

Cranham Village Magazine

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A Letter from The Clergy



Clergy Article - PETER THE ROCK

At the end of June, we celebrate the feast day of St. Peter the Apostle. Pentecost is the main time of the year when ordinations to the Diaconate and the Priesthood take place in our great cathedrals and parish churches. People often say they wonder where the time goes as the years fly by. I can hardly believe that come 25th June 2023 I shall celebrate the 45th (Sapphire Jubilee) of my ordination as a priest in Lincoln cathedral. The ordaining bishop was Simon Phipps, a lovely, gentle, compassionate man, who was himself consecrated as bishop by the saintly Michael Ramsey who, in my view was the greatest Archbishop of Canterbury of the 20th century. In one of the transepts of Lincoln cathedral you will find a wonderful bronze statue of another Anglican saint - Bishop Edward King who was a much - loved pastoral Bishop of Lincoln from 1885 to 1910. I love to read his Spiritual Letters to members of the clergy of Lincolnshire. Three great examples of exemplary episcopal ministry – Phipps, Ramsey, and King. The present Bench would do well to follow their Godly examples.

I remember as an ordinand in the early 1970s at Lincoln Theological College a very wise Hospital Chaplain described the ministry as “Wasting Time for God’s Sake!”. I’m not sure if I have wasted the last 45 years but I can think of no finer calling than a call to serve God in Holy Orders.

Please pray for more vocations to the sacred ministry in order to continue the ministry of Our Blessed Lord once committed to St. Peter with the words “Thou art Peter, the Rock and upon this Rock I will build my church and the gates of Hell will never prevail against it.

EVERY BLESSING,

Father David Reynish

Cranham Parish Council website

lots of info including the minutes of meetings

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

Worship in Cranham - June 2023

Sunday 4th 6.30pm Evening Worship Karen
 Sidesman Nicole Wotherspoon
 Readers Clive Hayden *Isaiah 6.1-8*
 Nicky Overs *John 16.5-15*

Sunday 11th 11am Holy Communion Sarah & Sue
 Sidesman Sylvia Ardron
 Readers Richard Tyson *Hosea 5.15 - 6.6*
 Sue Williams *Romans 4.13-25*

Sunday 18th 6.30pm Evensong BCP Revd. Pat Freeth
 Sidesman Sarah Taylor
 Readers Alastair Sammon *1 Samuel 21.1-15*
 Anthea Glibbery *Luke 11.14-28*

Sunday 25th 11am Morning Prayer John Watts
 Sidesman Julie Berry
 Readers Julie Berry *Acts 13.14b-26*
 Nicki Clapton *Luke 1.57-66,80*

Please see page 6 for other Benefice Service's

Clergy:	Readers:	Permission to Officiate:
<i>(Rector) Vacancy</i>	Mr. Mike Campbell	Revd. Canon Michael Irving
Revd. Sarah Haslam	Mrs. Liz Eden	Revd. Paul Kenchington
<i>(Interim Minister)</i>	Mrs. Sue Hartley	Revd. David Newell
Revd. Andrew Leach <i>(Associate Priest)</i>	Worship leader in training:	Revd. David Reynish
	Mrs Karen Riding	Revd. Helen Sammon

Church Flowers

4th June Nichol Wotherspoon

18th June Helen Sammon



Church Cleaning

3rd June Sue Stick

10th June Sarah Taylor

17th June Anita Bradnum

24th June Deb Wallace



Refreshments will be served after the following services:

11th June 11am Holy Communion

25th June 11am Morning Prayer



Foodbank

The Trussel Trust has issued its End of Year statistics which make for sobering reading. Food banks in the Trussell Trust network distributed close to 3 million (2,986,203) emergency food parcels (nationally) between 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023. This is the most parcels that the network has ever distributed in a financial year and represents a 37% increase from the same period in 2021/22.

With your help, we have contributed to this support for those in need – thank you! Our next collection will be on Wednesday 14th June in the Stamages Lane car park. **PLEASE NOTE** – we will no longer be collecting at the stocks, only in the car park.

Please may we ask for non perishable food items, in particular cooking oil, tinned vegetables and potatoes, jam, peanut butter, marmite, savoury snacks, washing up liquid and laundry liquid.

Your help has made a real difference! Thank you.

The Foodbank Team

Benefice Services - June 2023

For detailed Cranham services please see 4

4th June Trinity Sunday

11.00am	Sheepscombe	Benefice Holy Communion	Paul
6.30 pm	Cranham	Evening Worship	Karen

11th June Trinity 1

9.30am	Pitchcombe	Morning Prayer	Lay led
10.00am	Painswick	Holy Communion	David R
11.00am	Cranham	Holy Communion	Sarah, Sue preach
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Holy Communion	Mike
4.00 pm	Edge	Songs of Praise	Arch Deacon Hilary

18th June Trinity 2

10.00am	Painswick	Holy Communion	David R
11.00am	Harescombe	Holy Communion	Sarah
6.30pm	Cranham	Evensong (BCP)	Pat

25th June Birth of John the Baptist

Patronal festival for Edge, Pitchcombe & Harescombe

9.30am	Pitchcombe	Holy Communion (BCP)	David R
10.00am	Painswick	Beacon Praise	Liz, Sarah & Paul
11.00 am	Cranham	Morning Prayer	Lay led John Watts
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www.beaconbenefice.org.uk

Extracts from The Messenger – June 2023

Birds and bugs benefit from diocesan wildlife grant in Dursley

A diocesan environment grant, dedicated to helping local parish churches deliver new environmental initiatives, has enabled St James the Great, Dursley, to establish multiple projects in its urban gardens and grounds.



St James the Great stands in the heart of Dursley town centre and has seen extensive renovation and restoration work. Five years ago, members from the worshipping community formed an Eco Church group with a shared interest in promoting care for the church and local environment.

Gillian Mather, a member of the group, says, “Our initial focus was to achieve the Eco Church Bronze Award. We attended a training event run by the diocesan Environmental Engagement Officer and by working through the issues raised in the scheme’s questionnaire, we were able to direct many of our plans, including promoting the wildlife in our urban churchyard.”

In recent years, the group has introduced several projects including the introduction of ‘No Mow May’, liaison with the local ‘Men’s Shed’ group to help with the manufacture of eight bird nesting boxes, and the construction of a substantial bug hotel.

“The bug hotel is not only encouraging the insect and minibeast population in the churchyard, but it is also a visible point of interest for the worshipping community who use the public footpath close by. It provides a focal point for several of our Churches Count on Nature events, including Guides, Brownies and local primary school events. Most recently, the young people were shown how it is possible to construct their own small insect hotel at home using a tin or flowerpot.”

Visit Caring for God’s Acre website to find out which churches are taking part in your area, or why not go along to your local church and see what nature you can discover in the grounds? www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/get-involved/view-events

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Children's book explains issues around bats in churches

Bats in Churches has published its first ever children's book to explain the benefits and challenges of bats roosting in churches.

The story, written by Bats in Churches engagement officers Rose Riddell and Diana Spencer and illustrated by Chris Shields, was inspired by the real-life case of All Saints, a Grade II listed 12th century church in Braunston-in-Rutland. where the impact of bat droppings and urine was causing such an impact that they considered closing it.



Rose and Diana were inspired to create a children's book to help communicate the issues around bats in churches to a younger audience and their families, as well as raise awareness of the impact of habitat loss caused by human activities on bats.

Find out more about the book and order a copy here:

batsinchurches.org.uk/2022/06/16/the-little-church-bat

**Blue plaque reveals more about Christian leader
A blue plaque commemorating the life of influential evangelist George Whitefield has been updated to give a more rounded account of his life story.**

Following a review of the city's monuments and statues carried out by Gloucester City Council and a commitment to providing a more balanced view of the city's links to the transatlantic slave trade, more information has been added to various plaques.



The plaque at St Mary de Crypt now includes Whitefield's support for slavery, which he campaigned to be relegalised in the American state of Georgia, and mentions that he owned a plantation which helped fund an orphanage he'd set up to teach young boys.

The Revd Canon Nikki Arthy, Rector of St Mary de Crypt Church, said: "Systemic failures of the past and present can only be addressed when we learn more about our history. Discover DeCrypt continues to reaffirm a commitment to racial justice seeking to respect, honour and care for all people."

The 'Tradition and Legacy: A Spotlight on George Whitefield' exhibition runs until Sunday, 8 October at the Museum of Gloucester.

Take action against modern slavery in the Diocese of Gloucester

The 'Make it slavery-free' campaign invites people to take a pledge to make their community slavery-free. Visit The Clewer Initiative's website for ideas and resources such as posters and pledge materials to display in your church, workplace or community space:

theclewerinitiative.org/campaigns/anti-slavery-day-make-it-slavery-free

Events and training

More details for all these events at gloucester.anglican.org/events

Churches Count on Nature at Minchinhampton

10th June, 10:30am to 11.30am

Holy Trinity Church, Minchinhampton GL6 9JH

People of all ages are invited to come along to the churchyard to help spot creatures and plants that are living there. Results will contribute to a national database providing vital environmental information.

Taking part in Churches Count on Nature near you? Share with us what you are doing and send in your pictures to **kowen@glosdioc.org.uk**

Quiet days

13th June, 10am to 4pm Brownhill Monastery, Stroud, GL6 8AL

Often in the busyness of life we rush from one situation to another not giving ourselves the opportunity to recharge and reflect on God's call on our own lives. In the beautiful countryside of Stroud, enjoy a chance to stop and reflect.

gloucester.anglican.org/quiet-day-10-2-2-2-2-2

Gloucestershire Symphony Orchestra Summer Concert

17th June, 7.30pm St Barnabas, Stroud Road, Gloucester, GL1 5LJ

There's a subtle nod to the Coronation in GSO's Summer Concert programme, which features the beautiful Overture 'Proud Thames' by English composer Elizabeth Maconchy. Tickets £12, under 18s free.

gloucestershiresymphony.org.uk

Young People & Social Justice

21st June, 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Cooke Room, St Mary DeCrypt, Southgate St, Gloucester GL1 2DR

Explore some of the current issues young people are vocal about, how we can be facilitators for them to take meaningful action, and perhaps most importantly, how we can take the whole church on the journey together. Open to all.

gloucester.anglican.org/young-people-social-justice

Have your say

Visit Facebook **Diocese.of.Gloucester**, email Katherine at **kclamp@glosdioc.org.uk**, follow us on Twitter **@glosdioc**, view videos on YouTube **Diocese of Gloucester** or visit our website **gloucester.anglican.org**

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CRANHAM TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club Night will run from Thursday 1st June every Thursday night from 6.00pm to 8.00pm until Thursday 31st August.

Everyone is welcome, regardless of ability and the first three sessions will be open to any Non-Members who just want to have a try.

So please just come along, hit some balls and have some fun.

Contact David Bonney (Tel: 812120) for any more details.



Able Community Care

Since 2019 Able Community Care, a nationwide, live-in, care company, has given out, free, almost 140,000 'DO NOT KNOCK' door stickers to older and disabled people who do not wish to answer the door to strangers. As a result of the tales told to us, we have decided to continue the offer during 2023.



If you would like to receive a door stickers for yourself or an elderly or disabled relative, please email to: info@ablecommunitycare.com with how many you would like to receive and an address to send them to. (No addresses will be kept or passed on).

This door sticker could be an opportunity to keep someone safer in 2023.

www.ablecommunitycare.com

Angela Gifford
Managing Director

CRANHAM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY:

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

History Outing to Lechlade on Thames - Sunday 4th June 2023

10.45: Meet at car park in Lechlade

11.00: Guided walk around historic town centre, church and the site of St John's Priory, led by members of the Lechlade History Society

1.15: Lunch (venue to be arranged)

2.30: Free time in Lechlade and/or in surrounding area, one suggestion being Buscot House (NT)

Travel: self-drive

If interested, please contact Hazel or Norma as soon as possible:

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Norma Kay: 07720 046802, kaynorma05@gmail.com

**The Cotswold Navy:
Exploring our region's inseparable links with the sea**

A talk given to the Cranham Local History Society by

Paul Barnett on 4th May

We had been looking forward to a return visit from Paul (he's previously talked about the Purton hulks down by Sharpness) and we were not disappointed. A Tynesider by birth, 'it's empty' was his response when he first cast eyes on the Severn. Paul has done much over the years to bring the river back to life.

The title of his talk refers to the 'Cotswold navy'. There were two 'navies' as Paul described them, the civilian and the military. On the civilian side there were the boat builders, and specifically the builders of lighters, the barges that plied the Sharpness to Gloucester canal and beyond. Two shipbuilders stood out, GT Beard and Chadburn. Beard was responsible for the Stroudwater barge which solved the problem of turning a barge on a narrow canal without 'winding holes' (places to turn), by simply removing the rudder from one end and attaching it to the other. Chadburn had a fleet named for local villages including Cuffley, Birdlip – and Cranham. Cranham survives it seems as one of the many hulks propping up the canal wall near Sharpness.

The Cotswolds military navy, by contrast, took to the high seas on ships which local towns had no part in building, but which they sponsored. Gloucester did have a role building the concrete barges and developing blueprints for the concrete platforms ('beetles') which were part of Mulberry harbours in the 1944 Normandy landings. But Paul's main focus was on the remarkable Warship Weeks, part of the wider National Savings campaign, when for one week in 1942 towns and cities, and communities up and down the country, raised money ('by whist drives or selling gin or whatever it was...', in Paul's words) to help re-equip a navy which no longer needed dreadnoughts but did need minesweepers and submarines for the very different kind of warfare, not least convoy protection, the country was faced with. The Warship Weeks campaign was spread over twenty-four weeks and raised an extraordinary £956 million. There was a shopping list to choose from, with a destroyer coming in at £700,000. £210,000 would buy the hull, £250,000 the engine room and auxiliary items, £240,000 the guns and ammunition. It was all spelt out, from a bolt, or lifebelt, or a sick bed, to a torpedo, at £2,000 each.

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Paul quoted Dursley as a specific example: £253,000 went toward a T Class submarine, HMS Trident, which had been laid 1938 – it already existed, but no matter, the town could adopt it as its own. In its time it torpedoed at least one ship, ‘winged’ the ‘Prinz Eugen’, and trailed the ‘Turpitz’. In 1946 it was sold for scrap: its pennant and bell are in the local parish church. Ships sponsored by other places had less glamorous lives. Cheltenham’s HMS Legion was sunk in Valletta harbour. Chipping Sodbury’s Tutankhamen was torpedoed even before the name was officially assigned and Evesham’s Jupiter was also torpedoed.

There was it seems a degree of inter-urban rivalry. Gloucester fell short of its target (though it raised £42 million over the seven days), Cheltenham on the other hand had a £130,000 excess: asked whether it would agree to transfer the excess to Gloucester it refused. At a more practical level Cheltenham had responded well to appeals to hand over steel or cast-iron railings, and milk pans, but neither were used: the cast-iron went for scrap, being the wrong grade. But the public weren’t to know this. They were doing their bit.



A fascinating discussion about HMS Cranham, a minesweeper [M2701] launched in 1953, brought the meeting to a close. The bell from the ship was presented to the village in 1967 and it is sounded each year to end the Remembrance Day minute’s silence. (Information from Jan Whitton.)

A big thank you to Paul.

Chris Collier

Brimpsfield & Mid-Cotswold Garden Society

As we move from a rather chilly and wet spring into what we hope will be a pleasant summer, your garden's spring bulb display will be drawing to a close. You may still have alliums, and perhaps late tulips, in bloom, but the main display will be past, to be replaced by summer flowers. You probably won't be thinking about next spring's display just yet, but this is the time to give some thought to how to have an even better show next year. After all, these are the plants that give us so much pleasure in the dark days of late winter when a host of golden daffodils, or crocus or early tulips, is just the thing to lift your spirits, and they are worth a few minutes of planning. Have you seen varieties in someone else's garden that you would like to try? Or do you have a corner of the garden – or maybe a new pot – that would benefit from some extra spring colour? The bulb suppliers' catalogues will be available soon with a wide range of varieties – but be warned, they can be addictive! If you're not wanting new bulbs but your existing ones are a bit congested, there is still time to lift them, split the clumps and replant them at a better spacing so that they flower more successfully next year – or give some to a friend or neighbour!



The Garden Society's main summer event is the Open Gardens in Birdlip on Saturday 3rd June; come to Birdlip Village Hall (behind the school) from 2pm for a map of the six gardens that will be open. The cost is £5 per person or £8 for a couple, to include tea and home-made cake which will be available in the hall from 2.00pm until 4.00pm. This will be an excellent opportunity to see a variety of gardens with ideas for you to try in your own plot, so come along and enjoy!

CRANHAM VILLAGE HALL



Wednesday 5th July 2023

7.00pm - Village Hall

Rachel Monro

(Chairperson VH Committee)

07737 545159



Rachel's pop up
Café



AT CRANHAM VILLAGE HALL

June

Tuesday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Opening 10am until 4pm

serving take aways or table service in the committee room

Teas & coffee, cakes & bakes,

Breakfast & brunch & light lunches

Friday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Opening 9am until 12.30pm

serving teas & coffee, cakes & bakes, breakfast for take away

or table service in the committee room with the main hall being available for



NB...Committee room is reserved for quiet natter & guests!!

**All advertised opening times are subject to road closures
restricting access to the Village Hall**

*A café for the community
- providing a place to meet friends & neighbours*

Ebworth

It has been wonderful enjoying the spring arriving up at Ebworth. There are lots of skylarks up on Overtown Farm it's a joy hearing them sing, there are lots of yellowhammers about too. In the woods two summer migrants, chiffchaffs and blackcaps can be heard singing away. The bluebells and ramsons have been looking amazing in the woods. A great place to see them is along the bridleway down from Foston's Ash. Keep an eye out for yellow archangel growing in sunny spots near the sides of paths in the woodlands. It is a relative of the nettle with lovely whorls of yellow flowers. It really stands out at this time of year. This year seems to have been a good year for cowslips. They have been seen in spots not seen before.



I am on a high as I write this because I have just found 3 green-winged orchids on Overtown whilst doing a butterfly survey. These could well be new records for the site and certainly for the fields they were found in. Two of them are particularly exciting because they are in a field which our amazing tenants reverted from arable to permanent pasture 7 years ago. It's amazing to see these rare orchids colonising so quickly (orchids grow slowly)!

I gave a bird walk around Ebworth for the Stroud Valleys Project in April. This was really well attended with 15 people coming along. We had a nice morning's walk highlights being; wheatears and yellowhammers along the drive, marsh tits and blackcaps in the woods and a male redstart.

Looking forward June is probably the best time of year for wildlife at Ebworth. There will be orchids galore in the form of white helleborine and birds-nest orchids in the woods and pyramidal and common spotted can be seen from the public footpaths on Overtown Farm. It's good for butterflies too. Look for big, bright orange, silver-washed fritillaries in the woods.

Tom Griffin

Area Ranger

Ebworth and Crickley Hill

Cranham in old Pictures

Over 100 including some new
HISTORICAL IMAGES of CRANHAM

**A
POWER POINT SHOW**

**In the VILLAGE HALL
Saturday afternoon 17th June**

Doors open 2.15pm - 2.30pm start

**Donations in aid of
UKRAINE & CRANHAM VILLAGE HALL**



Interval – Refreshments available

Cranham Village Lunch

This will be held on

Monday 12th June

12.15 for 12.30

in the Village Hall

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

Menu for this month will be:

Fruit Juice/Elderflower

Coronation Chicken and Rice

French Baguette and Butter

Green Salad and Tomatoes.

Profiteroles or Fresh Fruit Salad

Tea/coffee.

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

Thank you, Nicky.

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



Fix my Street

website to report potholes and fly tipping etc

<https://www.fixmystreet.com>



A MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Featuring handbells and voices in aid of



**At The Pavilion
Hatherley Lane, Cheltenham GL51 6PN**

at 3pm on Saturday 1 July 2023

Refreshments available during the interval

Retiring collection

**For more information contact:
jennybarracough3@gmail.com**

The Children's Society 2023 Box Collection – Thank You

Thank you very much to all Collection Box holders in the Beacon Benefice, altogether I have been able to send **£283** to the Children's Society which is a fantastic amount - that just goes to show that all that loose change does mount up! Despite the fact, that loose change is fast becoming a thing of the past and many are choosing to donate directly with The Children's Society. If you wish to do this, please go to childrenssociety.org.uk

I'm sorry if I wasn't able to personally thank you when returning your box or receipt, but I really do appreciate the time you give to help the Children's Society do its valuable work. Here's some of our latest info:

Last year, thanks to supporters like you, we worked with over 12.500 vulnerable children and young people, bringing life changing support. This includes helping families trapped in poverty and debt, providing support for young carers and combating child sexual exploitation.

If you're interested in having a Children's Society Collection box please contact me, or if you'd like to make a donation to The Children's Society please get in touch. Many Thanks Victoria Soutar – 07900 451248

Village e-mail system

Communication by email is now an essential part of everyday life and has become very useful within Cranham to advise of meetings, road closures, and many other things. Currently there are 221 recipients on our mailing list. The app we use permits us to generate one email per day , which the system then magically sends to everyone.

We are limited to one per day, so please submit your copy in plenty of time to cranhammail@gmail.com to avoid disappointment. The preferred format is jpeg or just normal text.

The Parish Council is looking for a volunteer to take over the running of this important service.

Please contact me for more information.

Nigel Cooper 813870

cllrcoopercranhampc@gmail.com



Join Sportily on Monday 5th June

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!

Indoor and outside 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.

Indoor and outside 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>

Sportily Holiday Club

The Croft School Painswick 31st May and 1st June

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,

for School Years 3 to 6.



The Cranham Bluebell Project

SUPPORTING

The BIG SPACE Cancer Appeal

Help us transform cancer care
in Gloucestershire

2023/2024 Events

Race Night

Flappers

New Year event

Quiz

Auction of Promises

Guess weight of
fleece, treasure hunt,
picnic

Barn dance

Sunflower breakfast

Dinner

THE CRANHAM BLUEBELL PROJECT

Introducing The Cranham Bluebell Project. A year of fund-raising events to support the Big Space Cancer Appeal which aims to provide custom made facilities for cancer patients and their companions at Cheltenham General Hospital. These are sadly lacking at the moment.

There will be nine events starting in the autumn, finishing one year later.

We know Cranhamites will give all of these great support in their usual encouraging and generous ways so please look at the poster - you'll be seeing a lot of it in the future!

If you would like to know more, please contact:

Lyn Barker 07808 938883

Linda de Cossart 07778 215801

Marcia Lynall 07887 933339

Jean Skinner 07985 031148

CRANHAM TENNIS CLUB COACHING

I am delighted to confirm that Charlie will be doing our Coaching this Year for both Juniors and Adults . A reminder that our first session will run from Monday 29th May, all week through to Friday 2nd June.

Starting at 9.30am and on to 12.00/12.30pm, depending on the numbers taking part.

We are able to hold the prices down to £5 per hour for the Juniors.

Please contact David Bonney (Tel: 812120) to confirm your place.



Cotswold Marathon



50th Annual Scout and Guide Cotswold Marathon

The 50th annual Cotswold Marathon took place this year on Saturday 11th February. Nearly 500 scout and guide members took part in the walk. They came from all over the UK with teams from Wales, Kent, the West Midlands as well as many others.

There were 3 routes for the various ages - Bronze 10 miles, Silver 20 miles and Gold 30 miles. Eight members of the Cranham Scout troop took part in the bronze section. The route started at the Scout Centre at Tuffley, passed over Robinswood Hill to Upton St Leonards, then up Watery Lane to Painswick Beacon and then through Cranham village finishing at Birdlip Village Hall. The walk started at 5:00pm so most of the walk is in the dark.

Congratulations to Emily Clapton, Joseph Berry and Izzy Cheeseman (supported by Steve Berry) who were joint 3rd overall completing the walk in an excellent time of 3 hours and 9 minutes. As a result they were presented with the Di Large Trophy and have now received their special golden boot trophies (see picture).



The second team consisting of Beatrice Rowan, Olive Berrisford and Theo Bolt (supported by Nick Boon) who were only 10 minutes behind the other team being 6th out of the 53 teams that completed the route.

Historically the Marathon has had a long history within Cranham. For the first event in 1974 there was a checkpoint set-up in the main scout camping field and in the late 70's the Scout Radio team set-up a Central Control in a field next to the Birdlip/Slad road with permission of the Whitaker family.



Well done to you all!

Full results are on the Marathon website:
www.cotswoldmarathon.org.uk

Alan Faulkner
Cotswold Marathon Co-ordinator

Notes from the Chair

Cranham Parish Council met on May 2nd.

As this was our annual meeting there were a number of administrative matters to be agreed, such as our annual financial return and review of insurance, banking arrangements, and appointment of auditor

Vacancy - There is still a vacancy on the Council. I would encourage anybody who wishes to get involved in the community to get in touch, no experience necessary, and it's only 6 meetings a year!

Speeding - The Speedwatch camera has been received and will be installed once the warning signs have been received.

Planning - The Council is a statutory consultee for all planning applications within the parish. We do not make the decision to grant or refuse, that's the District Council. Because we only meet every two months our clerk has delegated authority to assess councillors views and respond accordingly to the LPA (local planning authority- Stroud District Council). We have recently agreed a policy to reflect our concerns regarding light pollution and its detrimental environmental effect. on light pollution. In future a statement reflecting this policy will be made against all planning applications.

Grants - Council agreed a grant to assist in the upkeep of the churchyard.

Village e-mail - Moving to a new (free) provider is working well, although we are restricted to 300 mails per day, and there are 221 recipients. We are still looking for a volunteer to take over running of this essential and most useful service to the community. Interested? Please get in touch.

Full draft minutes will 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 4th July.

Nigel Cooper

Chair Cranham Parish Council

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Christian Aid Week

Week 14-20 May 2023

The lovely Christian Aid Week service at Cranham was the perfect start to this year's CA week. This was followed by the Salmon supper at St. Mary's Church rooms on Tuesday evening.



Thank you so much to the 60 guests who attended. The supper raised £1,417 for Christian Aid's work to help poor communities become more resilient to the damage caused by climate change.

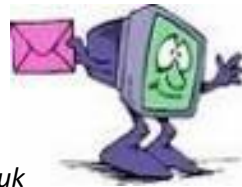
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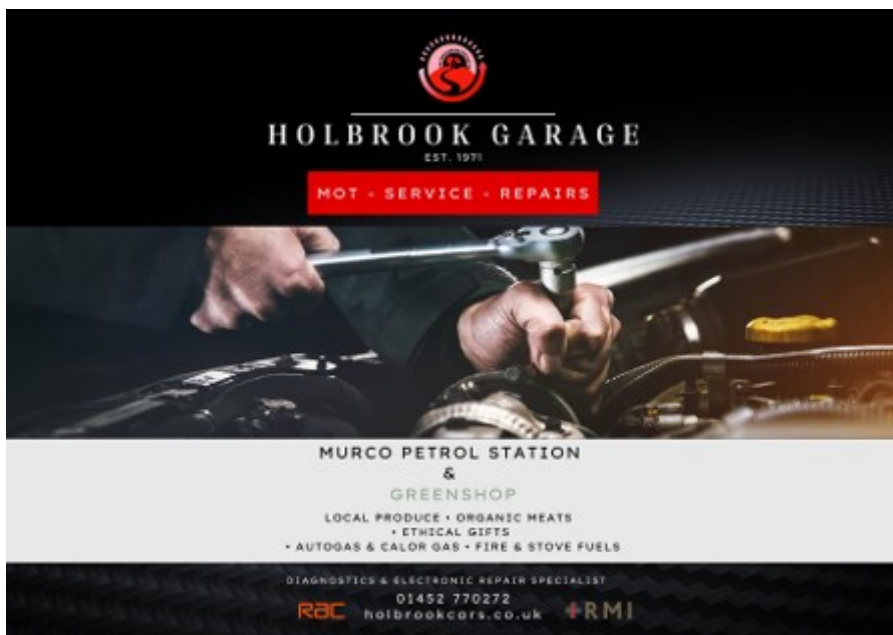
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Sportily Hangout	First Monday of month 5.00 - 6.00pm - Painswick Pavilion
Youth Space	First Monday of month 6.00 - 7.00pm - Painswick Pavilion
Orchestra	Mondays 8.00pm - V Hall (Beryl Berry 813200)
Post Office	Tuesdays 10.00am - 12noon - V Hall
Rachel's Pop Up Café	Tuesdays 10.00am - 4.00pm - V Hall
Knit & Natter	Tuesdays 1.30 – 4.00pm - V. Hall
Cranham Art Group	Tuesdays 7.00 - 9.00pm - V Hall (Lyn Barker 813025)
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Handbell Ringers	Wednesdays 9.30 - 11.30am (Jenny Barraclough 07977 997375 jenny.barraclough@btinternet.com)
Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	Wednesdays - 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
Table Tennis Club	Wednesdays 7.30 - 9.30pm - V Hall (Clive Hayden 07833 635762 chayden814@gmail.com)
Cranham Ramblers	Alternate Thursdays 9.30am - V Hall (Joan Charman 812708)
S'Combe Bridge Club	2nd and 4th Thursdays 7.00pm - Sheepscombe V Hall (Contact Joy Edwards 812588)
Tennis Club	Thursdays 6.00 – 8.00pm - Tennis Courts (Contact David Bonney 812120)
Rachel's Pop Up Café	Fridays 9.00 - 12.30pm - V Hall
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Please refrain from using ADOBE EDITOR as all articles have to be edited prior to inserting into the magazine.

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WEDNESDAY 14th JUNE 2023

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No new people in the village this month.

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

WELCOME!

CRANHAM DIARY



JUNE 2023

29 – 2	Tennis Club Coaching	Tennis Courts	9.30am start
1	Thurs Sportily Holiday Club	Croft School	10.00am – 3.00pm
3	Sat Open Gardens and Afternoon Tea		2.00pm start
4	Sun History Outing	Lechlade	10.45am meet
	Evening Worship	Church	6.30pm
6	Tues Recycling/Food Waste		
8	Thurs Ramble	Village Hall	9.45am
11	Sun Holy Communion	Church	11.00am
12	Mon Village Lunch	Village Hall	12.15 for 12.30pm
13	Tues Rubbish/Food Waste		
	Flicks in the Sticks	Bisley V Hall	7.30 for 8.00pm
14	Wed ** Magazine Contributions Due **		
	Foodbank Collection	Painswick	10.00am - 12noon
17	Sat Cranham in Old Pictures	Village Hall	2.15pm start
18	Sun Evensong	Church	6.30pm
20	Tues Recycling/Food Waste		
22	Thurs Ramble	Village Hall	9.45am
25	Sun Morning Prayer	Church	11.00am
27	Tues Rubbish/Food Waste		

JULY 2023

1	Sat Handbells & Choir Pavilion, Cheltenham		3.00pm
4	Tues Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.00pm
5	Wed Village Hall AGM	Village Hall	7.00pm
6&20	Thurs Rambles	Village Hall	9.45am

For Regular Events

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