

CRANHAM VILLAGE MAGAZINE

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Worship in Cranham - June 2025

Sunday 1st 11.00am Harescombe Benefice Communion

Revds. Paul & Sarah

6.30pm	Evening Worship	Sylvia Ardron
	Sidesman	Nicole W
	Readers	Nicole W
		Janet Gazzard

Sunday 8th 11.00am Holy Communion Revd Helen

Sidesman	Keith Ardron
Readers	Keith Ardron
	Martin Whitaker

Sunday 15th 6.30pm Evensong (BCP) Revd Sarah

Sidesman	Sue Williams
Readers	Joy Bentley
	John Bentley

Sunday 22nd 11.00am Morning Worship Sue H

Sidesman	Tom Daltry
Readers	Tom Daltry
	Helen Daltry

On Cranham Common:

Sunday 29th 11.00am Family Worship Vics

Church Flowers

June 14th - 22nd	Di Petrie
June 28th - 6th July	Gill Hopkins Philippa Crowther
July 12th	Nicole Wotherspoon



Church Cleaning

June 7th	Carol Tringham
June 14th	Sylvia Ardron
June 21st	Lindsay Burtenshaw
June 28th	Sarah Taylor



Refreshments will be served after the following services:

June 8th	11.00am	Holy Communion
June 22nd	11.00am	Morning Worship
June 29th	11.00am	Family Worship on the Common



Family Service

Sunday 29th June

on the top of the common

breakfast rolls and refreshments from **10.30am**

service begins at **11.00am**

VILLAGE email - cranhammail@gmail.com

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



Extracts from The Messenger – June 2025

An unexpected calling, from ministry to chaplaincy to ordination

"My journey to ordination came to life because of this job. Before I started here, I wouldn't have thought I'd be on this path, but being in this school has made it clear."



Matt Round has been working as a chaplain at All Saints' Academy, Cheltenham for over three years. For Matt, becoming a chaplain wasn't the path that he was expecting to follow – but it has had a significant impact on his sense of calling.

"Before I started at All Saints' Academy, I was working in full-time ministry at a non-denominational church in Manchester. I knew I wanted to have a job change, and that God was calling me into something else.

"Someone mentioned school chaplaincy. As I looked into it more, it just felt right. It allowed me to jump back into the world and serve outside of the church setting. God made it quite clear that this is where he wanted me to be."

Three years on, in September, Matt will begin training for ordination, while continuing part-time at the academy.

"This role sparked my journey to ordination. It opened the door. I'm going to do my training whilst continuing here as a chaplain. I know that this is where I'm meant to be for the next chapter. I'm happy in this role, and I've become more open to where God might call me next," he said.

As a chaplain, Matt's role goes beyond leading worship and teaching about Christianity; he serves the entire school community, from students and staff to parents, volunteers and local neighbours.

"No day is the same. I've got my weekly rhythms, like collective worship and running the Alpha course, but I try to leave my schedule open. I might have a list of things to do, but then ten more things crop up that I wasn't expecting. It's a very people-focused role, so I try to be out and about, present during break times, lunch times, and around the school."

Although Matt doesn't always see the immediate impact of chaplaincy, he knows that his role is important to the wellbeing of the school community.

"In church ministry, I often saw the fruit of what I was doing. In school chaplaincy, you don't always get that. You say something and hope it lands,

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but you might never know. Sometimes I'm reading a Bible story in front of 400 students. Other times, I'm having a one-to-one chat where faith might not be the first thing we talk about. You have to sense what's helpful in that moment.

"Whether someone has faith or not, I'm here to support them. It's about presence, understanding, and care."

If you feel you might have a calling into this ministry or something new, find out more about next steps on our vocations page here:

<https://gloucester.anglican.org/living-faith/discover-your-vocation/>

Thy Kingdom Come 2025 – Light up the world in Prayer

From 29th May to 8th June 2025, Christians across the world are invited to unite in prayer as part of Thy Kingdom Come.

Spanning the eleven days between Ascension Day and Pentecost, this global wave of prayer is about deepening our own relationship with God, while praying for others to experience that same transformation.

Thy Kingdom Come asks people to pray, daily, for five people they know to come to know Jesus Christ, and to encourage others to pray all over the world.

We have a wide range of free resources available on our webpage to help guide you through → <https://gloucester.anglican.org/2025/thy-kingdom-come-2025-light-up-the-world-in-prayer/>

Bishop Robert said: "In what is an increasingly fragile world, Thy Kingdom Come takes us back the heart of prayer and Jesus' promise to be with us always and everywhere.

"As I pray for people, some I know personally, others I know only of, I seek simply to hold them in God's love; that they may know how precious and unique they are, and the fullness of life that God invites them to share.

"I find that praying in this way does, as Jesus promises, casts anxiety aside, strengthening and renewing my own faith, as I look to the needs and to the welfare of others."

Whether you're new to prayer or have taken part before, this year is another opportunity to join millions in asking God to reveal Himself in new ways.

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Events and training

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

Crafts that built the Cathedral: Medieval book binding

8th June, 9.30am to 4pm, Gloucester Cathedral. A workshop guiding participants through the making of a medieval book binding, and creating your own 14th century style binding, using modern materials.

<https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/crafts-that-built-the-cathedral-medieval-book-binding>

Library Tours: Music Special

14th June, 10.45am, 11.45am, 2.45pm, Gloucester Cathedral.

A tour of the Cathedral's beautiful, hidden 15th Century monastic library, the traces left behind by our organists and singers over the years, from chorister graffiti to famous names.

<https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/library-tours-music-special>

Questioning joy: poetic faith in a literalist world

25th June, 7.30pm to 9pm, Francis Close Hall Campus, University of Gloucestershire, Swindon Road, Cheltenham, GL50 4AZ. The Revd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark, will be giving the 23rd annual lecture of the International Centre for Biblical Interpretation.

<https://gloucester.anglican.org/event/questioning-joy-poetic-faith-in-a-literalist-world/>

Summer quiz night with two course supper

28th June, 7pm to 10pm, St Philip and St James, Leckhampton. 60 Grafton Road, Cheltenham, GL50 2DD. Quiz night and two course supper £15pp. Everyone is welcome including teams of 6, smaller groups or individuals who would be welcomed on arrival and joined together to create a team.

<https://pipandjims.churchsuite.com/events/xn4k8usr>

Have your say

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THE RESTORATION OF THE CRANHAM CHURCH TRIPTYCH

Wednesday
25th June
2025

*Come and
hear the
story*

7.00pm at the
VILLAGE HALL

A video presentation involving leading UK art experts regarding the 20 months of restoration work and their investigations into the origin of this historic 16th Century painting, which is the altarpiece in St James the Great Church

Come and see the painting

Afterwards in CRANHAM CHURCH

The opportunity to view the triptych following its return to Cranham Church and to enjoy some refreshments

THE RESTORATION OF THE CRANHAM CHURCH TRIPTYCH

Did you know that in Cranham Church there is a large Flemish painting dating from the early 16th Century? This triptych, with a centre panel and two wings that fold in, was given to Cranham Parochial Church Council in May 1915 by local resident, Thomas Dyer Edwardes from Prinknash Abbey. It was placed behind the altar, where it has remained ever since.

However, over the past 110 years, this painting has deteriorated, and the PCC was advised recently that it was in urgent need of restoration. It was taken away in September 2023, and since then has undergone extensive work to both the paintwork and the wooden frame. The triptych is due to return shortly to the church, and can then be seen back to its former glory.

During this restoration work, extensive research has been undertaken to try to establish the provenance of the picture. As in the BBC programme 'Fake or Fortune', national specialists have been analysing the age of wood used for the picture, the original sketching below the paintwork and the type of paint that was used. Expert art historians are now assessing the findings to see if they can draw conclusions about the provenance of the triptych.

This has been an expensive project, but the PCC has been fortunate to have received nearly all of the costs, both from a large legacy and from 13 different grants given by church and arts conservation bodies, which were all given solely for the purpose of funding this restoration project.

An invitation-only event is being held in the church in mid-June when the triptych is returned, at which many of the restorers will be talking about their work to a guest audience of donors, sponsors and church dignitaries. (Sadly, there is not enough room in the church for everyone who would like to be there.) However, in order that all Cranham residents can learn more about this painting, its history and the work done on it, an open/free event is being held on Wednesday 25th June at 7pm in the Village Hall, where a video will be shown, featuring a recording of the talks from all the experts at the church event. Afterwards, everyone is welcome to move down to the church to see the restored triptych back in situ, and to enjoy some bubbles and nibbles. *Come to learn the story and celebrate the return of this historic painting!*

WEDNESDAY 25th JUNE - 7.00 PM

VILLAGE HALL (& afterwards in CRANHAM CHURCH)

TRAC WEEKEND RESIDENTIAL



Join us for an epic 3-day, action-packed Sportily camp and enjoy playing sports and exploring the Christian Faith.

Highlights include using our climbing wall, paddle boating, go-karts, archery and more!

Friday 6th June -
Sunday 8th June 2025

Tom Roberts Adventure
Centre, GL18 1HE

School years 5 - 6

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hello@sportily.org.uk
sportily.org.uk

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Notes from the Chair

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting took place on 6th May 2025 **At Annual Parish Meeting** reports were given by / or delivered on behalf of:

County Councillor

Parish Council Report.

Representatives from other Parish organisations; CCMC & election of committee members; Cranham Playing Field Committee; Cranham C of E Primary School: Pound into Future Project; Cranham Tennis Club; Cranham Table Tennis club.

The reports will be available on Cranham PC website:

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

Especial thanks were given to Jan Whitton for her tireless work restoring The Pound and to Stephen Bodenham for his hard work re-establishing the Playfield Committee which will work towards repairing and improving play equipment.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting Mike Drake was re-elected as Chair, Peter Shaw was re-elected as Vice-Chair. Stephen Bodenham is Chairman of the Playing Field Committee and Allotment working group and Jenny Barraclough is Chair of the Speedwatch working group.

There were no planning applications to consider.

The PC adopted a Code of Conduct.

Jeremy Strickland's appointment as Voluntary Allotment Manager was approved.

An action plan for the Playing Field and Playground in 2025 was discussed. The council has successfully applied for a grant to help with this although further fund raising will be required. An initial budget was approved for basic repair materials such as paint. Once work starts there will be clear signage including for wet paint.

We have submitted a reply for the GAPTC devolution survey, but it is very unclear what the future will bring.

The remainder of business concerned various financial issues and accounts.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 1st July 2025 at 7.00pm

Cranham Common News

The dry spring is continuing and so the grass isn't growing so strongly yet this year. The early wildflowers have been impressive, including cowslips, cow parsley and bluebells. However, rain is needed to ensure successful germination of species which flower later in the summer.

A mixed grazing strategy using cows and sheep has been used on the Common in recent years. This year local goats are being introduced to tackle scrub cows typically don't eat. The goats will graze and browse a few restricted areas so their effectiveness can be monitored. They have started at the bottom of Knowle Bank and will then move to patches on the Common between Village Hall and School. They are controlled using the same NoFence system used by the cows (but much smaller paddocks). Look out for them on your walks and please keep your dogs under close control as the goats can't run away from them.

CCMC have been keen to try grazing goats to tackle the scrub and are pleased that Caroline and Pete Bass have reached an agreement with Natural England for this trial. If successful it may be extended to other areas of the Common.

There is a great abundance of bird species around the edges of the common who find a home in the woods, scrub or people's gardens. It is often difficult to identify them so we often miss out on noticing less common species. One way to help identify birds is to use an App on your phone to analyse their birdsong. There are a number of Apps available such as Merlin or BirdNET which are easy to use and free to download. I have personally been able to identify dunnocks (look a lot like sparrows), little owls (vocal but elusive to catch sight of) and jackdaws (easy to confuse with rooks or crows) so far this spring. I am quite new to birdwatching so I'm a long way from being a twitcher but am enjoying the journey so far.

Malcolm Chapman

Member, CCMC

www.beaconbenefice.org.uk

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dogs with their
well behaved
owners are
always
welcome!!



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accepted

AT CRANHAM VILLAGE HALL

Every Tuesday and Friday
Open 10am with last orders for food taken at 1.30 pm
serving take aways or table service in the committee room
Teas & coffee, homemade cakes & bakes, breakfast & brunch
Light lunch menu available from 12 (homemade quiche , soup, toasties)



10.30 – 12.00 in the main hall on Tuesdays

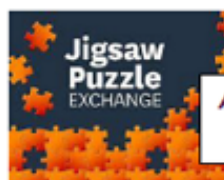


10.30 – 12.00 in the main hall on Fridays

Parents and carers are welcome to bring their own toys/activities and use the hall for runaround space



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MEMBER FOR INFO

BOOK SWAP RACK
IN THE VH FOYER



*A café for the community and beyond
– a warm welcome for everyone*

Bell-Tide

Those who have been living in the village for a while may remember Cranham Handbell Ringers playing at various events, particularly Christmas concerts. A few members now play with a team called Bell-Tide. You are warmly invited to a to enjoy the sound of handbells at summer concert in June in aid of TIC+ (to be rebranded Talk Well).



Present

A LITTLE LIGHT MUSIC

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After 30 years, we're rebranding...



**The Pavilion
Hatherley Lane, Cheltenham GL51 6PN**

at 3pm Saturday 14 June 2025

Refreshments available during the interval

Retiring collection

**For more information contact:
belltideteam@gmail.com**

Ebworth

The woodlands and grasslands of Ebworth are full of life in June. I always feel like this is the time of year when the grasslands in particular are looking their best with all the wildflowers in full bloom.

Orchids are spectacular additions to any habitat and can be seen in good numbers at Ebworth in June. On the grasslands look out for common twayblade, common spotted, pyramidal and bee orchids and in the woodlands look out for birds-nest orchids, broad-leaved and white helleborines.

Apart from their showy looks orchids have really interesting lifecycles.

Bird's nest orchid and the helleborines steal sugars off neighbouring trees via mycorrhizal fungi which are attached to the roots of the trees and orchids. This fungus helps the trees get hard to reach nutrients such as phosphorus in exchange the tree gives the fungi sugars which it creates via photosynthesis. The orchids use this exchange to steal the sugars off the trees. This allows them to grow in the darkest places away from competing vegetation where photosynthesis is severely limited by the lack of light.



Bee orchids famously mimic female bees. Tricking male bees who try and mate with the flowers. In the process they get to bags of pollen stuck to their backs which gets passed on to the next orchid when they try and mate with that. The species of bee which the orchid mimics doesn't actually occur in the UK but luckily the flowers are able to self-pollinate.



The newly cut rides in the woodlands are still looking amazing. There is now lots of yellow archangel which has appeared. This is a really attractive woodland plant. Looking like a small nettle with whorls of bright yellow flowers. It's really exciting to see what will appear next!

White helleborine

Tom Griffin

Area Ranger

Ebworth and Crickley Hill National Trust

Cranham Village Hall

Update for June 2025

YOUR VILLAGE HALL



New members of the community are needed to join the existing Village Hall committee.

- ◆ We meet bi-monthly for a one to two hour meeting.
- ◆ Help us plan social events for the community, young and old
- ◆ Share your views on how we can improve the environment of the Village Hall
- ◆ Offer your expertise to the Village Hall refurbishment project

For further information contact

Rachel Monro (CVH chairperson) on 07737 545159

or join us for the

CVH committee AGM in JULY (date to be advised)

Outing to Chepstow

Sunday 22nd June 2025

10.15: Guided walk around the town, with guides from the Chepstow Civic Society. (Cost £4 members, £5 non-members)

Lunch for the whole group: venue to be arranged.

Parking: to be advised.

Afternoon: options include exploring the Castle (cost £10.00) or Tintern Abbey (cost £9.00).

Travel: by shared cars.

If interested, please contact Liza or Marian:

Liza Darroch: liza.darroch@gmail.com

Marian Broadstock: k.broadstock@outlook.com



www.cotsnatsfield.club

The Club's AGM took place in April, when several officers stepped down from the Club's Council. The Club is indebted to Clare Woodman, Membership Secretary, and Paul Wyeth and Susan Bennett, Joint Lecture Secretaries, for their hard work and leadership, enabling the Club to move with the times, through a new website, improved data storage and an interesting programme of lectures across a broad range of subjects. We also thanked Denise Magauran and Lynne O'Farrell who organised many popular excursions together, including to Ireland, East Devon and Norfolk.

The new Officers joining the Club's Council are John Elbert, who takes over as Membership Secretary from Clare, Sue Parker - Hon. Secretary, and Rob Souter - Deputy Treasurer. They share a common factor, having all moved to Gloucestershire in recent years, with a desire to get involved in community life.

The excursion programme this spring has been busy, with visits to The Mansion House, Cirencester Park, home of the Bathurst family; guided tours around the Incinerator at Javelin Park; a site visit to the A417 Missing Link; and a private guided tour of Woodchester Mansion.

The next field excursions will be guided walks: firstly, along the Stroudwater Canal between Stonehouse Court Hotel and Westfield Bridge, where we will have a tantalising view over the so-called Missing Mile of canal (infilled when the M5 was constructed in the 1960's); and, secondly, a route following the River Chelt from Cox's Meadow through Sandford Park and the Cheltenham town centre and out towards Arle.

For further information about membership of the Club please contact John Elbert, Membership Secretary by email: CNFCMembershipSec@outlook.com
Further information about the Club and its activities can be found on the CNFC website: www.cotsnatsfield.club

Jane Rowe

Email: cotsnats@gmail.com

NEW ROUTE & VENUE
FOR 2025!



Cranham Monster Trail

In aid of
Cranham C of E Primary School

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd June
~ 10am to 4pm ~

FREE PARKING
at Cranham
Cricket Club
GL4 8JA

MAPS £5 EACH
From Cranham
Cricket Club

REFRESHMENTS
at Cranham School and
at the Cricket Club



Buggy & Dog Friendly

BAR & BBQ

PRIZES

GLITTER &
TATTOOS

ICE CREAM &
CAKE

BOUNCY CASTLE

RAFFLE

TOMBOLA

LUCKY DIP



FOLLOW THE MAP TO SPOT THE MONSTERS AND
CRACK THE CODE

I'm worried about my debt and rising bills, and I want to know what support is available. Do you have any advice on managing bills and what to do if you fall into debt?



With energy, water and broadband bills rising, it's getting increasingly difficult for many people to cover their expenses. It's important to know you're not alone in finding things difficult and that financial support might be available to help ease the burden.

Checking benefits eligibility

Many eligible people don't claim the benefits that are available to them, so it's important to understand what you're entitled to. You may be able to claim benefits if, for example, you're working age and on a low income, you're sick or disabled, are of State Pension age with a low income or no income, or if you're a carer.

You can check the Citizens Advice website (www.citizensadvice.org.uk) for information on what benefits you might be eligible for.

Reducing outgoings

If you claim benefits or are on a low income, you may be eligible for a reduction in Council Tax. Discounts can also be given to other people eg. students, those living with a carer, or people who live alone. If you have children, you may qualify for free school meals, transport to school, or support with the uniform costs.

To reduce other expenses, you may be able to switch to a cheaper broadband deal, get a water meter fitted, or access discounted travel. You can find out more about ways to get help, including advice on saving money on heating, on the Citizens Advice website.

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Creating a budget and prioritising bills

If you're finding it difficult to stay on top of bills, budgeting tools like the one on the MoneyHelper website can help you understand what money you have coming in and going out each month. If you're behind on bills, you should prioritise paying rent, mortgage payments, Council Tax and energy bills, as these are known as 'priority' debts which have the most serious consequences if missed.

Once you've got priority debts under control, you should look at credit card or store card debts, missed Buy Now Pay Later payments or payday loans. Whatever debt you're dealing with, it's important to speak to the person or company you owe money to as early as you can. You could show them a copy of your budget to let them know what your financial situation is and see if there are any steps you can take to start dealing with your debt.

Just remember, there's lots of help out there and you're not alone. If you need help with debt you could get in touch with us or another organisation like StepChange. Please look at the Citizens Advice website first if you can. If you need further help please call us on 0808 800 0510 (Monday and Tuesday 10am to 4pm; Wednesday and Thursday 10am to 12.30pm). You can use our local website ([www. citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk)) to complete our email form.

Cranham Parish Council website

lots of info including the minutes of meetings

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

***Make a difference in your local
community - become a volunteer
with Citizens Advice***



We are currently looking for **Admin & Triage Volunteers** to join our team.

You must be computer literate, but we provide full training for the role.

You'll be a friendly face, greeting callers at the door of our Stroud office, Cirencester office or our Dursley outreach at the library. You will triage callers without an appointment – identifying emergencies and signposting to other agencies when appropriate.

Alongside this you will carry out a range of administrative tasks supporting our frontline advisers, like communicating with clients over telephone or email, and handling inward and outbound post.

You will also be trained once you are familiar with the tasks above to answer our freephone helpline to clients (this does not involve giving advice).

We ask that you can regularly volunteer **6-8 hours per week** with us and can commit to a period of at least **6 months**.

To find out more and apply, visit:

<https://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk/volunteering/>

Or email us at: info@ca-scd.org.uk

Eco printing silk scarf workshop

Saturday 28th June 2025

**Arrive at 10am for a 10.30 start,
day finishes approximately 4pm**

Cranham, Gloucestershire GL4 8HD

Botanical contact printing (also known as Eco printing) is a process that captures the natural beauty of leaves and flowers that grow around us. Natural fabrics such as cotton, linen, silk or wool are used that have been prepared with mordants which are used to make dyes adhere to yarns or fabric. Selected leaves and flowers are arranged on the dampened fabric then rolled tightly and steamed or boiled to transfer the pigments from the foliage onto the fabric. Delicate prints of the leaves and flowers are left on the fabric.

This workshop is an introduction to one of many techniques that can be used to create unique fabrics. During the day participants will learn how to botanically dye and print a silk scarf that is individual and unique to them.

Pam Tresise is a weaver, spins her own yarns and dyes natural fibres using botanical dyes. She has a garden studio which looks out onto a variety of plants she grows for dyeing and which inspire her work. She is a member of the Online Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers (WSD). Pam's work can be found under 'The Dusty Cat Studio' on Instagram.



**For more information please contact Fran on 07925525041
or request a booking form via ecosilkprinting@gmail.com**

£80 for the full day

**Price includes all materials, morning and afternoon refreshments and
homemade quiche and salad lunch and a beautiful Eco print silk scarf
that you created!**

100% of the profits from this day are being donated to



**The Re-purposed Cranham Pound
will be Officially opened on
Thursday evening - 19th June 2025**

**The Cranham Local History Society are hosting the event.
All are invited to assemble from 7.15pm; drinks will be served to
toast the sign unveiling, which will take place at 7.45pm**

Cranham CofE School

We are a small voluntary aided Church school, serving our beautiful village of Cranham. Our emphasis is on the outdoors and on nurture, and our small class sizes allow us to tailor our provision to enable every child within our care to flourish and meet the high expectations we have for them both academically and personally. Our three core Christian values help to celebrate what we are all about: courage, compassion and community. We are in need of new governors to help support our school and would be pleased to hear from anyone who would be interested in helping in these important roles. You do not need to have a family member at the school.

The school governors work hard to support the head teacher Mrs Scott and the staff so that they can provide the best possible education for the children. Governors also have a role in overseeing the management side of school, focusing on governance, strategic planning, policy and budgeting. Governor work takes on average 5-6 hours a month. By volunteering your time, you can have a positive impact on the lives of the school children - and the classroom visits are really fun!

Prior governor experience is not necessary; training and support will be given. Many employers will support the governor role with paid leave so do not be put off if you work full time. To discuss the role in more detail please contact Nicki Clapton at chair@cranham.gloucs.sch.uk.



Cranham Village Choir and Orchestra present

Music from Musicals, Films and Plays...

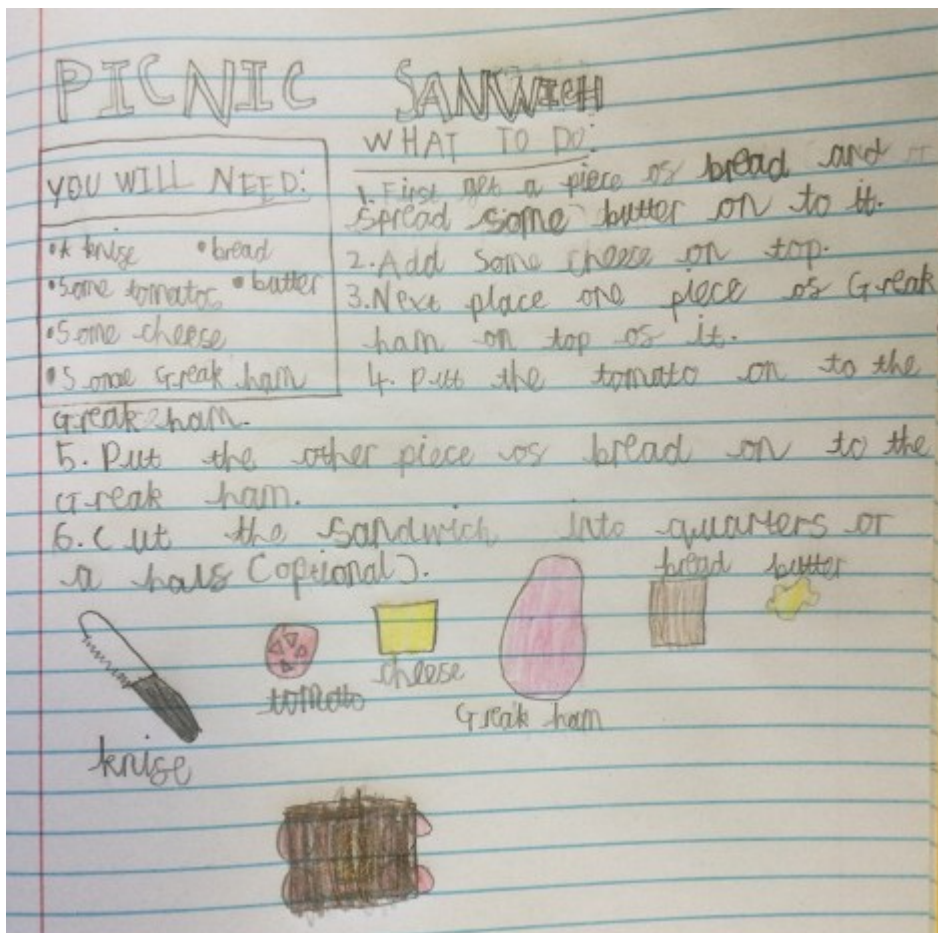


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Entrance and refreshments will be free for paid-up Society members, or non-members are welcome to join us, either paying the cost (£5 for the garden plus £5 for refreshments) themselves, or by joining the Society for £8. We need to let the garden know numbers, so please contact: brimpsfieldgardensociety@gmail.com if you want to come. We meet at the garden at 2.00pm, and everyone will be welcome!

We hope you'll also join us for our Open Gardens event in Brimpsfield on Saturday 12th July; there will be cream teas at the Village Hall, and several village gardens to visit. More details next month!

At this time of year, you may be thinking about your summer containers, either planting them up or trying to keep them watered in the dry weather we've been having this spring! But it's also time for savvy gardeners to plan ahead and think about winter containers too; it's time to sow pansies and other winter-flowering annuals to brighten up the colder months. Bedding plants bring colour to our gardens, but their production uses large quantities of water, a resource that 'green' gardeners have been trying to save; perennials are more environment-friendly, and can be planted out in the garden after they've been used for a season in containers. This is a good time to take cuttings or small divisions of your evergreen perennials to grow on for winter pots; rosemary, for example, is easy from cuttings and may flower over winter for added colour, or try plants with bright evergreen leaves such as euonymus. And while you're at it, you can sow biennials such as forget-me-nots or sweet william for next spring.

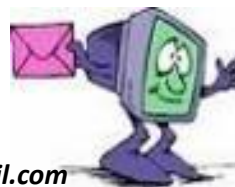
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Cranham Village Lunch

This months' village lunch will be held on

Monday 16th June

12.15 for 12.30pm

in the **VILLAGE HALL**

The menu for this day will be:

Fruit Juice

Coronation Chicken and Rice

Salad



Summer pudding and cream

or Fresh Fruit

Tea/Coffee

Cost will be £5, we are looking forward to seeing you.

We look forward to seeing you there, and if you haven't pre-booked please ring or email:

07884 432886 or nickyovers@hotmail.co.uk

Thank you, Nicky

Foodbank



Thank you to those who came to support the Foodbank last month, the date below will be our next collection date in Painswick.

Our next collection will on **Wednesday 11th June**

Volunteers will be in the **Stamages Lane car park from 10.00am - 12noon**

The top items required by the Foodbank this month are: tinned ham and corned beef, fruit squash, UHT milk, shampoo and conditioner, and laundry liquid. If you are able to donate any items from this list, we would be very grateful. Other non-perishable items will also be received with thanks.

As always, if you prefer to make a bank donation, you can do so using the following details: Stroud District Foodbank CIO
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Thank you!

The Foodbank Team Mobile: 07950 651228

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At Bisley Village Hall

8.00pm

Tuesday 10th June 2025

**Doors Open 7:30pm for Tea,
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Cranham Feast Summer Wine Tasting



Please join us on Saturday 14 June 2025 for
A Wine tasting paired with cheese and canapes

Introduced by Anna Weaver

In Cranham Village Hall

Doors open 7pm. Tasting starts at 7.30pm

Tickets £20 per person

(includes a welcome drink, wine tastings and canapes)

Anna will introduce you to six wines from across the world, each served with a selection of cheeses and canapes. She will describe why the wines chosen have been paired with the food served and we hope you will discover some new wines and pairings to enjoy over the summer

Wines tasted will be available to purchase on the night (by the bottle)

Please book your place by contacting Hannah Daniels or Caroline Field on Caroline.f.field@icloud.com or by sending a message to one of us via Facebook or WhatsApp

Payments can be made by cash or directly into the Cranham Feast bank account (preferred)
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For more information and for an application form, please email Bea Hyde at: beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com

To apply please complete an application form and submit it to: **Recruitment, c/o Benefice Office: The Lychgate, Stroud Road, Painswick, GL6 6UT**

Please note that CVs are not acceptable.

Closing date for applications: 5pm on Monday 9th June 2025

Interview date: Monday 23rd June 2025

THE MONTH OF JUNE

June was most likely named for the Roman goddess Juno, patroness of marriage and the well-being of women. Another interpretation says that the name came from the Latin juvenis, “young people,” who were celebrated at this time. June is the month with the longest daylight hours of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, and conversely, June has the shortest daylight hours of the year in the Southern Hemisphere. June’s birthstone is the pearl, the Moonstone and the Alexandrite whilst its birth flower is the Rose and the Honeysuckle. In both common and leap years, no other month begins on the same day of the week as June. Weird, isn’t it? June is international men’s month!

Among many other events, June saw the Marylebone Cricket Club and Hertfordshire play the first match at England’s Lord’s Cricket Ground.

1 June. 1946 Television licences were issued in Britain for the first time; they cost £2.

2 June. 1953 On a cold and wet day in London, the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II took place in Westminster Abbey.



3 June. 1162 Thomas Becket was consecrated as Archbishop of Canterbury.

4 June. 1039 Gruffydd ap Llewellyn, Welsh King of Gwynedd and Powys, defeated an English attack.

5 June. 755 English missionary Boniface, ‘the Apostle of Germany’, is murdered in Germany by unbelievers, along with 53 of his companions.

6 June. 1944 D-Day invasion of Normandy by 1 million Allied troops to liberate Western Europe from German occupation.

7 June. 1329 Scotland mourns the death of King Robert I. Better known as Robert the Bruce, he earned a place in Scottish history for his legendary victory over the English at Bannockburn in 1314.

8 June. 1042 Harthacnut, King of England and Denmark, died drunk; he was succeeded in England by his adopted heir, Edward the Confessor, and in Denmark by Magnus, King of Norway

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9 June. 1870 The nation's best loved author Charles Dickens died of a stroke at his home in Gad's Hill Place, Kent. His sudden death is being blamed upon his punishing work schedule, including tours of England and the USA.

10 June. 1829 The Oxford team won the first-ever Oxford and Cambridge University Boat Race. Two eight-men crews raced each other along the River Thames in a contest of rowing power nicknamed simply "The Boat Race".

11 June. 1509 In a private ceremony at the Palace of Placentia, Greenwich, the 18 year old English King Henry VIII married his former sister-in-law Catherine of Aragon, his first wife.

12 June. 1667 The Dutch fleet under Admiral de Ruyter burned Sheerness, sailed up the River Medway, raided Chatham dockyard, and escaped with the royal barge, the Royal Charles.

13 June. 1944 The first V1 flying bomb, or "doodle bug" was dropped on London.

14 June. 1645 In the English Civil War, Oliver Cromwell defeated the Royalists at the Battle of Naseby, Northamptonshire.

15 June. 1215 King John and his barons met on the banks of the River Thames at Runnymede and sign the Magna Carta, thus removing total authority from the monarchy forever.

16 June. 1779 Spain declared war on Britain (after France had offered to assist in the recovery of Gibraltar and Florida), and the siege of Gibraltar began.

17 June. 1579 Francis Drake drops anchor off the south-west coast of America and proclaims England's sovereignty over New Albion (California).

18 June. 1815 British and Prussian forces led by the Duke of Wellington and Gebhard von Blücher defeated Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo, in Belgium.

19 June. 1917 In the midst of World War 1 the British royal family renounced German names (Saxe-Coburg-Gotha) and titles, and adopted the name of Windsor.

20 June. 1756 In India, over 140 British subjects were imprisoned in a cell measuring only 5.4m by 4.2m ('The Black Hole of Calcutta'); only 23 came out alive.

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21 June. 1675 Construction work starts on Sir Christopher Wren's St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

22 June. 1814 The Marylebone Cricket Club and Hertfordshire play the first ever cricket match at England's Lord's Cricket Ground.

23 June. 1683 William Penn, the English Quaker, signed a treaty with chiefs of the Lenni Lenape Tribe in an attempt to ensure peace in his new American colony.

24 June. 1277 English King Edward I began his first campaign against the Welsh following Llewelyn ap Gruffydd ap Llewelyn's refusal to pay him homage.

25 June. 1797 Admiral Horatio Nelson is wounded in the arm in a battle with the French and the limb is amputated. This follows the loss of his sight in his right eye some three years earlier.

26 June. 1483 Richard, Duke of Gloucester, began to rule England as Richard III, having deposed his nephew, Edward V. Edward and his brother, Richard, Duke of York, were imprisoned in the Tower of London and later murdered.

27 June. 1944 After 21 days of bloody fighting through the Normandy countryside, Allied forces took Cherbourg.

28 June. 1838 Since early morning crowds had gathered along the route through London that Queen Victoria would take for her coronation in Westminster Abbey.

29 June. 1613 London's Globe Theatre was destroyed by flames as a cannon is fired to announce the king's entrance in Shakespeare's Henry V.

30 June. 1894 Tower Bridge in London was officially opened by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales. After the ceremony the bascules were raised to allow a flotilla of ships and boats to sail down the Thames.

(Information from <https://www.historic-uk.com/>)

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Orchestra	Mondays 8.00pm - V Hall (Beryl Berry 813200)
Post Office	Tuesdays 10.30am - 12noon - V Hall
Rachel's Pop Up Café	Tuesdays 10.00am - 1.30pm - 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	1st Thursday of month 9.45am - Car Park (Joan Charman 812708)
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 Joy Edwards 812588)
Rachel's Pop Up Café	Fridays 10.00 - 1.30pm - V Hall
Parent and Toddler	Fridays 10.30 - 12noon - V Hall (Contact tbc)
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Garden Club	Brimpsfield , Phone Francis Ellery 01452 862412 for further info

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CRANHAM DIARY



JUNE 2025

1	Sun	Benefice Communion	Harescombe	11.00am
		Evening Worship	Church	6.30pm
3	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
5	Thurs	Ramble	Car Park	9.45am
8	Sun	Holy Communion	Church	11.00am
10	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
		Flicks in the Sticks	Bisley V Hall	7.30 for 8.00pm
11	Wed	Foodbank Collection	Painswick	10.00am - 12noon
14	Sat	Bell-Tide & Singing	Cheltenham	3.00pm
		Summer Wine Tasting	Village Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
15	Sun	Evensong	Church	6.30pm
16	Mon	Village Lunch	Village Hall	12.15 for 12.30pm
		Musicals, Films & Plays 🎵	Village Hall	7.30pm
17	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
18	Wed	** Magazine Articles Due **		
19	Thurs	Pound Official Opening	Pound	7.15 for 7.45pm
21 & 22		Monster Trail	Cranham	10.00am - 4.00pm
22	Sun	Morning Worship	Church	11.00am
		CLHS Outing	Chepstow	See info
24	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
25	Wed	Garden Society Self-Drive	Gretton	Meet 2.00pm
		Restoration Presentation	Village Hall	7.00pm
28	Sat	Silk Scarf Workshop	Village Hall	10.00 for 10:30am
29	Sun	Family Worship	Common	11.00am

JULY 2025

1	Tues	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.00pm
3	Thurs	Ramble	Car Park	9.45am
12	Sat	Open Gardens Event	Brimpsfield	tbc
19	Sat	Crambledon Tournament	Tennis Courts	10.30am - 3.30pm