

# *Cranham Village Magazine*

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## *A Letter from The Clergy*



### **CHURCH NEWS - EXCITING SUMMER AHEAD!**

Last month it was announced that we would welcome a new rector, Revd. Sarah Haslam, in September. For many of us in the church community that feels like an incredible answer to prayer. To have someone to lead us forward who feels a strong calling to rural ministry and specifically to the villages of the Painswick Valley, someone who values community and wants to be supportive of schools and nurseries, as well as caring for the elderly - it's a dream come true. We look forward to exciting things happening in the area, the Church growing stronger and meeting needs better, and the love and peace of God spreading out amongst us all.

Of course, Sarah cannot do it all herself; she will lead a team of (hopefully!) willing volunteers. There is ploughing to be done! Recently at St. Mary's we heard the words of Jesus from Matthew's Gospel 11, where He said "Come to me, all who are weary and heaven laden.... Take my yoke upon you and learn from me".

In the Painswick area we don't see much ploughing by oxen any more, but the image probably still connects. The yoke which holds a pair of oxen together as they plough is a picture of how we are linked to Jesus in our loving service, our work for him, our caring for others. We are called to be in step with him, pulling alongside Him.

I'm sure Sarah has many great ideas as she prepares to start her ministry amongst us. But it has to be said, that it is the Lord's plan and purpose that matters most, for each personally, and for the Church and the Benefice. It is Jesus' vision that we need to be in step with.

My prayer for Sarah is that she will help us to discern Jesus' plan and vision, that she will cast that vision, and that, as we the community grasp it, we will all go forward **under our new Rector but yoked to Jesus**, pulling with Him (and with Sarah) and in step with the Lord.  
And.....no doubt great things lie ahead!!!!

In the meantime, we wish Sarah a happy and restorative holiday, a smooth house-move and every blessing for her September start.

***Paul Kenchington***

## Worship in Cranham - August 2023

<b>Sunday 6th</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Benefice Holy Communion</b>	<b>Andrew</b>
		Sidesman	July Berry
		Readers	Mark Crowther Daniel 7.9-10 13-14 Lindsay Burtenshaw 2 Peter 1.16-19
<b>Sunday 13th</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Helen</b>
		Sidesman	Phil Stick
		Readers	Sue Williams I Kings. 19. 9-18 Richard Tyson Romans. 10. 5-15
<b>Sunday 20th</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evensong (BCP)</b>	<b>Sue H</b>
		Sidesman	Nicole Wotherspoon
		Readers	John Bentley 2 Kings 4.1-37 Joy Bentley Acts 16. 1-15
<b>Sunday 27th</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Phil Stick</b>
		Sidesman	Chris Collier
		Readers	Chris Collier Acts 17. 15 - end Roger Moore John 6. 56-69

Please see page 6 for other Benefice Service's

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

### Church Flowers

6th, 13th & 20th August

Nicole Wotherspoon

27th Aug, 3rd Sept

Angela Harris



### Church Cleaning

5th August

Gill Firth

12th August

Di Blandford

19th August

Linda Faulkner

26th August

Beryl Berry

2nd September

Nicola Overs



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

6th August 11am

Benefice Holy Communion

13th August 11am

Holy Communion

27th August 11am

Morning Worship

10th September 3pm

Cranham Feast Service



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### Cranham Parish Council website

lots of info including the minutes of meetings

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

## **Benefice Services - August 2023**

For detailed Cranham services please see page 4

### **Wednesday 2nd August**

11.00am	Richmond	Holy Communion	Andrew
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### **Sunday 6th August The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

11.00 am	Cranham	Benefice Holy Communion	Andrew
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### **13th August Trinity 10**

11.00am	Pitchcombe	Morning Prayer & Baptism	Paul
10.00am	Painswick	Holy Communion	Andrew
11.00am	Cranham	Holy Communion	Helen
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Morning Worship	Mike

### **Wednesday 16th August**

11am	Resthaven	Holy Communion	Andrew
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### **20th August Trinity 11**

10.00am	Painswick	Holy Communion	David
11.00am	Harescombe & Edge	Holy Communion	Andrew & Karen
6.30pm	Cranham	Evensong (BCP)	Sue

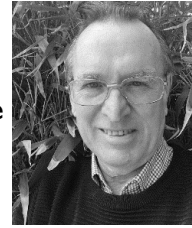
### **27th August Trinity 12**

9.30am	Pitchcombe	Holy Communion (BCP)	Pat
10.00am	Painswick	Beacon Praise	Liz and Paul
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Holy Communion	Helen
11.00am	Cranham	Morning Prayer	Lay led Phil Stick

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

Extracts from The Messenger – August 2023

**What happens when someone meets a spiritual director?  
Dr Joe Neary, a retired GP living in Birdlip, is a  
spiritual director and teaches on the Gloucestershire  
Spirituality Course. Joe uses a fictional example to  
illustrate what happens during a spiritual direction  
session.**



“A woman comes to see me. Let’s call her Harriet. She rings at the door and I show her into the space that I have prepared. A candle is lit on the table. A Bible lies beside it. These things symbolize that our conversation is not simply between the two of us, but a third person is also present.

“Harriet starts to tell me about her daily journey. How she attempts to get closer to God. She sees the pain and suffering in other people and is drawn to them in compassion. She rarely prays in the way that the church teaches, but experiences joy and serenity in the countryside and woodlands. In these times she feels drawn into a profound mystery and a beauty that is beyond words.

“At other times, Harriet feels that she can never be good enough. She is afflicted by abusive experiences from her earlier life, some of them from her earliest childhood. This has left her with a legacy of a deep sense of inadequacy. This inadequacy, often accompanied by guilt, freezes her into immobility.

“I sit quietly, listening to Harriet as she describes her feelings, her joys, and her pain. I gently validate the serenity that she experiences in nature as awareness of God, and a profound moment of prayer. I suggest that she looks back over her day every evening to pick up such moments and to celebrate them. Equally gently, I challenge her feelings of guilt. These obstruct her journey toward the sacred. So often, I find that guilt about real or imagined sin lies behind an inability to welcome God more deeply into a person’s life. Naming this guilt for what it is can be deeply liberating and healing.

“The task of spiritual direction is not one of giving direction, paradoxically enough. It is more one of directing attention. Attention to those moments of the sacred in a person’s life, validating and encouraging them.

“I often describe my ministry as ‘Realising the Sacred’ in people’s lives. Realising in two senses; the sense of recognising sacred moments, and also the sense of making real, or actualising, the sacred in our lives. This is spiritual direction.”

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If you're interested in finding out more about spiritual direction, you can contact Pauline Godfrey on [pgodrey@glosdioc.org.uk](mailto:pgodrey@glosdioc.org.uk)

### **'In Tune' organ and music campaign**

Music has been at the heart of Gloucester Cathedral for almost 1,000 years, with the organ as its heartbeat. The 'In Tune' campaign aims to raise £3 million by 2026, which will fund the refurbishment and renewal of the Cathedral's famous organ, as well as enabling the Cathedral to further expand music education to hundreds of young people.

Find out more or donate: [gloucestercathedral.org.uk/support/in-tune-organ-and-music-campaign](https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/support/in-tune-organ-and-music-campaign)

### **Sustainable church flowers in Minchinhampton**

The Eco Church groups from Holy Trinity Minchinhampton and St Mary's Tetbury hosted a nature-friendly flower arranging demonstration called 'Arrange for the future'. Jennie South and Rosemary Bailey, two Eco Church representatives, organised the event to encourage their local churches to use seasonal, local and nature-friendly arrangements for church.



Beth Bruce-Gardner, Deanery Eco Ambassador (sustainable flowers), gave a demonstration to 24 participants from two deaneries. The event was incredibly popular with a long waiting list of people hoping to learn more and try out the skills that Beth demonstrated. It is hoped that there will be more workshops in the future due to the amount of interest.

Rosemary said, "Beth was amazing and so inspiring. We all had a go ourselves and were also stars in arranging our flowers with no oasis – chicken wire was to the fore." Oasis, the foam that is usually used to hold flowers in an arrangement, is non-biodegradable, non-recyclable and toxic for both humans and animals.

"There was no plastic and there were no air miles. The beauty of the flowers themselves was a real act of tribute and praise to our God and a celebration of creation."

Just pledging one hour a week to making changes towards a greener church will start to make a difference – why not ask your PCC to register as an Eco Church? Find out more: [gloucester.anglican.org/living-faith/environment/eco-church-in-an-hour](https://gloucester.anglican.org/living-faith/environment/eco-church-in-an-hour)

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## **Events and training**

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

### **NHS 75 Community Art Exhibition**

#### **1st July to 1st September Gloucester Cathedral**

As part of the NHS75 celebrations, Gloucester Cathedral is hosting a special community art exhibition in the Cloister. The exhibition will feature inspiring, moving and uplifting artwork that has been created as part of sessions designed to boost mental and physical wellbeing.

**[gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/nhs-75-community-art-exhibition](http://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/nhs-75-community-art-exhibition)**

### **Dad Matters Sports Play**

**25th August, 9.30am to 11am** Freedom Leisure, Cinderford, GL14 2AF  
Dads can join in with a Sportily sports session free of charge at this event for pre-school aged children. Refreshments provided. No need to book.

### **CALLED course - 14th September, 7pm to 9pm Online**

Led by members of the Diocesan Vocations team and offered over six sessions, this course will help you to know yourself better and to explore what God might be calling you to be and do. Using the themes of Core gifts, Attractions, Listening, Life plan, Experience and Disciplines, we will consider God's call for each of us for the whole of our lives.

**[gloucester.anglican.org/event/called-course](http://gloucester.anglican.org/event/called-course)**

### **Mental Health First Aider – 2-day training course**

**18th & 19th September, 9.30am to 4.30pm**

**Church House, Gloucester, GL1 2LY**

This course is designed for someone who would like to take on a role after the course of promoting a positive mental health culture and being a point of contact if someone is experiencing mental ill health.

**[gloucester.anglican.org/mental-health-first-aider-2-day-training-course-sep23-2](http://gloucester.anglican.org/mental-health-first-aider-2-day-training-course-sep23-2)**

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## **Longfield's Summer Fete: Fun for all the family**



Longfield's opening its doors for a spectacular summer fete; an afternoon of free entertainment for all the family, on Saturday 5th August.

There'll be live music, street food, local craft stalls, toddler soft play, dancing, a treasure hunt, raffles, ice cream, cakes, games and a teddy bear parachute from 12pm to 3pm.



There'll also be an opportunity to take a look at the Wellbeing Centre in Minchinhampton, where Longfield provides counselling, massage, reiki, reflexology, aromatherapy, therapeutic art, tai chi, physiotherapy and gardening therapy to people with life-limiting illnesses and their carers. Visitors can chat to staff and volunteers and learn how Longfield makes the very best use of money donated or raised by its supporters.

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### **Tennis Coaching**

Tennis Coaching by Ben will run from Monday 7th August to Friday 11th August, with a possible "Mini -Tournament" on Saturday 12th August.

The coaching will start at 9.30am through to 12.30pm.

There will be either 3 x Sessions of One hour each or 2 x Sessions of 1.5 hours each, depending on the numbers involved.

The cost will be £6.00 per hour for Members and £8.00 per hour for Non - Members. There will also be availability for some Adult Coaching after the Juniors coaching sessions.

Please let David Bonney (812120) of your interest, and also the ages of your children.

With Many Thanks

## Common Update

CCMC is aware that there has been a lot of concern about adders on the common recently. This topic inevitably arises every year when adders are active in summer and are spotted occasionally. We understand that there are people who are very anxious about coming into contact with adders, and it is important to know how both people and dogs can stay safe as we share their home.

### **Adder update from Natural England**

An exciting project has been underway recently around Cranham. As keen-eyed locals have noticed, high-vis jackets have been out and about on the grassland. A small number of animals which have been displaced by the roadworks taking place as part of the A417 missing link have found a new home on the common.

Cranham Common is of national importance because of the diversity and rarity of both the grassland and the species found here. It is also a National Nature Reserve, a designation which reflects its significance and is not easily attained. Natural England (NE) manage the Common, leasing it from the Cranham Common Trust (CCT). We work closely with Cranham Common Management Committee (CCMC) who are a liaison between us and the community in Cranham, and who offer valued support.

NE have worked closely with a national specialist as part of this relocation program. We have taken advice and set realistic threshold numbers for total numbers of animals moved onto the common. The adder population on the common is small, fragmented and genetically bottle necked. Almost half of the population has disappeared in the past 10 years and those that remain are at a tipping point. Radio tracking research has shed light on the animals movements and informs our decisions around scrub and grazing management. Other species of reptiles are also present on the common such as the common lizard, slow worms, and grass snakes.

We will focus on adders here as this is usually where people have concerns as adders are advertised as venomous and dangerous by the media and this increases negative awareness around them. Adders, as well as lizards, slow worms and grass snakes, have been brought to the common as part of this project. The numbers have brought the population back up to where it was less than ten years ago. 18 adders were re-located to Cranham Common. The common could sustain a much bigger population but our hope is, that by introducing fresh genetics and both sexes, the population will grow naturally to a self-sustaining level within the context of the common. Adders have always been on the common and their numbers will have been much greater in the past.

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Humans and adders have always lived together in close proximity. Adders are very reclusive animals which are prone to disturbance. They do not eat much, and their energy is a finite resource. We know from our tracking records that they must move around to find each other but tend to favour certain areas away from major paths and the school. These locations are where we have chosen to release them. Risk of harm to humans is very low. Adder bites are rare and hospitalisation rarer still. Adders sense vibrations in the ground and are very aware when a human is near them. They will do their best to stay concealed or hide when approached. They are not aggressive, and their self-defense mechanism, like that of a bee, is not done lightly as it is a huge cost to their energy resource.

Contact with dogs is more common but this is due to a dog's inquisitive nature. In this respect it is important that dog owners keep their dogs under close control when walking on the common and wider countryside. There is no difference between controlling a dog around livestock, or areas of long grass where birds nest, and being aware that an adder may be sitting at the edge of a scrubby hedge.

As part of this project, we will be extending our reptile surveys to include all the reptile species that have been translocated. We hope that through this we can gain an insight into how the animals settle in, how they use the landscape and how the groups of new and old residents interact. We are really excited about this project and it's a real achievement for the species and animals that have been saved.

***Aidan Fallon, Senior Reserves Manager, Natural England***

### **Staying safe around adders:**

Adders are active from March to October, especially on sunny mornings when they may bask to warm up, often in grass adjacent to a scrubby area.

The risk of being bitten by an adder is extremely low.

- \* Keep to well used paths and wear shoes or boots rather than sandals or bare feet.
- \* Avoid walking in the fenced off areas of the common, close to bramble areas (be careful when blackberrying), or in gullies on the common.
- \* Watch where you are walking and remember an adder may look like a stick.
- \* If you see an adder, just back away slowly and walk round it.
- \* Never try to handle an adder.

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## **If a person has been bitten by an adder**

*Stay calm and do as little walking as possible.*

*Immediately arrange transport to the nearest hospital or dial 999..*

Around 70% of adder bites result in no symptoms or local pain, swelling and inflammation, which are easily treated. Most people recover quickly. However, all suspected bites must be treated as medically serious since reactions vary. Occasionally, bites can be life-threatening or cause problems for several months. Local hospitals may not have antivenom in stock but can source it rapidly if needed.

## **Dogs and adders:**

Due to their inquisitive nature dogs can sometimes disturb adders whilst exploring undergrowth making them susceptible to being bitten. Keep them close to you and out of bramble patches and scrub, it is often safer to keep them on a lead. Walking them later in the evening as the weather cools is the safest time of day.

If you think your dog has been bitten by an adder, stay calm (you and the dog) and try to minimise exercise to avoid spreading the venom. Seek veterinary attention as soon as possible.

Antivenom is available for dogs, but not all vets have it in stock and may need to source it from elsewhere.

**Adder packs** - first aid kits for dogs - are available from [www.adderpacks.com](http://www.adderpacks.com)

**Liz Hayden**  
Chair

Cranham Common Management Committee  
[chair.cmc@gmail.com](mailto:chair.cmc@gmail.com)



Mainly for mums, bumps, babies and toddlers!

## **St Mary's Mums**

**Starting 6th September**  
Space to meet, play, rest and talk

**The Church Rooms, Painstwick**  
**9.15-10.45am**  
**Wednesdays in term-time**

Drinks, toys and snacks provided...  
And something for the children, too!

**Questions?**  
Text: 07833 727701 or Email Bea at:  
[beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com)

## Ebworth

Despite the unsettled and sometimes downright awful weather in July it felt like an amazing month for our summer butterflies. Namely meadow brown, marbled white, ringlet and small and Essex skippers. Whilst doing a butterfly survey across Overtown farm it felt like each footstep disturbed another one of these species. Despite far from ideal conditions including the occasional heavy rain shower I still counted 174 meadow browns, and 20 marbled whites. I felt a touch guilty because they were in the grass sheltering from the weather!

Small and Essex skippers are small orange butterflies and, like most skippers can resemble moths. The two species look very alike and the most reliable way to differentiate between them is to take a close look at the antenna. Small skippers have brown ends to their antenna whereas Essex looks as if the tips of their antenna have been dipped in black ink. It is useful to have a pair of close focusing binoculars to hand when these species are on the wing!

The massive amounts of butterflies seen on Overtown Farm are a testament to the organic farming practices of our tenants which are so good for wildlife.

*Photo is of a marbled white on a common spotted orchid.*



July is the time of year that we travel across the whole of Ebworth doing the annual ash die back surveys. We check every tree which could pose a risk to people if it failed so this is not small task! Thankfully proactive management in previous years means that the amount of trees needing to be felled is manageable. It is very noticeable that ash trees grown in a more open setting, with more air movement around their crown fair much better than trees growing very close together in a dense woodland. This is another reason for the winter thinning works which we carry out in the woodlands of Ebworth. It gives the trees which are left space to develop full, healthy crowns. Making them more resilient to disease.

**Tom Griffin**

Area Ranger

Ebworth and Crickley Hill National Trust

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

There are no Garden Society events in August; we'll all be busy preparing for our Annual Show on Saturday 2nd September. Copies of the Show Schedule have been sent to members (also available on our webpage at



[www.brimpsfieldvillage.org](http://www.brimpsfieldvillage.org) , under the Garden Society tab on that page); only members may exhibit at the Show, except for the Children's classes, which are open to all under the age of 17, and for which we welcome new exhibitors. There are classes for children of all ages, including preschoolers, and if you know of any children who would like to take part, please contact [brimpsfieldgardensociety@gmail.com](mailto:brimpsfieldgardensociety@gmail.com) for details. And in any case, save the date to come along to admire the exhibits and enjoy tea and homemade cakes!

If you're going on holiday this summer, it's worthwhile taking a few precautions before leaving your garden and indoor plants to their own devices. The safest plan is to ask a neighbour to look after things, but here are a few tips in case that's not possible. Check the weather forecast to see whether it is likely to be wet or dry while you're away; you can prepare for dry weather by placing pots in saucers or grouped in a plastic paddling pool with a little water, but if there's a deluge, as we've had in July, you may come home to find your plants drowned! Instead, try placing pots, well-watered, close together in a shady place, which will minimise the risk of them drying out. Likewise, house plants should be moved away from sunny windowsills; place them on the draining board, on strips of damp capillary matting whose other end is in a basin of water, to keep them watered in your absence. Outside in the garden, water well and deadhead flowering plants before you go; this will encourage them to produce new buds so that they're ready to provide more colour on your return home!

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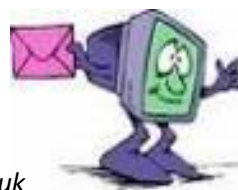
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## Natural England

Natural England are currently engaged in a public consultation on their new Management Plan that includes Cranham Common. If you are interested or would like to comment, details are below.

**Liz Hayden**  
Chair, CCMC

### **Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods National Nature Reserve (NNR) Public Consultation for the Updated Management Plan 2023-2028**

The local communities are invited to attend an informal discussion with the Natural England NNR team regarding the newly updated management plan covering 2023-2028. This is your chance to comment on the plan whilst still in draft form.

The sites covered by this management plan are:

- ◆ Cranham Common
- ◆ Bulls Cross
- ◆ Juniper Hill
- ◆ Huddinknoll
- ◆ Edge Common/Rudge Hill
- ◆ Sheepscombe & St Georges Field
- ◆ Buckholt Woods and Rough Park

Consultation will take place:

**Dates: Thursday 3rd and Saturday 5th of August**

**Time: 10:00 to 15:00 Drop-in session**

**Address: The Ebworth Centre, The Camp, Stroud, GL6 7ES**

Hard copies will be available on the day. If you cannot make the consultation but would like an electronic copy please email:

[charlotte.targett@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:charlotte.targett@naturalengland.org.uk) or [aidan.fallon@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:aidan.fallon@naturalengland.org.uk)

Electronic copies will not be available until the 3rd August.

Feedback can be given on the management plan in person on the day or via email by 9am on the 16th August.



## **The Cranham Almshouses Brookfield and Greensleeves**

You may have noticed building and decorating activity at our almshouses over the past couple of months and have perhaps wondered who owns the houses and how decisions are made about their maintenance and use.

The Almshouses were founded by George Jones in the 1840's and a trust formed for their management. The George Jones Trust is run by a voluntary Board of five Trustees - all local residents. One Trustee is required by the Articles of Association to be a representative from the local church. The trust's activities are governed by the Articles of Association, as well as the rules of the Almshouse Association and The National Register of Social Housing.

Originally established as accommodation for 'poor persons of good character' with preference being given to 'widows', that defining statement has evolved into an assessment based more on social need, with criteria that applies to all applicants and includes 'Cranhamness' i.e. preference being given to residents of this village or those who have been directly involved in activities in this village.

When an almshouse is vacated, advertisements for the vacancy are placed in the local media and the Cranham Parish magazine and a formal selection process is followed, other than when a short-term arrangement is made for someone in immediate need. Anyone interested in the likely future availability of an almshouse can contact the Trustees at any time to make their interest known.

Over the years an adequate financial reserve has accumulated, and the Trustees have recently created a plan to invest in improvements to the properties. Our focus is on increasing the living space, improving the general state of repair and 'greening up' the properties for lower energy bills. External painting was recently undertaken, and at the time of writing, conservatories are being installed at the rear of the properties. A notable grant from the Almshouse Association has been much appreciated and has helped us to proceed with these works. The next step in the plan is to evaluate alternative energy sources, with the intent to replace the houses' oil-fired heating systems.

I hope that's a useful update.

**Clive Hayden**  
**Clerk to the George Jones Trust**

Rachel's pop up  
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Our next collection will be in September. There will be details in the next Beacon edition.

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## Thank all of you for your generous donations made at my showing of 'Old Cranham Pictures'

You raised £400 split between Cranham Village Hall and the British Red Cross Ukraine Appeal, *latter see below*

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NOTE: Several people have said they were sorry to have missed the show, so the plan is to do a repeat in the winter months, a date will be given **well in advance**.

Jan Whitton

## **CRANHAM VILLAGE HALL**

### **Village Hall Committee Chairperson Report for AGM July 2023**



Having taken over from Jane as Village Hall committee chair in August 2022, I have found the last year quite a steep learning curve. The Village Hall is without doubt at the very heart and central to the community of Cranham.

#### **Notable events of 2022-2023.**

Social impact - An aim for the village hall to be used by all age groups in the village.

- ◆ The village hall continues to be used and hired to various community groups, for meetings, rehearsals and training: table tennis, hand bells, orchestra, choir, history society, fitness classes, Natural England training.
- ◆ Post office being open Tuesday mornings & the community pop-up café open on most Tuesday & Fridays. The neighbourhood warden has been joining the occasional Tuesday pop-up café to introduce himself and his role to the local community.
- ◆ Monthly village lunch.
- ◆ Use by Cranham school for PE lessons, Christmas nativity & Monster Trail.
- ◆ Hosting events Eg. Talk by Richard Hopkins, Cranham in Pictures.
- ◆ Fundraising/social events. Eg. FOCS Bingo and joint FoCS/CVH quiz night, Childrens Christmas party.
- ◆ Wreath making, felting workshop.
- ◆ Christmas craft fayre, tabletop sale, Sunday afternoon Tea.
- ◆ Hired village hall for weddings, funeral gathering, Christenings and birthday parties.

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**Building improvements**

- ◆ Installation of the hearing loop is anticipated in making the village hall more accessible for those with hearing problems.
- ◆ Installation of WiFi, through the Gigaclear Community Hub, free WiFi scheme, I hope will offer the village hall opportunities that are at present feasible.
- ◆ Committee room carpet clean, Spring and hall ceiling clean end of January.
- ◆ New Electricity supply contract and rate secured by Emma.
- ◆ Aim to increase village hall usage for social events for all age groups in the village.
- ◆ Various minor leaks in ladies toilets fixed.

Financially the Village Hall is in a comfortable position, with a contingency fund should any unexpected events occur. Emma, treasurer will be giving the Treasurers report following chair.

The aims for 2024 are a long-term project I hope to make the Village Hall more physically accessible to those with disabilities, mobility issues and more child/baby changing facilities. These improvements would include the outside access, the stairs off the carpark and internally remodelling of the existing toilets to include a platform lift (can be used by wheelchairs) and disabled/child/baby changing facilities. I think these improvements take precedence over having a new kitchen/installed updated, which is also a long-term project for consideration. These plans would require substantial funding and will require grants.

**Rachel Monro - Chair**

Cranham Village Hall Committee  
(July 2023)

## **Sunnyside Vehicle Maintenance**

After more than 10 years of trading, Sunnyside Vehicle Maintenance is preparing to close its doors in August as I also prepare to change career paths. It is with mixed emotions that I need to inform you of this decision, and hope you understand that, for personal reasons, this is the right thing for me to do at this time.

From day one, I have been completely overwhelmed by the support and loyalty from the people of Cranham and beyond, who have enabled me to establish and run my own successful business for over a decade.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to everyone who has supported me in this venture - your custom has been greatly appreciated. It has been my pleasure to help you all with your vehicles over the years, but it is now time for me to take on new challenges as I transition back into full-time employment.

**Steve Berry**

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### **Cranham Village Lunch**

No village Lunch in August, we will hold our next Lunch on Monday 18th September.



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## Cranham Cubs



Well, there we go, the end of another term arrives. Another fire lighting session in the woods. More badges dished out (46 to be precise), new cubs invested and a farewell to those Cubs moving to the next step in their scouting journey as they move on to Scouts.

It has been a very busy term, with the Kings Coronation our first Sports day and of course Grovefest3.

Grovefest was another great success for the group, raising just over £1,000. This money will help us deliver a fun packed programme with some exciting adventures thrown in along the way, giving our beavers, cubs and scouts some memorable times for the future. I am not sure the Cub leaders' band will make it to top of the pops, but we will just have to get the cubs to sing louder next year to drown us out.

Time swiftly moves forward though and we are already having to turn our attention to our next exciting offerings. First, we are off camping in Oxfordshire, where the cubs will be experiencing some new adventurous activities and then later in the summer there is the Cranham Feast Parade on 10th September.

The Feast parade seemed the most appropriate part of the feast weekend for the Scout Group to get involved in (apart from the deer roast, but I'm not sure our campfire cooking efforts would meet hygiene requirements) and so we have been busy getting our cubs into military parade standards – only trouble being that they now have 6 weeks to forget it all!

The parade is for the whole of the village to join in with and will be starting up near Overtown Farm, parading down past the knoll, through the village, up through the pub car park, along to the School and on to the Church, in time for the Feast service. You can join in whenever you like as it marches past.

There is encouragement to come in fancy dress and the children can be sponsored in order to raise some money towards the Church Organ fund. So please put this date in your diary and watch out for more details over the coming weeks.

Wishing everyone a fun summer break, for which I hope you are all fully prepared.

**Charlie Overs**



## Longfield Teams up with Local Solicitors



What happens to your home, possessions and savings if you die without making a will? Many people assume that their spouse or partner will automatically inherit everything, but that's not necessarily the case.

The laws of intestacy (where there is no legal will) will take over, and this may cause your loved ones severe financial and emotional distress.

It's not easy to talk about what happens when we die, but making a will can ease the burden on your family and friends when the time comes.

Longfield Community Hospice has teamed up with three local solicitors to offer a will-writing service during September. Rather than pay legal fees, for a donation of £90 for a single basic will, or £160 for a pair of basic 'mirror' wills, you can get expert advice and support to make a legal will. 100% of your donation will go to Longfield.

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"You don't have to leave a gift in your will to Longfield, but we'd be very grateful if you do. Legacies help to fund our Hospice at Home service, enabling people to die with dignity in the comfort of their own homes."

All appointments are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Book your appointment for September and make your donation now as places are limited.

To find out more about the Write a Will scheme, visit [www.longfield.org.uk/write-a-will](http://www.longfield.org.uk/write-a-will) or call the team on 01453 886868.

## Online Shopping Fraud

On a monthly basis we will be sharing with you some of the most common fraud trends being reported in Gloucestershire and giving you some advice on how to spot these fraud types.

People are mainly reporting online shopping fraud taking place on Facebook Marketplace but we have also receive reports from fraud taking place on Instagram and eBay.

### Common items being purchased or sold are:

· **Electronics** - including PlayStations, phones, laptops and cameras,  
**Vehicles** - people are either purchasing vehicles or putting deposits down on vehicles, **Tickets** - for events or holidays, **Luxury Items** - including designer clothes, make up, shoes and handbags

### Tips for when you are shopping online

**1: Choosing where you shop and how you pay** - If you're making a purchase from a company or person you don't know and trust, carry out some research first, and ask a friend or family member for advice before completing the purchase. Try and use a credit card when possible, and do not complete a bank transfer to someone you haven't met in real life. Using PayPal for payments is another option but only pay by "Friends and Family" if they are a friend or family member.

**2: Keep your devices up to date** - Make sure you install the latest software and app updates. These usually contain important security updates that can protect you against fraud and identity theft. Information can easily be found about how to install these updates from Apple, Microsoft and Google. Even better, just turn on automatic updates so your device will update itself in future.

**3: Take care with links in emails and texts** - Some of the emails or texts you receive about amazing offers may contain links to fake websites, designed to steal your money and personal details. Not all links are bad, but if you are unsure don't use the link, go separately to the website.

**4: Don't give away too much information** - You shouldn't need to give out your mother's maiden name, or the name of your primary school, in order to buy something. There's some obvious details that an online store will need, such as your address and your bank details, but be cautious if they ask for details that *are not required* for your purchase.

How to report fraud - If you think you have been a victim of a scam, do not feel ashamed or embarrassed - you are not alone. Contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040** or via **actionfraud.police.uk**.

## Booked a package holiday? Worried about what to do if something goes wrong?

Hopefully you'll have a lovely time but if something does go wrong with your package holiday, the Citizens Advice website ([www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)) has lots of information about what to do if something goes wrong with your holiday and what compensation you may be eligible for.

Firstly, tell the company or travel agent you booked with as soon as possible. This way you're more likely to be able to get it sorted quicker. If you don't say anything until you get home, you might get less or no compensation at all.

If the holiday you went on turned out to be lower in value than the one you originally booked you can make a claim for 'loss of value'. For example, you paid for a deluxe room but only got a standard one, if it wasn't sorted out at the time you can claim back the difference in value.

You can also claim compensation for any extra money you have to spend while away, for example the hotel was a bus ride away from the beach rather than across the road as advertised. This is called claiming for 'out-of-pocket expenses'. If this does happen make sure you keep all your receipts for things like bus journeys.

If big parts of the trip you booked didn't happen or services weren't provided, for example a planned two-day excursion was cancelled and no alternative was organised, you can make a claim for 'loss of enjoyment'. You can also make this claim if something happens that causes you distress or disappointment, such as the pool was closed for the whole trip.

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.

Check the information you received when you made the booking to see what you're supposed to get. If you don't get the service you've been promised, you may be entitled to compensation for breach of contract. You might also be able to claim from your travel insurance – check if your policy covers this.

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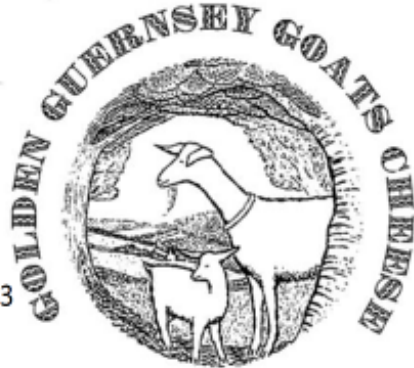
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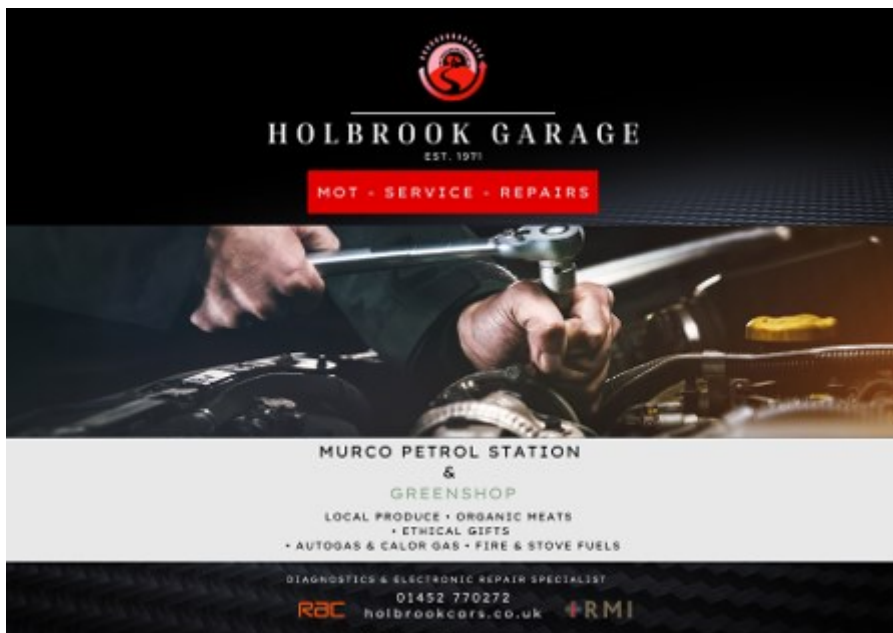
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<b>Sportily Hangout</b>	<b>First Monday of month 5.00 - 6.00pm</b> - Painswick Pavilion
<b>Youth Space</b>	<b>First Monday of month 6.00 - 7.00pm</b> - Painswick Pavilion (Vicky Allen 07949 111817)
<b>Orchestra</b>	<b>Mondays 8.00pm</b> - V Hall (Beryl Berry 813200)
<b>Post Office</b>	<b>Tuesdays 10.00am - 12noon</b> - V Hall
<b>Rachel's Pop Up Café</b>	<b>Tuesdays 10.00am - 4.00pm</b> - V Hall <i>No Pop Up Café in August</i>
<b>Knit &amp; Natter</b>	<b>Tuesdays 1.30 – 4.00pm</b> - V. Hall <i>No Pop Up Café in August</i>
<b>Cranham Art Group</b>	<b>Tuesdays 7.00 - 9.00pm</b> - V Hall (Lyn Barker 813025)
<b>Choir</b>	<b>Tuesdays 7.30pm</b> - V Hall (Virginia Pittman 07989 712263 virginiapittman3@gmail.com)
<b>Handbell Ringers</b>	<b>Wednesdays 9.30 - 11.30am</b> (Jenny Barraclough 07977 997375 jenny.barraclough@btinternet.com)
<b>Beavers, Cubs &amp; Scouts</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b> - Scout Centre - times as follows: Beaver Scouts (6 to 8 yrs)      4.45 to 5.45pm Cub Scouts (8 to 10 yrs)      5.50 to 7.10pm Scouts (10 to 14 yrs)      7.30 to 9.00pm
<b>Table Tennis Club</b>	<b>Wednesdays 7.30 - 9.30pm</b> - V Hall (Clive Hayden 07833 635762 chayden814@gmail.com)
<b>Cranham Ramblers</b>	<b>Alternate Thursdays 9.30am</b> - V Hall (Joan Charman 812708)
<b>S'Combe Bridge Club</b>	<b>2nd and 4th Thursdays 7.00pm</b> - Sheepscombe V Hall (Contact Joy Edwards 812588)
<b>Tennis Club</b>	<b>Thursdays 6.00 – 8.00pm</b> - Tennis Courts (Contact David Bonney 812120)
<b>Rachel's Pop Up Café</b>	<b>Fridays 9.00 - 12.30pm</b> - V Hall <i>No Pop Up Café in August</i>
<b>Parent and Toddler</b>	<b>Fridays 9.15 - 10.45am</b> - V Hall <i>No Toddlers meeting in August</i> (Contact tbc)
<b>Explorer Scouts</b>	<b>Fridays 7.30 - 9.00pm</b> - V Hall (Ian Coupland ian@couplandclan.co.uk)
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<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

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

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

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

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

**WEDNESDAY 16th AUGUST 2023**

Magazines will be available for distribution:  
on **Sunday 27th August** or thereabouts.

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# CRANHAM DIARY



## AUGUST 2023

1	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
3	Thurs	Ramble		
		Natural England Drop-in	Ebworth Centre	10.00am - 3.00pm
5	Sat	Longfield Summer Fete	Longfield	12noon - 3.00pm
		Natural England Drop-in	Ebworth Centre	10.00am - 3.00pm
6	Sun	Benefice Holy Communion	Church	11.00am
7-11		Tennis Coaching	Tennis Courts	9.30am - 12.30pm
7-11		Sportily TRAC Camp		
8	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
12	Sat	Mini-Tennis Tournament		
13	Sun	Holy Communion	Church	11.00am
15	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
16	Wed	<b>** Magazine Contributions Due **</b>		
17	Thurs	Ramble		
20	Sun	Evensong	Church	6.30pm
22	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
27	Sun	Morning Prayer	Church	11.00am
29	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
31	Thurs	Ramble		

## SEPTEMBER 2023

2	Sat	Garden Society Annual Show		tbc
6	Wed	St. Mary's Mums Starting	Church Rms	9.15 - 10.45am
10	Sun	Cranham Feast Parade		
12	Tues	Flicks in the Sticks	Bisley V Hall	7.30 for 8.00pm
14 & 28	Thurs	Rambles		
18	Mon	Village Lunch	Scout HQ	12.15 for 12.30pm

*For Regular Events - please see page 38*