

CRANHAM VILLAGE MAGAZINE

*With Cranham Parish
and Benefice News and
Information*


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Happy Easter

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A Letter from The Clergy



I moved here three and a half years ago from Sussex and now unexpectedly, find myself getting ready to pack up and move back. Time flies when you are having fun and it feels like it's been a bit of a whirlwind visit. Long enough though to have made some wonderful memories. Welcoming and active communities and some truly exceptional pubs (you know who you are!) have made it a delightful time.

So, I will be spending this month saying 'goodbye' - not something I relish, as goodbyes are hard. They are though, an opportunity to hit pause instead of relentlessly pushing forward; to take stock and be grateful for what has been and perhaps even look for what God has been doing all the while.

It is also the season of Lent, something of a pause button to consider the serious business that God has with the world and our place in that, before the great celebration of generous goodness that is Easter. Many of us are enduring difficult times and the wider world, as usual, has its fair share of turmoil, so it is helpful and strengthening to stop and ground ourselves again in the big truth of God's love and purpose for the world he made and sustains, and that despite our many failings, things do still happen in the right order and at the right time.

There are a wide variety of services on offer in the run into Easter. Quiet and reflective as well as full on celebration. Your parish church warmly invites you to come and take what you need.

Every blessing,

Liz Eden

Cranham Parish Council website

lots of info including the minutes of meetings

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

Worship in Cranham - March 2024

(LR = Lay Reader)

Sunday 3rd	6.30pm	Evening Worship	Sue Hartley (LR*)
		Sidesman	Julie Berry
		Readers	Janet Gazzard Nicky Overs
Sunday 10th	11.00am	Family Worship for Mothering Sunday	Revd Helen
		Sidesman	Roger Moore
Sunday 17th	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)	Sue Hartley
		Sidesman	Phil Stick
		Readers	Joy Bentley John Bentley
Sunday 24th	11.00am	Morning Worship for Palm Sunday	Linda de C
		Sidesman	Mike Wakeman
		Readers	Richard Tyson Sarah Taylor
Friday 29th	11.00am	Good Friday	Sue & Beryl
		The Crucifixion, Sung by Cranham Village Choir	
		Piano: Beryl. D Berry	
		Sidesman	Phil Stick
Sunday 31st	11.00am	Family Communion for Easter Day	Rev'd Sarah & Vics S
		Sidesman	Tom Daltry
		Readers	Linda de C Keith Ardron

Please see pages 6 for other Benefice Service's

Church Flowers

No Flowers during Lent - Feb 12th to March 18th

Church Cleaning

Spring Clean - *Saturday March 2nd from 10am*

Many hands make light work

9th March	Beryl Berry
16th March	Nicky Overs
23rd March	Vics Soutar
30th March	Carol Tringham
6th April	Sylvia Ardron



Refreshments will be served after the following services:

Sunday 10th March	11.00am	Mothering Sunday
Sunday 24th March	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 31st March	11.00am	Easter Service



Lent Lunches in Cranham

Vegetable soup, bread and fruit



This year we will be holding two Lent Lunches in Cranham, as a time to meet together, share a very simple lunch, and remember the poor of the world for whom our simple lunch would be a feast. With donations for Christian Aid.

Thursday 7th March at Windycot

Wednesday 27th March at The Lodge, Cranham Corner

12noon – 2.00pm

Everyone is very welcome, and children.

Pop in whenever you can, for as long as you wish.

Benefice Services - March 2024

3rd March - 3rd Sunday of Lent

11.00am	Sheepscombe	Holy Communion	Rev. Sarah & Liz
6.30pm	Cranham	Evening Worship	Sue H

Wednesday 6th March

TBA	Richmond	Holy Communion	Rev. Andrew
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10th March - Mothering Sunday

9.30am	Edge with Harescombe	Morning Worship	Mike C & Liz E
9.30am	Pitchcombe	Holy Communion	Rev. David R
11.00am	Painswick	Family Worship	Rev. Sarah, Paul & Vics
11.00am	Cranham	Family Worship	Rev. Helen

Wednesday 13th March

12noon	Painswick St Peter's Chapel	Holy Communion	Rev. Sarah
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17th March - 5th Sunday of Lent

9.30am	Harescombe with Edge	Holy Communion (Daffodil Service)	Rev. Sarah
11.00am	Painswick	Holy Communion	Rev. Andrew
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Morning Worship	Mike C
6.30pm	Cranham	Evensong (BCP)	Sue Hartley

Wednesday 20th March

TBA	Resthaven	Holy Communion	Rev. Sarah & Mary S
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24th March - Palm Sunday

9.30am	Pitchcombe	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev. David R
11.00am	Painswick	Beacon Praise	Rev. Sarah, Paul & Liz
11.00am	Cranham	Morning Worship	Lay Led Linda de C
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Holy Communion	Rev. Andrew

31st March Easter Sunday - Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

Please see page 7 for Holy week including Easter Day Services

For more detailed information about Cranham services please see page 4

www.beaconbenefice.org.uk

Holy Week 2024

24th March - Palm Sunday

Please see page 6 for Palm Sunday services in the Benefice

25th March - Holy Monday

6.30pm	Harescombe	Compline	Karen
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26th March - Holy Tuesday

6.00pm	Pitchcombe	Evensong	Revd David
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27th March - Holy Wednesday

6.30pm	Edge	Worship in Poetry and Music	Revd Sarah
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28th March - Maundy Thursday

11.00am	Gloucester Cathedral	Eucharist & Blessing of Oils	
7.30pm	Painswick	Eucharist & Watch (to 10.pm)	Revd's Andrew & Sarah

29th March - Good Friday

9.30am	Sheepscombe	Good Friday Devotion	Liz Eden
10.30am	Painswick	Procession of Witness	Revd. Andrew
11.00am	Cranham	The Crucifixion, Sung by Cranham Village Choir Piano, Beryl. D Berry	Sue H & Beryl
2.00pm	Painswick	Good Friday Devotion	Revd. Sarah

31st March - Easter Sunday

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

9.30am	Painswick with Pitchcombe	Family Communion	Liz Eden & Revd David
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Family Communion	Revd. Helen
11.00am	Cranham	Family Communion	Revd. Sarah & Vics S
2.00pm	Edge_with Harescombe	Family Communion	Revd Andrew & Karen
4.00pm	Richmond	Family Communion	Revd. Sarah
6.30pm	Painswick	Evensong	Revd Andrew & Sue H

Please see page 4 for other services in Cranham during March

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 10th March

11.00am service in Cranham Church



*A service for all the family, with posies of flowers
to give and receive.*

*A chance to give thanks for our mothers - whatever our stage
of life; to pray for all mothers; and for mothers to give thanks
for their children.*

Led by Rev Helen Sammon with children from the school.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS: YOUR FLOCK NEEDS YOU!

Whether you are a budding superstar or a shy and retiring (or indeed 'retired') sheep, if you have a passion for music and some skills to match, we'd love to hear from you!

We are looking for singers and musicians to help us explore new pastures in our worship across the benefice. Your flock needs you!

Please get in touch with Revd Sarah in the first instance:
beaconrector@gamil.com



Extracts from The Messenger – March 2024

An Easter message from Bishop Rachel



In January, I unintentionally sparked media interest in my criticism of major stores putting Easter eggs on the shelves during the days of Christmas. Yet as retailers lurch from mince pies to Easter eggs, I do of course want to encourage people to live and share the connection between Christmas and Easter.

As we journey towards the suffering of the cross and beyond to the joy of the empty tomb, I wonder how well we encourage people to join the dots, not simply in a story with sequential chapters but as a mystery to be entered into as we live the laughter and tears of life.

Christmas, Good Friday and Easter reveal the truth that the light of Jesus Christ cannot be overcome by the darkness, and that the love and life of God is stronger than even death itself.

Strangely, the retailers don't seem to encourage us to look beyond Easter to Ascension Day and Pentecost, yet amid the celebration and pain of life these next dates are vital landmarks as we seek to live life in all its fulness as offered us in Jesus Christ, sharing the resurrection hope of Easter through the power of the Holy Spirit at work within us and around us.

May our hearts be expectant and hope filled as we walk the coming days.

Outstanding Ofsted judgement for Christ Church CofE Primary School

The Cheltenham school is celebrating having been awarded an Outstanding rating in all five areas of effectiveness in an inspection.

The glowing report states that, 'Pupils love to attend this school, and rightly so. They receive an excellent start to their education. This is because staff have the highest ambition for every pupil to become 'the very best they can be'. Pupils leave the school highly equipped for the challenges of secondary education.'

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The school belongs to the Diocese of Gloucester Academies Trust, which it joined in 2022. It is one of 21 primary schools in rural and urban locations throughout the Diocese.

Canon Rachel Howie, Chief Executive Officer of DGAT, said, "I am delighted that this external judgement from Ofsted validates what the headteacher and Trust leaders know about the quality of education that the children at Christ Church get on a day-to-day basis. The staff and local governors work terrifically hard, doing their very best for the children they serve, and this judgement is a well-earned reflection of this."

Read more: gloucester.anglican.org/outstanding-ofsted-judgement-for-christ-church-c-of-e-primary-school/

New local network for creative Christians

A social website has been created by a Gloucester-based Christian to bring together people who enjoy being creative and exploring ways that God speaks to us and reaches others through art. The Gloucestershire Christian Creative Collective (GCCC) is 'a non-denominational community for Christians who want to find new ways to spread the Gospel and celebrate the Word through creativity and collaboration'.

Read more: gloucester.anglican.org/new-network-aims-to-bring-creative-christians-across-the-diocese-together

Bishop Robert appointed as a Deputy Lead Safeguarding Bishop

Bishop Robert's appointment as a Deputy Lead Bishop for Safeguarding for the Church of England will focus on liaison with diocesan bishops on behalf of the National Safeguarding Steering Group (NSSG).



Bishop Robert will work closely with the Lead Bishop for Safeguarding, Joanne Grenfell, and the National Director for Safeguarding, Alexander Kubeyinje, to continue to develop the Church's safeguarding practices. He will also work closely with Bishop Julie Conalty, Deputy Lead Bishop who has a focus on survivor engagement.

Along with being a member of the NSSG, Bishop Robert will also sit on the National Safeguarding Panel, attend the House of Bishops and be a member of the Theology of Safeguarding Group and the Safeguarding Programme Board.

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Read more: gloucester.anglican.org/new-deputy-lead-safeguarding-bishop-appointed

Get the latest news from around the Diocese on WhatsApp

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

Simply visit: <https://bit.ly/OneDioceseWhatsApp>

Events and training

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

Youth worship night

Trinity Cheltenham, Winchcombe Street, Cheltenham GL52 2NW

1st March, 7pm to 9.30pm

A collaborative youth ministry project dedicated to gathering young people from across the area of Cheltenham to worship Jesus. During the night, whether it's their first time or not, we'll help young people worship, connect with the Bible and journey into deeper faith.

A night at the opera by candlelight

Gloucester Cathedral 1st March, 7.30pm

London Concertante presents an evening at the opera with an array of opera arias and overtures, performing works from Puccini, Verdi, Rossini, and Mozart.
gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/a-night-at-the-opera-1-march-24

Make a potted plant for Mothering Sunday

Gloucester Cathedral Learning Hub, 2 St Mary's Street, GL1 2QR

9th March, from 10.30am

Come along to the Cathedral for a family activity day to decorate and plant up a pot, then make a card for someone special for Mothering Sunday.

gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/make-a-planted-pot-and-card-for-mothers-day

Easter wreath making Chapter House, Gloucester Cathedral, Gloucester, GL1 LX

19th March, 10.30pm and 1pm

Learn how to make your own Easter wreath in the magnificent surroundings of the Medieval Chapter House. You will learn how to use a mix of fresh foliage and sundry supplies to create a show stopping wreath to take home. Includes hot drink and a treat.

gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/easter-wreath-making

Have your say

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Cranham Common Trust

Notice of Annual General Meeting 2024



This live event will take place on **Saturday 23rd March 2024**
at 10.00am at the Village Hall.

Adder expert Nigel Hand will give a presentation on the behaviour and movements of the radio tracked resident and A417 translocated snakes on the Common. Learn about the adders and ask questions.

Agenda

- Chairman's report
- Treasurer's report and approval of the 2022/23 Accounts
- Election of Directors
- CCMC report by Liz Hayden
- Nigel Hand adder presentation
- Q & A session to members of the Board and/or to Nigel Hand and/or to Liz

Pete Bass, Tim Osborne and Richard Tyson have served 3 years as directors and wish to stand for re-election.

Laura Chilcott, Hannah Daniels & Pip Saunders, all at present co-opted members of the Board, wish to stand as full members of the Board.

All welcome. Do come and learn more about the Common and have your say.

Richard Tyson: Secretary CCT: cranhamcommontrust@gmail.com

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>

VILLAGE email - cranhammail@gmail.com

We are delighted that a local resident has volunteered to run this for the Parish Council. (An additional volunteer to share the load would also be welcome).



Cranhammail is for all village announcements, such as forthcoming social events, society meetings, planned road closures, and general Parish announcements (for more immediate announcements such as fallen trees, blocked roads, lost pets etc Friends of Cranham Facebook page is more appropriate).

We use a marketing programme Brevo , and this limits us to sending out maximum of 300 mails per day. At the last count we have a circulation totalling 227. So effectively we are restricted to one “campaign” per day.

It is therefore very important to submit your copy as early as possible, preferably with your ideal release date, as we can book dates up to 30 days in advance. Unfortunately, late requests cannot always be accommodated as all capacity is already booked.

Articles in Word are fine but if it is a poster with colour and graphics, please submit in JPEG format.

Any queries? Please email us: cranhammail@gmail.com



J. Stainer's

The Crucifixion

Sung by Cranham Village Choir

GOOD FRIDAY | 29TH OF MARCH | 11 AM

St James the Great, Cranham

Piano- Beryl D Berry

Soloist- James Hartley

Afterwards please come for hot-cross buns, tea and coffee at Four Chimneys (Beryl's house). Plus an Easter Egg hunt for children

Donations to the Church Organ Fund

Memorial Service for Rosemary Barker (formerly of Knowle House)



Rosemary, taken at Knowle House, Christmas 1989

My parents and I lived at Knowle House from 1969 to 1994 or 1995. My mother taught ballet in the village for 13 years and also helped produce a village pantomime one year.

My mother, Rosemary Barker, died in 2020 and there is going to be a memorial service for her this July in Chagford, Devon.

I would like to extend an invitation to anyone from Cranham who knew my mother to join me in Chagford on **Saturday, 13th July 2024** for a memorial service at the parish church of

St. Michael the Archangel in
Chagford, Devon, starting at 2pm.

After the service, there will be a cream tea in the Library at The Three Crowns in Chagford, just 2 minutes' walk from the church.

I would really appreciate it if anyone would like to get in touch who used to know my mother and would like to tell me any stories about her, my contact details are below.

Louise K. N. Mamakou (née Barker)
12 Marina Close, East Cowes
Isle of Wight PO32 6EQ
07901 691103
louisemamakou1965@gmail.com

Fix my Street

website to report potholes and fly tipping etc

<https://www.fixmystreet.com>



Local residents, Beryl Berry and Sylvia Ardron, together with other organists, will be playing the organ continuously from 9am – 5pm.

They need your encouragement!

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH:

9.00AM - 12.00PM:
BACON ROLLS

12.00PM – 2.30PM:
SOUP AND ROLL

ALL DAY:
TEA / COFFEE AND BISCUITS

Please drop in and enjoy the music and the refreshments at any time during the day, for as long or short a period as you wish.

BECOME AN ORGAN DONOR!

Free entry, but please sponsor the event generously, either by donations in the church on the day or by use of the following URL or QR code:

bit.ly/cranham-organathon



THE ORGAN RESTORATION FUND

The organ in Cranham last had a major refurbishment more than 50 years ago. It is integral to the musical activity of the church, but extensive work is now required to keep it going for another 50 years. The Organathon is one of a series of events taking place to raise funds to help cover the £26,000 cost.

Licensing Act 2003

Notice of application for a *Premises license*

Name of applicant:

Friends Of The Black Horse Cranham Limited
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Address of premises:

The Black Horse, Cranham, Gloucester

GL4 8HP

It is proposed to license these premises for the sale of alcohol. We wish to run the premises primarily for the sale of good food and beverages.

<i>Sale of alcohol</i>

<i>Monday to Thursday 11:00 – 00:00 midnight</i>
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<i>Friday & Saturday 11:00 – 01:00</i>
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<i>Sunday 11:00 – 23:00</i>

<i>We wish to be open to the public</i>

<i>Monday to Thursday 09:00 -00:00 midnight</i>

<i>Friday & Saturday 09:00 – 01:00</i>
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<i>Sunday 09:00 – 23:00</i>

The full application can be inspected by contacting the Licensing Section (see below). An on-line summary of the application can be viewed on www.stroud.gov.uk.

Representations can be made IN WRITING between: 13/2/24 and 11/3/24 to; The Licensing Officer at: Licensing Section, Environmental Health, Stroud District Council, Ebley Mill Westward Road Stroud Glos. GL5 4 UB. Phone 01453 754440, e-mail: licensing@stroud.gov.uk

Notes from the Chair

cranhampc.org.uk

The Parish Council met on January 23rd.

Parish Clerk – this position is now vacant and is being advertised.

Playing Field – the grass cutting contract for the year was approved. The subject of new play equipment, particularly for younger children was discussed. Council would welcome views of parishioners, as funds are available.

Allotments – no rent invoices have been sent out so there are arrears. It was agreed that Chair would write to all allotment holders with individual statements for payment.

Planning – Council was updated on enforcement action regarding Mill Lane barn construction.

Village Assets – it was reported that bench opposite Woodside Farm had been smashed by falling timber. It was agreed to clear it but not repair.

Environment – Continuing concerns were expressed about the excessive and intrusive lighting on various properties in the Parish having a detrimental environmental impact.

Website – Is there anyone in Cranham who can help?

Elections – May 2nd – Parish and District elections are being held. It was agreed that Council should raise public awareness and encourage more people to consider becoming Parish Councillors.

Next meeting: **Monday 4th March at 7.00pm**

Nigel Cooper

cllrcoopercranhampc@gmail.com



Save the date!

Cranham Monster Trail is back!

20 & 21 April 2024 - Cranham Village, Glos

Get involved!

Create a monster in this year's theme - the Olympics! Have your monster represent an Olympic sport or a country and see your masterpiece displayed around the village! Bigger the better! Drop off/collection details to follow.

Sponsor a monster and advertise your business for thousands to see. Email friendsofcranhamschool@gmail.com for more details.

Join us for the Monster Trail itself! A great time out for the whole family. Look out for more details coming soon.



Organised by Friends of Cranham School - please support us

Cranham Village Easter Lunch

This will be held on **Monday 25th March**

12.15 for 12.30pm in the **Scout H.Q**

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

Menu for this month will be:

Fruit juice

Stuffed Chicken Breasts and Gravy

New Potatoes

Broccoli and Carrots

Apple and Pear Crumble and Custard,

Stewed Fruit

Tea/coffee



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

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

PARISH CLERK

Our Parish Clerk left in December and the Council is looking to fill the vacancy. Opinions differ over whether it is preferable to have someone from outside Cranham who is independent of local preferences or a “local” who knows the area and the residents.

We all have our own views, but a good clerk is good clerk, from wherever.

Please get in touch if you are interested or particularly if you know of anyone who might be. It is a salaried position and training is arranged.

Nigel Cooper

Cranham Parish Council – Chair

cllrcoopercranhampc@gmail.com

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Brimpsfield & Mid-Cotswold Garden Society

The speaker at our next coffee morning meeting, on Saturday 2nd March, will be Caroline Sheldrick, a qualified medical herbalist, who will tell us about Medicinal Herbs in the Garden; we look forward to learning how to grow our own remedies! We meet in Brimpsfield Village Hall; coffee and home-made cake will be available from 10.30am, with the talk starting at 11.00am; why not come along?



March can be a tricky month in the garden; as the days lengthen and the weather slowly warms up, many of us will be keen to start preparing our gardens for what we hope will be a colourful and productive year. However, don't forget that it's not uncommon for there to be a cold snap in March, and there are often gales around the spring equinox. Wise gardeners will keep an eye on the weather forecast and, if necessary, be ready to protect anything not fully hardy, or recently planted or prone to wind damage; it may be safer to wait until later in the month before sowing seeds, no matter what it says on the packet. There are still things to do in the garden, though.

If you have delayed cutting back perennials to allow wildlife to shelter there over the winter, this is the month to tidy up, so that the new shoots have space to come through, and to give slugs and snails fewer places to hide. It's the last chance to prune roses and deciduous trees such as apples and pears (not plums or cherries), and shrubs such as buddleia which flower in late summer; leave those that flower earlier until after the flowers have faded. It's also a good time to mulch the soil, provided that the ground isn't frozen or too dry. And don't forget to water your pots if we get a dry spell!

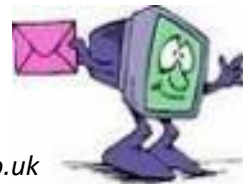
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CRANHAM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

“ The Cad of Ebworth” - The tale of Stephen Fletcher

A talk given by local Sheepscombe author

Elisabeth Skinner

At Cranham Village Hall

On Thursday 21st March 2024

at 7.45pm

Members Free/ Visitors £4.00

Refreshments are included

All welcome

Cranham Feast AGM

Will be held on Thursday 21st March 2024

**7:00pm in the
Committee Room at the Village Hall
(before the CLHS meeting).**

**All welcome to join us in planning the
2024 Cranham Feast and Deer Roast.**

The Cranham Village Hall

Today as I write, it is Valentine's Day, a day when people express their affection. With some sentimentality, I'd like to share my affection for the bricks and mortar that we know as our Village Hall.



The main building was originally a pottery built by the Lovegrove family in 1832, with its use changed to be a place of Worship in 1930 and becoming the Village Hall in 1977.

As the Village Hall, these bricks and mortar have welcomed many to share times of happy celebration with parties & weddings, sad celebration at memorial gatherings, played host & venue for societies and committees to meet, held concerts, quiz nights and many community social occasions. Parents and grandparents have taken a seat and watched their little ones first nativity.

I have had the privilege of being the Chair for the Village Hall committee for 18 months now and have during this time, come to realise the importance of the Village Hall being at the heart of our community. I am sad to report that these old bricks and mortar, although loved and maintained by many in our village, are in need of some extra love & attention. There are a few problems with damp, failing plumbing and don't get me started on the kitchen!!

I, along with Andrea and Marcia (the dynamic trio) have been investigating what grants are available for community buildings and projects that can help with the financial cost of refurbishment of the village hall to repair these problems and bring it up to modern day building regulations. To be the heart of the community, we need to improve accessibly for persons with mobility issues, a disabled toilet & proper baby changing facilities. In addition to these essential improvements, I would like the opportunity to create a place to store and protect the village archives for future generations and did I mention install a new kitchen!!

HOW YOU CAN HELP! I'm not asking for money (yet!?), but would like to draw on the skills, knowledge and contacts of people within the community.

WE COULD BENEFIT FROM THE EXPERTISE OF AN ARCHITECT WHO CAN ADVISE AND HELP US CREATE A VISION, WE HAVE LIMITED FUNDS BUT NEED TO GET OUR PROJECT STARTED!

PLEASE CONTACT Rachel Monro (Chairperson VH Committee) : 07737 545159



Church Flowers 2024 – 2025

Thank you for all the lovely flower arrangements last year. Many thanks to all our helpers.

Here is the new rota. Please note your new date and change by mutual arrangement if the date doesn't suit you. You only have to provide flowers at the altar.

New volunteer flower arrangers are always needed. Please contact me if you are able to help. Thank you. Nicole Wotherspoon

nicolewotherspoon@gmail.com Phone: 07836 714216

2024			
March	31	Easter - Nicole & Gillian Smith	07836 714216
April	07	Nicole & Gillian Smith	-do-
	14	Liz Cattle	810859
	21	Liz Cattle	- do -
	28	Helen Salmon	07554 992892
May	05	Helen Salmon	- do -
	12	Victoria Soutar	813543
	19	Victoria Soutar	- do -
	26	Deb Carrington-Stait	813060
June	02	Deb Carrington-Stait	- do -
	09	Sue Stick	813407
	16	Sue Stick	- do -
	23	Angela Harris	07843 759892
	30	Angela Harris	- do -
July	07	Hazel Roberts	812661
	14	Hazel Roberts	- do -
	21	Carrie Rodgers	07985 144061
	28	Patronal Festival - Carrie Rodgers	- do -
August	04	Sarah Taylor	812262
	11	Sarah Taylor	- do -
	18	** Volunteer Required **	
	25	** Volunteer Required **	



Sept	01		
	08	Feast Flowers - Organised by Hannah Daniels	
	15		
	22		Jean Evans & Kathy Bonney
	29	Jean Evans & Kathy Bonney	- do -
Oct	06	Harvest - Nicole Wotherspoon & Helpers	07836 714216
	13		
	20		Gill Hopkins & Philippa Crowther
	27	Gill Hopkins & Philippa Crowther	- do -
Nov	03	Remembrance - Ann Green & Helpers	813728
	10		
	17	Di Blandford	812302
	24	Di Blandford	- do -
Dec	1	Advent - No Flowers	
	08	- do -	
	15	- do -	
	22	- do -	
	24/25	Christmas - Janet Witton & Helpers	812417
	29		
Jan	05		
	12	Nicole Wotherspoon	812387
	19	Diane Petrie	
	26	Diane Petrie	
Feb	02	Marcia Lynall	
	09	Marcia Lynall	
	16	Deb Carrington-Stait, Gillian Smith & Nicole Wotherspoon	07836 714216
	23		
March	02		
		Lent - 5th March - 17th <u>April</u> No Flowers during Lent	

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Saturday 2nd March 2024



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The Painswick Playgroup Easter Egg Hunt

The Painswick Playgroup Easter Egg Hunt will again take place on Easter Saturday – the **30th March 2024 12noon - 4.00pm**. It is a great family day out and raises money for our village Playgroup (Registered Charity Number 900465). The main event is on Easter Saturday, but the map can be bought online and completed at any point between Easter Saturday and Tuesday 2nd April 2024.



Local businesses have generously sponsored eggs, which are decorated to a theme (this year is Children's Books) and placed around the village. Maps are now available online or available on the day in St Mary's Churchyard. There will be an opportunity to enter a prize draw for a John Lewis Voucher.

There are also activities at the Churchyard (face painting, tombola, raffle, cake stall, fete style games, fancy dress competition, hot food vans and hot drinks, plant stall amongst others). St. Mary's Church will be open too for refreshments and they are running an Easter Egg decorating competition for the kids, with the winner being announced on the Easter Sunday Family Service at 9:30am. The wonderful village pubs, shops and cafes will all be open too, serving food and drinks.

Attention all bakers: We would welcome and be grateful for any cake donations to be brought to the memorial ground (by the war memorial) in St. Mary's churchyard by 11.00am on Sat 30th.

Our special guest judges Cath Kidston MBE and Dr Dawn Harper will head up the bake-off judging with a few other locals assisting. They will be ready to sample the cakes entered into the Painswick Bake Off before they join the cake stall to be sold off to raise funds for our charity. Due to popular demand, we have added an under-16 category too. There will be a prize for the winning bake and best decorated.

(However, if you'd rather your cake not be entered to be judged please just let us know at the time). Thank you to our Gold Sponsor Hamptons who have once again supported the Easter Egg Hunt 2024!

Please see our Facebook and Instagram pages, or email: easteregghuntainswick@gmail.com for more information.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/painswickplaygroup> to buy maps or buy maps in St Mary's Churchyard on Saturday 30th March (other days you will need to buy maps online as only selling in person on Easter Saturday).

Ebworth

Rain, rain, rain during February. What a wet month it has been. With our thin soils and free draining limestone bedrock we generally avoid the worst of the wet ground, but this winter has been particularly bad. Making access difficult and out working in it miserable. No one likes putting on yesterday's wet kit!

The bedrock and soil conditions give Ebworth its character. They are thin, meaning there is little available nutrients. Free draining, meaning they can dry out very quickly in summer, and have a high pH, making them very alkali. This all creates a very extreme environment for plants to grow.

On the grasslands this means that vigorous grasses and plants like nettles and brambles can't dominate because they need high levels of nutrients and more moderate soil conditions. This leaves space for the specialist calcareous grassland plants which have evolved to tolerate these conditions. They are usually quite small and delicate and easily smothered by thicker vegetation.

In the woodlands the soil conditions determine the suite of plant species which grows. From the delicate ground flora to the towering canopy trees. The plant species determines what invertebrates can be found in an area as most are highly specialised. The Cotswolds are famous for their butterflies which are generally restricted to one or two "larval food plants". The plants their caterpillars eat.

At this time of year, I tire of winter and always look forward to spring. And on the sunny days it feels like it is just around the corner. The birds have been singing and it won't be long until we hear the first chiffchaff of the year. As I write this on valentines day I have already seen blackthorn and willow in flower. The snow drops are out, and the odd lesser celandine is in flower. Not long to go until spring!



Tom Griffin

Area Ranger, Ebworth and Crickley Hill, National Trust



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St Mary's Church, Painswick

Saturday 16th March at 3pm

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Cranham Common News

Winter management on the common is now complete and the common is in excellent condition ready for the growing season. The grass has been grazed by cows and sheep leaving a balance of longer and shorter areas that provide varied habitats for different wildlife to thrive. A lot of scrub management has been carried out by both Natural England and by our village volunteers on four workparties. This has included bramble management by the brush cutting team, roadside scrub clearance on the road up to the Knoll, and cutting back of blackthorn spread in the gully on Knowle Bank. It is time to sit back and enjoy the common as spring approaches.

Adder Presentation by Nigel Hand

At the CCT AGM on **Saturday 23rd March, 10.00am** in the Village Hall. Adder expert Nigel Hand will give a presentation on the behaviour and movements of the radio tracked resident and A417 translocated snakes on the Common. Learn about the adders and ask questions. This time of the year adders appear on sunny days emerging from winter hibernation. 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.

Butterfly Transects

Natural England are looking for a small number of volunteers to undertake regular walks over the common counting butterflies, to help monitor the butterfly populations. Training will be given.

If this is something you are interested in, contact Liz Hayden (details below) and I will put you in touch with Jesper Knapton (NE) to find out more about what it involves.

Wildflower Seed

There is still a small amount of wildflower seed harvested from the common available for people to plant in their gardens. Contact Liz Hayden if you would like some.

Liz Hayden

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

Tudor Swearing, Sex and Loos: the Naughty Bits not seen in Historical Dramas

A talk given to the Cranham Local History Society
on 25th January 2024 by Kirstie Bingham

The latest talk presented the writer with a few problems. How will you describe it, I was asked by people at the meeting. Kirstie, our speaker, didn't hold back.

It's best if I set the scene as she did, with the fifteenth-century merchant's house in Tewkesbury, part of the John Moore Museum, where Kirstie is the Heritage Manager. To the front a shop, a workshop out back, living space including kitchen in between – and one room upstairs, where the parents would have a double bed, a four-poster so it could be hung with screens, and the children, who could be many, on trundle or similar beds on the floor. Sex went on behind the screen. You relieved yourself in a piss pot in the bedroom.

The title of the talk includes 'swearing' and 'loos' as well as sex, but sex does seem to have informed almost everything. The formal break with the church of Rome came in 1533 but restrictions it laid down would have held sway well beyond that date. Sex was encouraged (abstinence could lead to melancholy) but not on feast days or saints' days, not during Lent, and not it seems on Wednesdays and Fridays, as well as Saturdays or Sundays. There were guidelines to correct positions for sexual activity which I won't outline here. Also, notions regarding sexual appetites. Girls could marry as young as 12, boys at 14. Aphrodisiacs included leeks and onions, and apples (which had tempted Eve of course), oysters and spices. Pepper could inflame the body. Contraception was outlawed but widely practised. Quite how, and how successful, isn't for this report.

As for cleanliness, soap was made from animal fat and ashes. Water shouldn't be too hot, it could open you up to sickness, to bad air known as miasma. You didn't empty your piss pots out of the window: you could sell the contents to the dye-worker or tanner. Nightsoilmen: their name described their function. They emptied the pit and spread it over the fields. As for swearwords, 'a plague on your house' had a very real resonance back then. Likewise, a swearword invoking God or Jesus. Make-up had been frowned on under Henry VII but Queen Elizabeth would cover her face with a foundation made from white lead and vinegar, with red ochre giving a rosy glow. Ordinary working folk couldn't of course aspire to lighter skin.

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Kirstie moved on to tell us about the preferred sizes of anatomical parts, about suggestive postures, and codpieces. One's nose rather than other appendages was suggestive of sexual potency. Witches (the witch craze was taking hold about this time) were also involved in nefarious practices. Nothing escaped, even the badges worn by pilgrims were sexualised. So too were daggers, with their hilts carved in suggestive shapes. And flowers. Orchids are named from the Greek word for the shape of the root, and the different kinds of orchids have sexualised names. A question from the audience raised concerns about possible harmful effects on local morality of the orchids on the Common.

For more explicit detail than that given in this report, readers will have to do their own research, or catch up with Kirstie when she's speaking at another venue. We do owe her a big vote of thanks. She took us places we hadn't expected to visit. She made it informative – and always found the lighter side.

Chris Collier



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Come and join us on Wednesday 6th March at the Painswick Centre, 2.30pm for a talk about our local canals given by the Cotswold Canals Trust Vice-Chairman and Project Director, John Newton. The Cotswold Canals were constructed in the late 1700's with the Stroudwater Navigation finally completed all the way to the Thames at Lechlade in 1789. Following abandonment in the 1950's, the Cotswold Canals Trust has been leading the restoration. John's talk will cover some history, a review of current work and the vision for the future. Our next talk on Wednesday 3rd April, also in the Painswick Centre, '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 April meeting will start at 2.00pm with a brief AGM. Both talks will be followed by light refreshments. Visitors are always welcome at our lectures - please drop in or contact Paul Wyeth:

CNFCLectureSec.pw@gmail.com or **07472 021 517**.

Meeting charge £5 for visitors, £2 for members.

The Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club (CNFC) promotes interest in the natural history, environment, antiquities and cultural heritage of Gloucestershire, the Cotswolds and elsewhere. Further Club information can be found on our website or facebook page:



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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:

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Our next collection will be on **Wednesday 13th March** from 10.00am - 12noon. We are collecting in the car park on Stamages Lane. If you have difficulty getting to this donation point, please let us know and we will do our best to help.



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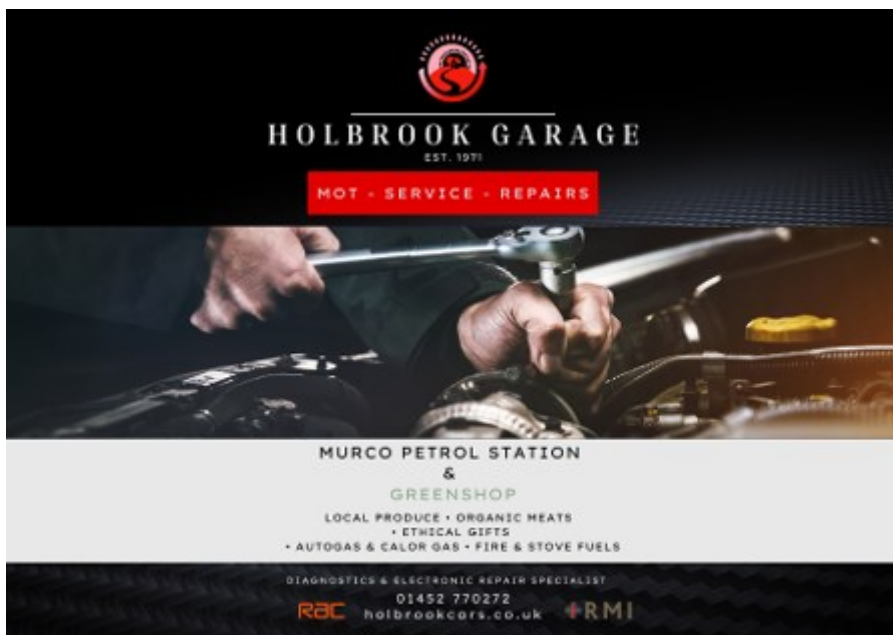
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Post Office	Tuesdays 10.00am - 12noon - V Hall
Rachel's Pop Up Café	Tuesdays 10.00am - 2.30pm - V Hall
Cranham Art Group	Tuesdays 7.00 - 9.00pm - V Hall (Lyn Barker 813025)
Choir	Tuesdays 7.30pm - V Hall (Virginia Pittman 07989 712263 virginiapittman3@gmail.com)
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)
Parent and Toddler	Fridays 9.15 - 10.45am - V Hall (Contact tbc)
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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.



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

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

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

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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:

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Sue & Ian Shaw

814839

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CRANHAM DIARY



MARCH 2024

2	Sat	Garden Society Meeting	B'field V Hall	10.30 for 11.00am
		Race Night	Village Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm start
3	Sun	Evening Worship	Church	6.30pm
4	Mon	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.00pm
5	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
6	Wed	Cotswold Canals Talk	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
7	Thurs	Lent Lunch	Windycot	12noon - 2.00pm
9	Sat	Organathon	Church	9.00am - 5.00pm
10	Sun	Family Worship	Church	11.00am
12	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
		Flicks in the Sticks	Bisley V Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
13	Wed	Foodbank Collection	Painswick	10am - 12noon
14	Thurs	Ramble	Village Hall	9.45am
16	Sat	Painswick Music Society	St. Mary's	3.00pm
17	Sun	Evensong	Church	6.30pm
19	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
20	Wed	** Magazine Contributions Due **		
21	Thurs	Cranham Feast AGM	Village Hall	7.00pm
		CLHS Talk	Village Hall	7.45pm
23	Sat	C Common Trust AGM	Village Hall	10.00am
24	Sun	Morning Worship	Church	11.00am
25	Mon	Village Lunch	Scout HQ	12.15 for 12.30pm
26	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
27	Wed	Lent Lunch	The Lodge	12noon - 2.00pm
28	Thurs	Ramble	Village Hall	9.45am
29	Good Fri	The Crucifixion – Choir	Church	11.00am
30	Sat	Playgroup EasterEggHunt	Painswick	12noon - 4.00pm
31	Easter	Family Communion	Church	11.00am

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6	Wed	Napier's Bones Talk	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
11&25	Thurs	Rambles		
13	Sat	Painswick Music Society	St. Mary's	3.00pm
20-21	Sat/Sun	Monster Trail	Cranham Village	
20	Sat	Painswick Music Society	St. Mary's	4.00pm

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