

# *Cranham Village Magazine*

*With Cranham Parish and Benefice News and Information*

# September '23



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# *A Letter from The Clergy*



## **News from the Beacon Benefice**

September is one of those months where there is always a lot happening: the end of summer and family holidays, a new school and college year and a general mood of 'back to work'. Despite the implications, many of us welcome that opportunity for a fresh start with all the potential it brings.

In the Beacon Benefice, September will bring some important celebrations and new beginnings. Our new Rector, Rev Sarah, will formally take up her role across the six parishes of Painswick, Sheepscombe, Cranham, Edge, Pitchcombe and Harescombe from early this month. The landmark moment though, will be on Sunday 17th at 4.00pm, when you are warmly invited to for her formal licensing service in St Mary's, Painswick.

September 6th sees the launch of 'St Mary's Mum's': a weekly café with toys and activities for little ones and coffee and cake for parents, carers and those with bumps across the benefice (nothing formal happening, just a space to chat and make friends). Do spread the word (see also St. Mary's Mums on page 14).

More family fun this month at Cranham Feast (the weekend of 9th and 10th) and the Feast Service at St James the Great on the Sunday at 3.00pm with a grand parade of cubs, scouts, school children and residents (all welcome to join in) from Overtown Farm to the church prior (see pages 22 & 23 for additional details), the hearty singing of the unique Cranham Feast Hymn and of course, tea afterwards!

Then on Sunday 24th it will be Painswick's turn to feast in the long held traditions of puppy dog pie, flower crowns and 'clypping buns' for the children. As usual there will be all sorts of entertainments and stalls in the churchyard with the Clypping Service (nothing to do with yew trees and also with its own unique hymn) at 3.00pm. Look out for St Mary's own stall with free activities for families and also Sportily, with games and challenges for all ages.

Our prayers across our churches this month will include all those starting the new year at our village schools, those off to secondary schools further afield and all those beginning college courses, perhaps living away from home for the first time. Every blessing!

*Liz Eden*

Lay Minister

## Worship in Cranham - September 2023

**Sunday 3rd 6.30pm Evening Worship Linda de C**  
 Sidesman Phil Stick  
 Readers Phil Stick 2 Kings 6.24-25;7.3-end  
 Sue Williams Acts18.1-16

**Sunday 10th 3.00pm CRANHAM FEAST SERVICE Liz**  
 Preceded by the *Cranham Feast Parade*. See page 22 for details

Sidesman Sue W, Lindsay B & Roger M  
 Readers Helen Daltry *Reading TBA*  
 Nicky Overs *Reading TBA*

**Sunday 17th 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion at Pitchcombe**

**4.00pm Sarah's Licensing Service at Painswick**

**Sunday 24th 11.00am Morning Prayer Lindsay Burtenshaw**  
 Sidesman Nicole W  
 Readers Nicole W Acts 1.12-14  
 Nicki Clapton Luke1.26-38

Please see page 6 for other Benefice Service's

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

### **Church Flowers**

10th Sept Feast Flowers Rose, Victoria & helpers  
17th Sept Victoria Soutar  
24th Sept TBA  
1st Oct Harvest Flowers Ann Green & helpers



### **Church Cleaning**

2nd September Nicky Overs  
9th September Victoria Soutar  
16th September Carol Tringham  
23rd September Sylvia Ardron  
30th September Sue Stick  
7th October Sarah Taylor



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



10th September 3pm Feast Service followed by The Feast Tea  
24th September 11am Communion Service

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### **Cranham Parish Council website**

lots of info including the minutes of meetings

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

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

## Benefice Services - September 2023

For detailed Cranham services please see page 4

### 3rd September 13th Sunday after Trinity

11.00am	Painswick	Benefice Holy Communion	Helen
6.30pm	Cranham	Evening Worship	Lay led by Linda

### Wednesday 6th September

11.30am	Richmond	Holy Communion	Andrew
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### 10th September 14th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Edge	Holy Communion	Paul
9.30am	Pitchcombe	Morning Prayer	Lay led
10.00am	Painswick	Holy Communion	Andrew
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Morning Worship	Mike
3.00pm	Cranham	Feast Service	Liz Eden & Fr.Mark

### 17th September 15th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am	Pitchcombe	Benefice Holy Communion	Andrew
4.00pm	Painswick	Sarah Licensing Service	Bishop Rachel

### Tuesday 19th September

11am	Resthaven	Holy Communion	Andrew
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### 24th September 16th Sunday after Trinity

#### St Mary's Painswick Patronal Festival

9.30am	Pitchcombe	Holy Communion (BCP)	David
10.00am	Painswick	Beacon Praise	Paul & Liz
11.00am	Cranham	Morning Prayer	Lay led by Nicole
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Holy Communion	Andrew
11.00am	Edge	Harvest Service	Sarah
3.00pm	Painswick	Clypping Service	Andrew & Sarah

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## Extracts from The Messenger – September 2023

### Celebrating God's story through stained glass windows

**St Cyr's Church in Stinchcombe has used the Church of England's #StainedGlassSummer initiative to engage with families and children in their worshipping community.**



The Revd Fiona Crocker, Vicar of Cam and Stinchcombe, says, "The windows in St Cyr's are 19th century and we have quite a lot – almost every window is a stained glass window. We have the apostles, the ascension, the transfiguration, Mary and Jesus – the whole of God's story in one church. It is a truly joyful celebration of stained glass windows."

The windows have been well loved and cared for by the worshipping community. In 2015, the PCC with the Friends of St Cyr, and with village support, raised money for refurbishment of the windows.

"We also use the windows in school lessons, which is a wonderful opportunity to share them with children. Recently we had a class from Cam Everlands Primary School come into the church. We do an 'I spy' activity which the children love, looking for all the things they can spot in the stained glass windows, we also challenge them to see how many angels they can find and incredibly one of the children found what looked like an angel saying #watchandpray.

"The windows are a great celebration of God's story and we use them to inspire the youngsters to design their own stained glass window. As part of that we have talked about the apostles and why they have been celebrated in the windows and what they did in their life – and we ask the young people, 'Just as God thinks the apostles were special God thinks you're special too. What do you think you are going to do in your life, what do you want to be remembered for, and what would your stained glass story be?'

"People are welcome to come in and enjoy the church as a sacred place, whether you have faith or no faith. St Cyr's Church is open every day, we have a disability entrance and electric lift, so it's freely accessible to all. So, we invite you to come and see the stained glass windows for yourselves."

Read more: [gloucester.anglican.org/celebrating-gods-story-through-stained-glass-windows](https://gloucester.anglican.org/celebrating-gods-story-through-stained-glass-windows)

### **Thornbury Foodbank reflects on 10 years' supporting people in need**

The Foodbank is run by volunteers from churches in the area. Mair Vaughn, part of the Thornbury Foodbank Management Team, says, "Ten years is a significant milestone in the life of the Foodbank here at Thornbury, although it's not something we wanted to celebrate. We will do that when the need for Foodbanks has gone!"

The Foodbank is in more demand than ever with the cost-of-living crisis affecting everyone in the chain.

Mair says, "One of our faithful volunteers has a plot at Daggs Allotment and approached the other growers to see if they would consider sharing some of their excess produce with us. Our clients have very much appreciated this addition to their parcels."

Find out more or donate: [gloucester.anglican.org/thornbury-foodbank-reflects-on-10-years-supporting-people-in-need](https://gloucester.anglican.org/thornbury-foodbank-reflects-on-10-years-supporting-people-in-need)

Workshop helps churches welcome adults with learning disabilities

St Barnabas Church, Cheltenham, held a workshop run by the charity Count Everyone In, to discover ways to be more accessible to adults with learning disabilities.

Count Everyone In is a UK charity focusing on this specific area of Christian ministry. The founders, Pete and Christine Winmill, felt strongly that it was unreasonable to expect adults with learning disabilities in churches to know who Jesus is unless someone helps them to understand, to trust Him and to grow in faith.

They developed Know & Grow workshops to equip churches to communicate the love of Jesus to people with learning disabilities, covering topics like 'What does it mean to be human?', 'Learning disability and the Church', and aspects of faith such as the Bible, music and worship, and signing and symbols.

The Revd Janice Hamilton, Pioneer Minister for West Cheltenham Parish, says, "Seventeen people booked onto our workshop in July including church leaders, ordinands and readers in training, mostly from Anglican churches in Cheltenham but also coming from as far afield as Berkeley, and members of Baptist and Congregational churches too."



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The group included those who work with adults with disabilities in their day job, those who have experience of caring for grown-up children with learning disabilities and many of us with no prior experience. The feedback was very positive and encouraging.”

One delegate, who has a son with learning disabilities, said, “I thought it was brilliant and very well run. Can’t wait for the second one.”

Find out more: [gloucester.anglican.org/workshop-helps-churches-welcome-adults-with-learning-disabilities](http://gloucester.anglican.org/workshop-helps-churches-welcome-adults-with-learning-disabilities)

### **Events and training**

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

**Building safe and caring communities**

**5th September, 10am to 4pm, St Mary de Crypt, Gloucester**

This workshop explores the practical actions we can do to build safe, inclusive, and caring communities. The ethos of the workshop is about building on what a community has and is proud of.

**[gloucester.anglican.org/building-safe-and-caring-communities](http://gloucester.anglican.org/building-safe-and-caring-communities)**

**Highlights from the Cathedral’s Medieval Library**

**8th September, Gloucester Cathedral, GL1 2LX**

As part of Heritage Open Day, come along to the Chapter House to see a display of the original items chosen by volunteers from the Cathedral’s historic Library and Archives.

**[heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/gloucester-cathedral-highlights-from-the-medieval-library](http://heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/gloucester-cathedral-highlights-from-the-medieval-library) --**

**Gloucester’s Christian Heritage**

**10th September 1.45pm, St Michael's Tower, The Cross, Gloucester GL1 1PA**

A walk round the City looking at places where people and events shaped Gloucester's Christian heritage. The tour lasts around one and a half hours.

**[www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/gloucesters-christian-heritage](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/gloucesters-christian-heritage)**

**Safeguarding Basic Awareness and Foundation**

**27th September, 9.30am to 1pm, Online and at Laud Room, Church House, College Green**

This course aims to provide learners with a basic awareness of safeguarding and enable them to integrate this into their Christian faith and the Church’s ministry. It is open for anyone to complete, regardless of their role, including members of congregations.

**[gloucester.anglican.org/safeguarding-basic-awareness-and-foundation-sep23](http://gloucester.anglican.org/safeguarding-basic-awareness-and-foundation-sep23)**

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### Have your say

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### Foodbank



We have received a 'thank you' from the Stroud Foodbank for the 86.4kg of food donated by the Beacon Benefice in July. Your support has made all the difference!

After a break in August, our next collection will be on **Wednesday 13th September from 10.00am - 12noon**. Please note that we will only be collecting in the car park on Stamages Lane. If you have difficulty getting to this donation point, please let us know and we will do our best to help.

Please may we ask for some of the following: Gluten or dairy free products, laundry liquid, nappies size 4-6, mayo and ketchup, shampoo and razors, jam, Marmite, washing up liquid and sugar.

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

Thank you.

The Foodbank Team Mobile: 07950 651228

# The George Jones Trust

## INVITATION TO EXPRESS INTEREST

The George Jones Trust owns two charity alms-houses in Cranham, which are allocated to residents either on a permanent or temporary basis.

When a permanent resident is no longer in need of the charity's support, or a temporary resident's allocation comes up for re-evaluation, Expressions of Interest are invited from other potential beneficiaries.

If you are interested in being considered as a resident of a Cranham alms-house, please make your interest known to the Trust's chairman, Robert Garratt of Witches Tump, Cranham ([robert.j.garratt@btinternet.com](mailto:robert.j.garratt@btinternet.com)).

Expressions of interest are welcome at any time, but specifically for the evaluation taking place now, the deadline is **Saturday 30th September 2023**.

- The primary criteria for selection of residents are need (financial or other) and "Cranhamness".
- Selection of beneficiaries is at the Trustees' discretion, based on interviews with those expressing interest.
- The alms-houses are best suited to single occupancy.
- No parking is provided for residents' vehicles.
- An expression of interest does not constitute a commitment by either party.
- Residents pay a monthly maintenance charge and their own utility bills.

The Trust may, at its discretion convert a temporary allocation into a permanent allocation.

## Notes from the Chair

### Meetings

We met in July and normally there is no meeting in the holiday period, however our September meeting has had to be moved to August 29th. It is also quite possible that our November date may be changed. These changes are because of some predicted absences of Councillors.

### Vacancy

There is still have one vacancy and we can co-opt someone onto the Council. Anyone interested should get in touch for more details.

If you have ever, even vaguely, thought about becoming a Councillor (Parish, District, or County) Stroud District Council are holding an event "Be a Councillor" on September 6th, at 6pm in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill.

Interested? register with: [democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk) or call 01453 766321.

### Village email

The Parish Council is still looking for someone to help run the village email system. It really isn't that onerous Please contact:

[cranhammail@gmail.com](mailto:cranhammail@gmail.com) for more details.

**Nigel Cooper**

Chair Cranham Parish Council

[cllrcoopercranhampc@gmail.com](mailto:cllrcoopercranhampc@gmail.com)

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## **Painswick Community Library**



Tel: 01452 814744

email: [painswicklibrary@btconnect.com](mailto:painswicklibrary@btconnect.com)

Twitter: @PainswickLib / Facebook: PainswickLi

Upstairs in the Town Hall – stairlift available.

Linked to Glos Library service -bring your card!

Glos library app available.

Public computers, copier, laminator, shredder, local reference section, children's corner,

Alternate Wednesday pm Croc'n'Roll songs/stories sessions

*And much more..*

### **Opening times:**

Mondays 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday: 10.30am - 12.30pm, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Fridays: 10.30am - 12.30pm, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Saturdays: 10.30am - 12.30pm

This super library at Painswick Town Hall is staffed by volunteers, you can pre-order and request books to be sent to Painswick Library where they can be collected.

Volunteers are always welcome: approx. two, two hourly shifts a month. If interested, please email: Paul Kenchington or Anne Castle at [painswicklibrary@btconnect.com](mailto:painswicklibrary@btconnect.com)

Gill Hopkins (Painswick Library Volunteer)

## RAISING THE ROOF PROMISES AUCTION

Friday 17th November 2023

We are holding an **AUCTION of PROMISES** to continue fundraising for our beautiful Parish church of St. Mary's roof project.

If you would like to support this event either by giving time, a gift, small or large items e.g from babysitting, art classes to holiday accommodation, please contact:-

Joan Warner: 01452 812649/07970 448426 joan.wells@hotmail.com  
or Karen Goddard: 01452 812240 (at the garage)

All offers of help will be much appreciated. We hope to have a successful orientated evening.

Everyone is welcome. More details to follow next month.



Mainly for mums, bumps, babies and toddlers!

### St Mary's Mums

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

The Church Rooms, Painwick  
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)

## Brimpsfield & Mid-Cotswold Garden Society



It's time again for the Garden Society's Annual Show, in Birdlip Village Hall (nb Birdlip, not Brimpsfield) on Saturday 2nd September. Everyone is welcome from 2.30pm that day to admire the exhibits and to enjoy tea and homemade cakes, with prizegiving and the charity auction (in aid of the volunteer gardeners at the Sue Ryder Hospice in Leckhampton) of some of the produce at 4.00pm. It's always a fun afternoon - we look forward to seeing you there!

September is a good time for taking steps to save money by propagating our plants, whether by taking cuttings or by saving seeds. We have a talk next spring about saving seed, but this is the time of year to do it; look out for seedheads drying on your plants and either collect them as they ripen or put a paper bag over them so that seed falls into it rather than scattering over your garden. Remember that hybrid plants, especially F1 hybrids, will not necessarily come true from seed. Dry the seedheads in a warm place and extract the seeds, separating them from the pods or husks. Either sow the seed fresh, or for less hardy plants store it in paper envelopes (don't forget to label them!), not in plastic which could cause the seed to rot and keep it in a dry place (or even better, in the fridge) until next spring. It's not only ornamentals that can be propagated in this way; if you let your lettuces and other vegetables flower, you can have fresh seed for your kitchen garden too and save even more money by growing your own for free!

Our autumn coffee mornings resume on Saturday 7th October, in Brimpsfield Village Hall, with a talk by member Angela Lerwill about growing up on a traditional farm; more details next month.

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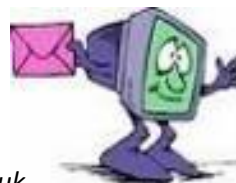
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The launch event for our year of fund raising to support

## The Big Space Cancer Appeal

which aims to provide custom made facilities for cancer patients and their companions at Cheltenham General Hospital is:

### THE GREAT CRANHAM SPEAKEASY

Saturday 11th November 2023

Cranham Village Hall

7.30 to 11.30pm



Think the Roaring Twenties, the Jazz Age, Some Like It Hot, The Great Gatsby, Prohibition, bootleggers, bathtub gin, hooch, giggle juice, Al Capone meets Charlie Chaplin, flappers and marathon dancers.

So come on Guys 'n' Dolls put on those raccoon coats, tuxedos, drop waisted frocks, feathers, long pearl necklaces, grab your small beaded purses and join in the fun.

You'll be greeted with a complimentary glass of champagne and canapes. During the evening there's a sumptuous buffet, Champagne Charlie cocktail bar, live music, a roulette table, maybe, a raid by the cops, and lots more.

This is a fun-raising and fundraising evening.  
Tickets cost £35.



Linda de Cossart 07778 215801  
Lyn Barker 07808 938883  
Jean Skinner 079895 031148  
Marcia Lynall 07887 933339  
Rachel Monro 07737 545159







# The Cranham Bluebell Project

SUPPORTING

## The BIG SPACE Cancer Appeal

Help us transform cancer care  
in Gloucestershire

### The Great Cranham Speakeasy

Saturday 11th November

7.30pm-11.30pm

Cranham Village Hall

Tickets £35

**Rachel's pop up**  
*Café*



**AT CRANHAM VILLAGE HALL**



**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Opening 10am until 4pm**

**serving take aways or table service in the committee room**

**Teas & coffee, cakes & bakes,**

**Breakfast & brunch & light lunches**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>**

**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!!**

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

The Bisley Flicks in the Sticks Presents:

## Empire of Light

At Bisley Village Hall

8pm

Tuesday 12th September 2023

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

OLIVIA  
COLMAN

MICHEAL  
WARD

WITH  
TOBY  
JONES

AND  
COLIN  
FIRTH

# EMPIRE of LIGHT

A FILM BY SAM MENDES



## Cranham Village Lunch

The next village Lunch will be held on  
Monday 18th September, 12.30pm in the Scout H.Q.

Menu for the day will be:

Fruit juice



Lamb Casserole

Mashed Potato

Cabbage and Carrots

Plum Crumble and Ice cream

Stewed Fruit

Tea, Coffee and Mints.

booking would be helpful please.

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

Thank you,

**Nicky**

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



# Cranham Feast And Deer Roast

Friday 8th September

Tug of war at 6pm with pizzas cooked to order.

Saturday 9th September

1pm gates open

Kids games 1-3pm- free

Kids race 2pm

Boundary race 2.30 pm,

100 ball cricket match 3pm.

BBQ, teas/ cakes, stalls, bouncy castle, icecream van  
church flower festival all weekend

Deer roast carving at 5pm

Live music from 6pm

Ploughmans supper

Sunday 10th September

Parade starting at 1.30pm at Overtown to the church  
via the village hall and the Black Horse.

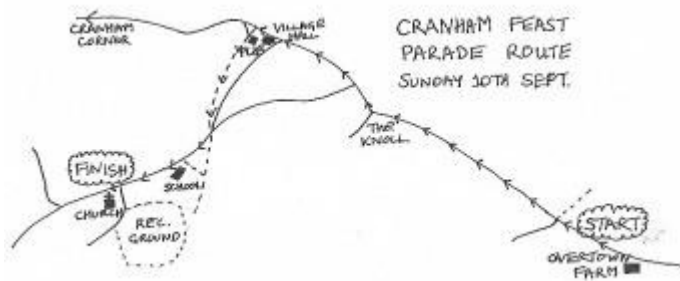
Everyone is welcome to join all or part of the parade.

Church service at 3pm with teas after, raising money  
for the church organ and in association with

Ride and Stride

## CRANHAM FEAST PARADE – SUNDAY 10th SEPT

As part of the Cranham Feast celebrations this year we will be bringing back the Parade (see page 196 of the Cranham book). Rather than braving the A46 and starting as tradition dictates at the Royal William, we will be starting at Overtown Farm. This will allow us to parade down through the Knoll, into the village around the pub and along to the school, giving all areas of the village the opportunity to join in.



The Parade will be led by the village Scout Group but it would be really great if as many village groups could be represented through dressing up, flags, banners or props. As an example the Tennis club could have a few members present holding tennis rackets. The cricket club could come dressed in whites. The new pub committee could come in Lederhosen.

The plan will be to leave Overtown Farm at 1:30pm, walking 1.5 miles, so that we arrive at the church in time for the service to start at 3.00pm.

The hope is to create a 'Feast' atmosphere so there will music and with all the colour and fancy dress, banners and flags it could really brighten up the damp summer. So put your thinking caps on and represent your village group in as imaginative way as possible.

The Church will also be looking to gain sponsorship through the Ride+Stride fundraising weekend event to raise funds towards the Church Organ. If you have young children, why not get them to grab a sponsorship form and secure some sponsorship for joining the Parade? Sponsorship forms will be circulated on the village email.



## **ST JAMES THE GREAT**

**Saturday 9th September & Sunday 10th September**

Flower Festival – “Celebrating Cranham”

**Sunday 10th September**

1.30pm Cranham Feast Parade

From Overtown Farm to Cranham Church

3.00pm Feast Service in the Churchyard

Please bring your own chairs/rug

(To be held inside the church if wet)

Followed by Tea and Cakes in the Church

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## Ebworth

I have started seeing wheatears along the Ebworth drive on my way into work. They like to perch on fenceposts between foraging on the ground so are usually quite easy to spot. Will all the unsettled weather we have had it feels like we haven't really had a summer and now we are seeing signs of autumn on its way! There is also a flock of young swallows which like to rest on the fence rails just above the Ebworth car park. It's lovely to watch them hawking over the fields in search of insects to eat. You can tell the young ones from their lack of long tail streamers.



Autumn is the best time to look for fungi as the cooler damper weather stimulates them to fruit and produce mushrooms. Fungi are a hugely diverse and fascinating group of species. Mushrooms can range from football sized giant puffballs to microscopic fruiting bodies found on decaying leaves.

Over the past year Tony Hardware, a local mycologist has been doing a fungi survey across the whole of Ebworth.

Going out throughout the year recording every species he finds. This is no easy task as identification can be very tricky. Many need microscopic examination, sometimes spore prints need to be taken and some need to be treated with chemicals to see what colour they change! Over the year Tony found an amazing 178 species including 16 species which are new to Gloucestershire including some real rarities! It's amazing to have such an in-depth survey of the site and shows how important the woodlands and unimproved grasslands are for fungi.



*Dead moles fingers (a fungi)!*

As summer ends, we enter the time of year when we start to do our vegetation management at Ebworth. This will include doing some of the ash die back remedial works. This will involve felling dangerous ash trees which are leaning over well used paths. The timber created will be either left in situ to create dead wood habitat which is so important in a woodland ecosystem, especially for invertebrates and fungi. Or if the timber is of a suitable size and falls on a track, we remove it to process into firewood for our biomass boiler up at Ebworth. This heats the whole building and keeps us warm in the winter! Felling trees is a potentially dangerous activity so please heed any warning signs you may encounter during your walk around the woodlands.

**Tom Griffin**

Area Ranger - Ebworth and Crickley Hill

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## A camping we will go – Despite the weather!

It may be wet, it may be cold but it is the British summer so we will go camping. We slowly watched the weekend weather unfold. Just like the Old Trafford Test every leader was glued to a range of weather apps resolutely hanging on the most positive forecast we could find.



The 4th August arrived and 12 cubs and 6 leaders headed off into rural Oxfordshire (yes I left the County) for a weekend of adventure at Youlbury Scout Adventures.

We set up camp, well sort of - tents were already in place as well as a large kitchen/dining marquee, so we built flag poles and of course lit a fire. We then settled in for a dry night around the campfire eating sausages, singing songs, telling stories and enjoying the warmth of a good camp fire.

It never ceases to amaze me how a midnight snack in the eyes of an 8-year-old runs from lights out to the point at which they pass out in a sugar filled stupor - a bit like popping to the pub 'for one' in the adult world I suppose. So as the leaders innocently sat around the fire setting out the plans for Saturday an entire industry of sweet exchange, tent swapping and ghost stories took place in the shadows. The best thing - they thought they were being quiet and that we knew nothing about it!! One cub actually unzipped the tent 'crept' outside, promptly fell over the guy rope, laughed, shone his torch straight at us to check we had not heard, unzipped the neighbouring tent went in, giving rise to more laughter and squealing that would have been heard in Oxford yet still stood amazed that we knew where he was when we asked him to return to his own sleeping bag.

At least with all this activity there would be a reasonable lie in. 5.30am in the morning was when the first breakfast request was heard. At least this was before the rain had started.



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Saturday was action packed with badge work followed by abseiling, crate stacking, zip lining Pedal go carting and heavy rain. Thankfully the rain did subside for a couple of hours in the afternoon and the sun even made an appearance. This did at least allow



some drying off of cloths - well those cloths that had not been carefully folded and left to dry in sleeping bags! In the evening we were entertained around a group campfire by the Youlbury staff - all of whom were explorer and Network Scouts from around the world (Brazil, Argentina and South Africa). We learnt new songs, games and activities for our own campfires in the future.

Sunday arrived with warm sunshine. A final activity and a return journey down the A40!



This was only our third real camp and our first away from Gloucestershire, so it was an experience for everyone and the next step, not only for our cubs but in our own development as leaders as we look to expand our offering to bigger and greater adventures for the future. What will be next?

Hopefully the summer has brought you your own adventures and of course the best way to enjoy your adventure is to Be Prepared!



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### ***What can you do about damp and mould?***

Unfortunately, there are many causes of damp that properties can get and it isn't always easy to work out the cause. The most common types are rising, penetrating, construction and condensation damp. On our website ([citizensadvice.org.uk](http://citizensadvice.org.uk)) there is information that may help you work out what type of damp you have, who is responsible and what you can do.

It is important to keep homes well-heated and well-ventilated to prevent damp and mould. You may be eligible for help to insulate and heat your home and should visit our website to find out more. If you are on a low income, you may be able to get help with heating and wider essentials from the Household Support Fund.

Drying wet clothes on radiators and blocking air vents may make condensation damp worse. It's best to dry clothes outside if you can or in the bathroom with the door closed and the window open or fan on.

### ***What should your landlord do if you are a tenant?***

It can be difficult to work out if your landlord is responsible - check your tenancy agreement for mentions of repairs and damp. One of the most common causes of damp is condensation. Our website has advice on things that can make the problem worse that may also impact the landlord taking responsibility for repairs.

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A landlord will have to act in relation to damp if it makes the property unsafe for someone to live in. This could be for example, if it is making the tenant or a member of their family ill. The landlord will also be responsible if the damp is related to repairs they should have carried out, like if heaters are broken. If the damp has damaged items that the landlord is responsible for, such as carpets and window frames, they'll likely have to cover the cost of repairs.

If your landlord is responsible for the damp in your property but doesn't act, there are steps you can take, such as reporting them to the local authority. If you're in social housing, you might also be able to use the landlord's formal complaints procedure. If you are thinking of leaving a fixed term tenancy agreement early, do speak to us first, as there might be better ways to approach the issue.

If you cannot access the website or need further help after reading the information on it, you can contact Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswold Districts on 0808 800 0510 or email using the form on our website ([www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk)).

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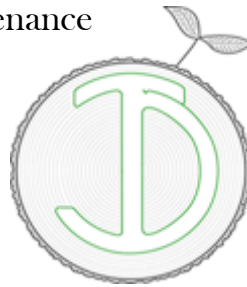
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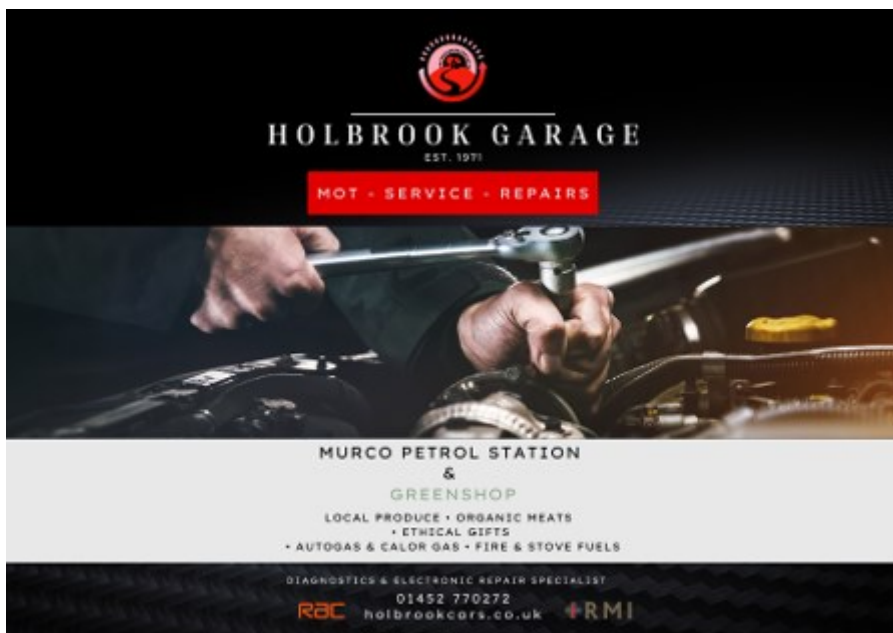



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<b>Youth Space</b>	<b>Monday 6.00 - 7.00pm</b> - Painswick Pavilion (Mark Trubey 07949 111817)
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<b>Knit &amp; Natter</b>	<b>Tuesdays 1.30 - 4.00pm</b> - V Hall
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# CRANHAM DIARY



## SEPTEMBER 2023

2	Sat	Garden Society Show	Birdlip V Hall	2.30pm onwards
3	Sun	Evening Worship	Church	6.30pm
5	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
6	Wed	St. Mary's Mums Starting	Church Rms	9.15 - 10.45am
8	Fri	Tug of War	Cricket Club	6.00pm
9	Sat	Cranham Feast	Cricket Club	Gates open 1.00pm
		Boundary Race		2.30pm
		Cricket Match		3.00pm
		Deer Roast		5.00pm
		Live Music		6.00pm onwards
9 & 10		Flower Festival	Church	
10	Sun	Cranham Feast Parade	Overtown Farm	Starting 1:30pm
		Feast Service	Churchyard	3.00pm
12	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
		Flicks in the Sticks	Bisley V Hall	7.30 for 8.00pm
13	Wed	Foodbank	Painswick	10.00am - 12noon
14	Thurs	Ramble	Village Hall	9.45am
17	Sun	Benefice HC Service	P'combe	10.00am
		Sarah's Licensing Service	St. Mary's	4.00pm
18	Mon	Village Lunch	Scout HQ	12.15 for 12.30pm
19	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
20	Wed	<b>** Magazine Contributions Due **</b>		
24	Sun	Morning Prayer	Church	11.00am
26	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
28	Thurs	Ramble	Village Hall	9.45am

## OCTOBER 2023

7	Sat	Garden Society Meeting	B'field V Hall	tbc
10	Tues	Flicks in the Sticks	Bisley V Hall	7.30 for 8.00pm
12 & 26	Thurs	Rambles		

*For Regular Events - please see page 42*