

Cranham Village Magazine

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October 2023



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A Letter from The Clergy



It is a delight on behalf of all our parish communities, and our magazine readers, to welcome Rev Sarah Haslam as the new Rector of our Benefice. Sarah has been working with us since earlier in the year and has already engaged with the life of our churches and villages. At the service on 17th September, she took on the official role of Rector, and with her family has moved into the Rectory in Painswick.

The role of clergy has changed markedly in the past generation or so. In the 'old days' (within many of our lifetimes) each village had its own vicar, often living in rambling, cold vicarages next door to the church. The vicar had responsibility for nearly all the activities of the church: leading the services and preaching every Sunday, looking after the pastoral needs of their 'flock' and even cutting the vicarage lawn ready for the church fete! The rest of us, the members of the communities, were somehow passengers in the life of the church, usually just attending and at best helping in some small way.

These days – and I believe this to be a very positive change - churches function differently. The change did not come about because of fewer clergy, or as a vague evolution, but around the 1990's theologians and church leaders gained new understanding of what a church, in a biblical sense, was meant to be. In this new model everyone is encouraged to be involved : each person contributing from their skills and experience as they are able, with everyone's contribution valued and all sharing responsibility for the running, the vision and the future of the church.

The role of the clergy has therefore changed markedly. No longer is the vicar running a 'one man band' (and it was a man of course!), but their role is one of leader, enabler and encourager. The selection process for those interested in being ordained, and their subsequent training, has changed accordingly, with much emphasis on leadership qualities and skills.

So, as Sarah arrives officially among us, it is not the time for us to step back from what we are doing – not at all. But rather for us all to look forward to working with her, whether we would regard ourselves as regular 'church goers' or not : together discussing ideas, sharing vision, and being courageous to offer whatever skills and time we have to take the life of our churches forward.

I know that Sarah will be looking forward to meeting everyone, and attending events in our different villages whenever she can. Do look out for her and introduce yourself.

Rev Helen Sammon

Worship in Cranham - October 2023

Sunday 1st	11am	Sheepscombe: Benefice Holy Communion	
	6.30pm	Evening Worship	Anthea Glibbery
		Sidesman	Mark Crowther
		Readers	Mark Crowther <i>Ezekiel 37.15-end</i>
			TBA <i>1 John 2.22-end</i>
Sunday 8th	11am	Harvest Holy Communion	
		Sidesman	Roger Moore
		Readers	Roger Moore <i>Deuteronomy 8.7-18</i>
			Martin Whitaker <i>Luke 12.16 -30</i>
Sunday 15th	6.30pm	Evensong BCP	
		Sidesman	July Berry
		Readers	Anthea Glibbery <i>Proverbs 3.1-18 1</i>
			Clive Hayden <i>John 3.1-15</i>
Sunday 22nd	11am	Morning Prayer	
		Sidesman	Mike Wakeman
		Readers	Mike Wakeman <i>1 Thessalonians 1.1-10</i>
			Alastair Sammon <i>Matthew 22.15-22</i>
Sunday 29th	11am	Two Parish Holy Communion	
		At Sheepscombe	
		Revd Andrew	

Please see page 6 for other Benefice Service's

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

Church Flowers

1st & 8th October	Harvest Ann Green and helpers
25th & 22nd October	Deb Carrington-Stait
29th October	Carrie Rogers
5th November	Carrie Rogers



Church Cleaning

7th October	Sarah Taylor
14th October	Nicki Clapton
21st October	Joan Charman
28th October	Kate Ryan
4th November	Linda de Cossart



Refreshments will be served after the following services:

8th October	11am	Harvest Festival
22nd October	11am	Morning Prayer



Cranham Parish Council website

lots of info including the minutes of meetings

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

www.beaconbenefice.org.uk

Benefice Services - October 2023

For detailed Cranham services please see page 4

1st October 17th Sunday after Trinity

11.00am	Sheepscombe	Benefice Holy Communion	Sarah
6.30pm	Cranham	Evening Worship	Anthea Glibbery

Weds 4th & Fri 6th October

4th Oct	Richmond	Holy Communion	Andrew & Mary
6th 7pm	Harescombe	Harvest Service	Sarah

8th October 18th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Edge	Holy Communion	Sarah
9.30am	Pitchcombe	Morning Worship (Harvest)	Lay led
11.00am	Painswick	Harvest Holy Communion	Sarah
11.00am	Cranham	Harvest Holy Communion	Helen
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Morning Worship (Harvest)	Mike

15th October 19th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am	Painswick	Holy Communion	Sarah
11.00am	Harescombe	Holy Communion	Helen
6.30pm	Cranham	Evensong (BCP)	Sarah

Tuesday 18th October

11am	Resthaven	Holy Communion	Sarah & Mary
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22nd October 20th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Pitchcombe	Holy Communion (BCP)	Sarah
10.00am	Painswick	Beacon Praise	Sarah & Lynn Hayler
11.00am	Cranham	Morning Prayer	Lay led by Nicole
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Holy Communion	David R

29th October Last Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Harescombe, Edge and Pitchcombe	Holy Communion	David R
10.00am	Painswick	Holy Communion/All Saints	Paul
11.00am	Sheepscombe with Cranham	Holy Communion	Andrew

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Singing from the Heart

Saturday 7th October 2023

Come and enjoy the beauty of singing together. During the day we will learn simple sacred songs, chants and harmonies, mainly drawn from the Christian tradition. Singing from the heart helps us to connect, individually and collectively, with the flow of Universal Love. Through doing this, we can experience and reflect on singing as a spiritual practice. This can be meaningful for many people, whether their spirituality is linked to a particular faith tradition or to none. We will learn the chants by ear so you do not need to be able to read music or be an experienced singer to enjoy this!

Programme:

10.00 - 10.30 Arrive/Refreshments

10.30 - 12.30 Introduction to singing from the heart. Singing as a spiritual practice. Learning sacred chants and songs with harmonies together.

12.30 - 13.30 Lunch - please bring your own lunch. Coffee, teas and cake will be provided.

13.30 - 15.00 Learning and sharing sacred chants and songs.

15.00 - 16.00 We shall end with a Singing offering in St Mary's Church, Painswick.

Venue: The Church Rooms, St Mary's Church, Painswick GL6 6UT.

The Stamages Lane public car park is next to the venue. Street Parking is also possible on Churchill Way, Hyett Close and The Croft. Nearest rail station is Stroud from where a bus service leaving from Merrywalks Shopping Centre stop at 9.30am, (66 gold/ 166) takes you to Painswick.

Advanced booking is essential. If you would like to come, or want some further information, please contact Andrew Clark, preferably by email: andrewjbclark@outlook.com or by mobile: 07729 118876.

Cost: Donations welcome (suggested amount £20).

Andrew Clark worked for nearly 30 years as a psychiatrist and psychotherapist in the NHS, before retiring in 2017. His earliest experience of singing was in a church choir and over many years of singing in choirs as well as on retreats and pilgrimages, he deeply appreciates the therapeutic and spiritual impact of singing. He now feels increasingly called to use heart-centred singing and sounding as a way to develop our heart consciousness.

Extracts from The Messenger – October 2023

Rugby – an evasion sport with the potential to encounter God

During the Men’s Rugby World Cup 2023, Richard Witham, Head of Sport and Faith for Sportily, shares how his passion for the sport links with his passion for his Christian faith.



“As a child, I found a love for sport, especially Rugby Union, long before a love for Jesus. It will come as no surprise that I am pretty excited about the Men’s Rugby World Cup, which runs to 28th October – work colleagues and family might find me harder than usual to get hold of. “I look back at those moments of epiphany where rugby and faith have collided for me:

“In sixth form – When I had just started out on the adventure of following God as a sixth former in Bristol and looking at the touch line to see a youth leader from church giving up their Saturday afternoon to come and watch me.

“In scripture – Enjoying and accepting Romans 12, verse 1. Our worship is always in response to what God has done for us and for who God is. For me, this sense of giving my whole self to God is true and proper worship was transformative especially this direct link to my physical body. Of course, this is not just around physical activity and sport but worship for me is hugely rooted in this.

“Through coaching – I have re-learnt how to coach others and it is very different to how I was taught. I can picture where I was standing as the coach educator talked us through creating a positive learning environment, letting the players play conditioned games and then as a coach asking the right question to help the players truly learn and encourage them to question what they are doing and why. This sounded very much like the way Jesus taught his disciples – through them doing, joining in and through two-way questions. I can trace this moment to the birth of ‘Play sport talk life’, a phrase at the heart of the what and the how of Sportily.

“During the Rugby World Cup, I will be aware of the natural conversations that can come from it with friends, family, those at the rugby club and young people through Sportily, around success and disappointment, enjoyment, beauty and creativity.

“I will enjoy the post-match hymns and prayers from some of the countries and players and join in when they openly give glory to God. I will enjoy watching some top-class rugby and be thankful to God. And each match I watch I will pause and pray for those countries – for the challenging situations they face, maybe for people and organisations that are linked to those I know.”

Read Richard's testimony in full: gloucester.anglican.org/rugby-an-evasion-sport-with-the-potential-to-encounter-god

Rebuilding life after prison

At the start of Prisons Week, on 9 October, the Rt Revd Rachel Treweek, Anglican Bishop for HM Prisons, invites worshipping communities to a special event at Gloucester Cathedral in partnership with The Welcome Directory and The Community Chaplaincy Association. This is an opportunity to learn more about how, working together, we can reach out in faith to those seeking to rebuild their lives after leaving prison. Register: gloucester.anglican.org/rebuilding-life-after-prison

St Mary's celebrates first full immersion baptism

St Mary's in Wotton-under-Edge held its first full immersion baptism – which coincided with the 740th anniversary of the church's dedication.



Full immersion baptism, as the name suggests, is when a person is fully covered in water by submerging under the surface as part of the baptism ceremony, signifying their new life in Christ.

Rachel Tooley, who has been a member of the worshipping community at St Mary's for a year, decided she wanted to be baptised and chose full immersion baptism.

The Revd Lesley Hewish, Priest in Charge for Tyndale Benefice, says, "Rachel joined our congregation last summer, along with her life partner, Shelley, who has already been baptised. It has been a real joy walking with these two women on their journey with Jesus.

"Shelley helped me baptise Rachel, so we all got very wet; and so did the rest of the congregation as everyone renewed their baptism vows, which involved a branch of rosemary and lots of baptism pool water being shared.

Lesley says, "We are praying this will be the first of many full immersion baptisms and more members of our community explore together what it means to be a follower of Jesus. We are therefore confident that more candidates will join them for confirmation next year. God is doing amazing things."

Read more at: gloucester.anglican.org/st-marys-celebrates-first-full-immersion-baptism

Events and training

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

Digital media training

6th October, 10am to 7.30pm

Hatherley Manor, Down Hatherley Lane GL2 9QA

Join the national Digital Labs team for free interactive sessions taking participants from the basics of setting up internal and external communication channels for worshipping communities, through to a seminar-style session to discuss current issues facing church comms.

gloucester.anglican.org/digital-media-training

Carbon awareness training

11th October, 7.30pm to 9.30pm

The Exchange, Brick Row, Stroud GL5 1DF

Explore questions around engaging with climate change in church life. Participants will be better equipped to make positive changes in their own household as well as feeling more confident to engage both with church, and others to encourage more people to take this seriously.

gloucester.anglican.org/carbon-awareness-training-october-2023

'Light eternal: Yesterday, today, forever'

19th to 28th October

Gloucester Cathedral GL1 2LX

Experience the Cathedral like never before. This medieval space will be transformed by a light and sound installation, with dazzling projections throughout the building. Journey into the Cathedral's 1,000-year-long history, examining its breathtaking architecture and stained glass, as well as its more recent life as a famous filming location.

gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/light-eternal-by-luxmuralis

Wholeness: Being well day

28th October, 10am to 3pm

St Mary's Church, Wotton-under-Edge GL12 7LS

St Mary's will be filled with creative opportunities for people of all ages and stages of faith, or none, to explore different approaches to finding healing and wholeness.

gloucester.anglican.org/being-well-day

Have your say

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Cranham Village

Harvest Festival Service

on Sunday 8th October
at 11am in Church



A celebration service for all the family.

You are invited to bring food and toiletries donations for the Foodbank; and any fresh produce from your gardens which will be sold after the service.

(Please bring cash and a shopping bag!).

Drinks and cakes afterwards.

Foodbank



Thank you to everyone who made our September collection successful!

Our next collection will be on Wednesday 18th October from 10am - 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: Fray Bentos pies, corned beef, jam, peanut butter, Marmite, tinned custard, tinned rice pudding, biscuits, chocolate bars, shampoo and conditioner, shower gel, razors and shaving gel, toilet rolls, household cleaning sprays, laundry detergent, nappies sizes 4, 5, 6 or 7.

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

ADVANCE NOTICE

Back by request will be the 'Power Point' show of OLD CRANHAM IMAGES

Jan Whitton on behalf of the Cranham Local History Society will be repeating the show on Saturday afternoon – 24th February 2024.

Make a note as soon as you buy your 2024 calendars, if you want the opportunity to see this wonderful collection of historic photos.

Brimpsfield & Mid-Cotswold Garden Society

Our thanks to everyone involved in our Annual Show in September – another successful day with lots of splendid exhibits, showcasing our members' talents! If you didn't enter this year, maybe you should start working on your entries for next year!



Our next event will be our first autumn Coffee Morning on Saturday 7th October in Brimpsfield Village Hall; our speaker will be Angela Lerwill, who will talk about growing up on her family's traditional farm in Sussex. Refreshments will be available from 10.30am, with the talk starting at 11am and, as always, everyone is welcome!

October may feel like a month when the garden starts to wind down, but there are still jobs to be done, and seeds to sow. Broad beans (a winter-hardy variety – try Aquadulce Claudia) can be sown, and garlic can also go into the ground this month while there is still warmth in the soil. Under cover, you can make a first sowing of sweet peas for early flowers next spring, and salads can also be sown in containers for fresh leaves during the winter; they will grow slowly but can be cropped on a 'cut and come again' basis if you cut them 1cm above the base.



The weather at this time of year can be unpredictable; keep an eye on the forecast and be prepared to water if we get a dry spell, or to provide protection if it turns chilly; it's safest to be ready to bring tender plants under cover around now, and certainly by the end of the month. Last year we had a very mild November, but this was followed by a sudden very cold snap, so better safe than sorry! Remember that, even if the daytime temperatures are warm, it's much colder at night. Dahlias should be left until the first frosts have blackened the foliage, but other frost-tender specimens should be brought indoors before the cold weather hits.



Fix my Street

website to report potholes and fly tipping etc

<https://www.fixmystreet.com>

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.

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Did you know that an average sized dog produces 146kg of poo per year?

Failing to clean up after your dog is not only antisocial, it can also have serious health consequences especially for children.

Dogs may carry small worms in their poo that can cause toxocarasis. Humans are not infected by contact with fresh dog poo. They catch the infection by ingesting worm eggs that have been in the soil for weeks or months. Ingested eggs and the larvae that hatch from them usually pass through the gut without causing symptoms. However, on rare occasions worms can pass into other organs and



cause problems such as asthma or blindness.

It is, therefore, especially important not to leave dog poo in places where young children play, such as the village playing field.





FRIDAY 17TH NOV 2023 6pm

AUCTION OF PROMISES

We are holding an auction of promises to
continue fundraising for our beautiful
St Mary's Roof Project
at St Mary's Church Painswick

Join us to bid for for a range of fantastic
items, events and experiences

Bar and raffle

If you would like to support this
event either by giving time,
a gift or an experience
please contact

Joan Warner 07970 448426

joan.wells@hotmail.com

Libby Graesser 07973 747656

libbygraesser@gmail.com

First lot under the hammer at 7pm

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
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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

Ebworth

It is a great time of year to look out for migrating birds. Some passing through on their way south to their wintering grounds in Africa and some returning to our shores to enjoy our (relatively) warm winter climate after breeding in Scandinavia or Iceland.

The drive to the Ebworth Centre can be a good place to look out for wheatears passing through on their way south. The organic fields of Overtown Farm are also a great place to look out for redwings and fieldfares newly arrived from Scandinavia. They are very hungry after their long journey and the organic soils offer the perfect protein and calorie rich source of invertebrates.

You may have noticed some works happening in Workmans Wood recently. This is natural flood management (NFM) works which is being done in partnership with Stroud District Council. These works aim to slow the flow of water running down the head waters of the River Frome. This increases the ability of the land to slowly soak up water which reduces peak flows during periods of heavy rainfall. This in turn reduces flooding further downstream. It is much more cost effective than hard infrastructure interventions and it creates some excellent wildlife habitat in the process.



There have been three types of works happening at Ebworth:

- ◆ “Woody structures in the stream course” This involves felling sycamore and dying ash trees so they fall into the stream course. This creates leaky dams which hold up the flow of water. It also creates deeper areas of water in the stream which are used as a cooler refuge for invertebrates during hot, dry spells.
- ◆ “Water attenuation area” This is effectively creating temporary ponds in the woodland. In times of higher rainfall these areas are full of water but in dry spells they may dry out. These act as water storage areas holding water back and slowly releasing it. Temporary, or ephemeral ponds are great for wildlife because populations of larger predatory animals cannot build up. Hence creating a haven for aquatic invertebrate life.
- ◆ “Stage zero the stream course” This involves using nearby silt to fill in any deep channels the stream has created. This causes the stream course to spread out across the width of the valley. This stops the water rushing down a narrow straight channel and instead meander down the valley.

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In periods of high rainfall the water is able to use the whole width of the valley not just the narrow channel. These both help to again slow the flow of water down the valley. It also creates a great wet woodland habitat. We will be using these newly created wet areas to plant alder to restore the alder carr/wet woodland habitat at Ebworth.



We have also been restoring some of the drystone walls across Ebworth. This has been through a number of different methods: Volunteers, paid contractors and hosting training events.



It is very satisfying work and it's great to see these iconic Cotswolds features come back to life!

Tom Griffin

Area Ranger

Ebworth and Crickley Hill National Trust



The Bisley Flicks in the Sticks Presents:

God's Own Country

At Bisley Village Hall

8pm

Tuesday 10th October 2023

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

Cranham Village Lunch

This will be held on
Monday 16th October
12.15 for 12.30pm
in the Scout HQ



booking would be helpful if you did not attend the
previous lunch.

Menu for this month will be:

Fruit Juice

Cottage Pie

Broccoli and Carrots

Lemon Merengue Pie

Stewed Fruit

Tea/Coffee

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

Thank you, **Nicky.**

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

Village Email System

Following our recent appeal, we are pleased that someone has volunteered to run the system. The handover should be ready by the end of September.



Basic rules

The email system is to announce items of community interest. Recent examples include; Feast news, Black Horse updates, Society meetings, road closures and Parish Council items.

Requests for items to be circulated should be sent ONLY to:-

cranhammail@gmail.com (NOT to any individual or the magazine)

Along with the item to be circulated please include a title of the item and a release date.

Please give as much notice as possible. We currently have 224 addresses within our distribution and are limited to 300 mails per day. Recently we had 3 items delayed in a queue so notice is required. As previously advised, we can “book” a release date in advance, which is very useful.

Personal advertisements will not be circulated. There are forums such as the Facebook page (Friends of Cranham) that are better mediums for these.

Nigel Cooper

Chair Cranham Parish Council

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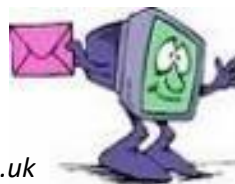
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TRAC Write Up

TRAC 2023 for me was the highlight of my year! There were around 77 young people who attended and it was a great privilege to be able to serve them for the week.

It was a week full of games, activities, exploring the Christian faith, food and sleepless nights! Some of the activities we did included Go Karting, Ziplines, Raft-Building, Archery, Multi-Sports, a Slip and Slide (if you never seen one google it they're pretty wild) and much more!

The theme of this years TRAC 2023 Summer Camp was WORTH. We explored the idea of where we get our worth, what does God say about our worth and how do we live it out. Most of the young people were not Christians at the beginning of the week but by the end a good number had decided to make decisions to follow Jesus or wanted to know more about the Christian faith when they return home.

We had a fancy dress night which went down great and a bon-fire on the last night where the young people could share some of their highlights. Listening to many of them who testified to how their lives were changed due to TRAC was very touching and reminded us all afresh why we do what we do.



I'm praying next year we'll have young people from the Beacon area attending – but if you'd like to know more or talk about how you could get involved with children or youth work please feel free to contact me on mark.trubey@sportily.org.uk

Notes from the Chair

Meetings - Our latest meeting was brought forward to August 29th and we had a very full agenda. Complete minutes are published, firstly in draft form, on our website:

www.cranhampc.org.uk , here are a few snippets.

Public Speaking - There is always a slot for this at beginning of meeting. A resident echoed many peoples views when he heavily criticised three things, namely the general state of the road surfaces, branches overhanging the highway scratching cars and causing a safety hazard, and finally many aspects of the undergrounding of the electricity cables that has caused so much damage and inconvenience. Council completely agreed and all these matters had already been actively pursued, direct with National Grid and Gloucestershire County Council.

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

Village Email - See separate announcement on page 21.

Playing Field - We are going out to tender for the grass cutting contract for next year, unfortunately we were let down this year. Also, there is concern about the trees bordering the field because of ash dieback disease and their size. We will be seeking expert advice.

Dog Fouling - There remains a problem of irresponsible dog owners (not necessarily Cranhamites) failing to clear up after their pets. The Cranham Common Trust has kindly offered to fund additional bins, and our new Police Community Service Officer, PCSO Nicky Wood has agreed to carry out patrols along with SDC Environmental Officers (who are empowered to issue on the spot fines) in order to further raise awareness.

Next Meeting - Scheduled for Tuesday 7th November at 7pm, on the agenda will be draft budget for next year.

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Cranham Common News

The largely wet summer has resulted in proliferative growth of grass and everything else on the common this year, plenty for the cows to eat now they have returned. As the nights draw in heralding the approach of autumn, for me it is a time to reflect on the glorious displays of flora we have enjoyed on the common this summer. From the early cowslips through the orchid season and now the late comers, the scabious and wild carrot. The common has been lovely this year.

Who looks after the common?

There are quite a lot of different organisations and individuals involved in looking after Cranham Common, and it can get somewhat confusing. So it is useful to clarify who does what.

There are 4 primary organisations involved with the Common.

- Cranham Common Trust (CCT)
- Cranham Common Management Committee (CCMC)
- Natural England (NE)
- National Trust (NT)

Cranham Common forms part of the Cotswold Commons & Beechwoods National Nature Reserve, which has statutory oversight by Natural England on behalf of the Secretary of State.

The **Cranham Common Trust** owns most, but not all, of the grassland of Cranham Common plus the village pond. CCT was originally made up of people who donated to the purchase of the Common in 2008 and welcomes new members from the village or anyone with an interest in the common. Cranham Common Trust is run by a board of 8 directors elected by its members for 3 years at the AGM. The board directors are all volunteers and receive no financial reward.

A number of other parties also own modest parts of the Common, including the National Trust, The Scout Association, Yew Tree Cottage, Crofters Hollow, Shepherds Piece, plus a number of other neighbouring properties.

Natural England have a lease, granted by Cranham Common Trust, over the core part of the grassland which is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), a status which gives it high statutory protection. Natural England are responsible for the environmental management of the SSSI and NNR, organise events, and also pay Cranham Common Trust an annual rent which is sufficient to cover the Trust's overheads (mostly public liability insurance).

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The **Cranham Common Management Committee** includes representatives of residents in the Parish, and many other stakeholders including graziers who historically used to graze animals on the common, Parish Council, Natural England and National Trust. The CCMC membership is elected at the Cranham Parish Council Annual meeting.

CCMC undertake the day-to-day management of the whole of the Common (not just the NNR and SSSI), under the chairmanship of Liz Hayden. CCMC works closely with CCT, Natural England and National Trust with the common goal of maintaining Common in optimum condition to benefit a wide range of plants, birds and invertebrates. In winter months CCMC organise work parties to manage the scrub on the Common.

National Trust own the cattle that graze the common. The National Trust are responsible for the welfare of the cattle. Matt Watts from NT is responsible for the welfare of the cows. Contact us: **If you have any questions about the “The Common”** the first point of contact should be: CCMC, Liz Hayden at chair.cmc@gmail.com. 07974 386341

Winter work parties

We will run the usual monthly work parties over the winter. These work parties are vital to manage the scrub and maintain the common in optimum condition. Everyone is welcome to join the work parties, and we can find jobs for all ages and levels of fitness. They are very enjoyable social mornings as well as being rewarding to contribute to the maintenance of the common. So, for anyone new to the village, come and join us and make some new friends.

Work party dates for your diary:

Saturday 25th November	9.30am - 12.30pm
Sunday 14th January	9.30am - 12.30pm
Saturday 3rd February	9.30am - 12.30pm
Sunday 25th February	9.30am - 12.30pm

Liz Hayden
CCMC chair

No new people in the village this month!

WELCOME!

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

History of the Alms Houses



George Jones was a philanthropic gentleman who lived at Whitley Court in Upton St Leonards. He was the generous benefactor to many such schemes as the Cranham Alms Houses.

The first documented evidence we have of the cottages existence go back to 23 March 1804, when Mr William Verrinder owner of the Old House, when it was the Black Horse and a pottery, paid £100 to Richard Faulks yeoman of Bisley and John Portlock yeoman of Cranham for them. His property passed on his death to his son Joseph, who in turn sold the cottages (Alms houses) to Joseph Lovegrove, together with other properties. Following Joseph Lovegrove's death, a trust was formed to arrange his affairs which included the rector, Rev William Moore. The sale was made to George Jones by the trustees of Joseph Lovegroves will in 1867, for £150. At that time the cottages were occupied by Henry Pope and John Ecups.

George Jones died in 1861 but he had established the George Jones Charity and on the 26th January 1868 it gave the two cottages to new trustees to create the Alms houses, trustees included the Rector and churchwardens with the following proviso they were - 'to be occupied rent free by one widow and her family, or two poor widows without families, such poor widows or widows to be nominated from time to time by the Rector and churchwardens etc etc' George Jones Charily also gave to the trustees to hold the sum of £162 7s 7d invested at three percent in Consolidated Bank Annuities, upon the income thereof to keep the cottages and property in substantial repair, and pay all rates and taxes if any, and keep the property insured against fire. As these men died or retired others have taken their place.

By 1900 only one of the cottages was occupied due to the local housing authority describing it as below standard. One of the trustees in 1963 was Colonel James Carne VC and according to a newspaper report on February 22 of that year – 'he was full of optimism that the alms Houses could be saved, an architect had prepared plans that would cost £2,300, improvement grants of £800 would be available of the £1,500, £200 would be offered by the National Association of Alms houses. The remainder raised over a period of 20 years from the National Assistance Board at a rate of £1 12s 6s weekly, to be paid by those in the accommodation.' Sadly, a later newspaper report said the plans had been put on hold as the planned drainage scheme had stalled.

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It was not until the early 1970's when the promised introduction of main drainage implemented and the properties could then undergo the necessary renovations to make them habitable again. Mr Alec Brown took over the trusteeship from Col Carne, and together with the Parish council under the chairmanship of David Pritchard work progressed. Tenders for the work in 1976 ranged from £11,700 00 to £12,799.50. Building work was undertaken by C & A builders and took until the end of the 1970's to complete. The trustees to this day have constantly maintained the integrity of the buildings. The rules as to who should inhabit the alms houses are no longer so restrictive, and they continue to provide rented accommodation for the village.

LOVE YOUR COMMON?

**WANT TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP ENSURE ITS
FUTURE?**



The Cranham Common Trust owns the grassland common in the village. The common was bought by the village in 2009 with many villagers personally contributing to the purchase price. The Trust was created as the means by which the common could be bought and thereafter managed. It is run as a registered charity.

All charities have to have Trustees. We are looking to refresh our Board of Trustees and invite any villagers to consider seeking to join the Board. In particular we are looking for someone with financial experience. The time commitment is not large, but the role of a Trustee is an important and responsible one.

If you are interested, or want to know more about the role or the Trust, please contact our Secretary, Richard Tyson, on:
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We are appealing for new volunteers from all backgrounds who are looking for a volunteering role that is both challenging and rewarding. We are looking for people who can give 8-10 hours per week, and are currently recruiting for the following roles:

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Volunteer Advisers. You will give advice and information (face to face, by telephone and email) to clients on a wide range of problems. No prior advice experience is necessary as full training will be given. Information sessions for volunteer advisers will take place on 18th October 2023 (2-3.30pm) in Stroud and on 8th November 2023 (1-2.30 pm) in Cirencester. Our next training programme will start on 24th January 2024.

Elizabeth Hall, our Chief Executive Officer said:

“Now more than ever, you can really make a difference by volunteering with us. We’re seeing more and more people needing support as living costs spiral. As well as helping the local community, we know people who volunteer their time get a lot back. We’ll give you all the training you need and would love to hear from you.”

To find out more about these roles or register your interest for a volunteer adviser information session please contact our Learning and Development Officer at training@ca-scd.org.uk. You can also find further information on our website:

www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk.

Donations to charities in lieu of sending

local Christmas cards



Hello Cranham,

Seems a little early to be talking about Christmas I know, but here goes... The wonderful Norma Kay has for many years arranged for Cranhamers to donate to charity instead of writing Christmas cards, saving us time, trees, and allowing us to get that warm feeling from giving to great causes.

Norma has now hung up her Christmas hat, having raised thousands for two charities chosen by Cranhamers - Hospice Africa and Allsorts Gloucestershire. I'd like to continue this time-honoured tradition for Cranham.

Here's how it works:

People can donate either independently to Hospice Africa/Allsorts Gloucestershire, or via myself, using cash, cheque or BACS. Please email me kas_stageman@yahoo.co.uk if you'd like to pay by BACS and I'll send you account details.

Alternatively, you can send money direct to a charity of your own choice and get a mention in the Cranham Christmas message. If you are sending money direct to a charity, please let me know which one and the amount you are contributing. The latter is only for the total raised by everyone and will be published in the January 2024 magazine.

Your name will be printed in the December magazine and on Facebook (to the Friends of Cranham group) to wish fellow Cranhamers a Happy Christmas!

If you would like to join in this year, the deadline to ensure your name is included in the December magazine is November 22nd.

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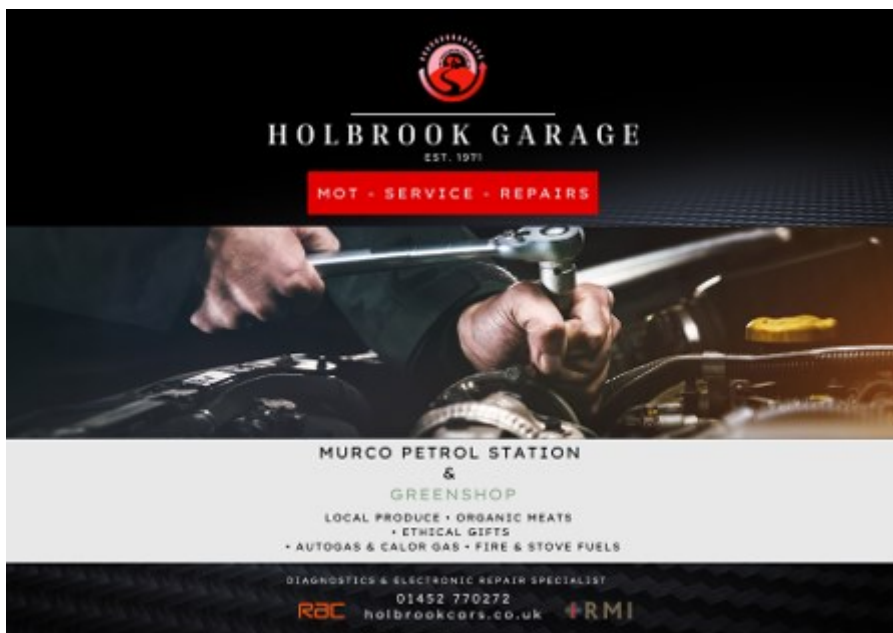
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Sportily Hangout	Mondays 5.00 - 6.00pm - Painswick Pavilion
Youth Space	Mondays 6.00 - 7.00pm - Painswick Pavilion (Mark Trubey 07949 111817)
Orchestra	Mondays 8.00pm - V Hall (Beryl Berry 813200)
Post Office	Tuesdays 10.00am - 12noon - V Hall
Rachel's Pop Up Café	Tuesdays 10.00am - 2.30pm - V Hall
Cranham Art Group	Tuesdays 7.00 - 9.00pm - V Hall (Lyn Barker 813025)
Choir	Tuesdays 7.30pm - V Hall (Virginia Pittman 07989 712263 virginiapittman3@gmail.com)
Handbell Ringers	Wednesdays 9.30 - 11.30am (Jenny Barraclough 07977 997375 jenny.barraclough@btinternet.com)
Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	Wednesdays - Scout Centre - times as follows: Beaver Scouts (6 to 8 yrs) 4.45 to 5.45pm Cub Scouts (8 to 10 yrs) 5.50 to 7.10pm Scouts (10 to 14 yrs) 7.30 to 9.00pm
Table Tennis Club	Wednesdays 7.30 - 9.30pm - V Hall (Clive Hayden 07833 635762 chayden814@gmail.com)
Cranham Ramblers	Alternate Thursdays 9.30am - V Hall (Joan Charman 812708)
S'Combe Bridge Club	2nd and 4th Thursdays 7.00pm - Sheepscombe V Hall (Contact Joy Edwards 812588)
Rachel's Pop Up Café	Fridays 9.00 - 12.30pm - V Hall
Parent and Toddler	Fridays 9.15 - 10.45am - V Hall (Contact tbc)
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Garden Club	Brimpsfield , Phone Francis Ellery 01452 862412 for further info



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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 18th OCTOBER 2023

Magazines will be available for distribution:
on **Sunday 29th October** or thereabouts.

The date will be confirmed to the distributors by email.

CRANHAM DIARY



OCTOBER 2023

1	Sun	Benefice Holy Communion	Sheepscombe	11.00am
		Evening Worship	Church	6.30pm
3	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
7	Sat	Singing from the Heart	Church Rooms	10.00am - 4.00pm
		Garden Society Meeting	B'field V Hall	10.30 for 11.00am
8	Sun	Harvest Festival Service	Church	11.00am
10	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
		Flicks in the Sticks	Bisley V Hall	7.30 for 8.00pm
12	Thurs	Ramble	Village Hall	9.45am
13	Fri	Raise the Roof	St. Mary's	7.30pm
15	Sun	Evensong	Church	6.30pm
16	Mon	Village Lunch	Scout HQ	12.15 for 12.30pm
17	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
18	Wed	** Magazine Contributions Due **		
		Foodbank	Painswick	10.00am - 12noon
22	Sun	Morning Prayer	Church	11.00am
24	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
26	Thurs	Ramble	Village Hall	9.45am
29	Sun	2 Parish Holy Communion	Sheepscombe	11.00am
31	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
		Sportily Holiday Club	Croft School	9.00am - 3.00pm
		Halloween Hangout	Village Hall	6.00 - 9.00pm

NOVEMBER 2023

1	Wed	Sportily Holiday Club	Croft School	9.00am - 3.00pm
7	Tues	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.00pm
9 & 23	Thurs	Rambles		
11	Sat	Cranham Speakeasy	Village Hall	7.30 - 11.30pm
17	Fri	Auction of Promises	St. Mary's	6.00pm
25	Sat	Commons Working Party	Common	9.30am - 12.30pm

For Regular Events

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