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A Letter from The Clergy



Four Days of Free Family Fun

This month our churches are celebrating what it means to be one big family under God. On Sunday 5th July we are uniting for worship, having a 'welcome to our flock' service of Holy Communion - 11am at St. Mary's, Painswick. Here we will welcome Revd. Kate Davies, who is coming to serve the benefice as part of our ministry team for the next three years at least. At the service, we will also be blessing Sherlock the Sheep - which has been lovingly crafted by residents from the nearby Paradise House who are also 'part of our flock'. We are also focussing on supporting the families in our local communities more than ever this month.

In addition to our usual family service at St. Marys at 11am on Sunday 12th July, we will mark the start of the school summer holidays with 'Four Days of Free Family Fun'. This will include a Sherlock Supper in Painswick on Monday 20th July, a Scavenger Hunt and Games in Sheepscombe on Tuesday 21st, a Family Rounders Match and BBQ in Cranham on Wednesday 22nd July and to mark the end-of-school-year St Mary's Mums will take their 'Toddlers on Tour' for fun and games at Painswick Recreation Ground on Thursday 23rd. All are welcome to join us.

For more information, please do contact our Beacon All Ages Minister, Victoria Soutar on: familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk.

Cranham Parish Council website

lots of info including the minutes of meetings

<https://cranhamparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

www.beaconbenefice.org.uk

Worship in Cranham - July 2026

Sunday 5th 11.00am Benefice Communion at Painswick Revd. Sarah

To Welcome Curate Revd Kate Davies to the Benefice

Sunday 12th 11.00am Holy Communion Revd. Helen
 Sidesperson Mike Wakeman
 Readers Mike Wakeman
 Martin Whitaker

Sunday 19th 6.30pm Evensong Fr David R
 Sidesperson Sarah Taylor
 Readers Sarah Taylor
 Janet Gazzard

Monday 20th 9.00am Morning Prayer with coffee Revd. Sarah

Sunday 26th 6.30pm Patronal Festival Revd's Sarah & Kate
 with Songs of Praise
 Sidesperson Mark Crowther
 Readers Mark Crowther
 TBA

Flowers, Cleaning & Refreshments in July

Church Flowers

28th June & 5th July Sarah Taylor
 12th & 19th July Hazel Collier
 26th July & 2nd Aug Gill Hopkins & Philippa Crowther



Church Cleaning

4th July Beryl Berry
 11th July Nicky Overs
 18th July Victoria Souter
 25th July Sue Stick
 1st August Sylvia Ardron



Refreshments will be served after the following services:

12th July 11am Holy Communion
 26th July 11am Patronal Festival with Songs of Praise



Extracts from The Messenger – July 2026

What are ordinations?

At the end of June, Gloucester Cathedral once again became the setting for two joyful and significant services as the Diocese of Gloucester marked the ordination of 18 new candidates.



For many people, the word 'ordination' may not be familiar word. Ordination is a church service that marks someone becoming a priest.

For those being ordained, it comes after years of thinking, training and prayer about where God is calling them.

Over the last weekend in June, eleven people were ordained as priests and seven as what are called 'deacons'.

Deacons are called to a ministry of service, both within the Church and in the wider community. They often focus on outreach, pastoral care, and helping the Church engage with the needs of the world.

Many deacons are later ordained priest, but they will still be a deacon, keeping that element of service to others at the core of their ministry.

One of those ordained as deacon this year was Andy Everett, whose journey to ministry has unfolded over many years. He first came to faith more than 35 years ago after being invited to church by his future wife, Kathryn, and went on to be baptised and grow in Christian faith alongside a long career in primary education, including 23 years as a headteacher in church schools.

After moving to Mickleton in 2022, Andy and Kathryn began attending local churches and sensed again a growing call to ordained ministry, which had first been raised nearly a decade earlier. A further prompt from within the church community helped confirm that sense of calling, leading Andy to begin training for ordination at Ripon College Cuddesdon in 2023. He said: "I feel that God is already at work in these communities. I'm just being asked to join in."

You can read Andy's full faith journey at: <https://gloucester.anglican.org/2026/andys-journey-from-headteacher-to-ordinand/>

Priests build on that foundation of service and take on additional responsibilities. They can lead Holy Communion, offer forgiveness, and blessings, and play a central role in the pastoral and spiritual life of a parish. Ordination as a priest usually comes after time spent serving as a deacon.

Family, friends, clergy and congregations from across the diocese all gathered at the ordinations to support and pray for the ordinands. We give thanks for the gifts, dedication and vocation they bring to their parishes and communities.

People can be called to many things, from ordained ministry, to nursing, to art. If you'd like to think about where God is calling you, speak to your priest.

RECOGNISE: Children, Youth and Family Ministry reflections

Working in Children, Young People and Families Ministry (CYFM) can involve everything from storytelling and craft activities to pastoral support, school partnerships and helping families feel at home in church. Yet much of this work often happens quietly, behind the scenes.

That is why RECOGNISE, a national week celebrating everyone involved in ministry with children, young people and families, matters so much. Taking place from 6 to 12 July, the initiative aims to shine a light on the people who dedicate their time and care to nurturing faith in younger generations. Churches across the country will be joining in a shared moment of gratitude for the people who help children and families grow in faith.

This year, Rachel Laughton, Children and Families Worker at Hempstead, has been nominated to represent the diocese at a special RECOGNISE celebration at Lambeth Palace. She has worked in her role for five and a half years.

"When I work with children and young people, I try and make anything I do as child led as possible and make sure they feel listened to. It's important they have an outlet, and for them to know and feel that what they do is valued.

"We can learn so much from younger people. It's a very two-way thing. It's not just us providing and giving information and teaching and nurturing. It's definitely a partnership in spiritual growth."

Find out more at <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/children-and-young-people/doubling-number-children-and-young-people/30k-project/recognise>

Events and training

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

William Tyndale – 500 years of his English New Testament, Lady Chapel in Tewkesbury Abbey, Church Street, Tewkesbury GL20 5RZ now until 13th August, An exhibition about William Tyndale, including a full-colour facsimile of his New Testament. <https://gloucester.anglican.org/event/william-tyndale-500-years-of-his-english-new-testament/>

'Letters from the Global South' exhibition, St John Baptist Cirencester, 4th to 9th July, 10am to 4pm, An exhibition based on the comments of children who experience the extremes of global warming, particularly in the southern hemisphere. <https://gloucester.anglican.org/event/letters-from-the-global-south-exhibition/>

Summer fete, St Mary's Tetbury, 4th July, 2pm to 4.30pm, Raising funds for the church, the summer fete includes tea and cakes, stalls, a raffle and a visit to the church tower to learn about the bells and see views of Tetbury and the surrounding area. <https://tetburychurch.co.uk/church-summer-fete-saturday-4th-july/>

The Three Choirs festival, Gloucester Cathedral, 25th July to 3rd August,
A superb concert series featuring festival choirs, world-class soloists and
the Philharmonia Orchestra, with evening, late-night and daytime
performances set around Gloucester Cathedral's Festival Village. [https://
gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/three-choirs-festival](https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/three-choirs-festival)

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magazine editorial team.*



Saturday 25th July 2026 afternoon visits

Tickets are available to buy in aid of Patchwork RDA.

£15.00 (Under 12 free) Tea & cake & carparking included.

Executive raffle prizes.

The house & gardens are rarely open to the public.

Please google the house for more information.

Phone - Sue 07748 268 269



Summer Concert

Cranham Village Hall
Friday 17th July 7.30pm



STRAWBERRIES, WINE AND MUSIC WITH
CRANHAM PHILHARMONIC CHOIR AND
ORCHESTRA



Donations for the
Philharmonic funds



Cranham School

2026 Year 6 Leavers



We say goodbye to:

Will, Luana, Josh, Archie, Hollie, Tommy and Sienna

and wish them all the best of luck in their new secondary schools - they all have very bright futures ahead of them.

Cranham School

Should there be Adders on Cranham Common?

Adders (*Vipera Berus*) are a species of snake that lives in Britain. An Adder has an unmistakeable diamond pattern on its back. They are an endangered species that could be extinct by 2032. However, they are a venomous snake that can kill some breeds of dog. So what is more superior, protecting Adders or dogs?

Firstly, Adders are a protected species since they are in decline and they need a safe home. Adders live in long, grassy areas so Cranham would be a perfect habitat. Secondly, they are magnificent, majestic creatures and one of the few snakes in the UK. Adding on to that, Adders eat rodents and help keep nature healthy; if we kill Adders then more rats and mice will be around. As well as eating mice, Adders are fascinating reptiles that people could study and learn more about their lifestyle and way of living. They were here before us so we should try and live with them, shouldn't we?

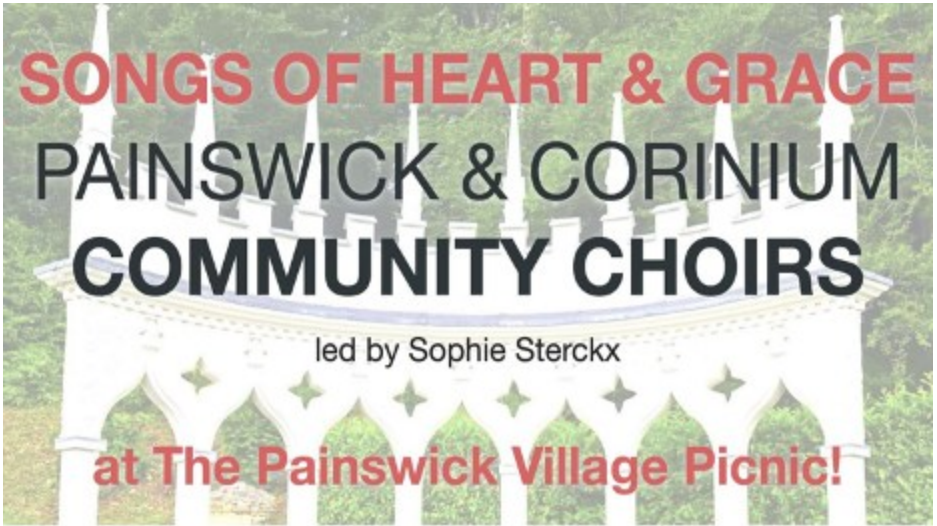
Additionally, Adders don't harm people unless it think it's getting threatened – they're scared of humans so they normally stay away. Furthermore they're native to Britain and have been here longer than us. The last time that a person was killed by an Adder was in 1975.

On the other hand, Adders are poisonous animals and a bite, if not treated, could have a fatal effect on the person or animal. Dogs are animals that want to be free and not constantly on a lead. Also, an Adders bite has enough venom to kill a little dog. To add to this, people are frightened of Adders because they can attack if they feel threatened.

In addition to this, people might not want to visit Cranham so therefore the pub would not get as many visitors. Many people would argue that some elderly residents and tourists might not want to go on the common. Then, no one will get to enjoy the view. Finally, people when it's warm may have to wear boots and trousers in case they encounter an Adder. Surely Adders affect us more than we affect them?

To sum up, there is positives and negatives for Adders being on the Common. In my opinion, it is rare to come across an Adder so we should just leave them alone. We leave other animals alone so why should Adders be any different?

Josh - Year 6



SONGS OF HEART & GRACE PAINSWICK & CORINIUM COMMUNITY CHOIRS

led by Sophie Sterckx

at The Painswick Village Picnic!

Bring a picnic and the family & enjoy the gardens
and some live music on a summer's evening!

FRIDAY 10th JULY

The Painswick Village Picnic
PAINSWICK
ROCOCO GARDEN

Gardens open: 6pm-9pm

Choir Concert: 7pm-8pm

Free entry with proof of Painswick
(or surrounding area) postcode.

*Celebrating 15 years of bringing
our voices together in harmony,
we will perform a selection of
heartwarming a cappella choral
music that speaks to our hearts
and souls in a time when we find
great joy, solace and belonging
through song and singing in
community.*

www.sophiesterckx.co.uk



Bringing our voices together in harmony for 15 glorious years!!

Painswick Gardening Club

Last month on 10th June, Lottie Allen, Head Gardener at Hidcote is shared her journey to National Trust Hidcote, explaining the history of the garden to the present time. There is a Garden Management Plan derived from the Conservation Management Plan. This attempts to understand what Johnston wanted from this space. Lottie was involved in the "Celebration of 75 years of nurturing Hidcote Manor Garden".



Our July Members Outing, on Wednesday 8th July, will be a visit to Brockworth Court and gardens. They don't have a gardener and no box hedges despite the information in the brochure, so the garden looks very 'natural'. There's a tithe barn to use if it's wet and Tim Wiltshire is a good host and willing to show us around the house.

RHS Badminton Flower Show is an exciting new RHS Show coming to the beautiful South Gloucestershire countryside in July 2026. Only 40 minutes down the road, it is on from 8th – 12th July, 10am – 6pm.

On Friday 10th July, the Painswick and Corinium Community Choirs are joining forces for a Picnic in Rococo Gardens to celebrate fifteen years of bringing our voices together in harmony (for further details, see page 11). Led by Sophie Sterckx, we practice on Monday nights in the Green Room at the Painswick Centre. We sing "a cappella" - without any instrumental accompaniment. Bring a picnic and join us. Entry is free to those who bring proof of Painswick postcode.

Fix my Street

website to report potholes and fly tipping etc

<https://www.fixmystreet.com>

PAINSWICK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

FOR CHILDREN 2026

READ! BUILD! CREATE! HAVE FUN!

LEGO BUILDERS CLUB **5+**

EVERY MONDAY

3:30 – 4:30PM

BUILD • CREATE • IMAGINE!

LIBRASAUROS READING CHALLENGE **AGES 3-11**

Read, draw, write, imagine and maybe win a prize!

18TH JULY – 7TH SEPTEMBER

£10 BOOK TOKENS FOR COMPLETING THE CHALLENGE!

LEGO SPIKE **YOUNG PEOPLE**

24TH JULY
11:00AM – 12:00PM

28TH AUGUST
11:00AM – 12:00PM
2:00PM – 3:00PM

BUILD • CODE • EXPLORE!

STOP MOTION **YOUNG PEOPLE**

14TH AUGUST
CREATE YOUR FILM
11:00AM – 12:00PM
WATCH YOUR FILM
2:00PM – 3:00PM

CREATE • SHOOT • WATCH!

TINKERCAD 3D DESIGN **YOUNG PEOPLE**

24TH JULY
2:00PM – 3:00PM

DESIGN • PRINT • MAKE!

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PAINSWICK COMMUNITY LIBRARY (UPSTAIRS IN THE TOWN HALL)

Cranham Common News

This month the article is provided by Natural England who are contracted by the Cranham Common Trust to manage the common. This day-to-day management is undertaken in conjunction with the Cranham Common Management Committee.

Cranham Common has had a busy time of late. We have finally secured the grazing application, which means we can now graze goats on the common in pre-agreed areas. They will be a huge help in tackling scrub control and restoring areas of grassland, thanks to their different grazing preferences compared with our long-standing scrub consumers – the cows! The goats have already made a significant impact in the test area outside Rushbrook, so it will be interesting to see the improvements as the project progresses.

The Common has bloomed beautifully and put on a great show so far this year. There have been cowslips in abundance and, more recently, a lovely display of orchids. The early dry spring meant the grasses got off to a slow start, but the recent rain has accelerated their growth. This should tie in nicely with the arrival of the National Trust's Belted Galloways, which are due to return at the start of July to begin their annual grazing around the common.

This year, I handed over my butterfly transect to a very knowledgeable volunteer from the Butterfly Conservation Trust. He is taking on both Cranham Common and Juniper Hill, so the transect is in safe hands. Cranham has the greatest diversity of butterflies of all the reserves we manage within the Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods. Last year, I spotted a Purple Hairstreak butterfly, which was a wonderful sight. We also have the nationally scarce White-letter Hairstreak around the periphery of the Common. This species suffered a catastrophic decline of up to 80% following the arrival of Dutch elm disease, so it is encouraging to know that we have a strong population near the Common, thanks to the healthy population of elm trees in and around Buckholt Woods. If you would like to try and spot them yourself, look towards the tops of elm canopies between late June and August.

In further surveying news, we welcomed a team from Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust (GWT) to the Common in June to carry out underlying data and mapping foundation that feeds into the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS). This helps ensure that the baseline data used by local councils to identify protected or sensitive habitats is accurate and up to date.

Article written by Reserves Manager, Jesper Knapton (Natural England)

William Tyndale and the Gloucestershire Landscape

a talk given to the Cranham Local History Society

on 21st May 2026 by Alan Pilbeam

We welcomed an old friend, Alan Pilbeam, to the History Society. This time his focus was on William Tyndale, famous as the first person to translate the Bible into English. His translation was taken up by later translators and especially by the translators of the King James Bible. It's because of his contribution to the English language that Melvyn Bragg described him as one of the most important people in English history.

The family lived near North Nibley, but was he born there? Slimbridge has a doubtful claim, Stinchcombe a stronger one. Early promise took him to Magdalen Hall in Oxford where he graduated in 1512. His inspiration for his New Testament translation was the Dutch scholar, Erasmus, who translated the Bible into Greek and thereby challenged the veracity of the Vulgate, a Latin translation for many centuries considered the unchallenged Word of God.

This was high-risk territory. But it seems Tyndale had no fear. While tutoring at Little Sodbury Hall (1521-23) his open-air preaching at Iron Acton near Bristol led to accusations of heresy. Arguing with a local cleric he famously said, 'If God spare my life, ere many years I will cause a boy who drives the plough to know more of the scripture than you do.' He accepted even then that he could be martyred.

In 1524 he travelled to the continent and never returned. His New Testament from Erasmus's Greek was published in Germany in 1526. Some 3000 copies were smuggled into England. By the time he was betrayed in 1535 and, after a year's imprisonment, strangled and his body burnt he had completed a translation of one-third of the Old Testament. Alan highlighted the number of words and expressions that have come down to us from Tyndale's translation such as 'the writing on the wall', 'the blind leading the blind' and 'the spirit is willing ...'

He was exiled and couldn't preach in England but he could write, and his books, *The Parable of the Wicked Mammon* and *The Obedience of a Christian Man*, were both published in 1528 and smuggled into England. The former argued that good works (and that might include donating to the great wool churches of the period) weren't enough to guarantee salvation. Faith must come first. He took the apple tree as an example. The tree came before the fruit – linking to the Gloucestershire orchards of his childhood. (The phrase 'apple of his eye' also derives from Tyndale's Bible.)

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Local examples also featured in The Obedience of a Christian Man. Tyndale argued that a king had responsibility for the Church in his own country. That would have endeared him to Henry VIII. His opposition to the royal divorce decidedly did not. But Alan's focus wasn't theology or politics but on the way Tyndale in his writing connected with his home county. He was unsparing in his criticisms of landowners for enclosing for sheep rearing. It was at just this time that there were the early stirrings of a wool manufacturing industry in the valleys around Wotton-under-Edge. Alan made a good case for dating many deserted villages, long associated with the Black Death, to later enclosures for sheep rearing. The enclosing of land for deer parks also led to people being thrown off their land. Alan quoted as examples Dyrham and Thornberry. Dovecotes were also a focus of Tyndale's ire: they were popular with local vicars and rectors, food for them to eat and sell, but the doves were eating seed from the plantings of the working man.

Tyndale was for long years written out of history. Miles Coverdale's Bible of 1536 relied largely on Tyndale, who didn't get a mention. Over 83% of the Authorised Version of the New Testament, published 1611, derives directly from Tyndale's translation. Alan left us with the sense of a Gloucestershire man living in exile but still closely connected with the landscapes of his childhood, to take in which Alan encouraged us to head to North Nibley and climb the Tyndale Tower. A big thank-you to Alan for an eye-opening talk.

Chris Collier

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Cranhammail is for all village announcements, such as forthcoming social events, society meetings, planned road closures, and general Parish announcements.



Parish Council Meeting

Next meeting:

Tuesday 7th July 2026 at 7.00pm

in Cranham Village Hall.

Fun Crafts Games Stories

Sherlock Supper



Sherlock Investigates:

WHO CALMS THE STORMS?



Monday
20th July



4.30-6.00pm



St Mary's
Painswick

Supper menu

- Fish Fingers & Chips
- Ice Cream



Children, bring your own
adult with you!

Cash donations on the door

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VICTORIA SOUTAR

familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk

Sherlock Scavenger Hunt & Games

Free family fun!

TUES 21ST JULY

**Sherlock
Scavenger Hunt
& Games**

10.30am - 12.30pm

Sheepscombe Village Hall



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Sherlock Family Rounders & BBQ

Free family fun!

WEDS 22ND JULY

**Sherlock
Family Rounders
& BBQ**

11.00am - 1.30pm

Cranham Cricket Club



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4 days of FREE family fun!

Sherlock is having fun...



MON 20TH JULY

**Sherlock
Supper**

4.30pm - 6.00pm

Painswick St Mary's Church
& Church Rooms

TUES 21ST JULY

**Sherlock Family
Scavenger Hunt
& Games**

10.30am - 12.30pm

Sheepscombe Village Hall



WED 22ND JULY

**Sherlock
Family Rounders
& BBQ**

11.00am - 1.30pm

Cranham Cricket Club



THURS 23RD JULY

**St Mary's
Mums on Tour**

9.30am - 11.00am

Painswick Recreation Ground



And supporting the Painswick Family Wool Day
Thursday 6th August 10am - 3.00pm

Everyone is welcome

Come and have some fun with Sherlock!

BEACON
BENEFICE

To book & more information contact Vics Soutar
familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk

Brimpsfield & Mid-Cotswold Garden Society



Our summer event this year will be a treasure hunt around Brimpsfield with a cream tea available at the Village Hall, on Saturday 4th July; come to the hall from 2.00pm, pick up a list of clues and set off around the village! The teas will be available from 3.00pm; the cost is £2.50 per person. Bring the good weather with you! And don't forget our Annual Show on 5th September; exhibitors in the Junior classes don't have to be Society members to take part. Contact: brimpsfieldgardensociety@gmail.com for details if you have interested youngsters.

If you have a wisteria in your garden, it will be sending out long whippy shoots, and this is a good time of year to shorten them to stop them from climbing into your gutters and fascias; cut the new growth back to around 7 leaves, leaving the final harder prune until late winter. It's also a good time to tidy up over-rampant growth on other evergreen wall shrubs that have finished flowering, such as pyracantha (firethorn). If they are coming too far out from your walls, the obvious solution is to prune back the outward-growing shoots, but it's also worth checking the back of the plant for shoots heading towards the wall; as these turn woody and grow stronger they will push the plant away from the wall and add to the problem, so cut them out as well. Then tie the plant in securely and reclaim the space along your wall!

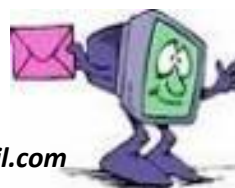
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Sheepscombe Bridge Club

Sheepscombe Summer Bridge

In days gone by, like many pastimes, Bridge was a winter game. In the summer we turned to cricket, tennis and croquet. But this summer Sheepscombe Bridge Club is continuing, albeit on lower numbers with people on holidays, bowling and 'resting' until winter. If you could help out by joining us for some bridge we'd love to hear from you. We meet in the evening 7-10pm at Sheepscombe Village Hall on the second and fourth Thursday in the month. If interested please contact Paul Ryan at: paulangie.ryan@gmail.com. Partners arranged if needed.



Playing Bridge - Refreshing and Learning

Recently two Sheepscombe residents have mentioned they used to play bridge and would like to get back to playing but may need a refresher. I've also had a question about children learning bridge. We occasionally hold re-cap and learning sessions. If any Cranham residents would like to add your name to a 'recap' list or find out what is involved in learning bridge please have a chat or drop me an email. Hugh Tarran: h.tarran@tiscali.co.uk

Reminder:

**No Flicks in the Sticks during
July & August,**

they will be back in September!



Ebworth

Ebworth is full of life at this time of year. The woods are alive with the sound of fledgling birds, calling loudly as they beg for food from their parents. It can be quite a chorus, with lots of high-pitched calls that can be tricky to tell apart.

Among them, the spotted flycatcher has a very simple song - just a few delicate, high-pitched notes that can easily be mistaken for the calls of young birds. I was delighted to see one singing from the top of a tree above Sheepscombe Cricket Club. At Ebworth, spotted flycatchers are more often seen in autumn as family groups pass through on their way south, so it was a real treat to spot one in spring.

We'll be starting our forestry work in early July this year, bringing the programme forward to take advantage of drier weather and firmer ground conditions. This helps minimise damage to the woodland floor and forest tracks. In previous years, an August start has sometimes made it difficult to finish before wetter conditions set in.

Work will begin in Lord's and Lady's Wood, where remaining timber from last year will be processed and removed. This was left in place due to wet ground conditions, which meant contractors had to pause work.

From there, contractors will move to woodland adjacent to St George's Field and the upper, flatter part of Saltridge Wood. In these areas, around 25% of the trees will be carefully removed to create gaps in the canopy. These open spaces allow more light to reach the ground, encouraging woodland flowers to flourish and young trees to establish.



For your safety, please follow all signage and any guidance from contractors while work is underway.

It has been particularly encouraging to see species such as fingered sedge - a nationally rare plant for which Ebworth is a stronghold - along with orchids and stinking hellebore thriving in areas thinned three years ago. It's very rewarding to see these special plants responding so positively to the work.

Tom Griffin

Area Ranger

Ebworth and Crickley Hill National Trust

Photo of a Bee Orchid

Cranham Village Lunch

The next village lunch will be held on

Monday 13th July

12.15 for 12.30pm

at the Village Hall



Menu for this month will be:

Fruit Juice

Selection of Cold Meats, Cheeses & Gala Pie

Speciality Breads

Pickles, Tomatoes & Olives

Meringues, Fruit & Cream

Tea/Coffee

Please do remember to book if you were not at the June lunch.

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

Thank you, Nicky.

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

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Magazine Subs – a thank you, an explanation and a bit of history.



THANK YOU - If you have already set up an **Annual Standing Order for £10.00 on 1st June**. Standing orders really speed up the process of collecting the subs, less hassle for you and much less hassle for me!

Please let me know if you are able to do this.

Over a third of magazine subscribers have been paying by Standing Order for the past few years. **Thank you so much.** I am equally grateful to those who have recently responded to my email request to set up an annual standing order.

An explanation

Request for payment for the following financial year (*period of 1st July to 30th June*) is requested on 1st June each year for Standing Order payments. This is necessary because we need a commitment before the July magazines are ordered in mid-June to ensure the correct amount of prints are completed for our magazine readers.

A bit of History

The magazine financial year used to run from January to December, but several of the intrepid magazine deliverers found it very soul destroying to collect the subscription money (which was all cash in those days) during the cold, damp December weather and in any case, people were more interested in preparing for Christmas!

I moved the financial year to the summer and at the same time encouraged people to pay by bank transfer or better still to set up an annual standing order, which many did.

Thank you – Sue 07748 268269

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Village Lunch	Monthly on a Monday 12.15 for 12.30pm (Nicky Overs 07884 432886)
Lego Building Club	Mondays 3.30 - 4.30pm - Painswick Community Library
Orchestra	Mondays 8.00pm - V Hall (Beryl Berry 813200)
Rachel's Pop Up Café	Tuesdays 10.00am - 1.30pm - V Hall
Post Office	Tuesdays 10.30am - 12noon - 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)
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
Crock 'n' Roll	Wednesdays 2.30 - 3.00pm - Painswick Community Library (With Steph - £1 per child)
Table Tennis Club	Wednesdays 7.30 - 9.30pm - V Hall (Clive Hayden 07833 635762 chayden814@gmail.com)
Cranham Ramblers	1st Thursday of month 9.45am - Car Park (Joan Charman 07717 286848)
Tennis Social Evening	Thursdays 6.00 - 8.00pm - Tennis Courts
Cranham Bell Ringers	Thursdays 6.30 - 8.00pm - Church (Rob Garratt 07703 503547)
S'Combe Bridge Club	2nd and 4th Thursdays 7.00pm - Sheepscombe V Hall (Contact Hugh Tarran 814081 or h.tarran@tiscali.co.uk)
Rachel's Pop Up Café	Fridays 10.00 - 1.30pm - V Hall
Parent and Toddler	Fridays 10:30 - 12noon - V Hall (Contact tbc)
Garden Club	Brimpsfield, Phone Francis Ellery 01452 862412 for further info

WELCOME!

No new people in the village this month!

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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(preferred option).

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

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

All hard copies should be forward to **Baggend (at the Knoll)**.

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

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The date will be confirmed to the distributors by email.

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CRANHAM DIARY



JULY 2026

2	Thurs	Ramble	Car Park	9.45am
4	Sat	Garden Society	B'field V.Hall	2.00pm
5	Sun	Benefice Communion	St. Mary's	11.00am
7	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
		Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.00pm
8	Wed	Painswick Gardening Club Outing	(see page 12 for details)	
10	Fri	Songs of Heart & Grace	Rococo Gardens	6.00 - 9.00pm
12	Sun	Holy Communion	Church	11.00am
13	Mon	Village Lunch	Village Hall	12.00 for 12.30pm
14	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
15	Wed	** Magazine Articles Due **		
17	Fri	Summer Concert	Village Hall	7.30pm
19	Sun	Evensong	Church	6.30pm
20	Mon	Morning Prayer & Coffee	Church	9.00am
		Sherlock Supper	St Mary's	4.30 - 6.00pm
21	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
		Scavenger Hunt	S'combe V.Hall	10.30am - 12.30pm
22	Wed	Sherlock Rounders	Cricket Club	11.00am - 1.30pm
23	Thurs	St. Mary's Mums on Tour	P'wick Rec	9.30am - 11.00am
25	Sat	Swinhay House	(see page 7 for details)	
26	Sun	Patronal Festival	Church	11.00am
28	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		

AUGUST 2026

6	Thurs	Ramble	Car Park	9.45am
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