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A Letter from The Clergy



God's Story: The Musical of our Lives

In case you missed it, below is a transcript of my talk from the Feast Service at St James's this year. How many musical references can you spot?!

It was enormously inspired by Rose's theme of 'Musicals' for the fabulous flower festival she organised for the Feast weekend, as well as the following piece of scripture from Chapter 3 of John's Gospel:

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

"Let me tell you a love story, it's no Westside Story but a true story about the King and I, and his Son Jesus Christ, Superstar. You see, way way back many centuries ago, not long after the Bible began the world was Wicked, a right Little Shop of Horrors full of Pirates of Penzance and Mean Girls. Put it this way: if you lived in the States from Oklahoma to Chicago all you could see for miles around were Les Misérables, it was literally the Nightmare before Christmas.

Well, eventually I think God got sick of us living like that, of the world being Frozen, cos it really was like the whole world that he had created was stuck in a Mousetrap, or like a Sleeping Beauty, waiting for her prince to come. So that's when it happened. One night, it was like there was a flash of Grease Lightning across the StarLight Express of the night sky. Was it just some Fiddler on the Roof? No! I kid you not, it was no Phantom of the Opera but The Sound of Music - from dazzling angels filling the night sky with their song and their super LED light!

This was a night like no other, a real White Christmas when a young woman - not Matilda but Mary her name was – yes, she was engaged to be married to some bloke called Joseph – no! Not the one with a technicolour dream coat but some ordinary guy who, let's face it, Mamma Mia he could easily have thrown Mary out on her ear when she'd told him she was expecting a child out of wedlock. But, thanks to his Sweet Charity he treated her like A Little Princess and, well, that's how it came to pass that nine months later, on this particular night, A Star is Born.

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Fast forward through a tricky childhood - at one point he was like a Gypsy on the run to Egypt and then back home again, and it's hard growing up without some kind of Mary Poppins hanging around to help – but skipping over All That Jazz he seemed to be something special, I'm not trying to be Funny Girl, he really was God's Son, Jesus Christ, Superstar. He was destined for Fame when, in his early 30s, he came up against the angry Jewish authorities who just couldn't stand the Godspell about him. He was like Beauty, and the Beast. But we all know that story. These rabbis and leaders were baying for his Blood, Brothers, and so they hung him on a cross, left him to die, and thought, 'Bye Bye Birdie!' that would be the end of it.

But here's the thing about the King and I, and about his Son Jesus Christ, Superstar. This was all part of God's incredible plan. You see if we're talking big Cats he is like the Lion King: strong and brave but ever so gentle and loving. In fact, he may be the top dog but he loves an underdog, like Hamilton, well, he loves all people actually: Guys and Dolls and he says he loves us with an everlasting love. So much so, that he has paid the price for our freedom with his very own life, so that we no longer have to sing the Blues, Brothers, but instead even in the storms of life we can be Singing In The Rain because he calls us, the church together to be My Fair Lady, and like Cinderella I choose to dance with my prince, I am absolutely under his Godspell, and now my life is like a Cabaret, all because of God's one and only Son, Jesus Christ, Superstar. And that, people, is the musical of our lives.

Amen."

www.beaconbenefice.org.uk

Cranham Parish Council website

lots of info including the minutes of meetings

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

(clerk@cranhamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Church Flowers

5th & 12th Oct Harvest - Di Blandford and helpers
19th Oct Hazel Roberts
26th Oct Liz Cattle
2nd Nov Liz Cattle



Church Cleaning

4th Oct Sylvia Ardron
11th Oct Sue Stick
18th Oct Sarah Taylor
25th Oct Nicki Clapton
1st Nov Joan Charman



Refreshments will be served after the following services:

Sunday 5th Oct 11.00am Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday 12th Oct 11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 26th Oct 11.00am Morning Worship



Worship in Cranham - October 2025

Sunday 5th	11.00am	Benefice Communion	Revd Sarah & Dean Andrew
		Sidesman	Keith Ardron
		Readers	Sue Williams
			TBA
Sunday 12th	11.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Andrew
		Sidesman	Nicole W
		Readers	Nicole W
			Ian W
Sunday 19th	6.30am	Evensong (BCP)	Mike C
		Sidesman	Lindsay Burtenshaw
		Readers	Lindsay Burtenshaw
			Rob Garratt
Sunday 26th	11.00am	Morning Worship	Sue H
		Sidesman	Roger Moore
		Readers	Roger Moore
			Richard Tyson



Sherlock Supper

Thursday 23rd October 2025

4.30-6.00pm - St Mary's in Painswick



Sherlock Investigates:

**“Who made
the world?”**



Activities, story, then pay-as-you-feel
hot meal in the Church Rooms
Children, bring your own adult with you!

Cash donations on the door



We will be serving Spaghetti Bolognese with garlic
bread followed by crumble and custard.

Next Sherlock Supper: Monday 22nd December

For more info, and to book your place email Vics Soutar
familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk

Extracts from The Messenger – October 2025

Meeting Jesus online

For many people, gaming is a space for competition, creativity, and connection. For the Revd Jay Niblett, Rector of Rivervale Churches, he also sees gaming as a platform to explore faith and meet Jesus.



Jay runs a gaming portal, Eden Forge, with business partner Josiah Holloway. Eden Forge offers individually crafted Sunday School sessions for children aged 7-12, which are run virtually and in person at local churches. It provides a Minecraft Online Club open to young people across the world, and it also offers teaching for young people and their parents or guardians as they start to learn the basics of Minecraft.

Jay said: "Gaming is a powerful platform for building relationships and discussion. For children, particularly children who maybe aren't connected to churches or places where it's a bit more rural, they can connect with other young people in the online world and use Minecraft to learn about the Bible and faith."

In the summer, Jay ran a free, two-day holiday gaming club in Meon Vale, introducing children and young people to popular games like FIFA and Mario Kart.

They also entered a custom-built Minecraft world, where meeting Jesus was key to the success of the mission.

Jay said: "They entered the cave as a team, encountering dangerous creatures and obstacles. The world was designed to be challenging, so teamwork was essential. Then Jesus arrived in the game, who intervened to help them succeed. It illustrated the idea that God gives us what we need when we need it in life."

Eden Forge was born out of lockdown, when Jay began exploring how games could support safe conversations. During this time, he encountered *Land of Promise*, a Singapore-based initiative creating biblical storylines within Minecraft. After testing one of their virtual worlds with his own children – walking through a desert while experiencing the story of Moses – Jay recognised the potential of gaming to provide new opportunities for exploring faith.

"You could use Eden Forge to go through a six or seven-week course, but through gaming," Jay said. "The average age for a gamer is 30 years old – many adults are gaming, why not meet them there?"

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It seems like now's the time to find any angle where we can connect and see people and become the Church of the future for the next generation. Gaming can help do that."

Longer term, Jay's vision is to start regular online gatherings for young people, and occasional events for adults. These would encourage discipleship and fellowship and eventually would evolve into structured resources for churches to run short faith courses within a game. Find out more at edenforge.gg.

A life of prayer: The diocesan prayer companion

The diocesan prayer calendar has been relaunched this autumn under the new name, the Diocesan Prayer Companion. This prayer scheme aims to support people in praying for the people, places and projects of this diocese and beyond.

Each Sunday contains a collect and a prayer focus for the week to come, looking at different areas of the Life vision. There are daily prayer prompts to encourage prayer for benefices, schools, the diocese and beyond, uploaded quarterly to the diocesan website.

Prayer is integral to our relationship with God and our growing in faith as followers of Christ. Bishop Rachel said: "If we want a relationship with someone to deepen and grow, we need to spend time with that person. It can be no surprise that the same is true between us and God."

You can download the Prayer Companion from <https://gloucester.anglican.org/living-faith/your-prayer/calendar-of-intercessions/>

If you'd like to try praying, or reignite your prayer life visit <https://gloucester.anglican.org/living-faith/your-prayer/> for more resources and support.

Events and training

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

Impact weekend 2025, St Andrew's Church, Churchdown, GL3 2JT, 10th to 12th October

A weekend of worship, teaching, fellowship and fun, including a quiz night, a hog roast, and kids and youth events. <https://stastb.churchsuite.com/events/i1lc2qhb>

A Blackbird Sang – a festival of words and music, St Mary the Virgin Church, 10th to 12th October

An upcoming weekend of music, poetry and worship at St Mary's Church, Dymock, inspired by the Dymock poets. <https://gloucester.anglican.org/event/a-blackbird-sang-a-festival-of-words-and-music/>

Museum of the moon, Tewkesbury Abbey, Church Street, Tewkesbury, GL50 5RZ, 16th October to 4th November.

A lunar installation by Luke Jerram, illuminating the Abbey with light, sound and wonder. <https://www.tewkesburyabbey.org.uk/themoon/>

Poppy Fields by Luxmuralis, Gloucester Cathedral Nave, College Green, Gloucester, GL1 2LX, 17th to 25th October

An immersive Luxumalis installation, combining projections, poetry readings by Eddie Redmayne, and opportunities to support the Royal British Legion. <https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/poppy-fields-by-luxmuralis>

Have your say

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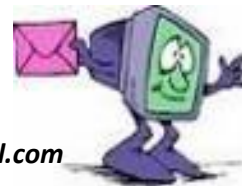
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Cranham Common News

As we move into autumn we are busy planning our winter work programme on the common. The cows and goats are working hard eating grass and scrub, but there is plenty left for us to work on!

This year has been an experimental year grazing a small number of goats in selected areas of dense scrub, and we have been very interested to monitor their grazing preferences. We have seen that they have eaten scrub such as brambles and blackthorn, effectively pushing back the regrowth around dense blackthorn areas. They have eaten the lower branches of hawthorn bushes, opening up the light to the grass underneath, and lightly grazed the grass. This is ideal grazing for some of our difficult areas that the cattle do not eat, and it is clear that goats have the potential to be very valuable contributors to common management. We are now working with Natural England to plan how we can take this forward in the future.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

There is a lot of scrub clearance for our village work parties to carry out, and the more people join in the more we can achieve. There will be jobs for everyone of all ages and levels of fitness, from cutting small oak seedlings to bigger clearance tasks. Workparties are sociable occasions, and it is very satisfying to see the results of our work and know that we are helping keep our common in good condition.

Work party dates:

SUNDAY 2nd November 9.30am - 12.30pm

SATURDAY 22nd November 9.30am - 12.30pm

SUNDAY 11th January 2026 9.30am - 12.30pm

SATURDAY 21st February 9.30am - 12.30pm

Refreshments provided

Details of each work party will be sent out by village email and Facebook in the week before each date. If you don't have access to either of these, please contact me and I will let you know the details.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Liz Hayden

CCMC chair

chair.ccmc@gmail.com

CRANHAM VILLAGE HALL
PRESENTS

JADE-OLIVIA PATRICK

A N D H E R B A N D

SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER
CRANHAM VILLAGE HALL

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OR
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PROFITS IN AID OF CRANHAM VILLAGE HALL



Get composting with discounted bins

There's still time to start composting!

Starting a compost heap in summer has the benefit of heat. This is an essential element for speeding up composting. Summer offers faster decomposition due to naturally high temperatures, which support bacteria activity.

Discounted compost bins are available from www.getcomposting.com

Gloucestershire residents are able to get £15 off eligible bins on the website. Discount will automatically be applied. One per household. Full terms and conditions available at www.getcomposting.com

Brimpsfield & Mid-Cotswold Garden Society



Our Annual Show at the end of August produced an excellent display of fruit, veg and flowers, despite the dry weather this year, as well as cookery, crafts and photographs; we were especially pleased to see so many children taking part, with some splendid sunflowers! Congratulations to the prize-winners and well done to all who exhibited.



As the days continue to shorten, we'll be giving some thought to those areas of the garden where there is less light year-round; the Society's October coffee morning, on Saturday 4th October, will feature a talk by Duncan Coombs, a former lecturer in horticulture at Pershore College, on The Shaded Garden. Nearly all our plots have a shady



area somewhere, so come along and pick up ideas for brightening them up! It doesn't have to be all ivy and ferns, lovely though they are. We meet in Brimpsfield Village Hall from 10.30am for coffee and cake, with the talk starting at 11am; everyone is welcome!

A gardening email received this week says that 'spring gardens are made in autumn; get planting now for colour early next year! While the soil is still warm, put in some early - flowering perennials such as hellebores, pulmonaria and primulas, and if you didn't plant any spring bulbs last month, there's still time to do so now.



It's also time to give some thought to your winter containers; plants won't grow much in winter, so can be placed much closer together than for summer, and don't forget that 'winter-flowering' plants will only bloom in milder weather, so include some evergreen interest as well to tide the display over the coldest months.

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Painswick Community Library

Painswick Library Challenge



This year we deigned our own Library Challenge which was very different from GCC Library Challenge. Last year 12 children signed up to it with very few children completing their bronze, silver or gold challenge. This year we have had 52 children (!) signing up with 27 children completing it, which is absolutely incredible. It might be that we only asked for three visits and to read three books OR perhaps the carrot of offering a £10 book voucher.

The story and drawing competition was equally enjoyed with many children handing in their artwork and stories. These will be judged in early October with the winners being notified by 12th October. Both the winning story and picture will be published in The Painswick Beacon November issue.

Thanks to all the children from Cranham, Painswick, Sheepscombe and surrounding villages who all took the time to sign up and then complete the challenge.

See you next year!!!

Gill Hopkins Volunteer and Trustee Painswick Community Library.

Fix my Street

website to report potholes and fly tipping etc

<https://www.fixmystreet.com>



Cranham Village Hall
Halloween Themed Night
Friday 31st October
Doors open at 7pm
Pay Card or Cash £10.00





Cranham Village Hall

Halloween Themed Night

Saturday 1st November

Doors open at 9am

Pay Card or Cash £5 includes squash & Popcorn

Cranham Tennis Club Annual Review

It has been an exciting year for Cranham Tennis Club. At the start of the year Helen Sammon took over as Club Secretary and the Committee was expanded to include Andrea King, Fran Overs, Lizzie Pelly, Jemma Pockett and Jenny Wilson-Copp. Many thanks to all new committee members and also to Roger Harrison who continues as Treasurer.

The season was kicked off with an open day at the end of April with taster coaching sessions for children and adults. Tea and cakes were laid on, the sun shone, and there was really good attendance. A presentation was made to David Bonney for his many years of service to the club, most recently as Club Secretary.

In July the 'Crambledon' Tennis tournament was held. Sixteen couples took part with the first stage being four mini leagues played on four private courts around the village – many thanks to the home owners who welcomed us on their courts. The winners from each league then played out semi-finals on the village court followed by the final. A great spread of sandwiches, cakes and tea was laid on and this was a fabulous day. Tremendous thanks are due to Lizzie Pelly for making this happen and the best news of all is that £1000 was raised for Maggie's cancer charity.

The Club competition has continued again this year with increased interest leading to 2 leagues with the top 2 teams from each playing a knock out competition. This year the winners were Melanie and Alister Sykes-White from Birdlip. This reflects the wider membership we are now seeing with people from surrounding villages joining the club and helping it to remain successful. We have also had new arrivals in the village joining the club and making a tremendous contribution over the last year. Membership of the Club has remained consistent at almost 50, most of which are family memberships.

The Club provided junior tennis coaching in May and August which was given by Charlie and Sophie, LTA accredited coaches who work at clubs in the local area. Feedback was very positive with many local children taking part.

The social tennis evenings on Thursdays have been well attended this year, helped by the great weather over the summer. This year we will be starting social tennis sessions on Saturday mornings from the first week in October. Anyone interested in joining the club should contact us at 'cranhamtennisclub@gmail.com'.

Malcolm Chapman

Chair Cranham Tennis Club

Cranham Christmas Arts and Crafts Fayre

Sunday 30th November

11am-4pm

Cranham Village Hall

GL4 8HP

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CRANHAM VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE



POLITE REMINDER

In response to feedback from village hall users
who have experienced difficulty with car park access and
parking space for their rental period

USE OF VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

We would like to politely remind ALL villagers that the parking in the car park is
essentially for village hall users,
who are paying for the facility.

The village hall can be in use from early morning 8.30am until late evening,
with some clubs etc not arriving at the village hall until 8.00pm.

There is no objection to the car park being used for local residences overnight
from 9.30pm (if the village hall is not in use and there is space) and are moved
off site, no later than 8.30am please.

Should anyone like to request to use the car park for family and guests during
the day or over a weekend, please contact village hall bookings officer -
cranhamvillagehall@gmail.com

Many thanks village hall committee

Village Lunch

This months' village lunch will be held on

Monday 20th October

12.15 for 12.30pm

in the **SCOUT HQ**



The menu for this day will be:

Sausages, Mashed Potatoes
& Baked Beans

Plum Extravaganza & Custard

or Ice Cream

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:

07884 432886 or nickyovers@hotmail.co.uk

Thank you, Nicky

CRANHAM **SCOUT GROUP**

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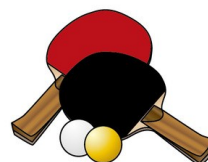
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what scouting is all about!**

Cranham Table - Tennis Club

A BIG WELCOME to anyone living in Cranham or the surrounding area - anyone who has ever wielded a table-tennis bat in the past or who would like to (again).



We will have started our 7th season by the time you read this, and meet every Wednesday in the Cranham Village Hall at 7.30pm (till 9pm).

We are a small friendly bunch of mixed abilities and ages who just like to play and have fun! We have various formats that we play - as singles, doubles or even can cater for 3 people at one table. We have 3 tables and like to interchange players as much as we can. No one needs to wait on the sidelines for long!

Our fees are £2.50 per session (Might rise to £3).

Message me on 07833635762 if you are thinking of coming, or simply turn up on the night....we would be very pleased to see you.

Clive Hayden



**The Bisley Flicks in the Sticks
Presents:**

Mad about the Boy

At Bisley Village Hall

7.30pm

Tuesday 14th October 2025

**Doors Open *7:00pm for Tea,
Coffee and Wine**

****Please note the return to the
earlier winter start of
7.00 for 7.30pm***

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Museum in the Park, Stroud

Earth Fire Iron: Alan Evans and the New Iron Age, 1980-2025

Saturday 6th September to Sunday 2nd November 2025

Earth Fire Iron commemorates the career of Stroud artist-blacksmith Alan Evans (1952-2023) reflecting on his background as part of the Whiteway colony, a radical Tolstoyan community near Stroud set up in 1898, and the impact of Cotswold Arts and Crafts traditions. His work and values were vital to the emergence of British artist blacksmithing from the late 1970s onwards illustrated by pieces from British and continental blacksmiths. There will be a range of work on show by Alan and his contemporaries in Britain and Europe as well as contributions by some of the most exciting young blacksmiths working today.

This special exhibition is accompanied by exciting events at the museum and other local venues, alongside an inspiring programme of free learning sessions for school groups. A new book, 'Earth Fire Iron', published by local press Quickthorn, will be available to buy from the museum shop.



MOD 'War detectives' and an excursion to a working free mine

To mark Remembrance Day this year, our lecture on Wednesday 5th November at 2.30pm in the Painswick Centre will be given by Alexia Clark a member of the MOD War Detectives team. This team, based in Gloucester, are tasked with identifying missing British Service Personnel from the two World Wars and the Korean War. With over 582,000 men still missing this is no small task. The team conducts research and genealogy and facilitates DNA testing as part of their investigative work before rededicating graves or ensuring a dignified burial. Come along to hear more about their painstaking and important work. On a lighter note, this is preceded by a lecture on the incredible winter migration of some 50 billion birds, to be given in Box Village Hall on 21st October at 2.30pm. Our speaker, Andy Lewis is Secretary of the Gloucestershire Naturalists Society, a group of volunteers who record and analyse the county's natural history.

Our next excursion will be on 16th October and is a self-drive trip to Hopewell Colliery, in the forest of Dean. Hopewell Colliery offers a rare and authentic glimpse into the ancient tradition of Free Mining. The day will include an afternoon visit to the Dean Heritage Centre. For more information, please contact Peter Cornish 01453 823 286 or cncfsecretary1@gmail.com

Annual membership to the Field Club is £25 individual/ £40 couple but **join now to get fifteen months of membership for the price of twelve (to January 2027)**, offering entry to around 20 lectures as well as first refusal on excursions. Lectures are also open to the public (£5 at the door). No need to book, just drop in (light refreshments provided). Please get in touch if you need further information. For further information contact Membership Secretary John Elbert: CNFCMembershipSec@outlook.com

Further information about the Club and its activities (including the full list of lectures) can be found on the CNFC website www.cotsnatsfield.club.

Sylvia May cncfsecretary1@gmail.com 01453 873438

Halloween is rooted in ancient Celtic history - Fact!

Halloween is older than Christianity and its roots lead back to the pre-Christian Celtic or Pagan celebration of Samhain. Samhain translates as 'Summer's End' and took place around 1st November. The Celts believed the veil between the living and dead was thinnest at this time of year. They tried to ward off ghosts and evil spirits with bonfires, costumes and masks to trick the spirits into moving on.



1. Trick-or-treating has a medieval past

The tradition of turning up on your neighbour's doorstep and asking for treats is far from a new tradition. In medieval times, the same activity, known as 'guising', took place in Scotland and Ireland. Guising saw youngsters going door-to-door asking for money and food in exchange for songs, rhymes or 'tricks' they could perform.

2. Irish folklore lies behind the character of Jack O'Lantern



Jack O'Lantern is someone we closely associate with the traditional carved pumpkins of Halloween. However, his story dates back to ancient Irish myth and the character of Stingy Jack. He was said to be doomed to roam the earth at night due to a deal made with the devil. To light his path, he used to light coal and carry it in a carved-out turnip. When Irish

settlers arrived in the USA, they realised the pumpkin offered a much better surface for carving.

3. America's love for Halloween was driven by immigrants

The Irish settlers who fled to America after the potato famine in the 1840s were instrumental in popularising Halloween in their new home. They brought their traditional celebrations with them and they soon became a national hit.

4. Hate Halloween?

While many people don't enjoy the scary and the spooky, not many can say they have a genuine, recognised phobia of this time of the year. Some people can, however, and the official name for this fear is 'Samhainophobia'. People suffering from Samhainophobia experience anxiety and terror about anything Halloween-related, and seeking professional therapy is the best next step!

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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)
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 - 9.00pm - V Hall (Clive Hayden 07833 635762 chayden814@gmail.com)
Cranham Ramblers	1st Thursday of month 9.45am - Car Park (Joan Charman 07717 286848)
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 10.00am - 1.30pm - V Hall
Parent and Toddler	Fridays 10.30 - 12noon - V Hall (Contact tbc)
Explorer Scouts	Note - not currently running (Contact Alaric - explorers@cranham-scouts.org.uk for info)
Garden Club	Brimpsfield, Phone Francis Ellery 01452 862412 for further info

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No new people in this village this month. If we have missed anybody please let the editor know!





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OCTOBER 2025

1	Wed	Cots Naturalists Talk	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
2	Thurs	Ramble	Car Park	9.45am
4	Sat	Garden Society Coffee	Brimpsfield V.Hall	10.30 for 11.00am
5	Sun	Benefice Communion	Church	11.00am
7	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
12	Sun	Holy Communion	Church	11.00am
14	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
		Flicks in the Sticks	Bisley V.Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
15	Wed	** Magazine Articles Due **		
19	Sun	Evensong	Church	6.30pm
20	Mon	Village Lunch	Scout HQ	12.15 for 12.30pm
21	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
		Cots Naturalists Talk	Box V.Hall	2.30pm
23	Thurs	Sherlock Supper	St. Mary's	4.30 - 6.00pm
25	Sat	Jade Olivia and her band	Village Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
26	Sun	Morning Worship	Church	11.00am
28	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
31	Fri	Cranham Cinema Adults	Village Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm

NOVEMBER 2025

1	Sat	Cranham Cinema Family	Village Hall	9.00 for 9.30am
2	Sun	Working Party	Common	9.30am - 12.30pm
5	Wed	Cots Naturalists Talk	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
6	Thurs	Ramble	Car Park	9.45am
22	Sat	Working Party	Common	9.30am - 12.30pm
30	Sun	Christmas Craft Fayre	Village Hall	11.00am - 4.00pm

