

# *Cranham Village Magazine*

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## *A Letter from The Clergy*



This month we have moved a bit nearer to finding a new Rector for the benefice. Revd. Sarah Haslam has been placed here by the Bishop of Gloucester as an interim minister. She will be doing a placement until the end of June. During this time, she will be in charge of the benefice. Please give her a warm welcome.

We are now into the season of Lent, this time of penitence and preparation for Easter. Traditionally Christians celebrate in some special way. Some follow a particular course of study either individually or in a group. For instance, The Bible Reading Fellowship have issued a Lent Book entitled "Images of Grace". This contains daily Bible readings and summary questions at the end of each week. Some make a point of extra giving to a particular charity such as a food bank or a vital need at the moment like the Turkey/Syria earthquake appeal. Another idea is helping out with a particular person in need with some job or jobs which they are unable to tackle.

Sunday 19th March is Mothering Sunday a special day in the year when we thankfully remember our mothers and all that we owe to them. There are several Mothering Day services in the benefice on that day giving us a good opportunity to thank God for all that our mothers have contributed to our families and society. The services are 10am at Painswick, 11am at Harescombe with Edge and 11am at Cranham.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on 2n April. During Holy Week Our Bishop, Bishop Rachel invites all clergy to a Cathedral service at 11am on Maundy Thursday 6th April to renew their ordination vows. This is not only for clergy but there is also an invitation for anyone to attend. If you have never been how about attending this year.

Have a good Lent.

**Revd David Newell**

**[www.beaconbenefice.org.uk](http://www.beaconbenefice.org.uk)**

## Worship in Cranham - March 2023

<b>Sunday 5th 6.30pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>	<b>Keith Ardron</b>
	Sidesman Hazel Stacey	
	Readers Lindsay Burtenshaw	<i>Genesis 12.1-4a</i>
	Chris Collier	<i>John 3.1-17</i>
<b>Sunday 12th 11am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Revd. Andrew</b>
	Sidesman Ian Wotherspoon	
	Readers Clive Hayden	<i>Exodus 17.1-7</i>
	Mark Crowther	<i>Romans 5.1-11</i>
<b>Sunday 19th 11am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Revd. Sarah</b>
	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>	
	Sidesman Nicole Wotherspoon	
	Readers Julie Berry	<i>Exodus 2.1-10</i>
	Nicki Clapton	<i>2 Corinthians 1.3-7</i>
<b>Sunday 26th 11am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Phil Stick</b>
	Sidesman Sue Stick	
	Readers Nicky Overs	<i>Ezekiel 37.1-14</i>
	Martin Whitaker	<i>John 11.1-45</i>

Please see Page 6 for other Benefice Service's

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### Fix my Street

website to report potholes and fly tipping etc

<https://www.fixmystreet.com>

## Church Flowers

**No Flowers during Lent: February 22nd to April 6th**

## Church Cleaning

4th March	Nicki Clapton
11th March	Joan Charman
18th March	Janet Gazzard
25th March	Kate Ryan
1st April	Linda de Cossart



## Refreshments will be served after the following services:

12th March 11am	Holy Communion	Sylvia & Janet G
19th March 11am	Mothering Sunday	Sue W
26th March 11am	Morning Prayer	Sue W & Alastair



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## Warm Space

A reminder that Painswick Town Hall will be open every Wednesday during the winter as a **warm space** to coincide with library opening hours 10.30am - 12.30pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided by Painswick Community Support volunteers.



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## Cranham Parish Council website

lots of info including the minutes of meetings

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

## Benefice Services - March 2023

### 5th March 2nd Sunday of Lent

11.00am	Edge	Benefice Holy Communion	Rev. Sarah <i>Benefice clergy &amp; readers are invited to robe and concelebrate</i>
6.30pm	Cranham	Evening Worship	Lay led - Keith Ardron

### 12th March 3rd Sunday of Lent

9.30am	Edge	Holy Communion	Rev. David R
9.30am	Pitchcombe	Morning Prayer	Lay led .Preacher: Liz Eden
10.00am	Painswick	Holy Communion	Rev. Sarah
11.00am	Cranham	Holy Communion	Rev. Andrew
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Morning Worship & APCM	Rev. Paul Kenchington

### 19th March Mothering Sunday

10.00am	Painswick	Family Communion for Mothering Sunday	Rev. Paul Kenchington
11.00am	Harescombe With Edge	Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday	Rev. David R
11.00am	Cranham	Mothering Sunday Service	Rev. Sarah

### 26th March 5th Sunday of Lent - Passiontide begins

9.30am	Pitchcombe	Holy Communion (BCP)	Canon Michael
10.00am	Painswick	Beacon Praise	Liz Eden and team Preacher Bishop Rachel
11.00am	Cranham	Morning Prayer	Lay led - Phil Stick
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Holy Communion	Rev. Andrew

For more detailed information about Cranham services please see page 4

## Extracts from The Messenger – March 2023

### OneDiocese blog: “All children should have access to Jesus.”



Ahead of the ‘Under five and flourishing’ conference on 18th March, Sarah Major, Education Administrator for Jumping Fish Ltd at the Diocese of Gloucester, shares her calling to work with schools and churches to support children in their spiritual growth and development. “Looking at Matthew 19:14, Jesus says, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’ He said let the little children come to me, determining all children. He didn’t invite only those that excelled in their Early Years Foundation Stage neurological markers, he said all.

“My career started in the education field. I chose to dedicate my time working with families and their young people to assist them with accessing an education – that was often tailor-made for them and their needs. It was through this work that the family as a ‘whole unit’ was highlighted, alongside how this ‘unit’ was unable to ‘unite’ themselves with pre-determined sociological and environmental markers.

“I felt a passion burning inside me to learn more about our young people who experience neurological uniqueness and I developed in this area at postgraduate level. With this wider learning, I felt empowered to apply myself within this field, ensuring that all children under my care could access education in a safe and appropriate manner.

“I was able to transfer these skills, powered by the desire to encourage all children to have access to Jesus and the remarkable work that we hear about in the Bible.

“I feel churches often struggle with knowing where to start with welcoming a family which includes diversity. Our brains are as unique as our fingertips and the task of incorporating this uniqueness into our churches is vast.”

Under five and flourishing is a day conference aimed at anyone who has contact with under fives, or any churches that want to learn more about ministry among this age group. The day offers bite-sized theory and a handful of ideas to take away to use within your setting.

There’s still time to book your place: [www.gloucester.anglican.org/under-5s-and-flourishing](http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/under-5s-and-flourishing)

**St James the Great Church wins award for wall paintings conservation**  
The church in Stoke Orchard was delighted to be selected as one of the winners in the 2022 CPRE Gloucestershire Awards.

The medieval paintings are devoted to the life of St James. Of the £90,000 conservation project, Adam Klups says, “The Award recognises the direct role Gloucester DAC played in the planning and delivery of this important conservation project and our positive collaboration with the parish and accredited conservators Perry Lithgow Partnership. The project was an astonishing success, despite that both the fundraising and conservation work happened during the COVID crisis.”

Read more at [gloucester.anglican.org/st-james-the-great-wins-award-for-wall-paintings-conservation-project/](https://gloucester.anglican.org/st-james-the-great-wins-award-for-wall-paintings-conservation-project/)

### **Lent 2023 resources**

Lent offers an opportunity for individuals and worshipping communities to discover new depths to prayer and spiritual growth, as we live LIFE Together.



#### **Dust and Glory**

‘Dust and Glory: A Lent journey of faith, failure and forgiveness’ offers a daily Bible reading, a short reflection and a practical challenge, as well as a weekly themed prayer.

“Dust and Glory encourages us to take a fresh look at the frustrations and failings that every day brings and, rather than pretending we can always avoid them, seek to learn from them and grow closer to God through them.” ~ Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

An accompanying children’s version is also available to help families explore how we can live well together, offering a simple daily activity designed to explore the weekly themes.

Order from [www.chpublishing.co.uk/lent](http://www.chpublishing.co.uk/lent)

#### **Journeys**

The Clewer Initiative’s Journeys aims to help us reflect on what really matters in our world now and how our lives might reflect the priorities of God’s Kingdom of love, compassion, justice and hope.

Journeys consists of five mini films and two accompanying resources – one for Lent and one that is suitable for anyone, at any time of year. The films include interviews with church members, experts and community leaders who have done significant anti-slavery work.

<https://theclewerinitiative.org/resources/journeys>

For other Lent resources, visit: [www.gloucester.anglican.org/living-faith/lent/](https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/living-faith/lent/)





## Events and training

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

### **Drop-in café session for Children, Family and Youth Ministry**

**8th March, 12.30pm to 2.30pm**

**The Bank Cafe, 80 Parsonage Street, Dursley GL11 4AA**

Chat over a cuppa about what's going on in your ministry with Jo Wetherall and the Youth Connect Team. For anyone involved in children's and families' ministry.

**<https://bit.ly/CFMcafeDursley>**

### **Raising awareness of domestic abuse**

**16th March, 7pm to 9.30pm Online or face-to-face**

The aim of the module is designed to equip participants to engage thoughtfully and proactively with the issue of domestic abuse and those affected.

**[gloucester.anglican.org/raising-awareness-of-domestic-abuse-mar23/](https://gloucester.anglican.org/raising-awareness-of-domestic-abuse-mar23/)**

### **Everyday mindfulness day of practice 18th March, 11am to 4.30pm**

**The Glebe Cottages, Church Road, Leckhampton, Cheltenham GL53 0QJ**

A quiet day of mindfulness practices for those who are on a course or have done a mindfulness course before. The day is largely in silence with very little verbal teaching or discussion – allowing you to fine tune your skills of noticing and being present in the moment.

**[gloucester.anglican.org/everyday-mindfulness-day-of-practice](https://gloucester.anglican.org/everyday-mindfulness-day-of-practice)**

### **Growing young leaders 22nd March, 7pm to 9pm**

Is your PCC talking about getting young people involved? Would you love to see young people engaged in the full life of the church in meaningful ways? In this workshop we'll look at how we recruit, encourage and grow young people as leaders – and how we need to create a church culture of standing aside to let them have a go.

**[gloucester.anglican.org/growing-young-leaders](https://gloucester.anglican.org/growing-young-leaders)**

## Have your say

Visit Facebook **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** or visit our website [gloucester.anglican.org](https://gloucester.anglican.org)

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77<sup>th</sup> Season

# Concerts 2023

## St Mary's Church, Painswick

*Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm*

**Emma Johnson (clarinet) and John Lenehan (piano)**

Works by Finzi, Brahms and Dvorak

Original compositions by Emma Johnson

*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,

Schreyfogel & Brescianello

## Tickets

Four concerts £65  
Under 18's and full-time students £10

First and second concerts £25

Third and fourth concerts £20  
Under 18's 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)

All ticket and membership enquiries to:  
[tickets@painswickmusicsoc.co.uk](mailto:tickets@painswickmusicsoc.co.uk)  
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# Cranham Common Trust



## Notice of Annual General Meeting 2023

This live event will take place on  
**Saturday 18th March 2023 at 10.00am at the Village Hall.**

There will be presentations given by speakers from both Natural England and the National Trust on enriching biodiversity in Cranham and beyond in a time of climate change where there is severe loss of species abundance and species diversity. What are NT & NE doing about it, and what can we do too?

### Agenda

- Chairman's report
- Treasurer's report and approval of the 2021/22 Accounts
- Election of Directors
- NT & NE presentations
- Q & A session to members of the Board and/or to NT and/or NE

Mike Drake and Beryl Berry have served 3 years as directors and wish to stand for re-election.

If any CCT member would like to join the Board you would be most welcome. Do contact me before 11th March.

**All welcome.**

**Do come and learn more about the Common and have your say.**

Richard Tyson: Secretary CCT: [cranhamcommontrust@gmail.com](mailto:cranhamcommontrust@gmail.com)

CRANHAM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

# 'Facing up to Father'

An illustrated talk  
by David Worlock

Growing up on a small Cotswold farm in the late 1950s and early 60s when life on the farm was about to change forever - and son and father didn't always see eye to eye.

Cranham Village Hall

On Thursday 16th March 2023

at 7.45pm

Members Free / Visitors £3.50

Refreshments are included

All welcome

## **Cranham Common News**

The last workparty of the year was attended by Cranham Cubs, it was lovely to see the next generation participating in caring for our common, and learning about why conservation is so important.

I would like to thank everyone who helped out on our workparties over the winter, by working together we really make a difference. Scrub clearance this winter has been mainly removing small scrub oaks and blackthorn regrowth, and the brushcutter team have done a fantastic job of tidying up bramble areas.

The cows have finished their winter grazing and as the days lengthen the common is ready to 'wake up' with the spring growth.

### **Why do we have gorse bushes on the common?**

Have you ever wondered why we have a patch of gorse on the common? Gorse is not native to limestone grassland commons, but historically most commons have a patch of gorse nurtured by local residents.



Dried gorse was a valuable resource used as firelighters by the local community. Gorse flowers were also used to make wine and tea.

**Liz Hayden**  
**CCMC chair**

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## **Toddlers Stay and Play**

Toddlers stay and play is resuming during term time on **Fridays 1.30 - 3pm.**

Open to all pre-schoolers aged 0 - 4 (& their parent/guardian).

Join us in school from Friday 3rd March.

Looking forward to seeing everyone back in school.

## 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.

**Planting insect and bee friendly flowers.** Many garden centres and seed packets indicate bee friendly plants that provide a nectar source for bees and butterflies. Even if you can only plant them in a pot insects will find and appreciate them.

**Don't use slug pellets or pesticides** in the garden. One brood of blue tits can eat as many as 1,000 caterpillars per day. This is just one example; by supporting as much wildlife as possible in your garden, you will encourage a variety of natural predators to help control pests. You will also be able to enjoy a garden buzzing with life rather than one that may be pretty but sterile.

**Give your lawnmower a break.** If you can bring yourself to mow your lawn a bit less you will soon see the benefits as daisies, dandelions, clovers, cowslips and trefoils begin to appear, bringing colour to the garden and, more importantly, providing nectar for visiting insects. **Dandelions**, in particular, are a vitally important source of pollen for early bees when there is very little else in flower in the countryside.

**Build a compost heap.** Compost heaps are a great way to recycle garden and food waste whilst providing lovely rich eco-friendly compost for the garden. They are also favoured by reptiles such as slow worms and grass snakes. Compost heaps are especially important for grass snakes, as they need warm places to lay their eggs, and where could be better than a nice cosy compost heap? If you do create a compost heap, ideally don't turn it during the spring and summer to avoid disturbing any visiting reptiles or their eggs.

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**Create a pile in a corner of the garden** of any old logs, bricks, stones, etc. that you find. This will provide invaluable habitat for amphibians and reptiles as well as small mammals, slugs and snails, which in turn provide food for hedgehogs and birds. Many rare insects such as Lesser Stag Beetles live in rotting wood and are larvae for many years before emerging as adults, so longstanding neglected log piles are very important for these species. Building a dead hedge is also a great way of disposing of woody prunings (much better than a bonfire!), recycling nutrients and benefiting wildlife as well as your garden; see <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/nature-on-your-doorstep/garden-activities/build-a-dead-hedge-for-wildlife/>

**Dig a pond.** This is one of the best things that you can do to attract wildlife into your garden. Most ponds will swiftly attract amphibians, dragonflies and all manner of other creatures as well as providing a water source and bathing area for wild birds and mammals. There is lots of information online about how to create a wildlife friendly pond but the main things to bear in mind are not to stock the pond with fish, which will eat much of the pondlife, and to include shallow areas as well as deep areas to allow animals to get in and out of the pond easily. If you don't have space to dig a pond, even a small pond in a container such as an old sink will still provide benefits for wildlife; just make sure there is a way for animals to climb in and out of it.

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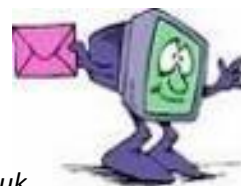
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## SAVE THE DATE!

The 2023 Cranham Monster Trail will take place on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April (10am - 4pm) so mark the dates in your diaries!

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, so we need as much support as possible!



It's time to  
get your CRAFT ON  
for the...

**Cranham  
Monster Trail**

Saturday  
22nd &  
Sunday  
23rd  
April  
2023

MONSTER  
CAFE  
10am to  
4pm

**FOS**  
**CS**  
The Friends of Cranham School

In aid of  
Cranham C  
of E  
Primary  
School

PRIZES  
ICE CREAM  
TOMBOLA  
RAFFLE  
LUCKY DIP



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



March is, for many gardeners, the start of the gardening year – the month which is often mild enough for seed sowing and for the gardener to turn his or her attention to their outdoor space. It's usually not warm enough for half-hardy plants to be entrusted outside, though, so bear this in mind if you're buying plug plants from the garden centre; if you don't have anywhere to keep them safe from frosts until May, it's better to hold off. Meanwhile, you can get some inspiration for your patio containers at our March coffee morning, on 4th March, when our speaker, Harriet Ryecroft, will be talking about container gardening; Harriet used to be Head Gardener at Whichford Pottery, where she created many stunning potted plant displays. Even if you aspire to something more modest, come along to pick up some colourful ideas! As usual, coffee and home-made cake will be available from 10.30am, with the talk starting at 11.00am.

Growing at least some of your own food has never been so popular, with rising prices, the importance of sustainability and the evidence for the health benefits of gardening all much in the news. You can start to sow some vegetables in March, but it's best to keep an eye on the weather forecast and wait until later in the month if it's still chilly, especially if you garden in a frost pocket or in an exposed location (as many of us do). Tomatoes and other half-hardy vegetables are best left until April or even May; earlier sowings tend to hang around waiting for the warmer weather to be potted on and planted out, and later seedlings will soon catch up!

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### **Notes from the Chair – follow up**

After my notes last month, I am pleased to report that the grit bins were filled very quickly by County Council Highways.

Also, the Parish Council bid under the Speedwatch initiative has been approved. Initially one camera will be installed near the Village Hall during the next few weeks, as well as appropriate signage.

We have been assured that camera will be set up just to capture the registration number of vehicles breaking the speed limit. These numbers are then reported to the police.

**Nigel Cooper**

**Chair Cranham Parish Council**



## Join Sportily on Monday 6th March

### Young person's Hangout for those in school years 5 and 6

**5.00 - 6.00pm at The Pavilion, Painswick**

*For school years 5 and 6, to come and play some sport together, hangout, chat, explore the Christian faith and eat food!  
While it's dark, we have a great indoor space to be able to be active and have fun.  
Come and get stuck in, have a laugh and #Giveitago!*

<https://sportily.org.uk/1166/Sportily-Hangout-Painswick>

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

**6.00 - 7.00pm at The Pavilion, Painswick**

*For those in school years 7 - 11, to come and hangout, play sport, talk life and explore the Christian faith.  
While it's dark, we have a great indoor space to be able to be active and have fun.  
Come and get stuck in, have a laugh and #Giveitago!*

<https://sportily.org.uk/1177/Youth-Space-Painswick>

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### Reminder Village Hall Meeting

Next Meeting Wednesday 15th March 2023

7.30pm Village Hall

Rachel Monro (Chairperson VH Committee)

07737 545159



## **‘My Life as Mayor of Gloucester’**

A talk given by Chris Witts to the Cranham Local History Society  
on 26th January

The AGM over, we had a delightfully honest talk from Chris Witts, a former mayor and sheriff of Gloucester. Having worked on the river and as a firefighter he so enjoyed delivering leaflets that his local party suggested he might like to become a councillor. At the third time of asking he gave in. He came to politics later in life, with no particular allegiance other than, as he put it, to common sense. He quickly found himself on committees, and a senior representative of his party. He was in at the deep end. In a few years he was sheriff and then in 2009 the mayor. He could be a rebel. He went on walkabouts against official advice. He had a run in with council officials over his choice of a chaplain, who it seems had fallen out with everyone, including his bishop. Prayers before council meetings were supposed to be brief but the chaplain never got the message.

Chris was a remarkably apolitical politician, less concerned about political issues but adept at the day to day. Endless functions, with the mayoral car on hand. He was proud of his Victorian chain of office (made of horseshoes) but it weighed him down, as did his mayoral attire. On one occasion three meetings turned out to be three lunches, at all of which he had to eat. He was badly advised and turned up in a sweater to an opera in Gloucester’s twin city of Trier in Germany, when everyone else was in formal attire. A highpoint was the Queen and the Duke’s visit to Gloucester when he and Queen were seated side by side, and they chatted for a full hour. She talked about the Windsor Castle fire and her new apartment –and how difficult the potatoes were to cut. She was concerned that if she pressed too hard they might fly across table.

Was this quite ‘history’ we might have asked ourselves. Well, yes, it was recent history, and delightfully informal, which is all too rare. He avoided name dropping by conveniently forgetting the names of most of the people he’d met. It was the stories that carried the evening, and that sense that he was always the outsider, stopping other folk from being too serious. Chris was an ordinary man, who was for a year, as mayors are, the number one citizen of his city, and it made for an enjoyable evening.

**Chris Collier**

## **STROUD NEEDS BUSES CAMPAIGN -**

### **STOP STAGECOACH**



Many people may not know that Stagecoach are rerouting bus 66 away from Cranham to Brockworth and Cheltenham up Gloucester St in Painswick to Abbeydale and Gloucester Business Park and then on to Cheltenham WEF 19th Feb. Instead of an hourly bus from Stroud via Cranham to Cheltenham we will have a new bus 166. This will come from Eastcombe Thomas Keble School via Cranham to Brockworth. Only 3 buses a day Monday to Friday and 2 x buses on Saturday's. We are a bit luckier on Sundays and BH as bus 166 will travel via Cranham to Cheltenham 5 times per day. This is because the Sunday and BH bus is subsidized by Gloucester County Council (see Stagecoach web site for new timetable). The loss of our bus is going to affect people who rely on buses such as local school children, & pensioners as well as people visiting Cheltenham Hospital, general shopping, pharmacy/GP surgery in Painswick, catching trains from Stroud and Cheltenham and just getting out and about.

Stagecoach have explained that bus 66 does not have enough passengers between Painswick and Brockworth and the route is uneconomical to run. During Covid the Government subsidized the buses and this subsidy is finishing end of March 2023.

There is a lot of work being done by people who are being effected by the loss of their buses such as the 63,64,66,67. A group of us attended Gloucestershire County Council meeting on Wednesday 15th Feb at Shire Hall where attendees who had submitted questions regarding the loss of our local bus services were able to ask supplementary questions to Councillor Philip Robinson (Cabinet Member for Education, Skills, and Bus Transport). Cllr Robinson stated that he had sympathy for the loss of buses but that there was no extra money to help rural services.

#### **What can we do?**

We are hoping to set up a village meeting soon to discuss what type of bus service local villagers might like. It is being supported by Councillor Sue Williams who is a great support to us. If anyone has any questions please either get in touch with me or Councillor Sue Williams.



Gill Hopkins

07717 502356 - gill.hopkins235@gmail.com

## CRANHAM VILLAGE HALL UPDATE MARCH 2023



Gosh, March already! Time flies when you are busy and it's certainly been a busy two months at the Village Hall. A good spring clean has been completed, the annual fire safety inspection has gone ahead and the installation of Wi-Fi courtesy of Gigaclear and their COMMUNITY HUB scheme. An application was made last October and we were approved for being granted a free installation and a year's free connection until February 2024!

Having Wi-Fi in the Village Hall opens up many opportunities & we would like to take full advantage of having it! So, any ideas of clubs, eg. coding club, silver surfers, etc etc, please do contact me and I'll see what I can organise.

Regular users of the VH will see that the car park access steps have been fenced off for safety reasons. To rebuild the steps is going to be a costly expense and I am in the process of seeking out grants/funding available that the VH can access.

A couple of dates for your diary are :

**Friday 10th** is quiz 'n' chilli night organised as a joint event with the FOCS,

**Sunday 26th** join us for an afternoon tea event (vouchers available for an ideal Mothers' Day gift!),

On **Sunday 29th April**, we are holding our first table top sale.. see individual adverts for more details.

As the Village Hall diary is filling up with booking for parties, wedding receptions and events that bring large numbers of people from outside the village, please could I politely remind everyone of issues that car parking can cause. We only have limited spaces at the Village Hall and it is recommended that the HIRER's when planning their event, reserve this area for their guests who require parking close to Village Hall. Being respectful to those living in the properties closest to the Village Hall and is another consideration, so please ensure your guests refrain from blocking driveways and leave space to allow access for emergency vehicles. The track alongside the Four Chimneys, Tree Tops and Rushbrook is for access to those properties only and not a public parking area. The best place to park is on the roadside along the common on the way to the crossroads.

## Cranham Primary School

These are the pieces of writing the children are feeling most proud of this month.

I woke up and I found a plate of chicken and eggs in front of me, so as I started to get ready, I heard some distant screams. I came out to see what was happening. As I was coming out, I found a massive bear carrying my people. I knew I had to stop it.

So I came out, grabbed my weapons, and I started to convince the bear. I knew I was too strong so I started to help the people, to get out of the range of the vicious and serious bear. As I was bringing the people to safety, I realised I was just going to keep hurting my people. So I scaled up to the bear and started fighting the big vicious bear.

As I was fighting the bear, more of them appeared! "Aaaaaaarr!" I started the bear. Even though I was unarmed, I knew what to do. So I ran to the temple and grabbed the jaguar swords, I came out again and I found all the bear killing everyone.

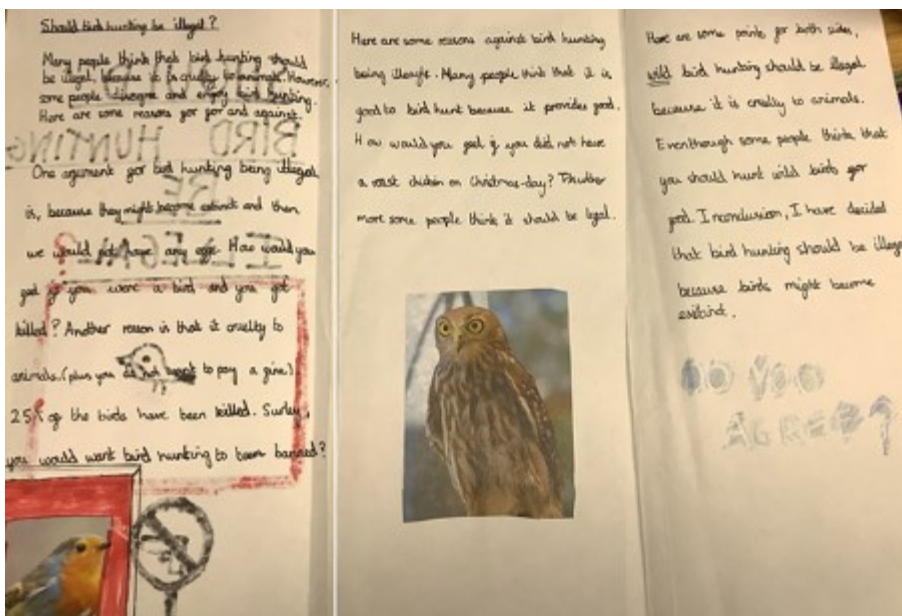
As I came out, I charged up my bear of the jaguars and... "aaaaaaahhhhh!" I started, and blew the bears to smithereens. As I started realising, I paid my respect for the garden of this land and said my goodbyes. As I was finishing, paying my respects, I felt the right thing to do, was go to other areas and protect the people that cannot protect themselves.

Noah Year 6 - Journey Story



Bea Year 4

Persuasive Argument





## 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

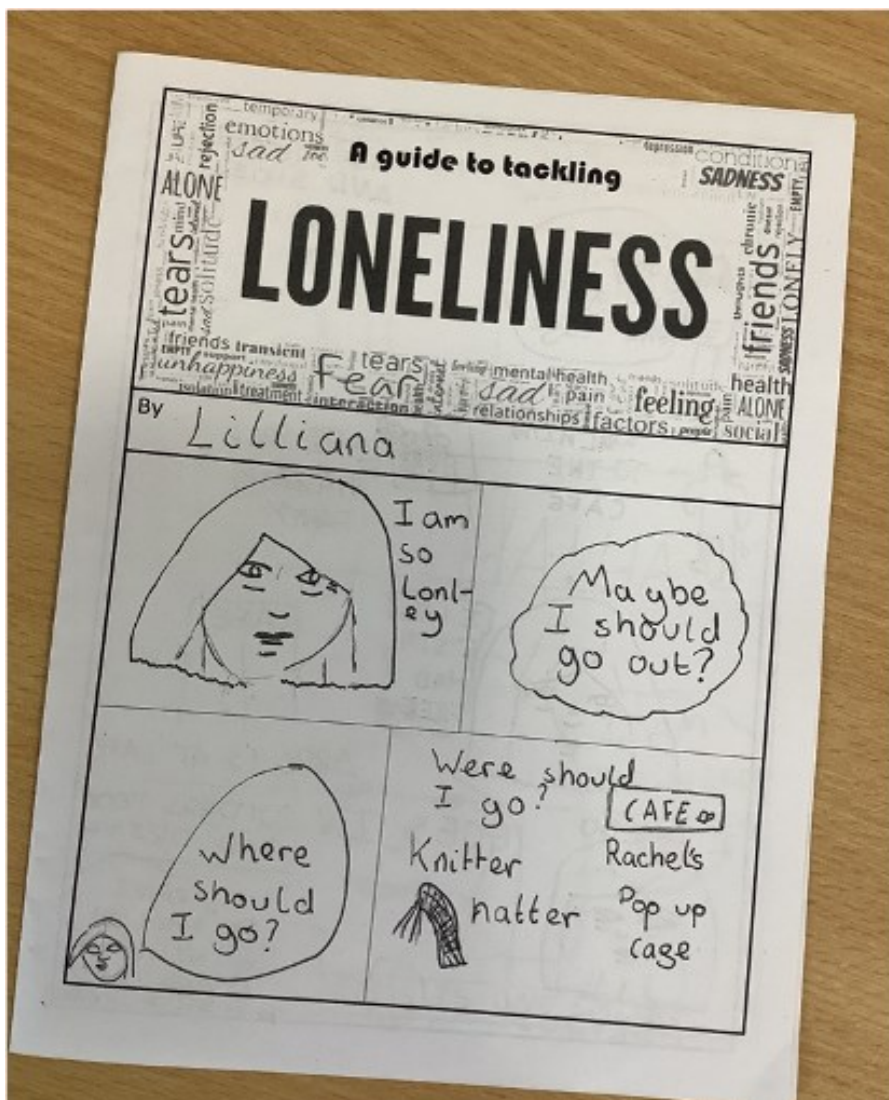
2023		Lent (no flowers)		
April	02	Janet Whitton	812417	
	16	Janet Whitton	-do-	
	23	Gill Hopkins & Philippa Crowther	812485	
	30	Gill Hopkins & Philippa Crowther	- do -	
May	07	<b>The Coronation</b> Di Blandford + helpers	812302	
	14	Di Blandford	- do -	
	21	Jean Evans and Kathy Bonney	813330	
	28	Jean 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	812262	
	30	Sarah Taylor	- do -	
August	06	<b>Feast</b> Nicole Wotherspoon + helpers	812387	
	13	Nicole Wotherspoon	-do-	
	20	Nicole Wotherspoon	-do-	
	27	Angela Harris	07843 759892	

Sept	03	Angela Harris	07843 759892
	10	Victoria Soutar	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 -	
	24/25	<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 Stick	813407
	28	Sue Stick	- 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	





Cranham Primary School have asked that all our readers, please keep an eye out for the schools leaflets on 'How to Tackle Loneliness' (example below). Oak Class made these during Mental Health week and the school have distributed them at the church and village hall to give advice to Cranham residents on what they can do to help themselves or help others who feel alone.



Lilli - Year 6

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## **Foodbank**

Our next collection in Painswick will be on:

**Wednesday 15th March, 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: cooking oil, jam and marmalade, peanut butter, Marmite, easter eggs, crisps, nuts, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, shower gel, razors, shaving gel, toilet roll, household cleaning sprays, laundry detergents, nappies sizes 4, 5, 6 and 7.

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

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Your donations are always very gratefully received! - **Thank you.**

**The Foodbank Team**

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## **Village Tidy Up**

Once again, the Parish Council is organising this event.

Please come and join us for an hour or two wandering around the village picking up litter!

**Saturday 25th March at 10am at the Village Hall**

All equipment will be provided.

**Nigel Cooper**

**Chair Cranham Parish Council**

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## **Cranham Feast Meeting**

The Cranham Feast committee will be holding their A.G. M. in the **Village Hall** at **8pm on Thursday 2nd March.**

Do come along (or email me) if you would like to help or have any ideas for this annual, traditional Feast.

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## The Children's Society

The Children's Society Box Collection time is coming round again. If you're able to drop your box to me at:

Merienda, Cranham, GL4 8JA – on or before 23rd March - that would be fantastic.

Or drop it into the reception at The Croft School, Painswick or give me a call and I can arrange to collect it.

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### **A Bumblebee Day Out - Saturday 20th May Cranham Village Hall**

By now you may have spotted a few hardy bumblebees out and about searching for nectar from the flowers that are beginning to bloom. The queen bees have been hibernating all over winter so are on the hunt for food and they are VERY hungry.

Last year we had to cancel the bumblebee ID day as Richard Comont Scientist for Bumble Bee Conservation Trust was unwell so we are once again we are holding another bumblebee day on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May the Cranham Commons Committee are hosting a bumblebee identification day with Dr Richard Comont who is the Science Manager for The Bumblebee Conservation Trust (BBCT). Richard has visited Cranham on a few occasions giving very interesting talks about our special little pollinators, previously the talks have been open to anyone from within the village and those who live outside of the village, however this time we are hoping to fill the hall with enthusiastic villagers. If, however we do not have enough interest from the village we will open it up to other people.

This year we are aiming to excite and enthuse as many people as possible by getting you all interested in bumblebees. Working with Natural England we are going to examine the biodiversity of the Common and the numbers and number of species of bumblebees vs the flora. This can be achieved by setting up a Bee Walk. A BeeWalk is a standardised bumblebee-monitoring scheme which involves volunteer 'BeeWalkers' walking the same fixed route (transect) once a month between March and October, counting the bumblebees seen and identifying them to species and caste (queen, worker, male) where possible.

Established in 2008, and opened to the public in 2010, the twin aims of the scheme are collecting abundance and distribution data on the UK's bumblebees and using this data as widely as possible to analyse population trends and carry out other research as appropriate.

The information collected by BeeWalk volunteers is integral to monitoring how bumblebee populations change through time and will allow us to detect early warning signs of population declines. All data collected will contribute to important long-term monitoring of bumblebee population changes in response to changes in land-use and climate change and, ultimately, to informing how we manage the countryside. To find out more please visit the BBCT site where there is a wealth of information available.

The BBCT introduced a 'Bee The Change' a few years ago and it would be great if we can be a 'Bee The Village' setting up bee flower corridors and committing to a 'no mow lawn' for three or four weeks in the summer. Just imagine hiding your mower, enjoying the peace and quiet, and seeing what emerges, bumblebees love flowering weeds. In collaborating with Natural England and Cranham Common Trust. Gill Hopkins: [gill.hopkins235@gmail.com](mailto:gill.hopkins235@gmail.com) 01452 812485 CCMT



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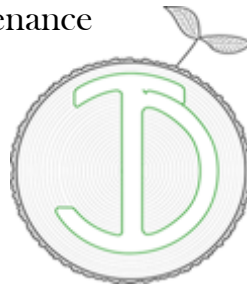
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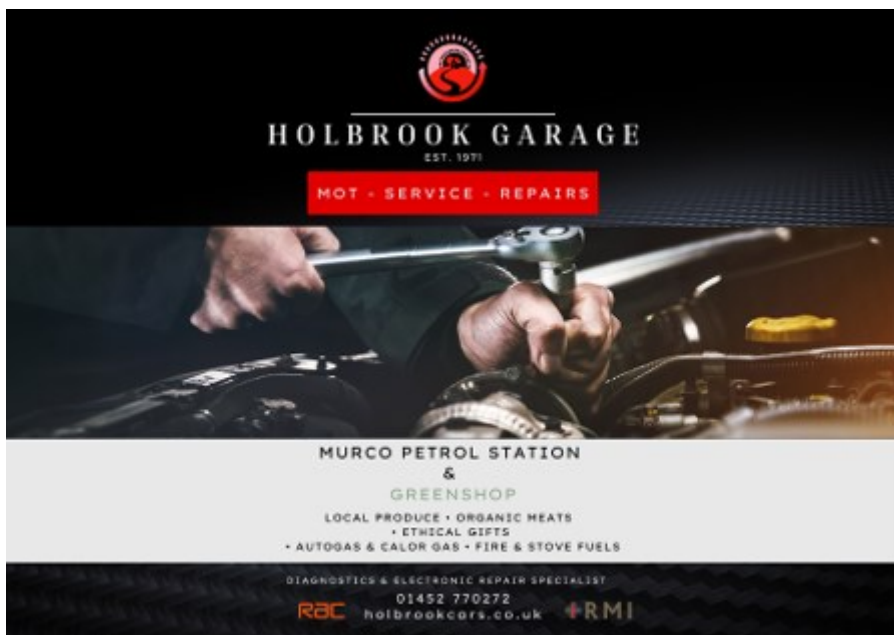
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Sue Stick

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.

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## Cranham Village Lunch

Village Lunch will be held on:

**Monday 20th March** 12.15 for 12.30pm  
in the Scout H.Q.

**Menu for this month will be:**

Fruit Juice

Sausages, Mash, Cabbage and Baked Beans  
with Onion Gravy

Followed by:

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<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
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<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 9.00am - 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.

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**WEDNESDAY 15th MARCH 2023**

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on **Sunday 26th March** or thereabouts.

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# CRANHAM DIARY

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## MARCH 2023

2	Thurs	Ramble	Village Hall	9.45am
		Cranham Feast AGM	Village Hall	8.00pm
4	Sat	Garden Society Talk	B'field V. Hall	10.30 for 11.00am
5	Sun	Evening Worship	Church	6.30pm
7	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
		Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.00pm
10	Fri	Quiz & Chill Night	Village Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm start
12	Sun	Holy Communion	Church	11.00am
14	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
		Flicks in the Sticks	Bisley V Hall	7.30 for 8.00pm
15	Wed	<b>** Magazine Contributions Due **</b>		
		Foodbank	Painswick	10.00am - 12noon
		Village Hall Meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm
16	Thurs	Ramble	Village Hall	9.45am
		History Society Talk	Village Hall	7.45pm
18	Sat	Commons Trust AGM	Village Hall	10.00am
		Concert	St.Mary's	3.00pm
19	Sun	Mothering Sunday Service	Church	11.00am
20	Mon	Village Lunch	Scout HQ	12noon
21	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
25	Sat	Village Tidy Up	Village Hall	10.00am meet
26	Sun	Morning Prayer	Church	11.00am
		Afternoon Tea	Village Hall	2.00 - 5.00pm
28	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
30	Thurs	Ramble	Village Hall	9.45am

## APRIL 2023

1	Sat	Concert	St. Mary's	3.00pm
13&27	Thurs	Rambles		
22&23	Sat/Sun	Monster Trail	Village Event	10.00am - 4.00pm
29	Sat	Table Top Sale	Village Hall	10.00am - 3.00pm