

Cranham Village Magazine

With Cranham Parish and Benefice News and Information

July '23



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A Letter from The Clergy



NEWS FROM ST MARY'S

At St Marys the scaffolding is up and our re-roofing work is underway, and our doors are still very much open to welcome worshippers, tourists and other visitors alike as they continue to stop in at St Marys to admire this ancient place of prayer and escape the Summer sunshine/rain (delete as applicable).

People of all faiths and none are always welcome to pop in, sit quietly and just 'be', while the rest of the world busily continues 'doing'. That said, many of our usual activities will continue this month, which includes working with Sportily, hosting music groups, holding fundraising cream teas, collecting for the foodbank, in addition to our regular 10am Sunday worship services and many Summer wedding ceremonies.

I've been serving in Painswick and around the Beacon benefice as an interim minister since February now, and after a somewhat taxing interview process (does *anyone* actually enjoy job interviews?!) I am hugely delighted to say I've been appointed as the new Rector of St Mary's Painswick and the six other parishes in our benefice of Cranham, Sheepscombe, Pitchcombe, Edge, Harescombe and Brookethorpe. I shall be licensed at 4pm on Sunday 17th September and you are all very welcome to come along.

Meanwhile, working closely together with the churchwardens and the PCC, this month we will therefore also be thinking ahead to September and beyond, and will consider how we can better work with and alongside others in the village to serve the wider community. So, if you have any suggestions, please do give me a call, or drop in to St Mary's and say 'hello'.

Rev'd Sarah Haslam

Worship in Cranham - July 2023

Sunday 2nd 6.30pm	Evensong	Linda de Cossart
	Sidesman	Chris Collier
	Readers	Janet Gazzard Samuel 28.3-19 Mark Crowther Luke 17.20-end
Sunday 9th 11am	Holy Communion	Helen
	Sidesman	Anthea Glibbery
	Readers	Keith Ardron Zechariah 9.9-12 Martin Whittaker Romans 7.15-25a
Sunday 16th 6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Sue H
	Sidesman	Lindsay Burtenshaw
	Readers	Lindsay Burtenshaw Samuel 7.18-end Sarah Taylor Luke 19.41-20.8
Sunday 23rd 6.30pm	Patronal Festival	Sue H
	Songs of Praise	
	Sidesman	Sue Stick
	Readers	Phil Stick Jeremiah 26.1-15 Keith Ardron Mark 1.14-20
Sunday 30th 11am	Two Parish Holy Communion	Rev. Pat Freeth
	with Sheepscombe	
	Sidesman	Roger Moore
	Readers	Pat Chace I Kings 3.5-12 Sylvia Ardron Romans 8.26-end

Please see page 6 for other Benefice Service's

Church Flowers

2nd July Ann Green
9th & 16th July Hazel Roberts
22nd & 30th July Sarah Taylor



Church Cleaning

1st July Nicki Clapton
8th July Joan Charman
22nd July Kate Ryan
29th July Linda de Cossart



Refreshments will be served after the following services:

9th July 11.00am Holy Communion
23rd July 6.30pm Patronal Festival – Songs of Praise
30th July 11.00am Holy Communion with Sheepscombe



Cranham Parish Council website

lots of info including the minutes of meetings

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

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Rev. Sarah Haslam (Rector)	Mr. Mike Campbell Mrs. Liz Eden Mrs. Sue Hartley	Rev. Canon Michael Irving Rev. Paul Kenchington Rev. David Newell
Rev. Andrew Leach (<i>Associate Priest</i>)	Worship leader in training: Mrs Karen Riding	Rev. David Reynish Rev. Helen Sammon

Benefice Services - July 2023

For detailed Cranham services please see page 4

2nd July Trinity 4

11.00am	Harescombe	Benefice Holy Communion	Sarah. Mike to preach
6.30 pm	Cranham	Evening Worship	Linda de Cossart

Wednesday 5th July

11.30 am	Richmond	Holy Communion	Andrew
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9th July Trinity 5

9.30am	Edge	Holy Communion	Sarah
9.30am	Pitchcombe	Morning Prayer	Lay led
10.00am	Painswick	Holy Communion	Paul
11.00am	Cranham	Holy Communion	Helen
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Morning Worship	Sarah

16th July Trinity 6

10.00am	Painswick	Holy Communion	David R
11.00am	Harescombe	Holy Communion	Helen, Liz to preach
6.30am	Cranham	Evensong (BCP)	Sue H

Tuesday 18th July

11am	Resthaven	Holy Communion	Sarah
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23rd July Trinity 7

Patronal Festival Saint James the Great

9.30am	Pitchcombe	Holy Communion (BCP)	Sarah
10.00am	Painswick	Beacon Praise	Liz and Paul
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Holy Communion	Andrew
6.30pm	Cranham	Songs of Praise	Sue Hartley

30th July Trinity 8

10.00am	Painswick	Holy Communion	Andrew
11.00am	Cranham with Sheepscombe	Holy Communion	Rev. Pat Freeth
11.00am	Edge with Pitchcombe & Harescombe	Holy Communion	David R

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www.beaconbenefice.org.uk

Recognising the difference a volunteer can make

Jane Brown served 10 years as Parish Safeguarding Officer at St Lawrence, Barnwood, Gloucester. Having stepped down, we reflect on the lasting impression she made to her worshipping community and the wider diocesan team.

In her time acting as PSO, Jane raised the profile of safeguarding among the worshipping community at St Lawrence. Out of 65 roles, including clergy, church officers and volunteers, a fantastic 91% have completed the appropriate safeguarding training in the past year, to help keep them and those around them safe in the church. She's also been responsible for keeping DBS checks up to date.

The Revd Rob Crofton said, "Jane has done a fantastic job in overseeing this important area. She's supported me as vicar in dealing with any safeguarding issues that have arisen and ensured our PCC is regularly kept informed about safeguarding matters. She's dealt with the reviewing and publishing of our policies and ensured that we are compliant with our procedures.

"We are all really grateful to her for all she has done. She has now handed the baton to our new PSO, Heather Walker, and we wish Jane every blessing in her next steps of serving God."

Jane has encouraged all the volunteers to do safeguarding training. If people were not comfortable with learning online, Jane arranged in-person sessions for them and has also helped with arranging Farsi language training for Iranian volunteers.

She's worked closely with the Diocesan Safeguarding team and has been a valued part of the PSO network meetings.

Becca Faal, the diocesan Strategic Lead for Safeguarding Training and Learning said, "Jane has been a delight to have in our wider team of parish safeguarding officers. She has been very dedicated to the role and has also been very encouraging and supportive to the Diocesan Safeguarding team."

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Jane says, “What a privilege it has been to be one of the first PSOs in Gloucester Diocese ten years ago. I have particularly enjoyed encouraging church officers and volunteers to come to understand safeguarding and promoting the culture and training courses. A last special piece of work was to help to facilitate face-to-face training for our Iranian church volunteers.

“It has been emotional to finally step down from this role but with honour and pride to have been called by God to do this vital and rewarding work.”

Being an Eco Church is easier than you think

With more churches signing up to A Rocha’s Eco Church Award scheme, we love to follow their journeys to achieving Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards. We all can make a difference, and it’s often taking the small steps that add up to create the big change. From simple things like using hymns that celebrate God’s creation to creating a wildlife area in the churchyard, you never know, you might qualify for an Eco Church Award already.

Find out more: gloucester.anglican.org/living-faith/environment/eco-church-in-an-hour

Children’s book offers fresh approach to combining faith and science

Liz Cole, a member of the worshipping community in Woodchester, has published a book which aims to break the taboos around science and faith in a fun and engaging way.

The book, *God’s Cosmic Cookbook*, has been published by Hodder Faith, in collaboration with the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, in Cambridge.



Liz says, “I noticed there was a real divide between what children learn and understand about God and what they are taught about science, and there was a huge gap in resources that combined the two in a way that was engaging to a younger audience. Studying them both gives us a much fuller understanding of just how awesome our God is. It is my hope that this book will

be used by churches, schools and families to help them explore this miraculous world in which we live for themselves.”

Read more: gloucester.anglican.org/childrens-book-offers-fresh-approach-to-combining-faith-and-science

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Gardening group brightens up Gloucester Cathedral

Every week, volunteers from across the Diocese meet at the Cathedral to care for the gardens and develop their life and social skills. The Gardening for Wellbeing group was formed to enable adults of all abilities to learn more about gardening, build community and achieve qualifications in basic skills. Open to anyone, the group has been particularly appreciated by those who are looking for a way to boost their health and wellbeing.

Read more: gloucester.anglican.org/gardening-for-wellbeing-group-brightens-up-gloucester-cathedral

Events and training

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

**An evening with Jonathan Veira – The Unlockdown Tour
8th July, 7pm to 10pm**

St John's Church, St John's Avenue, Gloucester, GL3 2DB

International singer Jonathan Veira is coming to Churchdown as part of his Unlockdown Sessions Live Tour. Jonathan is known from his appearances on Songs of Praise and at Spring Harvest and many other events.

gloucester.anglican.org/an-evening-with-jonathan-veira-the-unlockdown-tour

Motherhood and ministry seminar

17th July, 10.30am to 5pm

Online

This seminar aims to encourage young women to ordained ministry; explore the issues and concerns that might be raised realistically and with honesty; and to share ways of dealing with challenging aspects of the combination of motherhood and ministry.

gloucester.anglican.org/motherhood-and-ministry-seminar-online

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Three Choirs Festival

22nd to 29th July

Gloucester Cathedral, College Green, Gloucester, GL1 2LX

This historic festival showcases rich and varied musical traditions from across the centuries and the world. From an evening offering in the Cathedral featuring the festival's own choirs alongside three internationally renowned orchestras, to a lively and varied family programme, there is something for every music-lover. The Festival Village will host free performances on the community bandstand and there will be free rehearsals in the Cathedral.

3choirs.org

Musica Deo Sacra 2023

31st July to 6th August

Tewkesbury Abbey, Church Street, Tewkesbury GL20 5RZ

An annual festival celebrating music in the liturgy, held in the magnificent setting of Tewkesbury Abbey. A choir of professional and semi-professional singers assembles to sing some of the finest music composed for the church over many centuries. **tewkesburyabbey.org.uk/music**

Have your say

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Christian Aid



'Drought' for us in our beautiful part of the world usually means the inconvenience of not watering our gardens. But for so many in the world, now affected by climate change, a lack of expected rain means that crops will not grow, and people will not be able to feed their family for the rest of the year. Poverty, famine and despair result.

So, thank you to everyone in Cranham for your generous support of our Christian Aid collection this year. We are delighted that we reached, and exceeded, our target – collecting a total of **£1,260**. The majority of this was through our e-envelope scheme, and the rest from the cash envelopes. Throughout the Benefice we raised an amazing £10,000.

Christian Aid supports people of all nationalities and faiths to bring relief and hope. They work through local organisations in different parts of the world supporting small scale farmers, reducing child and maternal mortality, bringing resilience to climate change through agricultural development and aiding settlement of refugees.

Thank you to all who helped with the practicalities of the collection, but above all to all of you who contributed. If you have any comments or suggestions about the collection process do please let us know.

Alastair and Helen Sammon, Windycot

GREAT NEWS!

Following the interview process, Reverend Sarah Haslam has been offered the role as our new Rector and has accepted.

Sarah spoke and shared her vision for the benefice at the interview and it is clear that her passion and communication within leadership matches our profile very well. Bishop Rachel and the Patrons share their joy with us at Sarah's appointment and are delighted.

The appointment is subject to the usual statutory HR processes which will be completed shortly.

In more practical terms Sarah will continue with us on placement for the next few weeks. She will then take some time off prior to her return and licensing. This will allow her and her family to have a good holiday and proper time to move, find schools and settle in Painswick.

Bishop Rachel has identified the best date for the official licensing as Sunday 17th September at 4.00pm in St Mary's Painswick.

Sarah will return to her curacy benefice for a farewell service at some stage over the coming weeks.

We very much look forward to the next phase of our journey together and as Sarah said in her vision for the benefice, "That we should celebrate in learning to live in the light of God's Love, growing in faith, growing in action and growing together."

CRANHAM TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club Night will run 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.



Join Longfield's colourful fun run!

Longfield Community Hospice's fun run, 'Run the Rainbow' is back by popular demand. It's taking place at Cotswold Airport on **Saturday 15th July**.

This is no ordinary 5k run. Runners – or walkers, skippers or dancers - will be pelted with powder paint and fired at with foam, whilst supporting Longfield to provide much-needed care for people with life-limiting illnesses. The route is family-friendly and there'll be street food and plenty of lively music to keep everyone motivated to get to the finish line. Afterwards, runners can chill out with a picnic and watch the planes take off and land. There's no charge for spectators, so family and friends can join in the fun – enthusiastic cheering is definitely encouraged!



What better way to spend a summer Saturday?

Registration starts at £10. The registration fee includes entry to the race, a pair of sunglasses, a pouch of powder paint and a medal on finishing. Parking is free.

85% of Longfield's funding comes from the generosity of the public. Just £55 could pay for an hour of hospice care, enabling people to die with dignity in the comfort of their own homes.

To sign up for the event, visit:
longfield.org.uk/event/run-the-rainbow

Ebworth

Another hot, dry spring. This seems to be the norm now. Although it is glorious for us to be out in the sun these extreme spells of weather can be challenging for our wildlife. Even for species which at a glance, seem to benefit from the sunny weather there can be hidden factors at play which can cause declines in populations.

One example of this is butterflies. Sunny weather is great for adult butterflies as they have the ideal conditions to fly, feed and find a mate. And because they are so active we see a lot of them too. However long dry spells can be disastrous for the caterpillars as they struggle to find juicy leaves to feed on. By maintaining diverse habitats with lots of structural diversity we can do our best to mitigate the effects of the extreme weather. More tussocky and scrubby vegetation can shelter caterpillar food plants from the heat.



Common spotted, pyramidal and bee orchids are now out in all their glory. Now is also a good time of year to see, and try to identify, composites. Composites or Asteraceae are a large group of flowers including the dandelion and daisy. They are unusual in the fact that what looks like one flower is in fact made up of many tiny florets. These are the little bumps you see in the middle of a daisy. A lot of the species look very similar making them very difficult to identify. As a family they are very important for pollinating insects because the large, open flower heads offer an easy source of pollen and nectar.

Summer is the best time to look for dragonflies and damselflies. So far, I have spotted large red, and azure damselflies on the ponds in Workmans Wood. Look out for the huge southern, brown and migrant hawkers patrolling sunny woodland rides over the summer months.



At Ebworth it's the time of year when we look after the infrastructure around the site. We had one big job to do recently. An ash tree fell over taking a large chunk of a track out with it. Extending the size of the pond slightly.... A big thank you to our volunteer John who helped shovel lots of stone on a hot day to help fill it in!"

Tom Griffin (Area Ranger)

Ebworth and Crickley Hill National Trust

Brimpsfield & Mid-Cotswold Garden Society

The good weather arrived just in time for our Open Gardens event – garden visiting is always more pleasant when the sun is shining! We hope that it will stay sunny for our Self-drive outing on Thursday 6th July, to Trench Hill at Sheepscombe; we meet at the garden at 2.30pm. The cost is £10 for non-members and £5 for members, to include tea and cake, with the Society subsidising the cost for members. We need to know numbers, so please email: brimpsfieldgardensociety@gmail.com by 30th June if you intend to come.



The Garden Society will also be running the Plant Stall at the Brimpsfield Village Fete, in aid of Brimpsfield and Birdlip churches, in the church field on Saturday 1st July; fingers crossed for the weather on that day too!

Our Annual Show takes place this year on Saturday 2nd September, in Birdlip Village Hall; although adults have to be members to take part, children do not, and there are classes for all ages – more details next month.

We are always happy to see our garden plants flowering, but the hot dry weather may have caused some vegetable plants to flower and run to seed. This often happens to salad greens such as rocket and salad mustards, if they have been sown too early. There's no need to pull them up straight away if so; their flowers and seed pods are also edible and can be added to the salad bowl. Some salads, such as the mustards, pak choi and radicchio, are best sown around now; they will provide you with greens into autumn and (weather permitting) early winter.



Reminder: Cranham Village Hall AGM

Wednesday 5th July 2023

7.00pm - Village Hall

Rachel Monro

(Chairperson VH Committee)

07737 545159

The Cub Promise, The King and our Community

Recalling the cubs walking around with trays of tea and cake at the Cricket Club for the recent Coronation picnic caused me to think about one of the more prominent lines in the Cubs Scout Promise.

The Promise is one of the more traditional aspects of Scouting and has various versions to reflect our modern, multicultural membership. Laying out a simple set of core values for cubs as they develop into young adults the Promise makes reference to doing duty to God and the King. This is perhaps the more debated aspect and the recent Coronation has brought this value to the fore offering an opportunity to consider the sentiment in more progressive times.

The King has expressed his focus on community, particularly with his reference to the UK as 'a community of communities' and I have no doubt that Cranham was at the forefront of his thoughts when he said this! The importance of community must be something that both Monarchist and Republican can unite around and agree that doing your duty to your community is a worthy value. If serving tea and cake to the people of Cranham on a sunny Sunday afternoon is supporting our community then those who choose to can claim that in serving the community have fulfilled their 'duty to the King'.

The cubs raised a total of £228 in doing their duty and as a pack we are extremely grateful to everyone who contributed and purchased cakes on the day and in doing so supported our upcoming summer camp.

However....our scouting summer of fun and duty does not end there and we have a number of other activities planned including GroveFest3!!! To be held in Daniels Grove on 1st July. Once again, the Grove will be opened up to the wider Cranham community with a festival theme, offering food, drink, activities and of course music. Without losing our core open-mic principle we are hoping to broaden the music on offer as we develop this successful community event which still forms the foundation of fundraising for the Scout Group. Ink the date into your diaries and *be prepared* for another great evening.

Following on from Grovefest3 the Cubs will be heading off on their summer Camp where they have a weekend of exciting activities, sleeping (or more likely staying awake) under canvas, eating too many sweets and heading home tired and grumpy just in time for school to restart.

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And then....(yes there is more) having had a week back at school (not recovering from camp) we have Cranham Feast, where the Scout Group will be leading the Cranham Feast parade on 9th September.

Happy Summer everyone!

Charlie Overs



Grovest3

Grovest3 (*See page 17, Ed*) is Cranham Scout Groups' third family festival to be held in Daniels Grove.

The festival aims, with the kind permission of the Cranham Scout Centre, to offer families of the community an opportunity to visit the wonderful scouting asset that we have here in Cranham whilst enjoying many of the musical talents from within and associated with the village.

All funds raised are used to support scouting in Cranham and help the group ensure our young scouts, cubs and beavers enjoy a fun, exciting and safe programme of activities throughout the year.

The gates open for everyone from 3pm so grab the family and head into the grove for a fun afternoon in a back to nature environment where you can enjoy Archery, live music, including opportunities for some karaoke, camp-fire cooking, BBQ and of course a bar.

Just remember - if you do come....Be Prepared!

THE CRANHAM BLUEBELL PROJECT

Introducing The Cranham Bluebell Project (*see also page 19*). 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:

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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

Foodbank

With your help, Painswick and the nearby villages donated over 170kg of produce to the Stroud Foodbank in May – we have received a thank you message from them and hope to continue to build on this support.

Our next collection will be on Wednesday 12th July from 10am – 12 noon in the Stamages Lane car park. **PLEASE NOTE** – we will no longer be collecting at the stocks, only in the car park. If you are unable to get to the car park, please let us know and we will endeavour to help.

Please may we ask for some of the following: dairy free products, laundry liquid, gluten free products, nappies size 5 or 6+, marmite or chocolate spread, cooking oil, rice pudding or custard, toothpaste, jam or marmalade, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, chocolate or sweet treats.

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 help has made a real difference! Thank you.

The Foodbank Team

Mobile: 07950 651228

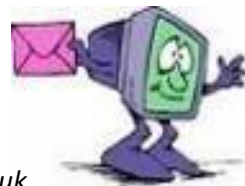
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SPORTILY HANGOUT

Painswick Youth and Community
Pavilion, Lower Washwell Lane,
Painswick GL6 6XW

First Monday of the month

5–6pm for school years 5–6

6–7pm for school years 7–13

Play games, hangout, chat, explore
the Christian faith and eat food!

Cost: £1 per session (First week
free, use code **FREESESSION**)

➤ Click here to sign up
or scan the QR code



sportily.org.uk/beacon

For more information contact
hello@sportily.org.uk
sportily.org.uk

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PLAY SPORTS. TALK LIFE

The Croft Holiday Club



At the outset of the month Sportily ran a holiday club for young people in the Painswick area. We had around eight young people on both days and had a great time!

We did some crafts together, dramas, explored the importance of relationships through the story of David in the Bible, whilst playing lots of games! Dodgeball was a massive favourite, especially making the youth leaders do an obstacle course whilst the young people threw dodgeballs at them!

Great relationships were formed, the young people had fun with many wanting to stay longer after the club ended and commenting on how it was the highlight of their holidays!

For those who may have missed out or would like your children to get involved we run a Hangout space for the young people on the first Monday of every month. Dates are below for the next hangout and also some other dates for the diary!

3rd July - Painswick Hangout @ The Pavilion - 5pm-6pm (primary school age) and 6pm-7pm (secondary school age) - going weekly from September (see poster on page 21).

8th July - Croft School Fayre - 12pm-4pm Sportily will be providing some activities.

17th July – Sportily Family BBQ - 5pm-7pm at The Pavilion - Free food, fun and games – come and find out what it’s all about.

7th - 11th August TRAC - School years 7–13 Tom Roberts Adventure Centre, Yates Farm, Newent, GL18 1HE 5-day fun filled camp full of Sports, Drama, Art, Archery, Raft building, exploring the Christian Faith and much more Cost: £140pp. For more info and to book sportily.org.uk/network. For more info and booking visit sportily.org.uk/beacon or email hello@sportily.org.uk (also see poster on page 23).

TRAC RESIDENTIAL 2023

7th – 11th August
School years 7–13

Tom Roberts Adventure Centre,
Yates Farm, Newent, GL18 1HE

5-day fun filled camp full of Sports,
Drama, Art, Archery, Raftbuilding,
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PLAY SPORTS, TALK LIFE

Cranham Village Lunch

This will be held on
Monday 10th July 12:15 for 12:30
in the Village Hall
booking would be helpful if you did not attend the June Lunch.

Menu for this month will be:

Fruit juice
Selection of Cold Meats, Cheeses and Pates
Speciality Breads
Pickles, Tomatoes and Olives
Meringue or Brandy Snap Basket
Fruit and Cream or Fresh Fruit
Tea/coffee



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

Thank you, **Nicky.**

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

A TOUR OF LECHLADE

Cranham Local History Society, 4th June 2023

Twenty members of the society gathered on a beautiful Sunday morning for a tour of Lechlade. Our guides were members of the Lechlade local history society. We began in the heart of the town, where once there had been a big market stretching west and north from the church. The town was granted its charter in 1210. Down in the arable lands of the Thames valley rather than high on the Cotswold limestone it was more an agricultural centre than a wool town. The church was rebuilt in the late 15th century and can't quite compare with the grand wool churches of places such as Northleach.

The town owed its existence to its location, as the highest navigable point of the Thames, with a 13th century bridge crossing at St John's Priory, and a ferry and ford just south of the town. A series of flash locks which held the water back to give sufficient depth awaited barges heading downstream.

The town attracted traffic along the drove road bringing animals from the west en route to London, and by a well-trodden route from the north, bringing salt from Droitwich. The old drove road is today a narrow lane with 17th century cottages. The area is known as Little London: the origins of the name are unknown but it might just be a name given to the area by drovers encountering the town after long days travelling through open country.

Other traffic would have been heading for one of the five wharves along the Thames. This would have included the cheeses recorded as a major commodity in the 17th century. The most visible of the wharves today lies alongside the Riverside inn. To the west of the inn runs Bell Lane, then the main access point to the river, today no more than a small unassuming lane. Our tour then took us away from the river to the High Street where a multitude of pubs and ale houses catered for the passing trade. We walked up Pudding Lane, more normally known as Sherborne Street, passing a fine merchant's house and a Baptist chapel dating from 1817 to join Burford Street at a point where in January 1915 a fire known locally (and maybe not accidentally) as the 'Great Fire' took out several local shops.

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All had changed with the opening of the Severn-Thames Canal in 1789, followed by the opening in 1792 of Halfpenny Bridge (named for the toll charged to pedestrians) which took coach traffic from Burford to Highworth and beyond. The terminus of the canal lies a few hundred yards to the west of the town. The river was dredged to allow the smooth flow of traffic: that put an end to the ford and ferry. Today's Riverside inn started life as a grain warehouse and the building adjacent as the canal agent's house. At the junction with the canal is a roundhouse where the local watchman lived. Coal from Staffordshire was the main commodity traded, along with grain and cheese.

From there we walked past the 18th century Ryton House, hidden behind a wall of lime trees, and the graceful vicarage (sold off in 1952) to the church, with its penance stone outside the ornate north door (you sat or stood on it, wearing a white sheet), and the contrasting plaque to poet Shelley, who on his own 'three men and a boat' trip up the Thames had stopped in 1815. Where others might have imbibed he composed his delightfully mournful poem, 'A Summer Evening Churchyard: Lechlade', which dwells on the 'placid evening' and the dead 'sleeping in their sepulchres'.

Not quite the mood of the moment. Lunch called and from there we walked the field path to the Trout Inn and St John's Bridge, some half a mile away. The inn is on the site of the original St John's Priory, also close to where the river Leach (from which the town's name is derived) joins the Thames. At the pub we were joined by crowds who were there for a steam traction fair. A big thank you to our Lechlade guides, to Hazel and Norma for organising, and also to the landlady of the Trout, who did us proud.

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Who is Brahman and what is atman?



Brahman is the supreme god that Hindus worship in several different forms. There is often confusion between Brahman and the creator deity Brahma. Brahma is one of the three images of the trinity, which consists of Brahma, the creator; Vishnu, the preserver; and Shiva, the destroyer. Hindus believe that there is a piece of Brahman inside every living creature called atman. The belief in atman is the

Megan ☺

reason of ^{most} ~~the~~ Hindus' vegetarian diet, as it would be very disrespectful to eat and kill something with a piece of Brahman inside.

What does the story of 'The Man in the Well' mean?

Hindus often use the man in the well story to understand the best way of life and not to focus only on the riches ~~in~~ life and distractions ~~and~~ but on enjoying time alive and helping those less-fortunate. In this story, the riches of life are represented as honey; the man was transfixed on reaching the honey although he was hanging from a branch with a well of venomous snakes below him. The nets surrounding the jungle that the well is in, represents that eventually life will be taken away from you. The black and white mice (representing day and night) gnawing at the branch the man is hanging from shows that one day the branch will snap, and you will fall to the snakes - representing death.



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If we have missed anyone, please accept our apologies!

Please make yourself known and we will include you next time.

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It's worth noting that there's no strict guidance on how much you can claim for loss of enjoyment but any claim you make must be reasonable. You can't get compensation if you simply didn't enjoy the holiday or if the problem was out of the holiday company's control - like bad weather.

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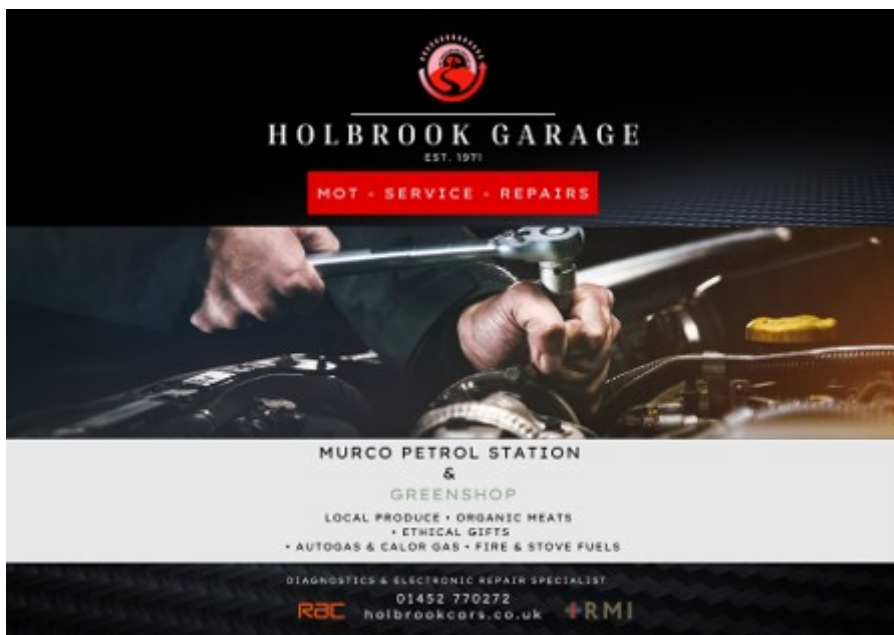
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		Handbells & Choir	Pavilion, Chelt	3.00pm
		GroveFest 3	Daniels Grove	3.00pm onwards
2	Sun	Evensong	Church	6.30pm
4	Tues	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.00pm
		Recycling/Food Waste		
5	Wed	Village Hall AGM	Village Hall	7.00pm
6	Thurs	Ramble	Village Hall	9.45am
		Self-Drive Garden Outing	Trench Hill	2.30pm onwards
8	Sat	Croft School Fayre	Croft School	12noon - 4.00pm
9	Sun	Holy Communion	Church	11.00am
10	Mon	Village Lunch	Village Hall	12.15 for 12.30pm
11	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
12	Wed	Foodbank Collection	Painswick	10.00am - 12noon
15	Sat	Run the Rainbow	Cotswold Airport	10.00am - 2.00pm
16	Sun	Evening Prayer	Church	6.30pm
17	Mon	Sportily Family BBQ	Pavilion, P'wick	5.00 - 7.00pm
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19	Wed	** Magazine Contributions Due **		
20	Thurs	Ramble	Village Hall	9.45am
23	Sun	Patronal Festival	Church	6.30pm
25	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
30	Sun	2 Parish Holy Communion	Church	11.00am

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