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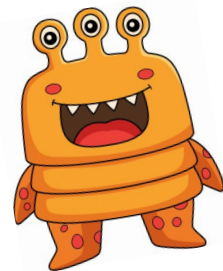
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A Letter from The Clergy



Dear friends,

I've just finished giving the study a Spring Clean. Actually, it would probably be more accurate to say that I've just given it a good tidy up, which is well overdue. I can now see parts of the desk which have remained hidden for some time.

Spring, which for us began on Wednesday the 20th of March, brings a sense of change and renewal. The clocks have gone forward, which means we see more of the day and the **light** it brings. Curtains are opened earlier and closed later as the days gradually lengthen. Many who find the dark days depressing and difficult to cope with will be feeling much better as the light seems to shut out the darkness. Right at the beginning of John's gospel, talking about Jesus, we read that '*the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it*'. Spring is a reminder that ultimately light is better than darkness.

Spring also brings with it a sense of the triumph of **life** over death. My grass, which has changed little over the past five or six months has suddenly burst into life again, so it won't be long before I forget about tidying the study and have to get outside to cut the grass. In the church calendar we have just had Easter, and the story of the crucifixion, followed by the great celebration of Easter day when we acknowledge that Jesus has, in fact, overcome death by coming back to life.

The other thing for me about Spring is that it brings a ray of **hope**. I have a friend who every year just before Spring arrives heads off to the mountains in Switzerland to enjoy a week of skiing. For him, the arrival of Spring is not always welcomed, particularly if it arrives early. For most of us however the coming of Spring invokes feelings of joy and hope that the weather will be better, we can get out more in the evenings, and the grey damp and sunless days will be over. Indeed, if you suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder Spring is very much a time of hope that things will be better. For those of us who follow Jesus, whatever the circumstances we find ourselves in, there is always the triumph of hope over despair.

In reality, my favourite season is Autumn, with the beauty and colour it brings, but I also love Spring because it can be a time of light, life, and hope.

May God bless you as we begin to enjoy Spring.

Mike Campbell

Worship in Cranham - April 2024

(LR = Lay Reader)

Sunday 7th	11.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Revd. Andrew
		Sidesman	Ian Wotherspoon
		Readers	Ian Wotherspoon Alastair Sammon
Sunday 14th	11.00am	Holy Communion	Revd. Andrew
		Sidesman	Phil Stick
		Readers	Phil Stick Roger Moore
Sunday 21st	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)	Sue Hartley (LR)
		Sidesman	Nicole Wotherspoon
		Readers	Rob Garratt Julie Berry
Sunday 28th	11.00am	Morning Worship	Sue Hartley (LR)
		Sidesman	Mark Crowther
		Readers	Mark Crowther Nicole Wotherspoon

Please see pages 6 for other Benefice Service's

Cranham Parish Council website

lots of info including the minutes of meetings

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

Church Flowers

7th April	Nicole W & Gillian Smith
14th & 21st April	Liz Cattle
28th April	Helen Sammon
5th May	Helen Sammon



Church Cleaning

6th April	Sylvia Ardron
13th April	Sue Stick
20th April	Sarah Taylor
27th April	Nicki Clapton
4th May	Joan Charman



Refreshments will be served after the following services:

7th April	11am	Benefice Holy Communion
14th April	11am	Holy Communion
28th April	11am	Morning Worship



Phishing Scam



Some people have reported getting an unusual email from Revd Sarah. Please be aware that this is a phishing email - someone pretending to be Revd Sarah.

In a phishing scam, you get a message that looks like it's from someone you know, but it is not. Unfortunately, there is nothing we can do, so please do ignore them. If you are unsure, please forward the email to Bea at: beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com to check.

Benefice Services - April 2024

7th April 2nd Sunday of Easter

11.00am	Cranham	Benefice Communion	Revd. Andrew
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Wednesday 10th April

12noon	Painswick St Peters chapel	Holy Communion	Revd. Sarah
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14th April 3rd Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Edge with Harescombe	Morning Worship Followed by APCM	Revd. Sarah
9.30am	Pitchcombe	Holy Communion	Revd. David
11.00am	Painswick	Family Worship	Vics, Mike & Paul
11.00am	Cranham	Holy Communion	Revd. Andrew

Wednesday 17th April

TBA	Resthaven	Holy Communion	Revd. Andrew & Mary
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21st April 4th Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Harescombe with Edge	Holy Communion Followed by APCM	Revd. Sarah
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Morning Worship	Mike C
11.00am	Painswick	Holy Communion	Revd. Paul
6.30pm	Cranham	Evensong (<i>BCP</i>)	Sue H

28th April 5th Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Pitchcombe	Holy Communion (<i>BCP</i>)	Canon Helen
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Holy Communion Followed by APCM	Revd. Andrew
11.00am	Cranham	Morning Worship	Sue H
11.00am	Painswick	Beacon Praise Followed by APCM	Revd. Sarah & Vics

For more detailed information about Cranham services please see page 4

www.beaconbenefice.org.uk

You are invited to the
Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting
For **St. James the Great Church, Cranham**
Wednesday 17th April 2024

In church 7.00pm

please RSVP to confirm attendance.

Further details available from:

Nicki Clapton, Bakers Piece, Cranham, GL4 8HY

07824 812384

cranhamchurch@gmail.com



Ermmmmm

“As we know, There are known knowns.
There are things we know we know.
We also know, There are known unknowns.
That is to say

We know there are some things We do not
know.
But there are also unknown unknowns,
The ones we don't know We don't know.”

— **Donald Rumsfeld Feb. 12, 2002,**
Department of Defence news briefing



Extracts from The Messenger – April 2024

“People are surprised to see a DJ in a clerical collar”

A vicar from Tetbury is using his love for music to share God’s love through DJing at festivals and events. The Revd Steve Bullock shares how he developed his ‘musical ministry’ and the reactions he gets from listeners.



The Revd Steve Bullock was ordained priest in June 2023 and is serving his curacy in the benefice of Tetbury, Long Newnton, Beverston and Shipton Moyne. Steve is also a trained DJ, who goes by the name ‘Rev Steve’.

Steve says, “I have a musical background, classically trained as a clarinet and piano player from an early age and a member of a high-performing church choir, I appreciate all this genre has to offer. However, over the years I have found that other genres of music have helped me connect with God also, especially different styles of dance music.

“This eventually drew me into exploring how I could get hold of such music and play around with it, to help me and others connect with God, through the spirituality which is often found in such music. This led me to get hold of my first DJ decks and I have been steadily developing my skillset, undertaking courses and being mentored by Mark Spence from DJ Gym, Birmingham, to get to the standard I’m at today.”

Steve is mindful of the songs he plays and that his music brings joy.

“I prefer not to play at parties and weddings, as the music is usually dictated by the audience rather than the DJ and it is harder to keep watch of the content of the messages in the songs. This is important as I want my mixes to be positive and pointing towards joy and hope. In fact, at one of my gigs last year, I was playing in a back room, with another DJ playing in the other space. It was noted there was a difference between what we played. Someone noticed that there was a contrast between light and dark, which I thought proved what I try to do with the music.

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“So far, I’ve had some great feedback to my mixes and mini gigs. People are usually surprised to see me wearing my clerical collar, which immediately gets people’s attention. I’m one for trying to debunk stereotypes and if I can use it to make people think more about Christ, wherever they are, that is great.”

Read more: gloucester.anglican.org/people-are-surprised-to-see-a-dj-in-a-clerical-collar

Get the latest news from the Diocese

Every Friday, get a WhatsApp message from the Diocese of Gloucester with our top three inspiring stories, videos or events.

Visit: <https://bit.ly/OneDioceseWhatsApp>

The Great Big Green Week (8th-16th June)

Organised by The Climate Coalition, of which A Rocha UK is a member, the week aims to show decision-makers that people from all walks of life are stepping up to take action on climate change – and that we need decision-makers to step up too. We’d love to hear your stories about how you are taking part during Great Big Green Week. Send them to:

kclamp@glosdioc.org.uk

Take time out at a Christian retreat or quiet day

A Christian retreat is ideal for anyone looking to step out of the routine of a busy life, spend time with God and be spiritually renewed. With a choice of venues to choose from in and around Gloucestershire, there is a retreat or quiet day for everyone – to suit all budgets and needs. Take a look: gloucester.anglican.org/retreat-centres

Bream C of E celebrating ‘good’ results for first time in 22 years

Bream Church of England Primary School, near Lydney, has been awarded a ‘good’ rating across all areas in its latest Ofsted inspection.

Under new headteacher Nicky Brice, it’s progressed rapidly since the last inspection in 2019 where the school was rated ‘inadequate’. This is the first time in 22 years the school has been judged to be ‘good’.

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In 2021, the school joined the Severn Federation Academy Trust, led by Trust CEO Rachel Dare, with Louisa Davies as Chair of the Board of Trustees. Nicky Brice took on the post of headteacher, coming to the role from Aylburton Primary. Since this time the school has rapidly improved in all areas.



She said, “We are all so proud of our children who show such a love for this school and enthusiasm for their learning, the staff who have worked tirelessly and for all of our families for their ongoing support and backing throughout this rapid journey of improvement.”

Jane Borgeaud, the Diocesan Director of Education, said, “The transformation that has been achieved for this school, as a result of the staff’s dedication and ambition, enables its pupils to live out the school’s vision, being the best that they can be and growing from acorns to oaks, flourishing in God’s love.”

Read more: gloucester.anglican.org/bream-cofe-celebrating-good-results-for-first-time-in-22-years

Events and training

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

Easter through the ages

Gloucester Cathedral 2nd, 3rd April, 11am - 3.30pm

Discover how the Easter festival has been celebrated throughout history. Crafts, cookery and more to make and take home, including: Medieval easter egg decorating, making a Victorian Easter Card and taking part in a Tudor feast.

gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/easter-through-the-ages

Little Lamb Adventure Trail

Gloucester Cathedral 23rd March - 7th April (excl. Good Friday)

Take part in this fun trail this Easter, while discovering the history of this beautiful space. The trail is free to take part in and there is no booking required. gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/little-lamb-adventure-trail

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Keep calm and arrange flowers

Apperley Village Hall, Gabb Lane GL19 4DP 4th April, 7.30pm

Floral art demonstration at Apperley Village Hall GL19 4DP. Whether you're a seasoned arranger or a flower enthusiast just starting out, this event offers both fun and learning opportunities.

gloucester.anglican.org/keep-calm-and-arrange-flowers

Dvořák: Mass in D and Fauré: Requiem

St Mary's Church, High Street, Fairford 13th April, 7.30pm

Fairford & District Choral Society is an amateur group performing choral music from the 15th to the 21st century. Tickets £15, under 18s £5. Call 01285 713681 or pay on the door.

fairfordchoralsociety.org.uk

Have your say

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Local Elections - Thursday 2nd May 2024

Cranham Parish Council supports the national #Make A Change campaign encouraging residents to stand in the local council elections. The campaign calls on people from all backgrounds and experiences who are passionate about their local area to put themselves forward.

Cranham Parish Council is urging enthusiastic and engaged members of the community who want to make a long-lasting change, have innovative ideas or have concerns about a specific issue to stand as councillors for the opportunity to make a real difference.

Find out more about the local elections and how to become a councillor visit: www.cranhampc.org.uk

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections/becoming-a-councillor>

Get ready for elections on 2 May 2024

- Police & Crime Commissioner
- Stroud District
- Parish & Town Council



Are you registered to vote?

Deadline
Midnight
16 April

Register at
www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Do you have photo ID?

Deadline
5pm
24 April

Apply for a Voter Authority
Certificate at
www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate

Do you need to set up a postal or proxy vote?

**Postal
Deadline**
5pm
17 April

**Proxy
Deadline**
5pm
24 April

Find more details
online at
[www.stroud.gov.uk
/elections](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/elections)



Web: www.stroud.gov.uk/elections
Email: elections@stroud.gov.uk
Call: 01453 766321

Bell-Tide

You are warmly invited to a summer concert featuring handbells and choir in aid of TIC+. A few past Cranham Handbell Ringers are members of Bell-Tide.



BELL-TIDE &
CHELTONES SINGING GROUPS

Present

MIDSUMMER MUSIC
Featuring handbells and voices in aid of



At The Pavilion
Hatherley Lane, Cheltenham GL51 6PN
at 3pm on Saturday 22 June 2024

Refreshments available during the interval

Retiring collection

For more information contact:
jennybarraclough3@gmail.com



CRANHAM VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

IN ASSOCIATION WITH



PROUDLY PRESENT
GRAFFTI CLASSICS



16 strings, 8 dancing feet and 4 voices with 1 aim: to make classical music wickedly funny and fantastically exhilarating for everyone. Graffiti Classics burst the elitist boundaries of the traditional string quartet with their hilarious all-singing, all-dancing musical comedy show. It's a classical concert, a gypsy-folk romp, an opera, a stand-up comedy set and a brilliant dance show all rolled into one! There really is something for everyone and Graffiti Classics never fail to get audiences laughing, clapping and singing along.

CRANHAM VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 27TH APRIL 2024

DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR PERFORMANCE START AT 7.30PM

TICKETS £15.00 PER PERSON

WHICH INCLUDES A LIGHT CHEESE & PATE SUPPER

TO RESERVE YOUR TICKET PLEASE

CONTACT RACHEL MONRO

ON 07737545159

THERE WILL BE A PAY BAR AVAILABLE



Napier's Bones , Gloucestershire Orchards Trust and Textile Conservation

Come and join us on Wednesday 3rd April in the Beacon Hall at the Painswick Centre, Bisley Street, Painswick when a talk 'Casting Stones at Napier's Bones' will be given by Malcolm Watkins. This will cover the history of calculating devices during the 16th to 18th centuries, when new tools and techniques were developed for commerce, exploration, astronomy, and scientific research. The meeting will start at 2.00pm with a brief AGM.

Our next talk will be given by Martin Hayes about his work for the Gloucestershire Orchards Trust (GOT). Martin is a full-time orchardist with over 45 years' experience and is the orchard advisor for GOT. His work takes him all around the UK and has included projects in Hungary, Poland, and Germany. Working with the National Trust, Wildlife Trusts, and other environmental organisations he is well versed at delivering an informative and amusing talk. The talk will be held at 2.30pm on 16th April at Box Village Hall. *Parking is very limited at Box Village Hall, please park on the common and walk down if you are able.*

Both talks will be followed by light refreshments. Visitors are very welcome at our lectures; no booking required - please drop into the meeting or, for more information, contact Paul Wyeth CNFCLectureSec.pw@gmail.com or **07472021517** (Painswick) or Susan Bennett **07767014957** susan.bennett4722@yahoo.co.uk (Box).

A few places remain on our textile conservation studio tour in Bristol, on Wednesday 10th April (self-drive, lifts available, £12/person). If you're interested, to attend please contact Susan Bennett as above.

The Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club (CNFC) promotes interest in the natural history, environment, antiquities and cultural heritage of Gloucestershire, the Cotswolds and elsewhere.

Membership of CNFC is £25 per annum for an individual or £40 for two or more people at the same address. For more information contact Clare Woodman CNFCMembershipSec@outlook.com or **01452 812767**

Further Club information can be found on our website or facebook page:



www.cotsnatsfield.club



Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club

Fix my Street

website to report potholes and fly tipping etc

<https://www.fixmystreet.com>



Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st April 2024
 ~ 10am to 4pm ~

Cranham Monster Trail

Buy your raffle tickets now!

Email friendsofcranhamschool@gmail.com - £1.00 per ticket

Raffle prizes kindly donated by:



Cooks@Home



Plus a monster hamper
 ...just for kids!



Purchase raffle tickets by emailing friendsofcranhamschool@gmail.com.
 Pay by cash or online via BACS to Friends of Cranham School, sort code 30-65-48, account no. 05602240.
 Please add your name as reference if paying online. Raffle to be drawn on Sunday 21 April 2024.
 All funds raised will go to Friends of Cranham School (FOCS) to provide extra facilities, equipment and activities for the pupils of the school. Registered charity number: 1122855.



CRANHAM VILLAGE LUNCH

This will be held on

Monday 15th April

12.15 for 12.30pm in the **Village Hall**

booking would be helpful if you did not attend the Easter Lunch in March.

Menu for that day is yet to be decided,
but will be circulated after Easter.

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

Thank you, Nicky.

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



CRANHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Village Tidy Up Day

Saturday April 6th at 10am



Join us for an hour or two of gentle litter picking around Cranham

All equipment will be supplied

Meet at Village Hall

(If you can't make Saturday morning
please feel free to pick litter at anytime!!)

cranhampc@gmail.com

Brimpsfield & Mid-Cotswold Garden Society



The Garden Society's AGM and Lunch takes place on Saturday 6th April; details have been sent to members. Membership cards will be available at the AGM on payment of the annual subscription (£8 per person or £12 for a couple), or if you can't be there but would like to join you can pay at any of our forthcoming events. After the AGM, our next event will be our annual bring-and-buy Plant Sale and Coffee Morning, in Brimpsfield Village Hall on Saturday 27th April; coffee and cake (and plant stall browsing) will be available from 10.30am, with plant sales starting at 11.00am sharp. There is often a very interesting range of plants available, so it's well worth coming and having a look! Everyone is welcome, member or not.

April is the height of the spring blossom season, with Friday 26th April designated as Orchard Blossom Day across the country. Did you know that there are 157 Gloucestershire apple varieties recorded, although only 86 are still known to exist, and around 100 perry pear varieties? The Gloucestershire Orchard Trust works to save and restore the county's remaining orchards, some of which are likely to be open that weekend to visitors so that you can admire the show. Or you could do your own local version of the Japanese tradition of enjoying cherry blossom at this time of year, either at a garden such as Batsford Arboretum or just looking out for particularly fine flowering cherries in your local town or village. Better still, you could plant a blossom tree in your own garden, to enjoy year after year!

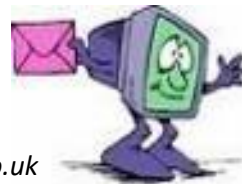
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Notes from the Chair

cranhampc.org.uk

The Parish Council met on 4th March.

Playing Field - The subject of new play equipment, particularly for younger children was discussed as well as siting of benches. Council also considered **its biodiversity obligation and how to enhance the environment around the field** (particularly it is quite likely that many trees will have to be felled). Council would welcome views of parishioners on all these subjects.

Highways - The Council agreed to contact Gloucestershire Highways via our County Councillor with complaints about road surfaces and potholes in three specific areas in the Parish, as well as a request for a high kerb to be installed by Pound Cottage.

Allotments - Most of the rent arrears have been paid. There are 7 allotments in Church Close and 2 on the Playing Field. Soon we will be contacting all allotment holders to confirm they wish to continue with them and see if there are any spare, which will be offered to parishioners first.

Grants - The Council approved a grant of £750 towards the upkeep of the Churchyard and £500 to the Tennis Club to encourage juniors to play by giving coaching. Both grants from next year's budget.

Village assets - The noticeboard opposite the School has been reinstated, but was badly damaged by being left lying out in the rain. Hopefully it can be repaired and National Grid have agreed to pay towards that.

Village tidy up day - This year Saturday April 6th 10am Village Hall.

The Council also agreed to purchase some litter pickers.

Elections - May 2nd - A reminder again of Parish and District elections are being held. Are you interested in becoming a Councillor and serving your community? Please get in touch for details.

Next meeting **Tuesday April 16th 7.00pm Village Hall**

Nigel Cooper

cllrcoopercranhampc@gmail.com

Ebworth

Spring, spring, spring! I heard my first singing chiffchaff of the year from my garden in Stroud on the 6th March. For me they are the heralds of the start of spring. As I write this in Mid-March the lesser celandines, and sweet violets are all in full flower. The resident songbirds are starting to hold territories and are singing their hearts out and buff-tailed bumble bee queens, freshly emerged from hibernation are foraging on the celandines.

Our woodland management works have dragged on this year but are now finished and all the footpaths are open. Thank you for your patience whilst the works were ongoing. I am now looking forward to seeing the rides bursting into life with a flush of wildflowers and the invertebrates they support. We will be doing flora and butterfly surveys along the new rides to monitor these changes.

Our method of continuous cover forestry can be quite complicated. We often have to mark trees for contractors so we can maintain the irregular structure so important to this type of management. As you have a walk around Ebworth you may have noticed the confusing array of different paint marks on the trees. Here is an explanation of what all these marks mean.

Pink dot:

This pink spot means that the tree is due to be felled for one of two reasons. The tree could be dead or dying and leaning over a path. Making it potentially dangerous to visitors. We regularly check our trees next to paths and properties and quickly remove any dodgy looking trees. The other reason is that the tree is due to be felled as part of our thinning and ride creation habitat works. Removing a proportion of the trees breaks up the canopy and lets light onto the woodland floor. This stimulates the growth of young trees and woodland wildflowers. It also creates the sunny conditions for creatures like butterflies to thrive. The trees which remain are given more space to spread out and develop healthy, diverse crowns.



Blue dot:

Special trees which we want protected are given a blue dot. These might be rarer species in the woodland such as oak and elm, or trees which are growing very straight and will produce amazing timber for furniture making.

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Blue line (or blaze):

These mark the edges of what are called “permanent extraction racks”. These are areas which the forestry contractors are allowed to drive their machinery. Working from these areas to process timber. This means that only small areas of the woodland floor are driven on and it’s the same areas every time. This limits compaction of the soil around the tree roots and damage to woodland plants.

White ring:

These are very special trees which have been selected by forestry scientists at Future Trees. The trees have been selected for their very straight trunks which will produce exceptional timber for furniture making. Cuttings and seed have been taken from these trees to produce a source of trees with straight growth forms and are therefore excellent timber trees. This will allow hardwood timber to be sustainably grown in the UK using sensitive Continuous Cover Forestry techniques. There are three of these trees around Ebworth. Can you find them all?



Blue line with a number:



These trees are part of a long-term study of growth rate. The girths of the trees are measured at the high of the blue line. This allows us to work out how quickly they are growing and how climatic conditions affect their growth. The first measurements were taken in 1957 so we have some really good long-term data.

Tom Griffin

Area Ranger

Ebworth and Crickley Hill

National Trust



78th Season

Concerts 2024

St Mary's Church, Painswick

Saturday 16th March at 3pm

Catrin Finch (harp) & Aoife Ni Bhriain (fiddle)

Original compositions from their debut album *Double You*

Saturday 13th April at 3pm

Hannah Roper (violin) & Adrian Partington (piano)

Vaughan Williams *The Lark Ascending*
Works by Holst, Coleridge-Taylor & Ethel Barns

Saturday 20th April at 4pm

Voces8 – Twenty!

Celebrating twenty years of Voces8 featuring music by Rachmaninov, Mendelssohn & Elgar

Saturday 11th May at 3pm

Meliora Collective

Brahm's *Serenade No.1*
Works by Ligeti & Farrenc

Tickets

Four concerts £70
Under 18's and full-time students £10

First and third concerts £25

Second and fourth concerts £20
Under 18's and full-time students
£5 for each concert

Memberships and individual tickets
can be bought online at:
www.painswickmusicsoc.co.uk

All ticket and membership enquiries to:
tickets@painswickmusicsoc.co.uk
or Edward Bowron (07789 006006)

Registered Charity No. 271069



Foodbank

Our next collection will on

Wednesday 10th April

Volunteers will be in the

Stamages Lane car park from 10am - 12 noon.

Please may we ask for some of the following: peanut butter, Marmite, laundry detergent, gluten free products, nappies sizes 4, 5, 6 or 7, dairy free products, coffee/tea, chocolate spread, chocolate bars, Fray Bentos pies, squash, fruit juice, toilet rolls, biscuits, custard, rice pudding and jam.

As always, if you prefer 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

Cranham Common News

With the winter work on the common completed, we can now enjoy spring days and the beauty of the common and all its resident flora and fauna.

Adders

By the time you read this Nigel Hand will have given his presentation at the CCT AGM about adders, and we will report on this in the next magazine.

With the warmer weather adders appear on sunny days. They usually bask close to bramble patches so they can retreat for safety. Many people worry about the adders, but adder:people interactions are very rare and many long standing residents have never yet seen an adder. It is safe to walk around the common, but a sensible precaution is to wear walking boots and stick to the paths.

PLEASE KEEP DOGS UNDER CONTROL and out of bramble patches. Dogs that disturb adders are at risk of being bitten.

In the unlikely event of adder bites human or pet, you should seek medical attention.

Skylarks

Skylarks will soon be returning to the common from their winter migration. They are ground nesting birds that nest in the longer areas of grass. This makes them susceptible to disturbance by dogs, so another reason for keeping dogs close and out of the long grass. They generally like to nest in the long grass below the old cricket pitch.

Butterfly Transects

NE have now recruited volunteers and completed their training, and the butterfly population will be monitored weekly from now until the autumn.

Liz Hayden

Chair, Cranham Common Management Committee
(chair.ccmc@gmail.com, 07974 386341)

Cranham Horse Play - The alternative Gold Cup

**THANK
YOU**

**Grateful thanks to everyone who attended our very successful
Cranham HorsePlay Race Evening.**

- Special thanks to Jeremy who helped so much in the organisation of the event and hosted the evening with great distinction.
- Also, thanks to Antony and to Athene who were kept busy the whole evening running the bar, and to kind and much valued Norma who has been selling and delivering tickets for weeks.
- It was a happy, loud and lively evening and we raised an amazing £2047.04 for the Big Space Cancer Appeal.

Mike Cheeseman won first prize in the betting – a year's share in a horse racing syndicate, and Hazel Tyson won the raffle hamper.

Following on from our Speakeasy last November, together with our current Just Giving page total of £255, we have now raised £4916.92 for the Charity.

Our next event is on June 29th when, by courtesy of Pauhla and Martin Whittaker, we shall hold a Farm Family Fun Day at Overtown Farm.

In the meantime here is the link for our Just Giving page if anyone would like to contribute.

[Cranham Fundraising is fundraising for Cheltenham and Gloucester Hospitals Charity \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/page/cranham-the-big-space-cancer-appeal-1698759080501?fbclid=IwAR3JoRPOB7Le4uxi7ZbZlfrDtrkbTVMxzCxkkg1ZVzNJzFcbZm-_X-Bz9I)

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Thanks for all your support everyone.

From the team:

**Lyn Barker, Linda de Cossart, Marcia Lynall,
Rachel Monro and Jean Skinner**

Cranham Primary School
GL48HS
20th March 2024

Dear Mr Cooper,

I am writing to support the development of The Pound. Although some may argue that The Pound is should not be ~~developed~~ because it is history, I feel we do not develop The Pound it will start to crumble and will slowly be engulfed by the woods.

I believe believe that The Pound should be developed because it is currently unused and the walls are slowly crumbling. If we installed a bench and a few little tables The pound would become a very peaceful communal area for the village and visitors of the Cranham village. Also if we reinforce the walls and trim the weeds and trim the grass, it would become a very nice picnic spot for families with young children and the older residents of the village.

Another one of my points is that if we planted some lovely flowers and if plant some more grass seed it would benefit the local wildlife such as some of the local ^{insects} including bees and grass seed are: will affect are: Honey bees, butterflies and wasps.

Isabel - Year 6

Cranham School

Two persuasive letters regarding the development of Cranham Pound

(one in favour and one against).

The final message that if we installed a bench and tables the school could use the area as an outdoor class room, for would also be benefiting walkers, cyclists, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. We could also add some more information boards about the history of The Pound to inform people about the Pound. The children of Cranham school could also use the newly develop pond for wellbeing Wednesdays and art lessons.

We must protect Cranham's little chunk of history. Think about all the hard work our ancestors had to do to create that Pound. Do you want it to crumble?

To conclude, I believe that The Pound should be developed because it will help the wildlife, provide a communal area, and give walkers and cyclists a place to rest and become a lovely picnic area for families and older residents.

Yours sincerely
Isabel

If you are worried about funding we could raise money at the school and we could reach out to different charities about potentially funding the development of The Pound.

Wednesday 20th March 2024

Independent Write:

Dear Mrs Whitton,

I am writing to urge you to not develop the Pound as it will be a lot of money. If you keep reading there will be paragraphs of reasoning why the Pound should not be developed.

As you may know, Cranham is a reasonably quiet village during the day, and if more and more people come to Cranham, then it may get very loud.

For my second reason, ~~to think if~~ ^{is that} ~~if~~ ^{little} children come to the new development of the Pound, then they could just simply walk out into the roads, as much as I love your amazing idea of moving the gate to a different area.

~~I you are worried about~~ In my opinion, I think the Pound's walls will need to be reinforced, and the grass to be strimed. Also, if I am completely honest, I think ~~the~~ all of the picnic benches ideas is basically what the park (playing field) is for, as much as I love your creative ideas.

Yours Sincerely

Thea - Year 5

Spring update from The Friends of the Black Horse Management Committee

So much has progressed in the building and refurbishment of our Community Owned Black Horse, it's hard to know where to start. When we last updated you, the build was at the stage that it was difficult to see how it would all come together again to "give back" the building that so many generations have held dear. Well, the dust has settled (for a bit!) and the good news is that everything is going according to plan and the effort and involvement of so many who have been involved to date is paying off.

Here are some of the comments from a few of the volunteers who spent hours and hours doing the painstaking and often frustrating task of stripping the old varnish off the wooden settles:

"It was fun to be part of the group working on a true community project ,where everyone is so enthusiastic about getting the BH up and running again. All working together to help make that happen"- Joan

"What I got out of stripping? Bad knees and aching wrists! The fellowship of stripping grannies and a sense of achievement, all while showing a bit of love to the "old nag". Ooh and free cups of tea from Tibbs!" - Jackie

"I got dust in my lungs and gunk on my shoes that can no longer come in the house and a sense that however long I spent scraping there would always be another blue or pink layer underneath. There wasn't too much conversation because of the sound of sanders. Other than that, it was good fun being in a group of stripping grannies and Dave made great coffee. I'll enjoy the memory of the effort that went into that panelling" - Philippa



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Volunteer Update from Dave Tibbles

Since our last update, volunteers' progress has been exceptional, and we succeeded in finishing rubbing down the settles in the bar before the decorators were due to arrive. The settles are now in the process of being carefully stained down to ensure the wood grain can be fully appreciated. The new oak bar top, cut by Jasper Drake, is fitted.



Outdoors, the work continues on the dry-stone walls and the new accessibility path, the surface of which is now complete. A start has been made on the garden with removal of some overgrowth behind the patio on the left side of the pub. Planting of shrubs and cuttings next ; please message the WhatsApp Volunteer Group if you wish to be involved in the gardening / planting . If you haven't joined yet, contact me on 07914 427027.



Another volunteer group has come together to make the soft furnishings with beautiful materials sourced from the village.

Building update from Mark Donaldson

Amazing progress has been made on the refurbishment of The Black Horse which is approximately 80% complete as I write in early March. The ground floor bar, toilets and cellar are decorated and have floor coverings completed, with just final fixtures and fittings required. New aluminium windows have been fitted to the front elevation with new PVC windows fitted to all other areas. On the first floor we await the arrival of a commercial extraction canopy for the new kitchen equipment which includes a 10-grid combination oven and commercial pass-through dishwasher.

Friends of the Black Horse - from page 29

Qubit Construction are currently focused on the second-floor accommodation and the external works such as guttering and drainage. Nick and his team have gone above and beyond to resolve unforeseen issues, the Committee are very fortunate to have such a talented - and patient at times - builder! The final push is well underway with discussions around curtain fabric and cushions a sure sign that The Black Horse will be opening very soon.

We know that Joey, Karina and Paul aka “The Waypoint” (our new tenants) will be keen to open as soon as they can after the build is completed .

They have great understanding of the history of the Black Horse and want to preserve and respect that very special atmosphere of an historic local pub nestled in the heart of the village, but that also serves the greater community.

They have advised us that the likely advertised opening times will be much in line with other local pubs in the area and will be as follows:

Monday – likely to be closed all day

Tuesday – Thursday – 11am – 10pm // Friday – 12 noon – 11pm

Saturday – 12 noon – 11pm // Sunday – 12 noon – 7pm

Further information can be found here: <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/business/licensing-permits/alcohol-regulated-entertainment-licensing-licensing-act-2003>

We have been successful in an application to Stroud Rotary Community Grant and have been awarded £500. This money will be spent improving our accessibility.

We still need to find additional funds to cover the log burner in the Lounge bar, curtains for upstairs, outside furnishings etc. We are very grateful to Cat Daniels, who is putting on a Skittles Night at “England’s Glory Pub” on the 12th April to help raise funds for the log burner. Jackie John is organising the evening with Cat and they need to know numbers of people interested in going . Please contact Jackie on jac.john@hotmail.co.uk .

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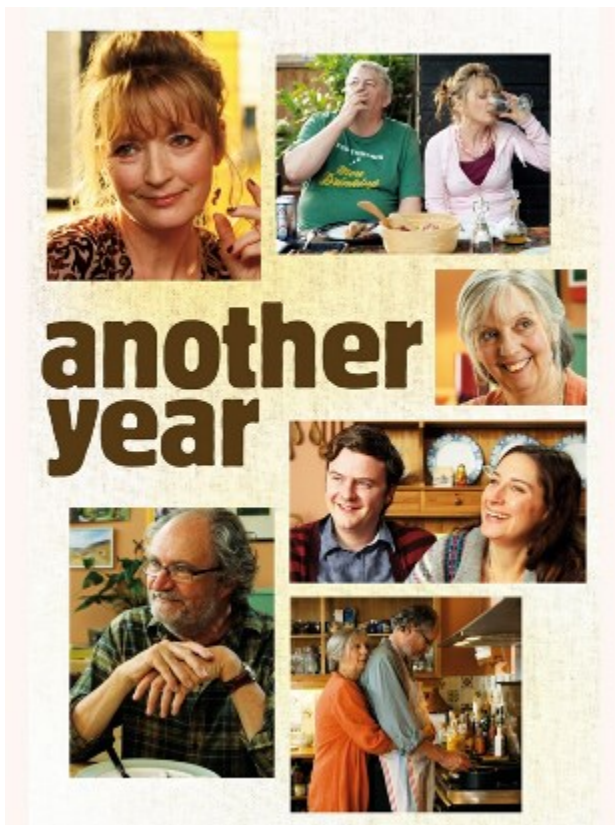
If you would like to make any additional financial contributions or purchase shares at £50 a share:

Please email: theblackhorsecommunity@outlook.com to express your interest.

We are so grateful for the extremely generous donations of time, skills, expertise, equipment and materials .

The Management Committee of Friends of the Black Horse Cranham Limited

Lou Kemp, John Patient, Marcia Lynall, Carrie Rodgers, Matt Prentice, Richard Overs, Dave Tibbles, Mark Donaldson



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The Christmas Party Crime



Ever fancy treading the boards? Have a good memory for lines? Aspiring actors are invited to take part in “The Christmas Party Crime” a hideous murder, with comedic elements, to be staged in the Village Hall on Saturday, 7th December.

There's no age restriction and no previous acting experience is necessary, but:

- 1. You must be available for some rehearsals from late September onwards.**
- 2. You must be able to learn lines.**

As well as actors, the cast needs a crew - director, producer, stage manager, lighting and sound technicians, set designer, props.

Interested? Do let us know by **Tuesday 30th April**.

Join us and be part of something special at Christmas with proceeds going to the Cheltenham + Gloucester Hospitals Charity Big Space Appeal.

Contact: Jean Skinner, 07985 031148 -
jean@jeannieme.com or

Andrea Patient, 07913 879671 -
andreapatient@rocketmail.com

GOOD NEWS! - CRANHAM ORGANATHON

Cranham's eagerly anticipated Organathon took place on Saturday 9th March, and what a wonderful day it was.



From 9am until 6.15pm, 16 organists from around Gloucestershire filled the church with beautiful music, the day beginning and ending with playing by Cranham's organist of over 50 years, Beryl Berry. Throughout the day, we welcomed over 250 visitors – the lure of free bacon rolls, soup and cakes being an added encouragement! Many people stayed for hours, enjoying the lively social atmosphere.

Huge thanks go to our organising team, all the organists, and to our wonderful group of helpers, who welcomed, kept the refreshments flowing and took donations. A wonderful total of **£2800** was raised.

Syliva Ardron

Longfield Hospice Update

In case you didn't know, Longfield is a local hospice covering Gloucestershire with a range of free services. It has been supporting adults with a life limiting condition , their family and loved ones for over 35 years. If you think you could benefit from our help and care, why not visit: longfield.org.uk to find out more?

Did you know Longfield is a charity and that 85% of our funding comes from donations? So, if you would like to get involved and help us be there for more people then why not organise your own fundraising event or take part in one of these two events coming up over the next few months? Contact the fundraising team to find out more on 01453 886868.

Walk for Longfield 2024 - Celebrate the summer solstice by walking 5k or 10k on Friday 21st June 5.30pm - 9pm at Minchinhampton. Sign up at: www.longfield.org.uk/walk-for-longfield

Run the Rainbow 2024 - Enjoy our summer colourful favourite on Saturday 29th June 2024 at Frampton Court. Sign up at: www.longfield.org.uk/run-the-rainbow

We are also looking for volunteers who can help across a range of roles from our shops to community activities to volunteering at the hospice. Want to know more? Then phone or email: volunteering@longfield.org.uk to find out more.

CRANHAM TENNIS CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of Cranham Tennis Club will be held in the

Village Hall (Committee Room)

on **Thursday 11th April** from 7.30pm

Everyone is very welcome to attend and give their views on the future development of the Club.

Many Thanks

David Bonney



Farm family fun day
Saturday 29th June
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Saturday 12th October



**We have plans for a fun
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**Details will be
announced soon.....**



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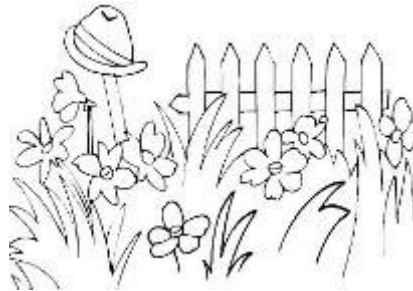
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And if you would still like to offer to open your garden please contact:

Liza Darroch 07905 037288 liza.darroch@gmail.com

Helen Sammon 07554 992892 helen.sammon@gmail.com

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Gloucestershire Constabulary is warning residents of a fraud threat targeting our county. Eighteen reports have been received from Gloucestershire residents within the past few weeks in relation to this telephone scam.

In each case, the fraudster telephoned the victim purporting to be an officer of either the police, HMRC, or victim's bank. They informed the victim that their bank account had been subjected to fraud and they urgently needed to transfer all their money into a "safe bank account". One local resident - age 83 - lost £15,000 to this scam. Victims without online or mobile banking were asked to purchase gift cards, or even send cash in the post.

This fraud method is known as "courier fraud" and is perpetrated by organised crime groups targeting the elderly. The average victim of courier fraud in Gloucestershire is 79 years old and will lose £11,000.



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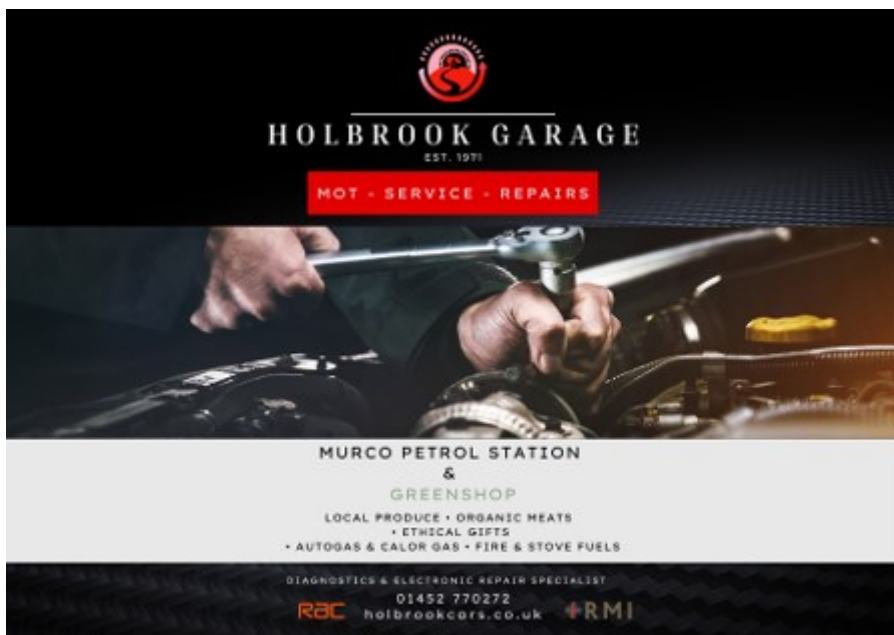
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Orchestra	Mondays 8.00pm - V Hall (Beryl Berry 813200)
Post Office	Tuesdays 10.00am - 12noon - V Hall
Rachel's Pop Up Café	Tuesdays 10.00am - 2.30pm - V Hall
Cranham Art Group	Tuesdays 7.00 - 9.00pm - V Hall (Lyn Barker 813025)
Choir	Tuesdays 7.30pm - V Hall (Virginia Pittman 07989 712263 virginiapittman3@gmail.com)
Handbell Ringers	Note - not currently running (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)
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

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.



MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

All articles for the forthcoming month should be forwarded to the editors by email to

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY 17th APRIL 2024

Magazines will be available for distribution:

on **Sunday 28th April** or thereabouts.

The date will be confirmed to the distributors by email.

Sue & Ian Shaw

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editors@cranhammag.co.uk

CRANHAM DIARY



APRIL 2024

2	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
3	Wed	Napier's Bones Talk	Painswick Centre	2.00pm
6	Sat	Village Clean Up	Village Hall Meet	10.00am
		Garden Society AGM	B'field V Hall	
7	Sun	Benefice Holy Communion	Church	11.00am
9	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
		Flicks in the Sticks	Bisley V Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
10	Wed	Foodbank Collection	Painswick	10am - 12noon
11	Thurs	Ramble		
		Tennis Club AGM	Village Hall	7.30pm
13	Sat	Painswick Music Society	St. Mary's	3.00pm
14	Sun	Holy Communion	Church	11.00am
15	Mon	Village Lunch	Village Hall	12.15 for 12.30pm
16	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
		GOT Talk	Box V Hall	2.30pm
		Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.00pm
17	Wed	** Magazine Contributions Due **		
		APCC Meeting	Church	7.00pm
20-21	Sat/Sun	Monster Trail	Cranham Village	10.00am - 4.00pm
20	Sat	Painswick Music Society	St. Mary's	4.00pm
21	Sun	Evensong	Church	6.30pm
23	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
25	Thurs	Ramble		
27	Sat	Garden Society Sale	B'field V Hall	10.30 for 11.00am
		Graffiti Classics	Village Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
28	Sun	Morning Worship	Church	11.00am
30	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		

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2	Thurs	Local Election Day		
9 & 23	Thurs	Rambles		
11	Sat	Painswick Music Society	St. Mary's	3.00pm

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