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*With Cranham Parish and Benefice News and Information*

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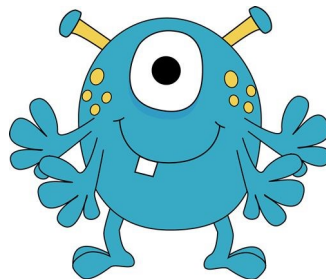
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## *A Letter from The Clergy*



Hello!

My name is Sarah Haslam, I am 47 years old, currently living in Brimscombe and am at the end of my curacy. I have three children: Noah (15), Hope (13) and Elijah (10), and my older brother Symon lives not a million miles away in Tetbury.



As part of discerning where God might be calling me to serve as a priest next, I am on a long leadership placement here in the Beacon benefice. In between juggling churches and children, I love swimming, comedy, walking, singing, spas, and nights out with my friends, and reading and jigsaws when I need a bit of quiet time.

Before training for the ministry included working in publishing in London for many years, before returning to the Cotswolds and working as a freelance motoring journalist - among other things!

Three children later, and just as I was thinking about returning to work full time, I felt God calling me to become a vicar. It was an enormous shock, to say the least! However, when I spoke to the curate at my church, she said 'of course! I can't believe I didn't spot it!' By 'it' she meant my calling.

Priesthood is very much a vocation, a calling, like teaching or nursing. And like teaching or nursing, you need training. After spending time with a vocation's advisor at the diocese, I was put forward to go to a selection committee, where it is decided if you are priest material or not. Somehow, they said yes.

Two years at vicar school followed, which was hard work, but I absolutely loved it. I studied at Wycliffe Hall, a theological college that is part of the University of Oxford, before serving my three-year curacy just the other side of Stroud in the Benefice of Brimscombe, Woodchester and Rodborough.

The day I found out I had been accepted for ordination training someone asked me how it felt, and I said that I felt as though I had been 'set free to love'. That is what priesthood is all about for me: loving God, and loving people, wherever God leads me to be.

Which brings me to *this* fabulous part of the Cotswolds. I cannot believe what a warm welcome I have received, so my first thought is thank you! I am very much still in the getting to know you phase, and it's a big place, so it will take time. If we haven't yet met, do please say hello when you see me and invite me in, or out, for a cuppa!

## Worship in Cranham - April 2023

- Sunday 2nd 6.30pm Palm Sunday Nicole Wotherspoon**  
**Evensong**  
Sidesman Julie Berry  
Readers Anthea Glibbery Isaiah 5.1-7  
Sue Williams Matthew 21.33-end
- Good Friday 11am The Cross of Christ Sue Hartley**  
Devotion for Choir & Congregation  
Followed by Hot Cross Buns at Beryl's  
Sideman Sarah Taylor
- Saturday 8th 8pm Easter Eve Vigil Service President: Revd. David R**  
**Deacon: Keith Ardron**
- Sunday 9th 11am Easter Day Communion Revd. Pat**  
Sidesman Anthea Glibbery  
Readers Linda de Cossart Acts 10.34-43  
Keith Ardron Colossians 3.1-4
- Sunday 16th 6.30pm Evensong BCP Linda de Cossart**  
Sidesman Sylvia Ardron  
Readers Janet Gazzard Acts 2.14a,22-32  
Nicole Wotherspoon 1 Peter 1.3-9
- Sunday 23rd 11am Morning Prayer John Watts**  
Sidesman Phil Stick  
Readers Rob Garratt Acts 2.14a,36-41  
Sarah Taylor Luke 24.13-35
- Sunday 30th 11am Benefice Service Painswick Revd. Sarah**

Please see pages 6 & 7  
for other Benefice Services & Holy Week Services

### Church Flowers

2nd April Lent – no flowers  
9th & 16th April Janet Whitton & helpers **Easter**  
23rd & 30th April Gill Hopkins & Philippa C  
7th & 14th May Di Blandford & helpers **The Coronation**



### Church Cleaning

1st April Linda de Cossart & helpers **Spring Clean!**  
8th April Gill Firth  
15th April Di Blandford  
22nd April Linda Faulkner



### Refreshments will be served after the following services:

2nd April 6.30pm Palm Sunday  
9th April 11am Easter Day  
23rd April 11am Morning Prayer



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## A Letter from The Clergy - from page 3

It's too early to talk plans, but it's absolutely right to think in terms of hopes and prayers right now, and I am very much hoping and praying that God will make it clear to us all if it is right for me to serve as your new vicar here. Please pray for that with me, too.

Speaking of prayer, the Serenity Prayer is one of the first prayers I ever learnt and it's one I come back to all the time. Even if you don't have a faith I think it offers a pretty solid 'life hack'. I hope it helps you:

Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

**Rev. Sarah Haslam**

**07870 126048**

## Benefice Services April 2023

### 2nd April Palm Sunday

9.30am	Pitchcombe	Holy Communion	Revd. Pat Freeth
10.00am	Painswick	Holy Communion	Revd. Andrew
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Holy Communion	Revd. Sarah
6.30pm	Cranham	Evensong	Nicole Wotherspoon

### 9th April Easter Sunday - Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

6.00am	Beacon	Dawn Service	Revd. Helen
10.00am	Painswick	Family Communion	Revd. Sarah
10.00am	Pitchcombe	Holy Communion	Revd. David R
10.30am	Edge & Harescombe	Holy Communion	Revd. Andrew
11.00am	Cranham	Holy Communion	Revd. Pat
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Holy Communion	Revd. Paul

### 16th April 2nd Sunday after Easter

10.00am	Painswick	Holy Communion	Revd. Andrew
11.00am	Harescombe	Holy Communion	Revd. David R
6.30pm	Cranham	Evensong (BCP)	Linda De Cossart

### 23rd April 3rd Sunday after Easter

9.30am	Pitchcombe	Holy Communion (BCP)	Archdeacon Hilary
10.00am	Painswick	Beacon Praise	Liz Eden and Revd. Paul
11.00am	Cranham	Morning Prayer	John Watts
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Holy Communion	Revd. Helen

### 30th April 4th Sunday after Easter

11.00am	Painswick	Benefice Service	Revd. Sarah
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For more detailed information about Cranham services please see page 4  
And for Holy Week services please see page 7

## Holy Week 2023

### Palm Sunday 2nd April

Please see page 6 for Palm Sunday services in the Benefice

#### 3rd April Holy Monday

6.30pm Harescombe Compline Revd. Sarah

#### 4th April Holy Tuesday

6.30pm Sheepscombe Celtic Evening Prayer Margaret Todd

#### 5th April Holy Wednesday

6.30pm Edge Worship in Poetry and Music Ann Kennett,/Revd Sarah

#### 6th April Maundy Thursday

11am Gloucester Cathedral Eucharist & Blessing of Oils  
7.30pm Painswick Eucharist & Watch (to 10.pm) Revd. Andrew

#### 7th April Good Friday

10.30am Painswick Procession of Witness Revd. Andrew  
9.30am Sheepscombe Good Friday Devotion Revd. Sarah  
11am Cranham The Cross of Christ Sue Hartley  
*Devotion for Choir  
& Congregation*  
2pm Pitchcombe Three Parish Devotion Liz Eden

#### 8th April Easter Eve

8pm Cranham Easter Eve Vigil Service President: Revd. David R  
Deacon: Keith Ardron

### Easter Sunday 9th April

**Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!**

Please see page 6 for Easter Day services in the Benefice

You are invited to the  
Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting  
For St James the Great Church, Cranham

**Thursday 13th April 2023**

**In church 7.30pm**

please RSVP to confirm attendance.

Further details available from:

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## Extracts from The Messenger – April 2023

### **OneDiocese blog: Living out faith through sustainable fashion**

**Madiy Warner, from the Diocese of Gloucester, shares how selling unwanted clothing online fuelled a complete change in her view of fast fashion and her mission to actively seek sustainable alternatives.**



I was about the furthest thing from a sustainable shopper until I discovered second-hand clothing apps, such as Depop and Vinted. Over the months that followed, I slowly noticed my shopping habits start to change as I became more aware of the impact of fast fashion.

After learning that the fashion industry is responsible for 8–10% of global emissions, and that it takes 10,000 litres of water to make a pair of jeans, I became conscious of the huge environmental impact of the clothes we buy.

Combining this with the appalling treatment and conditions of garment workers, I came to the decision that I would prioritise buying second-hand or sustainable clothing whenever possible.

I created an Instagram account (@ethical\_wardrobe) to share my progress and what I've been learning with others and took part in Tearfund's 30-day fashion fast where I wore the same 10 items of clothing during March 2022.

This fundraising activity allowed me to bring God into my sustainable fashion journey. Knowing that the money I raised was used to help vulnerable communities around the world adapt to the climate crisis and lift themselves out of poverty – poverty the fast fashion industry is guilty of fuelling – really brought me closer to God and allowed me to live out Proverbs 29:7, 'The righteous care about justice for the poor'.

If you're interested in sustainable fashion but not sure where to start, I have a few tricks that helped me:

Shop second-hand: start using Depop or Vinted when looking online for clothing, before going to fast fashion retailers.

Support sustainable brands: look for brands that prioritise sustainability and ethical production practices. These brands often use eco-friendly materials and have transparent supply chains, and pay their workers fair wages.

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Buy less and choose well: practice mindful consumption by trying to only buy clothes when you need them. When shopping, choose versatile pieces that can be worn in many ways.

Rent your wardrobe: instead of buying new clothes for a special occasion, use a site such as Rent the Runway to hire clothing for an event.

Repair your items: it's never too late to learn how to do small repairs on worn-out items of clothing. This can significantly extend the life of your clothes and helps to reduce waste.

Green Christian is holding a training event around fast fashion on 3 May 2023. 'Faith in fashion? Christian perspectives on unsustainable clothing practices'.

Visit: <https://bit.ly/GreenChristianWorkshop>

### **Diocese of Gloucester celebrates first licensed funeral ministers**

**Bishop Robert has licensed six new Funeral Ministers, marking an exciting step for the Church of England and the Diocese.**

Diocese of Gloucester Funerals is a new service aimed at giving a 24-hour response to funeral directors, to help them streamline the process of booking funeral celebrants.

To support the increased number of funerals, the Diocese of Gloucester is training a number of specialist funeral ministers who will support families to plan their funeral service, lead the service and follow up with bereavement support for as long as is needed.

The first licensing of the dedicated funeral ministers was conducted during a Eucharist at Gloucester Cathedral.

Read Lizzie's story at [gloucester.anglican.org/diocese-of-gloucester-celebrates-first-licensed-funeral-ministers](https://gloucester.anglican.org/diocese-of-gloucester-celebrates-first-licensed-funeral-ministers)



### **'The Way of the Cross' Good Friday production**

Jesus' last few hours from sentencing to crucifixion will be played out in the streets of Gloucester on the morning of Good Friday. Beginning at the Cathedral at 10.30am, the performers will move along the streets and spectators are invited to journey with them.

This is going to be a powerful piece of theatre, both to participate in and watch. Come and be part of the crowd, to walk with Jesus on his last and lonely journey.

<https://bit.ly/WayoftheCross23>

## **Events and training**

**More details for all these events at [gloucester.anglican.org/events](http://gloucester.anglican.org/events)**

### **Stainer's Crucifixion and Magnificat and Nunc Dimitis in B flat 1st April, 7.30pm St Mary's Church, Fairford**

Fairford & District Choral Society will be performing Stainer's Crucifixion and Magnificat and Nunc Dimitis in B flat. Tickets cost £15 and are on sale at Fairford Opticians. [www.fairfordchoralsociety.org.uk](http://www.fairfordchoralsociety.org.uk)

### **Christian Arts Festival 5th to 23rd April Cheltenham**

Inspiring hope through competitions, workshops and performances, 'GOSPEL23' is this year's theme for the Christian Arts Festival. Everyone, of all ages, including those of different faiths, are invited to be inspired by artists, poets, musicians, drama etc.

<http://christianartsfestival.org>

### **Cheeky Chick Easter Trail 1st – 16th April Gloucester Cathedral**

Visitors are invited to complete a trail sheet, which will task them with finding a flock of cheeky chicks that have escaped around the Cathedral. Learning more about this beautiful building and the Easter story.

<https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/the-cheeky-chick-easter-trail>

### **Hidden Voices – taster course on modern slavery**

**26th April, 2pm to 4pm**

What can churches and communities do about modern slavery? The truth is local people are key to spotting the signs of modern slavery and can help the police to find victims. They can prevent vulnerable people they work with, like the homeless, from being trafficked or exploited. This taster course seeks to awaken a passion for working in communities and responding to the needs of the vulnerable and marginalised.

[www.gloucester.anglican.org/hidden-voices-taster-course](http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/hidden-voices-taster-course)

### **Have your say**

Visit Facebook [Diocese.of.Gloucester](https://www.facebook.com/Diocese.of.Gloucester), email Katherine at [kclamp@glosdioc.org.uk](mailto:kclamp@glosdioc.org.uk), follow us on Twitter [@glosdioc](https://twitter.com/glosdioc), view videos on YouTube [Diocese of Gloucester](https://www.youtube.com/Diocese%20of%20Gloucester) or visit our website [gloucester.anglican.org](http://gloucester.anglican.org)

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## **Facing up to Father**

A talk given by David Worlock to the  
Cranham Local History Society on 16th March

David is a farmer's son who back in the day won a scholarship to Cambridge to read history. He began with his thoughts on history – almost a lecture, but full of wisdom. More on this later. He then took us back to a farm, near Nibley, down Chipping Sodbury way, and to his father, from a family which had been farming for over three hundred years. We have David, wanting to please but enjoying Latin, and history, and his father asking him – why? Why not be a farmer? He'd never get a job as anything else... As a child he was expected to help out, before and after school, and his first job was washing cows' udders. He would run errands for the farm workers. A canny shopkeeper sold cigarettes singly. David saved to buy The Eagle comic. Newspaper images at the time of the Suez crisis appalled him.

David's dad loved farming – and foxhunting. Three days a week in winter. The pursuit of adrenaline, rather than the foxes, David decided. His father was a jumping man: of modern huntsmen he was scornful, they trotted around, waiting for people to open gates for them. David himself was put in a horse at an early age but books and history were his first love. His father, finally relenting, agreed he could stay on at school if he promised to learn three things: how to lay a hedge, build a Cotswold stone wall, and make a haha. David has little time for stonewallers who cap their walls with concrete.

'Skills' was one of David's headings for his talk. Another was 'judgement', which meant learning the composition of an animal, the way 'bone and meat interact'. 'Critch', his grandmother's lover as David described him (his grandad had died from the Spanish flu in 1918), ran the auction at Gloucester Market, 'a theatre of public performance'. Even as a teenager David, wishing to keep onside with his father, was judging pigs. He was the 1963 'Gloucester Supreme Champion Bacon Pig Judge'.

A final heading, 'society', took in the Duke of Beaufort and 'Beaufortshire' and its 58,000 acres, his royal connections, the Badminton horse trials, and David's dad as a tenant farmer, employed in his black jacket 'to whistle pedestrians off the course', especially where they gathered near the 'coffin' and the 'quarry' where riders were frequently unseated. There were also lesser aristocrats, and David helped out as a guide at Dyrham Park, one-time home of the Blathwayt family. David met there one of his heroes, the writer and diarist, James Lees Milne, who had persuaded many landowners to avoid disaster by handing their homes over to the National Trust, some 300 in David's estimation.

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We were near the end, but not quite, of David's story. I've reversed David's order by putting the stories first. He'd begun with an impassioned argument for the importance of history. We lose our perspective if we lose sight of our history. History changes with every generation, and it's our duty to record our own, to get the record down. He's scornful of historians who make claims about restoring the glories of the past. (He had one in particular in mind. No name mentioned). As for modern educators, they've 'moved history to the edge of the national curriculum'. Trench warfare and the wives of Henry VIII are all pupils learn about.

And finally, in answer to a question, who had most left their mark on the young David, the answer was his tutor, Herbert Butterfield, Regius Professor at Cambridge, a chain-smoking Yorkshireman. Appalled by one of his essays he'd sent the young David off to the British Museum and the Public Record Office to look at letters and papers relating to an incident on Kew Bridge, in 1761, when the carriages of the newly-crowned king, George III, and his prime minister, the Duke of Newcastle, both claiming precedence, got stuck coming in opposite directions across the bridge. King and PM were not on the same side about the war currently in progress, but they got together while they waited and found common ground. The Duke remained in office and the Earl of Bute, representing the anti-war party, was brought in... and the war championed by William Pitt continued, and, as the letters suggested, and as David learnt, all was briefly in harmony.

All in all, talk to remember. One of the best. A big thank you to David.

Chris Collier

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## CRANHAM VILLAGE CHOIR

Good Friday – 7th April 2023 at 11am

*St James the Great, Cranham*

### **THE CROSS OF CHRIST**

**A Devotion for Choir & Congregation**

**Hot Cross Buns afterwards at Four Chimneys (Beryl's House!)**

# An Inaugural Organ Recital



**By the celebrated organist, Charles Edmondson,  
to commission the new organ at the Church of  
St. John the Baptist at Edge.**

*Bach, Buxtehude, Gluck, Messiaen, Vierne et al.*

**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> April at 6.45 pm  
for 7:00 pm start**

Tickets £12.50, to include drinks and canapés, from Martin Freeman on 01452-814805 or [freeman855@btinternet.com](mailto:freeman855@btinternet.com)  
Receipts towards the Edge Church post-fire restoration fund. Places limited to 100, so tickets sold on a first come - first served basis.

**Book early to avoid disappointment.**

## Cranham Monster Trail

The 2023 Cranham Monster Trail will take place on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April from 10am to 4pm both days.

There are prizes for each completed map, a tombola, raffle, lucky dip, ice creams, and our popular Monster Cafe will be back.

This is a fantastic event that raises much-needed funds for our brilliant village primary school, please support this event!

A promotional poster for the Cranham Monster Trail. The background is a dark teal color. In the top left corner, there is a string of colorful triangular bunting flags. The text is arranged in a central, eye-catching layout. At the top right is the logo for 'The Friends of Cranham School', which consists of the letters 'FO' in a yellow square above 'CS' in a blue square, with the full name written in small text below. The main text reads: 'It's time to get your CRAFT ON for the... Cranham Monster Trail'. Below this, there are two columns of text: the left column lists the dates 'Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd April 2023' and the 'MONSTER CAFE 10am to 4pm'; the right column lists 'In aid of Cranham C of E Primary School' and 'PRIZES ICE CREAM TOMBOLA RAFFLE LUCKY DIP'. At the bottom center, there is a cluster of seven colorful, cartoonish monsters in various colors (orange, green, pink, blue, yellow, red, and green) with different shapes and expressions.

It's time to  
get your CRAFT ON  
for the...  
**Cranham  
Monster Trail**

Saturday  
22nd &  
Sunday  
23rd  
April  
2023

MONSTER  
CAFE  
10am to  
4pm

**FO  
CS**  
The Friends of Cranham School

In aid of  
Cranham C  
of E  
Primary  
School

PRIZES  
ICE CREAM  
TOMBOLA  
RAFFLE  
LUCKY DIP



## Home-Start Stroud and Gloucester

Home-Start Stroud and Gloucester is a local community network of trained volunteers helping families with young children, where they may be experiencing a challenging time in their lives or may just need an extra pair of hands.

Could you spare a few hours to share your parenting experience, give advice and support to another family, then we need you!



We have free volunteer prep training courses starting in late April and September please see our website for more volunteering details and how to apply:

[www.homestartsd.org](http://www.homestartsd.org)

or email: [enquiries@homestartsd.org](mailto:enquiries@homestartsd.org) or call: 01453 297470

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### **Cranham Parish Council website**

lots of info including the minutes of meetings

<https://cranhampc.org.uk/>



## **Brimpsfield & Mid-Cotswold Garden Society**

The Garden Society has two events in April. On Saturday 1st April – yes, April Fool’s Day! – we hold our Annual General Meeting and Lunch, details of which have been sent out to members. Our annual Plant Sale and Coffee Morning is in Brimpsfield Village Hall on Saturday 29th April; there will be a bring-and-buy plant stall in aid of the Society’s funds, and we hope that there will also be plants from local grower Lottie Prentice in the car park for sale as well. Refreshments (and plant stall browsing) will be available from 10.30am, with plant stall selling starting at 11am. If you can’t be at the AGM and would like to join the Society, membership cards will be available at the Plant Sale on payment of the annual subscription, which is only £3 per person or £5 for a couple.



Easter weekend is traditionally a popular time for shopping for new plants for the garden. You might like to try our Plant Sale instead – there are usually some very interesting plants available – but, if you can’t wait, consider supporting a local nursery rather than a big garden centre. They can usually provide information about your chosen plant and advice on how to care for it, and their labelling is generally more helpful (garden centre plants sometimes come with a generic label, perhaps with a photo that doesn’t actually reflect the specific plant); their plants are often also home-grown and so better suited to the local climate. Look, too, for plants grown in environmentally friendly peat-free compost and, if buying compost, check that it is peat-free (if the bag doesn’t say, it will contain peat). And think about choosing plants that offer benefits to wildlife, such as those with the RHS’s ‘Plants for Pollinators’ logo, or those with berries for the birds.

Happy shopping!

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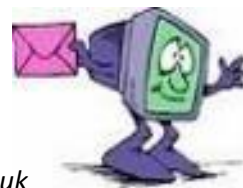
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# Foodbank

It may be of interest that in 2022, the Stroud Foodbank saw a 123% increase in demand from pre-pandemic levels. This staggering rise can only be weathered by the continued, generous contributions of food and household items donated to those in need. Thank you!

Our next collection in Painswick will be on:

**Wednesday 12th April**

**10am - 12noon**

**at the Stamages Lane car park and  
at the Stocks by the Church.**

At the March collection, please may we ask for some of the following: tinned potatoes, Fray Bentos pies, tinned hot dogs, jam, marmalade, honey, peanut butter, nuts and crisps, cooking oil, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, shower gel, razors and shaving gel, toilet roll, household cleaning sprays, laundry detergent, nappies size 4, 5, 6 and 7.

If you wish to make a bank donation, you can do so using the following details:

Stroud District Foodbank CIO

Sort code: 09-01-29

Account: 21994911

Your donations are always very gratefully received!

They make a real difference to local lives.

Thank you!

**The Foodbank Team**



The Bisley Flicks in the Sticks  
Presents:

## The Lost Daughter

At Bisley Village Hall

8pm

Tuesday 11th April 2023

Doors Open 7:30pm  
for Tea, Coffee and Wine

## St Mary's Church, Painswick

*Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 3pm*

**Mark Padmore (tenor) and James Baillieu (piano)**

Songs of the Seasons by Schubert

Winter Words by Britten & songs by Rebecca Clarke

*Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 3pm*

**Heath Quartet**

Schubert's 'Death and the Maiden'

Quartets by Haydn and Britten

*Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm*

**La Serenissima - Crossing Borders**

Works by Vivaldi, Telemann, Sieber,

Schreyfögel & Brescianello

## Tickets

Third and fourth concerts £20  
Under 18s and full-time students  
£5 for each concert



Memberships and individual tickets  
can be bought online at:

[www.painswickmusicsoc.co.uk](http://www.painswickmusicsoc.co.uk)



77<sup>th</sup> Season

All ticket and membership enquiries to:  
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or Edward Bowron (07789 006006)

Concerts  
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## Cranham Common News

### ***This is the CCMC report to the CCT AGM on 18th March:***

This has been the second year of the current grazing management regime, with the cows grazing only from late August through to January. This was also our second year using the NoFence GPS collars, which have been a huge success. There were signs last summer the new regime having a beneficial effect on the flora and fauna, with an enormous number of orchids seen. These included the common pyramid orchid but also some more unusual ones such as butterfly orchids and bee orchids that have historically been seen on the common but not in the last few years. There were also sightings of glow worms in multiple areas of the common, something that we have not seen for years. This was attributed to the longer grass which is their preferred habitat. There were also a few lizards spotted. Butterflies still seemed low in numbers, but that may have been weather related.

The adder telemetry project has continued from Autumn 2022 into spring 2023, with Nigel Hand monitoring our adder population, but we will not have an update on his findings until later in the year.

The common is in excellent condition at the moment. At this stage of the winter the aim is for a variety of different habitats, including short grass, medium length, tussocky patches and some rank grass areas. All these provide a choice of habitat for the various different species that live here. This is exactly what we have now, as we wait for spring and for the common to burst into life.

Bramble patches, areas of blackthorn and other scrub are wildlife havens providing shelter and food for many of our insects, birds and small mammals and are areas to be valued and protected. At the same time these areas need to be controlled so they do not spread too far into the grassland for which the common is known. This is a constantly monitored balance that underpins the work carried out during winter work parties.

Over the winter 2022-2023 we ran 4 workparties and are very grateful to all those who attended. The cubs joined in the last workparty, along with some parents and leaders, and we were very grateful for their energy and enthusiasm carrying bags of cut vegetation down the hill and returning empty sacks. It is always nice to see some new faces to join our regular volunteers, and everyone is welcome. We can find jobs for all ages and levels of fitness. Scrub clearance can only be carried out between November and February, so is finished for this winter.

Cranham common is part of a network of conservation sites throughout Gloucestershire, representatives from NE and NT will be giving a presentation at this meeting (CCT AGM) about how they and other conservation groups are collaborating to try to link these different sites and create wildlife corridors throughout Gloucestershire.

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With the challenges of climate change and loss of habitat for so many of our native species, and the decline in numbers of most native flora and fauna, vertebrates and invertebrates, it is more important than ever that everyone does what they can to help. This can be by caring for our woodlands and commons, but there is also much we can all do in our own gardens. Look out for our monthly Common News in the magazine for ideas as to how we can all collectively do our bit to support nature.

**Liz Hayden**  
CCMC chair

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## Supporting wildlife in your garden

Collectively our gardens cover a huge area, and with a bit of thought each of us can contribute to supporting wildlife and help create habitat corridors in the area.

### 1. Dandelions

Dandelions are one of our earliest garden flowers, and an important nectar source for bees. Rather than seeing them as an annoying weed, consider them as an important natural food larder for insects and leave some to flower in your garden.



### 2. Reduce your mowing

Our lawns will soon be growing, often full of daisies and clover, these are also good nectar sources for insects. Can we view these pretty flowers as friends not enemies? A plain short cropped lawn with just grass is a monoculture with little value to wildlife but left to flower it can become a valued part of the ecosystem. Could you mow paths through your lawn to add interest rather than 'lawn stripes'?

**3. Planting wildflowers** will support insects butterflies and bees. This could be in pots if you don't have a suitable area in your garden. Remember that wildflowers usually need poor soil to thrive.



**4. Don't dig!** Digging disturbs the creatures and fungi that live in our soils, and these are incredibly important for the soil ecosystem. Plant directly into undug soil, and mulch to suppress weeds. Mulching holds moisture in the soil, suppresses weeds, and encourages worms to compost on site. Mulch can be anything from shredded organic material, grass cuttings, leaves, straw or similar organic matter.

## Cranham Cubs

It struck me, as I sat down to lunch last Sunday, not a projectile potato launched by my own children, but metaphorically, that Cranham Cubs very rarely appear in the Parish Magazine. This momentary and rare flash of thought arose following a fun filled weekend at our first cub sleep over since lock down. As a result, I wondered if it may be of interest to some if I passed commentary on our Wednesday evening antics at the Scout HQ.

The first question usually asked is why do we do it? a very good question I would reply, but the answer is quite straightforward. For all of us leaders it is simply because attending cubs in our own youth gave us some great life skills which we have continued to enjoy throughout our lives and we seek to pass that limited knowledge onto the next generation. I say enjoy because I don't think any of us have genuinely found ourselves lost on a desert island with nothing but a bit of string and a knacker to keep us alive – although we may have willingly put ourselves in that position to test our own mettle – at least Josh probably has!!

Essentially, we hope to offer to all the cubs that come through the Cranham pack an opportunity to learn practical skills to take through into their adult life (or more likely forget by the end of the week) but most importantly to have fun whilst doing it. This of course is delivered by a badge lead programme of activities and challenges. The plan is to give every cub the opportunity to achieve the necessary badges that are required to earn the Chief Scouts' Silver Award – the top cub badge.

Over the last couple of months, we have had an exciting programme of activities that has seen our 22 cubs achieve 110 badges between them as well as contribute towards many others. These activities have included Bell Ringing with Tower Captain Rob Garrett, a trip to the Javelin Park incinerator and a visit to Dursley firestation courtesy of one of our very own leaders, firefighter Ben Chamberlain. We have tried haggis, tatties and neaps on Burns Night and spent an evening with Janet Whitton learning about life in the village 100 years ago and Gladys Hilliers association with Ordnance Survey Maps. This has all been capped off by a 2-night sleep over at the HQ where we were able to give the cubs an opportunity to be away from home, complete some challenging badge work and get stuck in to some scrub bashing on the common.

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As a pack we are fairly strong, with 22 cubs from Cranham and the surrounding villages and most importantly 6 leaders. This is vital as it means we can open up wider opportunities to our cubs, without imposing too much responsibility on any one leader.

As we hopefully leave winter behind and head into spring we will be building on our programme to take full advantage of the lighter warmer evenings....so until next time....remember Be Prepared!

**Charlie Overs**

**March 2023**

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## **Cranham Players**

### **Notice of AGM**

**Tuesday, 23rd May 2023**

**7:30 pm in**

**Committee Room, Cranham Village Hall**

If you enjoy theatre in the Village, please come along and let us know what you'd like to see on stage! We are in the process of revitalising the Players and would love to have your input so come and join us for drinks and nibbles and help us shape our next programme.

Looking forward to seeing you!

## Church Flowers 2023 – 2024

*Thank you for all the lovely flower arrangements last year. Many thanks to all our helpers.*

Here is the new rota. Please note your new date and change by mutual arrangement if the date doesn't suit you. You only have to provide flowers at the altar.

**New volunteer flower arrangers are always needed. Please contact me if you are able to help.** Thank you. Nicole Wotherspoon  
[nicolewotherspoon@gmail.com](mailto:nicolewotherspoon@gmail.com) Phone: 07836 714216

<b>2023</b>				
April	02	Lent (no flowers)		
	09	Easter Janet Whitton	812417	
	16	Janet Whitton	-do-	
	23	Gill Hopkins & Philippa Crowther	812485	
	30	Gill Hopkins & Philippa Crowther	-do-	
May	07	The Coronation Di Blandford + helpers	812302	
	14	Di Blandford	-do-	
	21	Jean Evans and Kathy Bonney	813330	
	28	Jean Evans and Kathy Bonney	-do-	
June	04	Nicole Wotherspoon	812387	
	11	Wedding Flowers		
	18	Helen Salmon	07554 992892	
	25	Wedding Flowers		
July	02	Ann Green	813728	
	09	Hazel Roberts	812661	
	16	Hazel Roberts	-do-	
	23	Sarah Taylor	812762	
	30	Sarah Taylor	-do-	
August	06	Nicole Wotherspoon	812387	
	13	Nicole Wotherspoon	-do-	
	20	Nicole Wotherspoon	-do-	
	27	Angela Harris	07843 759892	

Sept	03	Angela Harris	07843 759892
	10	<b>Feast Flowers</b> - Victoria Soutar and helpers	813543
	17	Victoria Soutar	-do-
	24	Wedding Flowers	
Oct	01	<b>Harvest</b> - Ann Green + helpers	813728
	08	Ann Green	-do-
	15	Deb Carrington-Stait	813060
	22	Deb Carrington-Stait	-do-
	29	Carrie Rodgers	07985 144061
Nov	05	Carrie Rodgers	-do-
	12	<b>Remembrance</b> - Gillian Smith + Nicole W	813532
	19	Gillian Smith + Nicole W	-do-
	26	Nicole Wotherspoon	812387
Dec	3	<b>Advent – No Flowers</b>	
	10	-do-	
	17	-do-	
	<b>24/25</b>	<b>Christmas</b> - Nicole Wotherspoon, Ann Green & helpers	812387
	31	-do-	-do-
<b>2024</b>			
Jan	07	Gillian Smith	813532
	14	Gillian Smith	-do-
	21	Sue Strick	813407
	28	Sue Strick	-do-
Feb	04	Liz Cattle	810859
	11	Liz Cattle	-do-
		<b>Lent 12<sup>th</sup> Feb to 28<sup>th</sup> March</b> No Flowers during Lent	





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**Rachel will be taking 3 weeks holiday over Easter  
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## Join Sportily on Monday 3rd April



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*For school years 5 and 6, to come and play some sport together, hangout, chat, explore the Christian faith and eat food!*

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*Come and get stuck in, have a laugh and #Giveitago!*

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### Youth space for those in school years 7 to 11

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*For those in school years 7 - 11, to come and hangout, play sport, talk life and explore the Christian faith.*

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*Come and get stuck in, have a laugh and #Giveitago!*

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### Easter Holiday Club - 11th and 12th April

*For school years 3 to 6 from 10.00am – 3.00pm.*

*Come and join us for two days packed full of sporting fun, games and activities. There will also be a chance to explore the Christian faith further. #Giveitago.*

*Cost £11 for a session or £16 for both days.*

<https://sportily.org.uk/1182/Painswick-Sports-Holiday-Club-KS2>

No new people in the village this month.

*Welcome!*

If we have missed anyone, please accept our apologies! Please make yourself known and we will include you next time.

## **Notes from the Chair**

Cranham Parish Council met on March 7th.

### **Councillor resignation**

With much regret the resignation of Mike Drake was accepted. Mike has been involved with the Parish Council for over 40 years and has worked tirelessly for the good of the community, and we are very sorry to see him go. So, there is now a vacancy on the Parish Council, please get in touch if interested.

### **Electricity work**

National Grid will be undergrounding electricity cables along the roads from May to September. It will be in three sections and this will cause some traffic disruption, particularly near the school area during August and currently we are talking to Gloucestershire Highways and National Grid, trying to get a workable solution. Further announcements will be made.

### **Ash dieback disease**

A large number of trees around the Playing Field are infected and therefore will have to be felled because of potential danger to the public. They will be replanted by volunteers in the Autumn.

### **AutoSpeedWatch**

As reported in February magazine the Community Speed Detecting Camera and appropriate signage will soon be installed. A detailed explanation of what is involved will be published next month.

Full draft minutes may be found on the Parish Council website <https://cranhampc.org.uk>

Members of the public are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and the next meeting will be at 7.00pm on Tuesday May 2nd, this will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00pm.

**Nigel Cooper**  
**Chair Cranham Parish Council**

## **CRANHAM VILLAGE HALL**

### **UPDATE APRIL 2023**

A busy committee meeting was held in March.



The Village Hall continues to be used and hired to various community groups, table tennis, hand bells, orchestra, choir, history society, fitness classes with the Post office being open Tuesday mornings & the community pop-up café open on most Tuesday & Fridays. The neighbourhood warden has been joining the Tuesday pop-up café to introduce himself and his role to the local community.

Installation of the hearing loop (funded by the Cranham Players and Village Hall) is anticipated in making the Village Hall more accessible for those with hearing problems. The Village Hall is now connected to Wi-Fi, through the Gigaclear Community Hub, which we hope will offer the Village Hall opportunities that are at present unfeasible.

The next Village Hall committee lead event is the Table Top sale on Sunday 29th April, more information can be found on the separate advert in the magazine.

#### **Reminder:**

Next Meeting Wednesday 10th May 2023, 7.00pm Village Hall

Rachel Monro (Chairperson Village Hall Committee)

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## **Painswick Playgroup Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday 8th April, 12-4pm.

Maps available online or on the day for £4.

The annual egg hunt to raise funds for Painswick Playgroup is shaping up to be better than ever!

Over thirty eggs will be on display around the village for everyone to find over the Easter weekend, this year decorated as the children's favourite animals! Many of our wonderful local businesses who are sponsoring the event, as well as Playgroup parents have already got their paints out ready to create some fantastic egg-shaped creatures. By following the pre-schooler friendly route around the village, families can collect all the clues to solve the anagram challenge and enter the prize draw to win a £200 John Lewis voucher!

To further entertain the intrepid egg hunters on their return from their adventures we have fete style games, face painting, a bouncy castle and of course a cake sale.



The Great Painswick Bake Off is going to be a clash of titans with our local eateries and cafes competing for the title of best Professional Baker! The amateur tier will be for all children and adults who want to enter and once judging has been completed all the tasty cakes will be available for sale.

To accompany your cakes, teas and coffees will be for sale from all the village cafes and restaurants. For the more peckish there will be local food vans parked up with a tantalising array of options to satisfy the hungry.

Among all of these amazing attractions, the Easter Bunny himself will be making an appearance, maybe to try and win Best Fancy Dress costume? Whilst waiting for the Animal Fancy Dress Competition to be judged there's also the Bric-à-Brac Stall to browse for bargains and Painswick's own Shady Plant Nursery will be there for you to refresh your gardens.

Be sure to grab some raffle tickets for a chance to win some brilliant prizes such as a Family Ticket to Gifford's Circus or a Two Week Pass to David Lloyd Brockworth.

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All the money raised will go directly to Painswick Playgroup to improve and maintain the facilities for the children. Painswick Playgroup is a non-profit making charitable organisation run by the community.

For more updates please search and follow/like Painswick Easter Egg Hunt on Instagram and Facebook.

Entries for the Amateur Painswick Bake Off Competition please email to sign up - [easteregghuntpainswick@gmail.com](mailto:easteregghuntpainswick@gmail.com)

Donations of children's toys and clothes for the Bric-à-Brac Stall please leave in the labelled wheelie bin outside Playgroup (larger items please bring to Alice Huggins at the Artist's Studio in the Painswick Centre).

Free parking will be available at Stamage's Lane Car Park and the Recreation Ground (weather dependent). See you all on the 8th!

Tickets now on sale - <http://www.painswickplaygroup.co.uk/easter-egg-hunt/>

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook for regular updates nearer the event! Or email us at [easteregghuntpainswick@gmail.com](mailto:easteregghuntpainswick@gmail.com) <https://www.instagram.com/painswick.easter.egg.hunt/> <https://www.facebook.com/PainswickEasterEggHunt/>

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## **THE TENNIS CLUB A.G.M.**

will be held in the Village Hall (Committee Room)  
On **Wednesday 19th April at**  
**7:30 – 9:00pm**

Please make every effort to attend, and give your views on the running and future of the club and tennis coaching.

Many thanks

David Bonney (Tel: 812120)



## **Cranham Village Lunch**

This will be held on

Monday 17th April,  
12.15 for 12.30pm in the Scout H.Q.

booking would be helpful if you did not attend the March Lunch.

### **Menu for this month will be:**

Fruit juice

Lamb casserole, Minted New Potatoes,

Cauliflower Cheese and Peas.



Followed by:

Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce

or Stewed Pears

Tea/coffee

Cost will be £5.00, we looking forward to seeing you.

Thank you, Nicky.

(nickyovers@hotmail.co.uk, 07884 432886 or 812429)

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## **Undergrounding High Tension wires on the Common**

Did you know that the High Tension electricity wires across the Common are going to be placed underground this summer?

The works will start in mid-May and finish in September.

## **BUS SERVICES MEETING - Saturday 11th March 2023**

Following the changes in bus routes which have affected many residents in the Painswick and Cranham area Gill Hopkins is currently campaigning to have the early morning bus route re-instated and better public transport for the village.

A meeting was held to listen to concerns raised through your personal narratives, discuss possible solutions and how I as your County Councillor can take this forward.

The meeting was very well supported with 21 residents and parish council representatives plus apologies from 4 villagers who were unable to attend. Showing the commitment to get our bus back and for a better service in the village.

A brief history of the situation was given, and examples of buses being cancelled through lack of drivers. The rationale from Stagecoach of why the route was taken off was that it was not viable as so few people used it. Since COVID the numbers of passengers on the buses have depleted, however we all agreed that people would use the service if it was reliable. There is also the issue of no parking at Cranham corner to safely leave a car to use the buses.

There were also examples where our younger residents have been unable to meet friends outside the village or go into the towns because of the poor service and times of the buses.

Public transport needs to improve to enable us to be more environmentally friendly, reducing our carbon footprint, and this won't happen without viable alternatives. We all discussed various options of how we can have a service coming into the village. We also discussed options about parking.

I have since informed Cllr Robinson, the cabinet member for transport of your ideas and how we could possibly resolve at least some of the issues. I have also agreed to take your ideas to the directorate for transport to seek their support in negotiating to get our buses back. Gill, Liza, Sue and I will be looking into the parking issue.

The meeting was so positive and so many great ideas put forward that can be now looked at in greater detail and assessed for feasibility.

Thank you to all who attended, we will update in due course.

***Note the timetable on page 45***

**Sue Williams**

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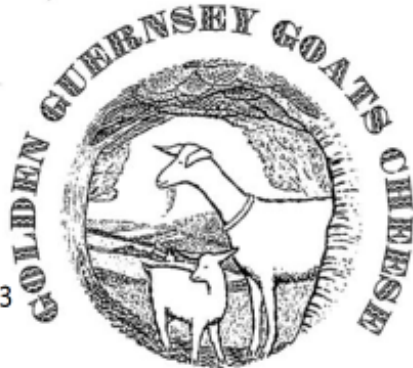
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Sue Stick

The Stagecoach 66 bus has been rerouted,  
It no longer goes past Cranham.

**It has been replaced by the very limited 166 – which runs as shown below.**  
**There are FIVE buses each way on Sunday – subsidised by GCC - check timetable**  
<http://nationaljourneyplanner.travelinesw.com/swe>

Plus – during College term times only, the C66 which still passes  
The Royal William and Cranham Corner.

**Please consider using these buses or we will lose the few we have!!**

<b>Route of the new 166</b>			
<b>Cranham is between Brockworth &amp; Painswick</b>			
ALWAYS BEST TO BE EARLY USE TRAVELINESS SOUTH WEST TO CHECK			
<b>Monday to Friday</b>	<b>Term time only</b>	<b>Monday - Saturday</b>	
Brockworth, before Cross Hands Roundabout	0745	1015	1355
Painswick, o/s St Mary's Church	0758	1028	1408
Stroud, Merrywalks (Stop D)		1040	1420
Stroud, Merrywalks (Stop M)	0810		
Bowbridge, o/s Garage	0815		
Eastcombe Thomas Keble	0830		
Thomas Keble School Grounds			15.15
Merrywalks (Stop D)	9.40	13.20	15.37
St Mary's Church Painswick	09.50	13.30	15.47
Cross Hands Roundabout	10.03	13.43	16.00

**ROUTE OF THE C66**  
**COLLEGE TERM TIME ONLY. TRAVELINES HAS IT LISTED UNDER 66**

Gloucester, Transport Hub (G)	0745			
Hucclecote, o/s Royal Oak	0730			
Brockworth, before Cross Hands Roundabout	0745			
Painswick, o/s St Mary's Church	0800			
Stroud, Merrywalks (Stop J) arr	0805			
Stroud, Merrywalks (Stop J) dep	0810			
Bowbridge, o/s Garage	0820	1156		
Brimcombe, corner of Toadsmoor Road	0825	1201		
Cirencester, in College Grounds	0845	1221		
<b>AND RETURN</b>				
Cirencester College (inside College grounds)	1235	1445	1610	1800
Stroud, Merrywalks (Stop A)	1305	1515	1640	1830
Stroud, Merrywalks (Stop A)			1645	
Painswick, opp St Mary's Church			1650	
Brockworth, after Cross Hands Roundabout			1705	
Hucclecote, opp Royal Oak			1720	
Gloucester, at Transport Hub arr			1735	

**REGULAR EVENTS (although all may be subject to cancellation or change, so please check directly with the organisers)**

<b>Village Lunch</b>	<b>Monthly on a Monday 12.15 for 12.30pm</b> (Nicky Overs 07884 432886)
<b>Sportily Hangout</b>	<b>First Monday of month 5.00 - 6.00pm</b> - Painswick Pavilion
<b>Youth Space</b>	<b>First Monday of month 6.00 - 7.00pm</b> - Painswick Pavilion
<b>Orchestra</b>	<b>Mondays 8.00pm</b> - V Hall (Beryl Berry 813200)
<b>Post Office</b>	<b>Tuesdays 10.00am - 12noon</b> - V Hall
<b>Rachel's Pop Up Café</b>	<b>Tuesdays 10.00am - 4.00pm</b> - V Hall
<b>Knit &amp; Natter</b>	<b>Tuesdays 1.30 – 4.00pm</b> - V Hall
<b>Cranham Art Group</b>	<b>Tuesdays 7.00 - 9.00pm</b> - V Hall (Lyn Barker 813025)
<b>Choir</b>	<b>Tuesdays 7.30pm</b> - V Hall (Virginia Pittman 07989 712263 virginiapittman3@gmail.com)
<b>Handbell Ringers</b>	<b>Wednesdays 9.30 - 11.30am</b> (Jenny Barraclough 07977 997375 jenny.barraclough@btinternet.com)
<b>Beavers, Cubs &amp; Scouts</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b> - Scout Centre - times as follows: Beaver Scouts (6 to 8 yrs)      4.45 to 5.45pm Cub Scouts (8 to 10 yrs)      5.50 to 7.10pm Scouts (10 to 14 yrs)      7.30 to 9.00pm
<b>Table Tennis Club</b>	<b>Wednesdays 7.30 - 9.30pm</b> - V Hall (Clive Hayden 07833 635762 chayden814@gmail.com)
<b>Cranham Ramblers</b>	<b>Alternate Thursdays 9.30am</b> - V Hall (Joan Charman 812708)
<b>S'Combe Bridge Club</b>	<b>2nd and 4th Thursdays 7.00pm</b> - Sheepscombe V Hall (Contact Joy Edwards 812588)
<b>Rachel's Pop Up Café</b>	<b>Fridays 9.00 - 12.30pm</b> - V Hall
<b>Parent and Toddler</b>	<b>Fridays 9.15 - 10.45am</b> - V Hall (Contact tbc)
<b>Explorer Scouts</b>	<b>Fridays 7.30 - 9.00pm</b> - V Hall (Ian Coupland ian@couplandclan.co.uk)
<b>Church Bell Ringers</b>	<b>Alternate Saturdays 9.30am</b> - Church (Rob Garratt 07703 503547)
<b>Garden Club</b>	<b>Brimpsfield</b> , Phone Francis Ellery 01452 862412 for further info





## **MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS**

All articles for the forthcoming month should be forwarded to the editors by email to

**editors@cranhammag.co.uk** (preferred option).

Articles should be forwarded as either a WORD or WORKS document and preferably in Ariel or Calibri font size 10 on A5 size paper settings. Articles may also be sent manually typed or hand written.

Please refrain from using ADOBE EDITOR as all articles have to be edited prior to inserting into the magazine.

All hard copies should be forward to **Baggend (at the Knoll)**.

All items to be included within next months magazine will need to be in the hands of the editors by the following dates:

**WEDNESDAY 19th April 2023**

Magazines will be available for distribution:

on **Sunday 29th April** or thereabouts.

The date will be confirmed to the distributors by email.

# CRANHAM DIARY



## APRIL 2023

1	Sat	Garden Society AGM	B'field V. Hall	10.30 for 11.00am
		Concert	St. Mary's	3.00pm
2	Sun	Palm Sunday Service	Church	6.30pm
4	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
7	Fri	Good Friday Service	Church/Beryl's	11.00am
8	Sat	Easter Egg Hunt	Painswick	12noon - 4.00pm
		Easter Eve Vigil Service	Church	8.00pm
9	Sun	Easter Day Communion	Church	11.00am
11	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
		Flicks in the Sticks	Bisley V Hall	7.30 for 8.00pm
12	Wed	Foodbank Collection	Painswick	10.00am - 12noon
13	Thurs	Ramble	Village Hall	9.45am
		APCC Meeting	Church	7.30pm
15	Sat	Organ Recital	St. Johns	6.45 for 7.00pm
16	Sun	Evensong	Church	6.30pm
17	Mon	Village Lunch	Scout HQ	12.15 for 12.30pm
18	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
19	Wed	<b>** Magazine Contributions Due **</b>		
		Tennis Club AGM	Village Hall	7.30 - 9.00pm
22&23	Sat/Sun	Monster Trail	Village Event	10.00am - 4.00pm
22	Sat	Concert	St. Mary's	3.00pm
23	Sun	Morning Prayer	Church	11.00am
25	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
27	Thurs	Ramble	Village Hall	9.45am
29	Sat	Garden Society Plant Sale	B'field V. Hall	10.30 for 11.00am
		Table Top Sale	Village Hall	10.00am - 3.00pm
30	Sun	Benefice Service	St. Mary's	11.00am

## MAY 2023

2	Tues	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.00pm
		Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall	8.00pm
6	Sat	Concert	St. Mary's	7.00pm
10	Wed	Village Hall Meeting	Village Hall	7.00pm
11&25	Thurs	Rambles	Village Hall	9.45am
20	Sat	Bumblebee Day Out	Cricket Club	9.30am - 4.00pm
23	Thurs	Cranham Players Meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm

*For Regular Events - please see page 46*