Cranham Village Magazine

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A Letter from The Clergy

Dear friends, I'm feeling the cold!

Not just because I'm getting older but because I've just returned from a holiday in Crete and had got used to temperatures in the high 20s with sunshine virtually every day. When I set out on my holiday the trees were green and it still felt like summer, but on my return it was cooler and the trees were already beginning to turn. A sign that autumn is on its way.

Autumn, and November, for many can be a depressing time. The clocks have changed, it's darker in the evenings, and we face the probability of the weather being cold, windy, and wet.

As I look back to the warmth of Crete, both the weather and the lovely people there, it reminds me that November is also a time of remembrance. Right at the beginning of the month there are two special days in the church calendar, often celebrated on the Sunday nearest to their dates.

The 1st November is All Saints' Day, when the church remembers the saints, known and unknown. The word "saints" has come to mean people whose holy deeds are remembered by Christians, although in the New Testament "saints" refers to the entire Christian community. A sobering thought that you and I could call ourselves Saint xxxxx, although we may not feel we deserve and live up to that title!

The 2nd November is called *All Souls' Day,* when faithful Christians who have died are remembered. Although it will have passed by the time you read this, we will have gathered, at our Benefice All Souls' Service, to light a candle, and give thanks to God for our loved ones, whose lives we remember and celebrate on that occasion.

November is also the time when Remembrance Day services take place at 11.00 am on the 11th day of the eleventh month, or on Remembrance Sunday, 12th November this year, being the Sunday closest to the 11th November. Most of our Benefice Churches will be open to welcome anyone who wishes to come at 10.50 am for our Remembrance Sunday services. We will honour those who have given so much in the service of their Country.

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Worship in Cranham - November 2023

Thursday 2nd 7.30pm All Souls Service Sue Hartley

Sidesman Nicole Wotherspoon

Sunday 5th 11.00am Benefice Holy Communion at Painswick

6.30pm Evensong Keith Ardron

Sidesman Chris Collier Readers Chris Collier

Rob Garratt

Sunday 12th 10.50am Remembrance Service Revd. Sarah

Sidesman Ian Wotherspoon

Readers TBA

Sunday 19th 6.30pm Evensong BCP Sue Hartley

Sidesman Sylvia Ardron

Readers John Bentley

Joy Bentley

Sunday 26th 11.00am Holy Communion Revd Helen

Sidesman Tom Daltry

Readers Tom Daltry

Helen Daltry

Dec. 3rd 11.00am Advent Service & Baptism

Posada families start their journey round the village

Please see page 6 for other Benefice Service's

www.beaconbenefice.org.uk

Church Flowers

5th November Carrie Rogers

12th & 19th Nov Remembrance Gillian & Nicole

26th November Nicole Wortherspoon
December ADVENT – No Flowers



Church Cleaning

4th November Linda de Cossart

11th November Gill Firth
18th November Di Blandford
25th November Linda Faulkner
2nd December Beryl Berry



Refreshments will be served after the following services:

2nd (Thur) November7.30pmAll Souls Service12th November10.50amRemembrance Service

26th November 11.00am Holy Communion

3rd December 11.00am Advent Sunday & Baptism

Posada families start their journey

Clergy Letter - from page 3

November seems to be a time for remembering, thinking not about the long dark and often cold nights, or recalling the sunshine we enjoyed on our holidays, but for reflecting on those people whose lives have been instrumental in forming the life we enjoy today; the Saints of the past, for our loved ones no longer with us here on earth, for those who gave so much.

The other thing about November is that it moves us towards Christmas, when we remember, and give thanks, that Jesus came into this world, as the Saviour who offers us Life, and Light in the darkness. More about that next month I suspect.

May the peace and comfort of God be with you this November.

Míke Campbell

Benefice Services - November 2023

For detailed Cranham services please see page 4

Wednesday 1st November

		Wednesday 1st November	
11am	Richmond	Holy Communion	Andrew
		Thursday 2nd November	
7.30pm	Cranham	All Souls Service	Sue Hartley
	5	th November All Saints Day	1
11.00am	Painswick	Benefice Holy Communion	Sarah & Victoria Robson
6.30pm	Cranham	Evening Worship	Lay led by Keith Ardron
	11th	November Remembrance	Day
10.50am	Painswick	Act of Remembrance	Sarah
	12th N	ovember Remembrance Su	ındav
9.30am	Painswick	Holy Communion (shortened)	David
10.50am	Edge & Harescombe	Remembrance Service	Mike
10.50am	Pitchcombe	Remembrance Service	Helen & Mary
10.50am	Painswick	Remembrance Service	Andrew
10.50am	Cranham	Remembrance Service	Sarah
10.50am	Sheepscombe	Remembrance Service	David
		Wednesday 15h November	
11am	Resthaven	Holy Communion	Andrew
	19th Nov	vember 2nd Sunday before	Advent
10.00am		Holy Communion	Andrew
11.00am	Harescombe	Holy Communion	Sarah
6.30pm	Cranham	Evensong (BCP)	Sue
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	26	th November Christ the Ki	ng
9.30am	Pitchcombe	Holy Communion (BCP)	David
10.00am	Painswick	Beacon Praise	Liz Eden, Paul & team
11.00am	Cranham	Holy Communion	Helen
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Baptism	Sarah
	Clergy:	Readers:	Permission to Officiate:

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Revd. Andrew Leach (Associate Priest)	Mrs. Liz Eden Mrs. Sue Hartley	Revd. Canon Michael Irving Revd. Paul Kenchington Revd. David Newell Revd. David Reynish Revd. Helen Sammon



Extracts from The Messenger – November 2023

Vicar voices podcast sharing Christian perspectives on life

Alongside supporting a new parish ministry in Bishop's Cleeve, the Revd Nat Garrett produces a weekly podcast for a digital project pioneered by the Church of England.

As well as being an Anglican minister, since 2022 Nat has worked part-time for the Centre for Cultural Witness in Lambeth Palace Library, London, producing a podcast for their digital magazine, Seen & Unseen. Nat, with her husband, the Revd Tim Garrett, and their two daughters, moved from Twickenham to Gloucestershire in January 2023 when Tim became Team Rector of St Michael and All Angels, Bishop's Cleeve.

Nat says, "Having worked as an actor before I felt called to ordination, it was clear to me that I wanted to bring to ordained ministry my creative gifts while keeping one foot firmly in parish ministry. While I was training, I started going out with the curate from the nearby church and we fell in love and got married. Marrying a vicar means I will have a life based in the parish, which is wonderful.

"The aim of Seen & Unseen is to talk about the things that people are really talking about, gathering what is good about the heritage of the Anglican Communion and the Christian tradition and repackaging it in a way that will reach today's secular audience.

"I am so grateful to be able bring my creative skills and experience to the CCW, while still being deeply involved in parish life here in Gloucestershire. We have been made to feel very welcome by our new worshipping community and are loving the easy access to countryside walks from our home.

"I produce the Seen & Unseen Aloud podcast so that people can access our content anywhere – on the bus, doing the washing up – but also, importantly, so that our material is accessible to individuals who find reading content on a screen challenging for whatever reason. It's wonderful to be part of this dynamic organisation."

Read more at: gloucester.anglican.org/vicar-voices-podcast-sharing-christian-perspectives-on-life

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Pray Like Hannah

For the month of November, the Diocese of Gloucester is encouraging Christians to be part of our new campaign to Pray Like Hannah.

Hannah was a woman in the Bible who prayed intensely for God to give her a child. In her case, her prayers were granted, but the story isn't really about that, it's about



the depth and the strength of her love for God and how it transformed her world.

The prayers are based around the ordinary things that are happening in our lives and encouraging us to pray for the children in our own communities and beyond.

If you pray regularly, or even if you don't, we'd love you to join. Follow us on:

Instagram: instagram.com/glosdioc

Facebook: facebook.com/Diocese.of.Gloucester

YouTube: youtube.com/c/DioceseofGloucester

International Men's Day

Sunday 19th November is an opportunity for people in the UK to celebrate men and boys in all their diversity. The Revd Nick Bromfield, Team Rector of North Cheltenham, explains more about the day and how worshipping communities can get involved.

"International Men's Day (IMD) was founded as an attempt to positively set the tone of masculinity in today's world. Some 40% of men have never spoken to anyone about their mental health, despite over three-quarters suffering from anxiety, stress, or depression, so its significance is even more important now than ever before.

"The uncertainty and confusion about men's roles in a fast-changing society are too rarely talked about. In recent years there has been particular focus on male suicide, accounting for 3 in 4 of all suicides in the UK, and which is now recognised as the second biggest cause of death among men aged under 19.

"There are lots of fantastic opportunities for worshipping communities to celebrate Britain's men and boys by running events and activities, raising money for relevant charities, or by offering opportunities for men to get together. For ideas, visit ukmensday.org.uk/how-to-mark-imd-in-2023."

Safeguarding Sunday

The safeguarding awareness-raising campaign for churches also falls on Sunday 19th November. Thousands of churches from diverse backgrounds and traditions across the UK will come together to reflect on their own safeguarding journey, and to highlight and celebrate all the good work that is being done by so many to protect vulnerable people.

For helpful resources, register for a free pack:

thirtyoneeight.org/get-involved/safeguarding-sunday

Events and training

More details for all these events at gloucester.anglican.org/events Monks, manuscripts and mayhem 4th November, 10.30am to 3.30pm Gloucester Cathedral

Discover more about the fascinating studies the monks undertook as part of their daily lives at the Cathedral. There will be a number of activities on offer. The perfect half-term activity for visitors young and old. No booking required.

Carbon awareness training
I Ith November, 9.30am to 3pm
The Lounge, Church Centre, St Andrew's Church, Station Road,
Churchdown, GL3 2JT

A 4-hour course enabling participants to explore questions around engaging with climate change in church life, and being better equipped to make positive changes in their own household and feel more confident engaging both with church and others to encourage more people to take this seriously.

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

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Godly Play local network 15th November, 12.30pm to 2.30pm

St Mary de Crypt, Gloucester, Southgate Street, GLI ITP

Explore how we use Godly Play in our different settings and learn more about the resources and stories. Led by Alison Summerskill, Godly Play trainer, and Jo Wetherall, Senior Children and Families Connector.

gloucester.anglican.org/godly-play-local-network-november-23

Creative journalling 30th November, 10am to 2pm The School Room, Rudford, GL2 8DT

Join priest and artist Rebecca Spear, who will guide us through approaches to creative journaling using different media and techniques.

gloucester.anglican.org/creative-journaling

Have your say

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Cranham Parish Council website

lots of info including the minutes of meetings https://cranhampc.org.uk/

POSADA!

Just a reminder of what Posada means "In Spain & Spanish speaking countries: an inn or place of accommodation for travellers and in Mexico: each of a series of visits traditionally paid to different friends before Christmas, representing Mary & Joseph's search for a lodging in Bethlehem." From the Shorter Oxford Dictionary.

Christmas is coming ...!

Advent Carol service Sunday 3rd December at 11am

The Posada Family will once again be looking for places to stay overnight.

If you would like to host the Posada for a night please contact Laura Chilcott:

Email: cranhamchurch@gmail.com WhatsApp/call: 07854 917753

You do not need to have children at home to host!

What is the Posada (see also bottom of page 10 opposite)?

The Posada is a custom that started in Spain or Mexico at least 500 years ago when people visited each others' homes to bless their Nativity scene. They would start on 16th December and travel around until Christmas Eve; 9 days, to represent the 9 months that Mary was pregnant with Jesus. Each night they would go to a different home in a different part of the village. When they arrived at their destination they would knock on the door and ask for a room. The head of the house would say he had no room, just like the innkeeper in Bethlehem, but eventually he would let them in. Everybody would go inside, light a candle besides the nativity scene and bless it.

How do we do it in Cranham?

As many previous 'host families' are aware; Cranham now has 2 nativity sets that we call the Posada. Throughout advent these move from home to home, staying overnight before being passed on to find another resting place.

When does it all happen?

We start with the first families receiving the Posada at the Advent carol service at 11am on Sunday 3rd December.

After travelling from home to home each night they return to the church in time for the Crib Service on 24th December at 4pm.

If we host the Posada, what exactly will we be doing?

The Posada families are delightful wooden nativity scenes. They will arrive, ready for you to set up, in their own box with the Posada prayer and an advent candle for you to light for the night(s) you host the family.

Please join us for this special service setting the Posada on its journey.



At the Hangout the last month we have been continuing our theme of Who is God? We've looked at the story of the Prodigal Son exploring what it means God is a Father to us and the difference He's made in our lives. One of my favourite sessions was where Tyson Fury spoke to us (from YouTube) on his relationship with Jesus.

The next few weeks will be really exciting for us in Sportily. We will be running a half-term holiday club at the Croft School for KS1 and KS2. On Halloween we're planning on being outside the Croft late afternoon/early evening - running some

quick street sport games and giving our sweets! So please do come by!

To sign up for the holiday club please visit our website and book online (see details on the poster).

The holiday club runs 9am-3pm on 31st Oct- 1st Nov.

Hopefully see you there!



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



Brimpsfield & Mid-Cotswold Garden Society

Can you identify all the creepy-crawlies and other insects in your garden? Do you know which ones will damage your plants, and which will benefit them? Find out which to squash and which to keep at the Garden Society's November coffee morning, on Saturday 4th November, when entomologist Roger Umpelby will tell us about 'Friends and Foes in the Garden'. The coffee and home-made cake will be available for a modest sum from 10.30am and the talk will begin at 11.00am; come along and learn how to tell the goodies from the baddies!

Scientists are increasingly realising the importance of the even smaller forms of life that sustain our gardens: these are the microbes that are so essential to soil health. The day before our talk, Friday 3rd November, is No-Dig Day; this isn't an opportunity to take it easy in the garden, but a day to celebrate 'No-Dig Gardening', a system that promotes minimal soil disturbance, thereby encouraging the establishment of the soil microbes, and helping them and the earthworms to do their job unhindered. It also prevents the release into the atmosphere of carbon stored in the soil, and so helps tackle global warming.

The principle, essentially, is that you add a good layer of compost, well-rotted manure or similar soil improver to your vegetable beds in autumn or winter, and sow or plant into that. It's much easier than double-digging, and trials have shown that crops grown in this way can be more productive than those grown on double-dug beds. It's a method better suited to the vegetable garden than to growing ornamentals, which often have to be dug up and divided every few years, though similar principles can be applied there too. More specific advice is available online, but its best-known proponent is Charles Dowding, a market gardener who practises what he preaches and whose website (charlesdowding.co.uk) is an excellent source of no-dig information as well as of more general advice on vegetable gardening. Good for your plants, your soil and the planet — and easier on your back!

Fix my Street

website to report potholes and fly tipping etc https://www.fixmystreet.com



Home-Start Stroud and Gloucester

Home-Start Stroud and Gloucester is a local charity which provides friendship, practical and emotional support to families with young children within our communities. Parenting is not always easy, and to have the support from a trained volunteer is invaluable to many experiencing a difficult time in their lives.

Our next free volunteer training course starts in February 2024, so if you would like to start the New Year in a positive way, have 2-3 hours a week or even a month to spare, and could share with someone else your parenting experiences please get in touch.

Parent quote "Home-Start is a fantastic charity, was really there for me at times of need. The volunteers are well trained and are really handy to have around especially when your child has extra needs, sometimes that different face makes all the difference. Thank you very much!"

For more details and to apply, please see our website www.homestartsd.org or email: Enquiries@homestartsd.org or call the office 01453 297470.



CRANHAM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Woodchester Mansion - An unfinished Masterpiece

An illustrated talk by Liz Davenport

Cranham Village Hall
Thursday 7th December 2023 at 7.45pm

**

Members Free/ Visitors £3.50

Refreshments are included All welcome

The Carved Headstones of Vake and Severnside Churchyards

A talk given to the Cranham Local History Society by Nick Herbert on 28th September

Old churchyards are wonderful places to explore. Death is close at hand but can seem, literally, to belong to another age. Tombs testify to status. Headstones carry inscriptions and epitaphs. Nick Herbert has taken a special interest in another aspect, the carvings on headstones. They have an intriguing story to tell.

He's put together a remarkable photographic record of his visits to churches in the western area of Gloucestershire and adjoining areas of Herefordshire and Worcestershire, and they formed the basis for his talk. He identified a folk tradition, dating back to the mid-seventeenth century, and local to specific areas, maybe no more than a winged cherub head, or the simple symbolism of an hourglass, which might also have wings. Inscriptions were sometimes too long and lost a letter or two: there's a sense of craftsmen learning their trade. Awre, over the Severn from Arlingham, is a churchyard that's worth a visit.

The subject matter in rural areas was sombre. A shrouded face, and a sexton's tools. One headstone has eight heads, a mother and her seven children, all of whom died in childbirth. 'As I am so you will be', is an epitaph which caught the mood. Headstones in the Cotswolds were more sophisticated, and by the end of the 18th century reflected rococo and neo-classical influences.

It is also possible to identify individual stonemasons with their own distinctive styles. Floral borders lighten the mood. Shells suggest a pilgrimage through life to death. Funerary urns, a classical touch, indicate cremation even though the body had not been cremated. Flights of angels might carry you to paradise. A mother and child with a harp suggest ease of passage. A serpent eating its tail is a symbol of eternity. Hope is represented by an anchor, so could be popular, especially close to the Severn. A heart symbolises charity. Children by extension might do the same. Faith is of course represented by the cross. A single dove with a twig, from the story of Noah, depicts salvation, multiple doves on a tombstone emphasise the point.

It was remarkable, eye-opening talk, enough maybe to set some of us on our own explorations through our older churchyards. A big thank you to Nick.

Chris Collier

Foodbank



We had bumper Harvest donations from our local churches, The Croft

School and St Mary's Mum's group - as well as our loyal and generous individual donors. Thank you to all who braved the wind and the rain to bring their produce to Stamages Lane car park. The car was VERY full!

Please note that on Wednesday 8th November we will have our **BIG CHRISTMAS COLLECTION!** We would be very grateful for festive non-perishable goods and treats. Volunteers will be in the Stamages Lane car park from 10am - 12noon. If you are able, please give so that we can support those in our community who would otherwise struggle this Christmas.

There will NOT be a collection in December but we will be back in the New Year.

As always, 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

Cranham Common News

The largely warm and wet summer has resulted in proliferative growth of grass, general scrub and spreading bramble patches this year. We are busy working with Natural England on planning the winter clearance tasks. The balance of grassland to scrub is carefully planned to create a mixture of habitats to allow all species to thrive, the scrub and bramble patches being valuable habitats for our birds, small mammals and reptiles.

Scrub clearance is a real team effort, with work being done by local volunteers on work parties, the Cranham brush cutting team, and Natural England.

The brush cutting team have plenty to do this year controlling the bramble spread. Work for general work parties includes cutting back small blackthorn spread, and some of the emerging trees on the road edge on the main common side of the road up to the Knoll.

Everyone is welcome to join the work parties, 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.

Details of the tasks for each date and where to meet will be sent out on Cranham email and Facebook nearer the time.

Workparty dates for your diary

 Saturday
 25th Nov
 9.30am - 12.30pm
 Sunday
 14th Jan
 9.30am - 12.30pm

 Saturday
 3rd Feb
 9.30am - 12.30pm
 Sunday
 25th Feb
 9.30am - 12.30pm

Bring your own gloves and loppers (if you have them, we also have some to lend) Refreshments provided.

Undergrounding works

It is not breaking news that the undergrounding works have been very badly managed and carried out by different contractors on behalf of Western Power. We are extremely concerned at the unnecessary damage to the common that has been caused by poorly managed contractors who have repeatedly contravened guidelines for working on the SSSI, and also digging in areas that were not agreed with CCT and NE in the planning of this work. Natural England have been monitoring this closely, and it has now been escalated to the highest levels to ensure that all damage is correctly resolved. This will unfortunately involve a delay in completion of the work, so we do not have a completion date at this time.

Liz Hayden CCMC chair chair.ccmc@gmail.com



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

Raising the Roof Promises Auction from 6.00pm Friday 17th November



The Auction will be a fun evening. We are very lucky to have our local auctioneer Will Fair who will be auctioning about 80 donated promises. The entrance program (£10) will allow you a free glass of wine and a raffle ticket. The wine has been very kindly donated by Balfour winery owners of the Falcon. Below are some of the generous promises already offered. The list will be closed at the end of October and then a full description of all promises will be posted on the Benefice Facebook, social media and displayed in the church. This will allow you time to gather friends together to share meals and experiences. If you wish to leave a bid before the event you may post it through the Benefice letter box at the Lychgate. Below is a précis of some of the promises.

Physio voucher, paintings and commissions, voucher for Pegasus, several hosted dinner party's, hair voucher, ride in 2 Vintage Bentleys and lunch at Calcot Manor, Christmas cakes and mince pies, 2 cakes of choice, a table decoration, Richmond Spa voucher, The Meadows Shop voucher, one week in Portscatho Cornwall for 2, treacle tart, Murrays fee reduction, 2 nights stay for 2 in a cottage in Woodchester winery, Pooch voucher, cream tea for 6 at Verlands, flowers and tour of garden, 10 bags of manure, small portrait of a pet, pottery, dog walking x2, chimney swept, 6 course tasting menu for 2 at Painswick hotel, decorated Christmas tree from London florist, 3 osteopath treatments, outdoor lighting for special event, 10 bags of superior compost, case of rose, personal wellness coaching, 5ft Christmas tree, quirky painting of Painswick, watercolour of house or garden, 2 separate half days gardening, 2 hour interior design consultation, private yoga session for 2, cooking demo by Max la Manna, tennis racket restrung, signed books by Martin Williamson, Christmas candles, Bespoke luxury door wreath, shire horse coaching and ride, fishing on the Colne, butler and waitress service for drinks party, Glos rugby tickets, patch work cushions, taxi up to 20 miles each way, round of golf for 4 people, voucher for guided walk of Highgrove garden, 2 tickets for opening concert at 3 choirs festival, 2 tickets for Glos choral Society, a portrait painting, 3 herbal dressings/sauces, an hour hitting a tennis ball with Alicia Barnet Grand Slam Wimbledon player, Authentic Indian meal for 6, large fillet of beef, 2 tickets for public highlights and Crypt tour, long weekend or midweek for 2 in Peak District, 3 nights luxury B&B in Paradise valley Arizona, box of fresh vegetables, fresh cut flowers, a drive in a 1965 EType Jag within 20 miles, voucher for MIMMO boutique.

Contacts:- Joan Warner 07970 448426 or Libby Graesser 07973 747656



Overheard in Bagels Monro's café, Friday 13th October:

"psst.... have you heard about the Speakeasy?"

https://cheltenhamgloucesterhospitalscharity.beaconforms.com/form/1d6206ef

For other ticket sales and online assistance please contact:

Norma Kay on 07720 046802. All profits in aid of the Big Space Cancer Appeal.



[&]quot;Speakeasy?"

[&]quot;Yeah. Knuckles Barker and Pooch Lynall are setting up a Speakeasy"
"When?"

[&]quot;Saturday 11th November, 7.30pm. Cranham Village Hall."

[&]quot;Is it by invitation?"

[&]quot;Kinda. Linda the Knife is issuing the invitations."

[&]quot;Gotcher. So you don't refuse. Not if you want to keep both your kidneys."

[&]quot;There's hooch. And plenty of great food."

[&]quot;Bagels Monro doing the cooking then?"

[&]quot;Natch"

[&]quot;Anv music?"

[&]quot;Great jazz band and singer. The dolls are all dressing up, flapper dresses, beads. There's a prize for best dressed doll and best dressed guy."

[&]quot;Wow, that's something else."

[&]quot;And a Charleston demo."

[&]quot;Not "Legs" Eldridge?"

[&]quot;Legs himself.

[&]quot;I'm no hoofer."

[&]quot;Rumour has it The Wizard of Odds Charman is running a roulette table."

[&]quot;That's more like it!! I'm in. What's the damage?"

[&]quot;To you - £35. For a glass of bubbly and canapés and grand buffet. Then there's a cash or card bootleg bar."

[&]quot;Where do I pay?"

[&]quot;Here's the link. Please use for ticket purchases."

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.



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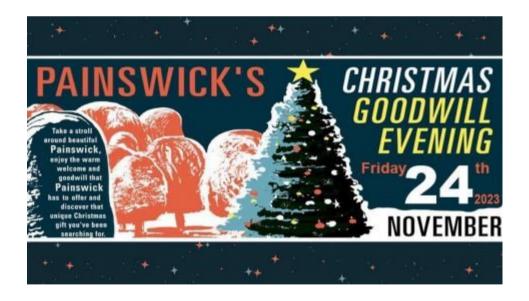
Cranham Tennis Club

Many thanks to all our members for supporting our club this year and thanks to the Juniors and Adults who took part in the coaching and competition.

Congratulations to Andrea King and David Bonney for winning the mixed doubles competition.

Remember you can continue to use the court throughout the winter with our hardcourt surface.

Best wishes Malcolm Chapman (Chairman)



Cranham School

Georgia Parker - Remembrance

	We Genember by Georgia parker
	Why do you Weep poppies?
	We remember the depressing Shriek of fear, Crying-Crying,
	Why are you silent poppies?
	We remember the shout of excitement the screams of cheer, Cheering-Cheering
	Why do you Whine poppies?
1	We remember the sting of tears, stinging- Stinging,
1	Why do you groan poppies?
	We remember the Soldies that served our Country, Serving-Serving,
	And we remember the souls, the never ending streams of blood that were sacrificing, Socrificing,
	We remember because others forget;
	THE PROPERTY OF STATE

Cranham Village Lunch



This will be held on

Monday 20th November

12.15 for 12.30pm in the Scout H.Q.

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

Menu for this month will be:

Fruit juice

Sausages and Mashed Potato

Cabbage, Baked Beans and Onion Gravy

Bread and Butter Pudding and Custard

or Stewed Fruit

Tea/coffee

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

Thank you, Nicky.

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

Community Lunches on Mondays are back on October 30th!

Painswick Community Support and Painswick Parish Council have come together to keep the much-loved Community Lunches going through the coming winter months.

Held on the traditional **Monday lunchtime** in the **Town Hall 12noon - 1.15pm**, this is open to the whole community to come together and enjoy a simple lunch of home-made soup, bread and cheese plus tea or coffee hosted by Painswick's clubs, societies

and community groups.

In light of increasing costs for everyone, this will now be on a Pay-As-You-Feel basis, with any profits after costs are covered being donated to local charities.

We have 6 dates confirmed before Christmas starting on October 30th which is being kindly hosted by the Monday Walkers Group.



The Bisley Flicks in the Sticks Presents:

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry

At Bisley Village Hall 8pm Tuesday 14th November 2023

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



National Trust

Autumn means fungi and we had a very successful fungi foray event in Workmans Wood on Sat 7th October. This was arranged through the Stroud Valley's Project and led by Tony Hardware, a mycologist who has been recording fungi across the whole of Ebworth over the last year. A whopping 23 species were recorded on the day! Including collard earthstar which is a really special looking fungus.

I have seen may first redwings of the winter around the Ebworth Centre but no fieldfares yet. Its amazing how migratorily birds can turn up so suddenly. Literally overnight thousands of birds can arrive. In the morning you are welcomed by flocks of birds you haven't seen for 6 months! It is time to start checking flocks of chaffinches in the beech woods. There may be bramblings hidden amongst them.



Autumn also heralds the start of our woodland management works. This year we will be thinning two areas in Workmans Wood (red areas on map). These areas are young beech plantations. The trees having been planted about 60 years ago by John Workman. If you walk through these areas you will notice how the trees are very dense. They feel quite dark and there is very little vegetation on the ground. In thinning these areas we will remove about 25% of the trees. The gaps in the canopy which this creates will allow lots of light onto the woodland floor. This will stimulate the growth of new trees and ground vegetation including some of the rare species which makes Workmans Wood so special.

Another type of woodland habitat creation we will be starting this year is ride creation (blue lines on the map). Rides are open, sunny corridors which run through woodlands. They create habitat for wildflowers and warmth loving species such as the impressive silver washed fritillary butterfly. Ride creation is done by removing trees either side of a woodland track. The aim is to produce a wavy, not straight edge of the ride. This is called scalloping, it creates wider open areas of woodland and pinch points where the canopy of trees from either side of the ride touch. Pinch points allow species which require more shade or canopy cover to cross the rides. Workmans Wood is the national stronghold for the very rare fingered sedge. It requires a sunny woodland setting and you will find it growing on the edges of our existing rides. By extending our ride network we hope that fingered sedge will spread in more of our woodlands.

The woodland management will be carried out by contactors with large machinery. For safety reasons we will be temporary closing forestry tracks whilst the works are ongoing. Please respect safety signage at all times.

Tom Griffin

CRANHAM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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.



Donations to charities in lieu of sending

local Christmas cards

Hello Cranham,

Just a reminder about donating to charity in lieu of sending Christmas cards in Cranham...

Still a little early to be talking about Christmas but never mind. 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 on Wednesday 15th November.

Many thanks

Karen (kas stageman@yahoo.co.uk)

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Calling All Knitters in the Beacon Benefice



Now that the nights are drawing in and thoughts turn to knitting, we need your help with our Mission and Outreach Christmas project.

We are inviting knitters to make a small angel or mini stocking from a simple pattern which we can give to our

care home residents at Richmond and Rest-haven as a small Christmas gift from our Benefice churches.

So, if you can follow a simple pattern and could knit just one or several, we would very much like to hear from you!



For a pattern by email or by delivery, or for more information, please contact Delyth Allen at:

delythallen58@gmail.com or on 07854 262517.

Thank you

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True or false? If you die between 9am and 5pm on a weekday, you're more likely to have a better death



It's true. Out of hours care when someone's dying is unpredictable. Fewer hospital staff work weekends, evenings and overnight, and GP surgeries are closed. In those last precious days and hours of life, patients and their families want to know support is available – whenever it's needed. In reality, many

last precious days and hours of life, patients and their families want to know support is available – whenever it's needed. In reality, many must cope alone. Longfield's nurses and healthcare assistants work 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, delivering free and expert hospice care in the comfort of people's homes.

Longfield's Director of Care Services, Sue Parris said, 'It's a truth we rarely speak about, but in the evening or at weekends, if you need help or advice to care for someone in their last weeks, days or hours of life, you may struggle to get help, or even find the right numbers to call. I hear from people who are at their wits' end. It can be a terrifying and exhausting time. That's why we're raising funds to make sure we can get desperately needed help to people when it's most needed.'

One day, you or someone you love might need Longfield. If they can raise £30,000, they can provide 450 hours of hospice care in homes across the county. If you would like to donate, go to longfield.org.uk/urgent-appeal to give online, or call them on: 01453 886868.

Longfield Charity Christmas Cards

The new stocks of Christmas cards are already selling like hot mince pies! There are 39 designs, priced from £3.50 to £4.50 for a pack of 10, all proceeds will help support Longfield's hospice care. Available from longfield.org.uk or in any of their shops.



Also coming Up....

1st December, Minchinhampton – Ice Walk & Christmas Fair 10th December, Minchinhampton – Light Up A Life memorial celebration

January 2024 – Christmas tree collections



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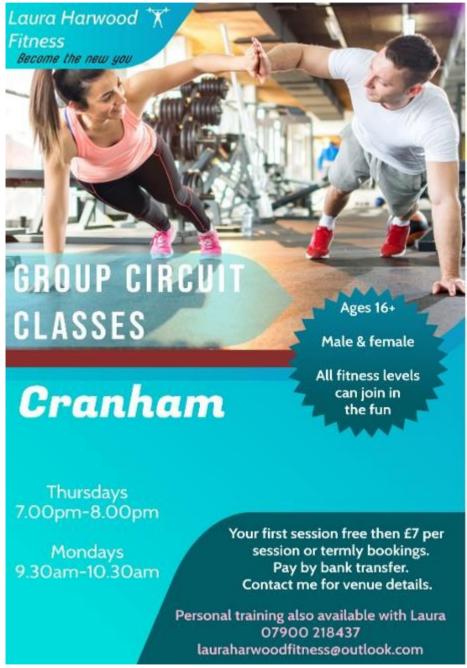
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Village Lunch Monthly on a Monday 12.15 for 12.30pm

(Nicky Overs 07884 432886)

Sportily Hangout First Monday of month 5.00 - 6.00pm - Painswick Pavilion **Youth Space** First Monday of month 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, CubsWednesdays - Scout Centre - times as follows:& ScoutsBeaver Scouts (6 to 8 yrs)4.45 to 5.45pmCub Scouts (8 to 10 yrs)5.50 to 7.10pm

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)

Explorer Scouts Fridays 7.30 - 9.00pm - V Hall

(Ian Coupland ian@couplandclan.co.uk)

Church Bell Ringers Alternate Saturdays 9.30am - Church (Rob Garratt 07703 503547)

Garden Club Brimpsfield, 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

editors@cranhammag.co.uk (preferred option).

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 15th NOVEMBER 2023

Magazines will be available for distribution: on Sunday 26th November or thereabouts.

The date will be confirmed to the distributors by email.

.Sue & lan Shaw 814839 editors@cranhammag.co.uk

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Thurs CLHS Talk

1	Wed	Sportily Holiday Club	Croft School	9.00am - 3.00pm				
2	Thurs	All Souls Service	Church	7.30pm				
4	Sat	Garden Society Meeting	B'field V Hall	10.30 for 11.00am				
5	Sun	Benefice Holy Communion	Painswick	11.00am				
		Evensong	Church	6.30pm				
7	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste						
		Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.00pm				
8	Wed	Foodbank Collection	Painswick	10.00am - 12noon				
9	Thurs	Ramble	Village Hall	9.45am				
11	Sat	Cranham Speakeasy Event	Village Hall	7.30 - 11.30pm				
12	Sun	Remembrance Service	Church	10.50am				
14	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste						
		Flicks in the Sticks	Bisley V Hall	7.30 for 8.00pm				
15	Wed	** Magazine Contributions Due **						
17	Fri	Auction of Promises	St. Mary's	6.00pm				
19	Sun	Evensong	Church	6.30pm				
20	Mon	Village Lunch	Scout HQ	12.15 for 12.30pm				
21	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste						
23	Thurs	Ramble	Village Hall	9.45am				
24	Fri	Goodwill Evening	Painswick	tbc				
25	Sat	Commons Working Party	Common	9.30am - 12.30pm				
26	Sun	Holy Communion	Church	11.00am				
		Christmas Craft Fayre	Village Hall	11.00am - 4.00pm				
28	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste						
DECEMBER 2023								
3	Sun	Advent Service	Church	11.00am				
7 & 21	Thurs	Rambles						

For Regular Events - please see page 46

Village Hall

No new people in the village this month!



7.45pm

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