It is becoming a real problem in our lovely village. It has been brought to light as we have started grass cutting after a very wet winter and the grass has been quite long and perhaps you think it does not matter if it can't be seen. But, please have consideration for the people who must cut the grass as it isn't pleasant. Dog fouling has also been noticed on many of the paths and roads. Please go prepared when walking your dogs and take bags with you to clear up the mess.

It has been noted that some people are using the dog bins to dispose of dog waste from their gardens, please refrain from doing this as the bins fill up quickly.

It is permissible to put the waste in your black bin.

Grit bins

The Parish Council has replaced the old yellow grit bins with new ones that look like a treasure chest. We have also replaced the one in the Doctor's Surgery car park. We would like to thank Cllr Mike Andison for his hard work in putting the new ones in place.

Village Day

There has been much talk of having another village day after the success of the Queen's Jubilee and the King's Coronation parties. If you are interested in helping to organise another one then please contact the Clerks or any Parish Councillor and we will get a working party started.

Cannington in Bloom

The Parish Council has helped with the purchase of 6 new planters with reservoirs to replace the old wooden barrels which are rotting. We have also just taken delivery of a bright yellow water bowser to make the watering easier and have employed a contractor to carry out the watering.



With the help of the Community Payback Service, we are working on lots of projects to improve the look of the village. We are doing everything we can to assist Cannington in Bloom with their entries in to this year's South west in Bloom and Britain in Bloom competitions.

Pump Track

After much delay we are actively progressing with the pump track at Rodway Playing Fields and we are about to instruct a contractor to carry out the work. It is hoped that the work will be completed in the summer





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

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 Told you not to drink the last one - *Lindsey Stone*
 Off to the market - *Mike Radford*
 Take that fans on tour - *Nicholas Crocker*

All because we were late home from the Bingo last night Betty - *Claire Ridgment*

This is what happens when we don't save money for the taxi home from the Palace -
Carole Taylor

I guess we get dropped off at the Corn Hill as usual - *Michael Hill*

I guess John West and Paul Anderson got fed up with us again!! - *Denise West*

I said that we shouldn't have tried to take a short cut from the pub to home via the
 cow's pasture Nora - *Julia Williams*

Take us to Wetherspoons and don't spare the horses - *Joy Simcox*

Beware! Wild animals in transit - *Zoe Van Zwanenberg*

Just nipping down to the shops - *Jane Tarr*

Time to put the old cows out to pasture - *Greg Miller*

No good stopping at the Rose and Crown, we are both barred - *Barry Lukins*

Are these taxi licences given out by the Parish Council or the town Council, Edith -
Claire Ridgment

Don't cage me in!! - *Liz Carter*

Mayor and Mayoress of Bridgwater on a tour of their district after the latest Council
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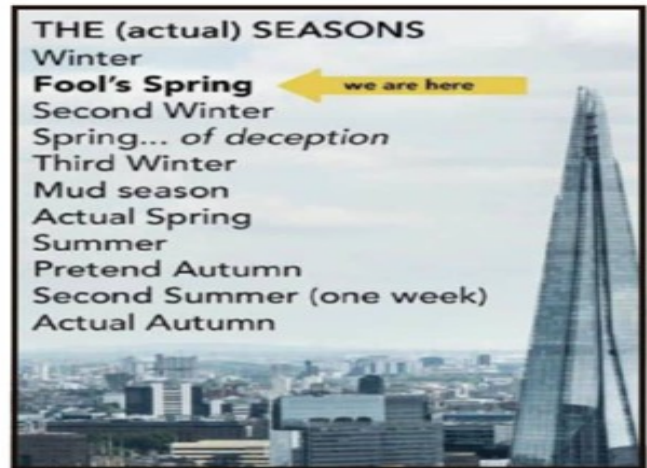
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MYTHOLOGY QUESTIONS

1. What is the name of the home of the Greek Gods?
2. Which warrior had a weakness that was their heel?
3. Who was the messenger of the gods?
4. What is the name of the paradise warriors go to after death?
5. Thor was the son of which God?
6. Romulus and Remus were raised by what animal?
7. The Roman God of War inspired the name of which planet?
8. What was the name of the Egyptian God of the Sun?
9. Anubis, the God of Death, had the head of a, what?
10. Set throws Osiris into which river, after tricking him into a coffin?

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

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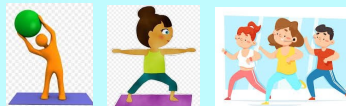
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One young person with an Independent Visitor said: "Things I get from my IV relationship... is space from the world, where I can have an open and honest conversation with, at first a stranger, that becomes a friend. I would be happy to say it is a really good experience!"

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| Name of candidate | Address of candidate ¹ | Description of candidate |
|-------------------|--|---|
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| SHELFORD, Mark | (address in the Avon and Somerset Police Area) | Conservative Candidate – More Police, Safer Streets |

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- a Blue Badge
- a biometric residence permit (BRP)
- a Defence Identity Card (MOD form 90)
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- a Voter Authority Certificate
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- an older person's bus pass
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*My dog accidentally swallowed a bunch of Scrabble tiles. I think this could spell disaster.
What's the difference between ignorance and apathy? I don't know and I don't care.
Geology rocks, but geography's where it's at
So what if I don't know what "Armageddon" means? It's not the end of the world.
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2 peeled and chopped apples (Bramleys are my favourite or any apple that goes fluffy when cooked) - 6 figs, soak dried ones overnight and chop (Available from Health Food Stores)
6 dates, remove stones and soak overnight and chop as figs - 125g (4oz) almonds cut into pieces, - 6 black peppercorns - 10 sliced, chopped mushrooms - 1 sliced shallot - 1 chopped onion

Method

Score fat on chops with scissors or sharp knife. Fry in vegan spread or unsalted butter on both sides on a fairly high heat until 'sealed' and golden. Place chops in slow cooker or casserole dish.

Fry garlic on low heat for one minute in vegan spread or unsalted butter. Add the garlic, one mug of water and the rest of ingredients to the pork.

Simmer for 15 minutes. Then add 1 teaspoon of sweet basil, 1 teaspoon savoury, 1 teaspoon thyme, half teaspoon salt, 8 grinds of black pepper, 4 drops of tabasco.

Simmer in low oven for two hours on Gas 4, 180 degrees or 6 - 8 hours in slow cooker. Serve with creamy mashed potato or butter beans and a green veg. Some fiddly ingredients but well worth it for the delicious thick sauce and tender, slightly sweet and sour tasting pork.

Catherine Nightingale 8.4.24



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| Yeovil, South Somerset & Mendip | Date |
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| 3. Hinton St George Village - Nr Ilminster | Sat 4 & Sun 5 May |
| 4. Bay House East - Ilminster | Sun 19 May |
| 5. Court House - Yeovil | Sat 1 June |
| 6. 21 Hill Head Close - Glastonbury | Sun 9 June |
| 7. Grovelands - Yeovil | Sun 23 June |
| 8. South Petherton Gardens - Nr Ilminster | Sun 23 June |
| 9. Hinton St George Village - Nr Ilminster | Sat 17 & Sun 18 August |
| Taunton, West Somerset & Sedgemoor | |
| 10. Little Orchard - East Huntspill | Sun 12 May |
| 11. Hollam House - Dulverton | Fri 17 May |
| 12. Bedrock Barn - Brompton Ralph | Sun 19 May |
| 13. Woodlands, Pembroke & Long Meadow - Blagdon Hill | Mon 27 May |
| 14. Pitts Cottage - Isle Abbots, Nr Taunton | Sat 1 June |
| 15. Cossington Park - Nr Bridgwater | Fri 21 June |
| 16. Willow Cottage - Nr Exmoor | Sun 23 June |
| 17. Winsford Village Gardens - Exmoor | Sat 6 July |
| 18. Blackmore Farm - Cannington | Sun 7, 21 July & 11 Aug |
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Gardens & Allotments - May - June - July 2024

May - Well this is the month of the Chelsea Flower Show 21st - 25th May; very arty and out of most of our reaches but loads and loads of ideas for the smallest veg/fruit plot and garden. Monty Don's 'Gardeners World' started in February again on Friday evenings, with an interesting feature showing real gardens from enthusiastic owners, something for everyone and his 'Spanish Gardens' is an inspirational and a feel good series. All these will be available on catch-up at BBC iPlayer.

Cannington has been rewarded with entry into Britain in Bloom. Only through all the hard work of Cannington in Bloom volunteers and those in the community that have supported this fantastic enterprise has this been possible. The theme is 'Kindness' so lots of initiatives are taking place in the community this year. Allotments will be asked to share their excess produce. See separate article by Cannington in Bloom on Pages 22/23 for details. Early this month, there will be still time to sow flower and vegetable seeds and plant seed potatoes. It had been virtually impossible due to rain, rain, rain and very little sunshine.



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 dahlias and canna lilies. Deadhead wallflowers and tulips. Ponds and water features, keep topped up. Clean pond filters. Use grills over ponds to protect children. Remove blanket weed and floating weeds as soon as they appear. Avoid feeding birds with peanuts that could choke fledglings. Keep bird baths clean and filled with fresh water. 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.

June - 'Cannington Open Gardens' will be on Sunday 9th June beginning at 1pm. For full details see Page 34. Pruning - 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 Ladybirds in our garden, which is good as they will devour the greenfly. Dig up and enjoy those delicious home grown potatoes.

Catherine Nightingale 8.4.24

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Answers to Children's Quiz

Vegetable Picture Round

1. Aubergine (Eggplant)
2. Pumpkin
3. Potatoes
4. Carrot
5. Broccoli
6. Asparagus
7. Corn
8. Sweet potatoes
9. Onion

Shaun's quiz answers

1. Rome
2. Scurvy
3. Apollo
4. 1945
5. 10,080
6. 12
7. Astrophysics
8. Yellow
9. Delta
10. An embarrassment

Answers to February's Puzzles

Answers to Adult's Quiz

Honeycomb

1 Throat. 2 Horror. 3 Ornate. 4 Taster. 5 Reeked. 6 Kettle. 7 Tercel. 8 Create. 9 Tattle. 10 Tablet. 11 Little. 12 Tatter.

Word Ladder

1. Coin, Corn, Core, Tore, Tone, Tons, Toss.
2. Tuna, Tune, Tine, Wine, Wise, Wish, Fish



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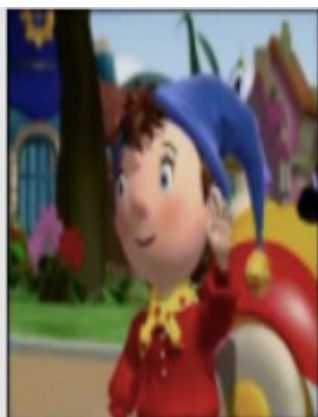
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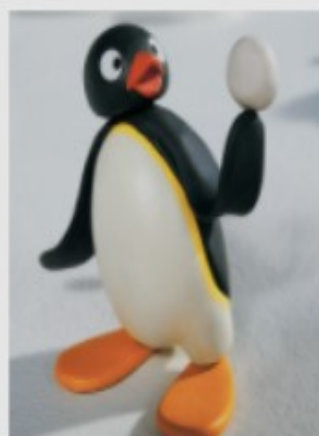
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The name game

Hidden in the grid is the name of an actress. Answer the questions, then rearrange the letters corresponding to your answers to fill in the name.

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BOX1: Which musical is based on the short story *The Sobbin' Women* by Stephen Vincent Benét?
 Seven Brides for Seven Brothers (H)
 Meet Me in St Louis (D)
 Carousel (L)

BOX2: Which of these is a children's TV show whose characters include Claude la Moose and Barry the Bear?
 Wrigglepig (A)
 Gigglebug (L)
 Wiggledog (W)

BOX3: Which sport is played professionally by the Cleveland Browns?
 Basketball (T)
 Ice hockey (V)
 American football (N)

BOX4: Dustin Hoffman and Judi Dench starred in a 2015 TV movie of which Roald Dahl book?
 The Minpins (G)
 Esio Trot (T)
 The Twits (J)

BOX5: Footballer and broadcaster Jimmy Hill managed which football club in the 1960s?
 Doncaster Rovers (M)
 Sheffield United (A)
 Coventry City (O)

BOX6: Who links the films *Trust the Man* and *Guilty Hearts*?
 Julianne Moore (C)
 Eva Mendes (W)
 Kathy Bates (V)

BOX7: In which decade was travel writer and broadcaster Simon Calder born?
 1940s (R)
 1950s (E)
 1960s (Z)

BOX8: Who played Tom Baxter, a film character who left the big screen in the film *The Purple Rose of Cairo*?
 Jeff Daniels (H)
 Kurt Russell (Q)
 Michael Douglas (Y)

BOX9: Which Ancient Greek playwright wrote the *Oresteia* trilogy?
 Aeschylus (R)
 Sophocles (E)
 Euripides (W)

BOX10: Amelia Gething (pictured) played which historic writer in the 2024 biopic *Emily*?
 Anne Brontë (E)
 George Eliot (B)
 Jane Austen (N)



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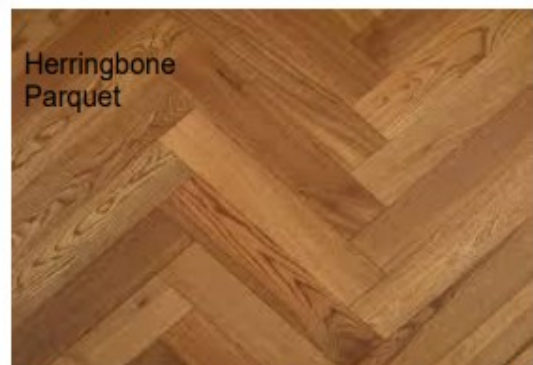
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