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A Letter from The Clergy

Why Christmas?



What's so important about Christmas? Why should people still be celebrating the birth of a baby born 2,000 years ago? Why are so many people excited about Jesus? Why do we need him? Why did he come? Why did he die? Why should anyone bother to find out?

These are just a handful of some of the questions that I am frequently asked. If you are interested in finding out the answer to any of these questions, it doesn't matter how young or old you are, let's unwrap the Christian faith together – it's time to discover the real meaning of Christmas!



How? Come along to some of the many services and activities that your village church is putting on this December or if you're stuck at home – get in touch. And then in January, why not come to **ALPHA** (see page 7) for an evening meal (it's free!) and to chat about this and more with other people who also have questions. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith and purpose. No pressure. No judgment – just come along and see what you think.

ALPHA Starts 7.00pm, Monday 19th January 2026 in The Church Rooms, Painswick. For more info and to help us with catering, scan the QR code or email: beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com .



Until then... Happy Christmas from me and all the church! Reverend Sarah, Rector of the Beacon Benefice.

www.beaconbenefice.org.uk

Worship in Cranham - December 2025

Sunday 7th 11.00am Benefice Communion at Sheepscombe

6.00pm Film: The Nativity Revd Helen
Sidesman Keith Ardron

Sunday 14th 11.00am Holy Communion Revd Sarah
Sidesman Tom Daltry
Readers Tom Daltry
Helen Daltry

Christmas Eve 4.00pm Crib Service Di, Sue W, Helen
The Posada family return
Sidesman Nicole Wortherspoon

Christmas Day 11.00am Family Communion Rev Sarah
Sidesman Roger Moore
Readers Sue Williams
Linda de Cossart

Sunday 28th 6.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols Sue H
Sidesman Phil Stick
Readers TBA

Fix my Street

website to report potholes and fly tipping etc

<https://www.fixmystreet.com>

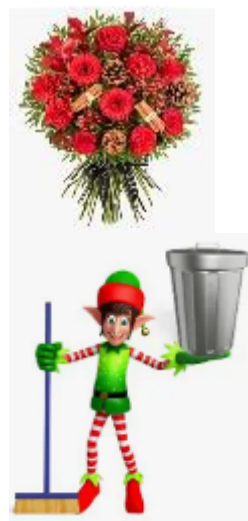
Church Flowers

No Flowers during Advent

Christmas Flowers - Ann Green and helpers

Church Cleaning

6th Dec	Lindsay Burtenshaw
13th Dec	Sue Williams
20th Dec	Beryl Berry
27th Dec	Sue Williams
3rd Jan '26	Victoria Soutar



Refreshments will be served after the following services:

Sunday Dec 7th	6.00pm	Film: The Nativity
Sunday Dec 14th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Crib Service
Sunday Dec 28th	6.30pm	Nine Lessons & Carols



Cranham Parish Council website

lots of info including the minutes of meetings

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

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.



Christmas Services in Cranham Church

Christmas Eve, 24th December at 4pm

CRIB SERVICE



Enter into the wonder of the Christmas story in a service specially planned with children and families in mind. An opportunity for all children to join in the Christmas play, and carols for us all to sing.

Christmas Day 11am

FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE

A Celebration service, with communion for all.

Sunday 28th December 6.30pm

9 LESSONS AND CAROLS

A traditional service of readings and well-loved carols.



ALPHA IS COMING!!

But we need to prepare NOW!



We intend to put on an **Alpha Course** starting on Monday 19th January 2026, in the St. Mary's Church Rooms, and running through every Monday evening until 30th March. (ie. into Holy Week - Easter Day is April 5th). This will be for ANYONE interested, from right across the Benefice and maybe even beyond. So, if there is someone you know who might be interested or might benefit from **ALPHA** (or it might be you yourself!), please tell them now so that they can arrange their diaries.

An **ALPHA** evening starts at 7.00pm and involves food, film and discussion; topics will include "Is there More to Life than This?", "Who is Jesus and why did He die?", Prayer, the Bible, "Who is the Holy Spirit?"... and much more.

ALPHA is a safe place to explore issues of faith and to ask absolutely anything. There are no daft questions!

So why not book those Monday evenings now and get the message out there! For more information or to say how you would like to be involved, please contact Paul Kenchington (*organising on behalf of Sarah*) on email: paul.kenchington@icloud.com

Christmas is coming ... !

The Family Service

Advent Sunday 30th November at 11.00am

The Posada Family will once again be setting off on their journey and looking for places to stay overnight.

If you would like to host the Posada for a night please contact Laura Chilcott

Email: cranhamchurch@gmail.com

WhatsApp/call: 07854 917753



You do not need to have children at home to host! 😊

What is the Posada?

The Posada is a custom that started in Spain or Mexico at least 500 years ago when people visited each other's homes to bless their Nativity scene. They would start on 16th December and travel around until Christmas Eve; 9 days, to represent the 9 months that Mary was pregnant with Jesus. Each night they would go to a different home in a different part of the village. When they arrived at their destination they would knock on the door and ask for a room. The head of the house would say he had no room, just like the innkeeper in Bethlehem, but eventually he would let them in. Everybody would go inside, light a candle besides the nativity scene and bless it.

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How do we do it in Cranham?

As many previous 'host families' are aware; Cranham now has 2 nativity sets that we call the Posada. Throughout advent these move from home to home, staying overnight before being passed on to find another resting place.

When does it all happen?

We start with the first families receiving the Posada at the Family Service
- Advent Sunday at 11.00am on Sunday 30th November.

After travelling from home to home each night they return to the church in time for the Crib Service on the 24th December at 4.00pm.

If we host the Posada, what exactly will we be doing?

The Posada families are delightful wooden nativity scenes. They will arrive, ready for you to set up, in their own box with the Posada prayer and an advent candle for you to light for the night(s) you host the family.

Please join us for this special service setting the Posada on its journey.

Just a reminder of what Posada means "In Spain & Spanish speaking countries: an inn or place of accommodation for travellers and in Mexico: each of a series of visits traditionally paid to different friends before Christmas, representing Mary & Joseph's search for a lodging in Bethlehem." From the Shorter Oxford Dictionary.



Cranham Church
invite you to a film evening on
Sunday 7th Dec at 6.00pm in the Church



BBC drama : 'The Nativity'

A beautiful and poignant interpretation of the nativity story, revealing the human story behind the well known biblical narrative. How was it for Mary, as a young unmarried woman expecting a child? And how did Joseph cope with the news of her pregnancy?

Wine and nibbles served.
Free entry – donations.

(2 hour film)



CRANHAM CHURCH & NEW HYMN BOOKS

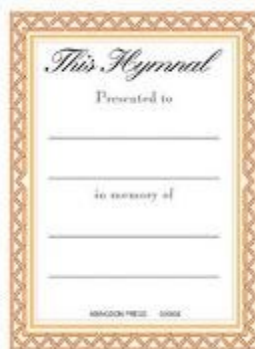
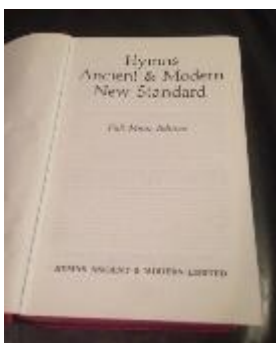
For the first time for many years, Cranham Church is purchasing new hymn books, to replace old and damaged ones. These will be the latest edition of Hymns Ancient and Modern which contains many old and new favourites.

To help fund this, we are offering the opportunity for people to contribute, by purchasing a dedication plate to be placed permanently in the front of one of the new hymn books, similar to the sample certificate below. This could be bought in memory of someone special who has died or given as a gift to someone else in their name, or else be purchased on your own behalf.

The cost for each nameplate would be £10 for the standard hymn book, or £20 if it is for the larger one which includes music.

How about purchasing this as a Christmas present?

To apply, please write to helen@daltry.net who will send you a form to complete with the names of whom you wish to be included on the dedication plates, and with the payment details.



Advent Carol Service



Cranham
30th November
6.30pm

Extracts from The Messenger – December 2025

Clips, cribs, and community: Advent at Sodbury Vale



This year, Sodbury Vale Benefice is spreading seasonal cheer online with their digital Advent calendar – inviting everyone to share in the hopes, memories, and joy of Christmas as seen through the eyes of their community.

Running from 1st to 26th December, the calendar features 26 virtual ‘doors’, each one revealing a 45-second to one-minute short video clip of a different person or group from the benefice’s four churches.

Every clip gives a glimpse into how people in Sodbury Vale celebrate Christmas, from favourite memories to reflections on what the season means to them.

“We’ve made a joyful digital countdown to Christmas for all to enjoy,” said the Revd Christine Butler, Rector of Sodbury Vale Benefice. “We wanted to make more of Advent in the lead up to Christmas, and to make something that’s a bit of fun too. It’s a daily moment of festive cheer and connection; a space to reflect on the wonder of Christmas and the hope Advent brings. We thought it would be sad to stop on Christmas Day, so we added Boxing Day as well. People will have to wait for the exact date each day to watch the video clips.”

Each calendar door is also illustrated with images from CribFest 2024, the benefice’s much-loved annual nativity display that showcases nativity cribs from around the world – from simple handmade cribs to stunning semi-precious displays.

“A lot of people tell us that CribFest starts off their Christmas, and that in the years we didn’t have it, they felt bereft. People come from quite a long way to attend, because some of the cribs are just amazing and from all over the world,” Christine said.

Excitement is already building for CribFest 2025, running from 3rd to 7th December at St John’s Church, Chipping Sodbury. This year’s theme, ‘Good News’, aims to point visitors towards the story of Jesus. On the final day, the town is hosting its annual ‘Chipping Sodbury Christmas Sunday’, complete with two donkeys in the lay-by next to the church.

“We invite everyone to experience the joy of Advent – through our online calendar, at CribFest, or both,” said Christine.

To access the calendar, and for more information about CribFest 2025 and Sodbury Vale Benefice’s Christmas services, visit:

<https://svbcofe.org.uk/cribfest-2025/>.

Grace Network launches ethical Christmas hamper

The Grace Network, based in The Old Department Store in Cirencester, is offering a thoughtful way to give back this Christmas with a hamper that supports communities both locally and internationally.

Created in collaboration with Different Kind, also based in The Old Department Store, each hamper purchase helps fund social enterprises, fair trade producers, and community initiatives – from pay-it-forward meals at The Long Table, to fair-wage work for women in Bangladesh. All proceeds go to Different Kind, which supports the makers behind each product.

The hamper includes products like Dalit candles, handmade by the Dalit people of India which helps fund education for children in underrepresented communities, and Wiggly Kitchen’s Social Sauce, made with mulberries picked from Bishop Rachel’s garden, which helps marginalised groups learn to cook, garden and connect.

Annie Campbell, Communications and Community Lead for The Grace Network, said: "Each item in the hamper has its own story. Everything has been thoughtfully chosen because it gives back in some way, celebrating community, generosity, faith, and the joy of Christmas."

There are two options available, one priced at £75 and another at £115.

To view the full list of hamper products and costs, visit:

<https://gloucester.anglican.org/2025/grace-network-launches-ethical-christmas-hamper/>

Orders can be placed by emailing melissa@thedifferentkind.com.

Events and training

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

Advent course: scripture and art, Chapter House, 12 College Green,
Gloucester, GL1 2LX, 7 and 14th December

Explore the Nativity story onsite through scripture, art, prayer, and reflection, guided step by step in community over hot drinks and cake. Online courses on 2, 9 and 16 December are also available. <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/collections/2023-24-nativity>

gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/advent-course-scripture-and-art-2

Christmas – the candlelight concert, Tewkesbury Abbey, Church Street,
Tewkesbury, GL20 5RZ, 8th December

A festive musical event featuring live performances of classic Christmas songs by singers and a band, performed in a candlelit setting.

<https://www.skiddle.com/whats-on/Gloucester/Tewkesbury-Abbey/Christmas---The-Candlelight-Concert/41054554/#tickets%20>

Beer and carols, St Philip and St James Leckhampton, 60 Grafton Rd,
Cheltenham GL50 2DD, 20th December

A selection of beer and carols and a singalong of the best carols and Christmas tunes. <https://pipandjims.org.uk/christmas>

Gloucester Morris Men and Mummers dance, Gloucester Cathedral Green,
12 College Green, Gloucester, GL1 2LX, 26th December

The Gloucester Mummers Play, a traditional and entertaining Boxing Day performance revived in 1969 by local folklore enthusiasts is a free, family-friendly event on Cathedral Green featuring dance, music, and festive fun.

<https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/gloucester-mummers-dance-at-upper-green-25>

Have your say

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Cranham Common News

What a strange autumn this has been, after the long dry summer with minimal grass growth we have had a wet mild autumn and a bumper flush of grass. This has kept the cows busy, and they are looking somewhat rotund!

Thank you everyone who joined in the first workparty of the winter. We cleared a huge area of scrub oaks above the road behind Millenium post. The second will also be done by the time you read this and will aim to clear the triangle between the roads of scrub oaks. The brush cutting team have their work cut out clearing the ever-spreading bramble patches.

There will be no workparty in December, but please make a diary date for the workparties in January and February and come and help if you can.

Future Work party dates

SATURDAY 6th December	9.30am - 12.30pm (rescheduled)
SUNDAY 11th January 2026	9.30am - 12.30pm
SATURDAY 21st February	9.30am - 12.30pm

On behalf of the CCMC I would like thank all the common supporters who contribute to management of the common in different ways, collectively we do make a difference.

I wish you a happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2026.



Liz Hayden
CCMC chair
Chair.ccmc@gmail.com



www.cotsnatsfield.club

Christmas Jazz and a New Year Lunch

December again already, and at the Field Club we are celebrating with a visit by local Jazz duo 'Utrillo' at **Box Village Hall on Tuesday 16th at 2.30pm**. Led by pianist Francis Sanville, with Peter Martin on double bass, Utrillo will perform and talk about tunes inspired by jazz greats such as George Shearing, Bill Evans, Dave Brubeck, and Chick Corea. Expect elegant melodies, lush harmonies, and irresistible rhythms that will have both jazz aficionados and first-time listeners hooked.

For the band, jazz is more than performance; "Jazz, to me, is all about communication," says Francis. "It's a conversation between musicians on stage and with the audience. It's one of the purest forms of expressive, organic music there is." The performance will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies. This event is free to Members but open to the public (£5 at the door). No need to book, just drop in. Please get in touch if you need further information.

There is no lecture in the first week of January, but we are now taking bookings for our **New Year Lunch on Wednesday January 14th**. After a very successful event last year, we have decided to re-visit the Frocester George (GL10 3TQ). Lunch is £28 for two courses or £32 for three, with a non-refundable deposit of £10 to book your place. Lunch is open to all Members and their guests. Further information available by email from Peter Cornish: peter.cornish@yahoo.co.uk

Annual Membership of the Field Club costs £25 individual or £40 couple. For further information please contact Membership Secretary John Elbert: CNFCMembershipSec@outlook.com Further information about us can be found on the CNFC website www.cotsnatsfield.club.

Sylvia May cnfcsecretary1@gmail.com

Longfield Hospice



Longfield Hospice is already talking about Christmas and calling for volunteers to help with their highly successful green 'Christmas Treecycling Campaign'.

The project, which is run in partnership with national organisation Just Helping, last year saw more than 4100 real trees recycled into chippings, raising £81,000 through donations from residents booking for their tree to be picked up.

This year the collections will take place between **10th and 13th January** and will be run with the help of more than 180 volunteers; all committed to helping Longfield raise much-needed funds and support the environment through this green campaign.

Households will be able to book their tree collection via the JustHelping website from November 14th www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree

The charity is also keen to hear from companies willing to sponsor a van and fuel or provide volunteers and vans.

All money raised helps to fund the hospice's vital work supporting patients and families.



Brimpsfield & Mid-Cotswold Garden Society

Are your gardening tools no longer cutting it? Come along – and bring with you a pair of secateurs, shears, a hoe or other tool in need of a new edge – to the last of our 2025 coffee mornings, when we shall have a talk by Will Scott on 'Tool Sharpening for the Terrified', with a practical demonstration of how we unconfident gardeners can (safely) sharpen up our act! The usual coffee and home-made cake will be available in Brimpsfield Village Hall on Saturday 6th December from 10.30am, with the talk starting at 11am, and we hope to see you there. The next Garden Society meeting after that will be in February, and in the meantime we wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year!



There are usually many other things than gardening competing for our time in December, and not many gardening jobs demanding our attention, but if you feel the need for a couple of hours in the quiet of the shed or greenhouse, a spell of tidying up and tool sharpening in preparation for the spring is a good reason for taking yourself away from the hurly-burly of Christmas. And if your tools are beyond saving, why not ask Santa for some new ones?



The Bisley Flicks in the Sticks Presents:

Tamara Drewe

At Bisley Village Hall

7.30pm

Tuesday 9th December 2025

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

Painswick Gardening Club invite you to their Christmas Quiz

Painswick Gardening Club have invited Quiz Masters,
Mike and Toni Lambert for their Christmas event on

Sunday 7th December

We'll be opening at 7.00pm in the Painswick Town Hall,
with wine and cheese during the evening, the Quiz starting at 7.30pm.

All welcome, guests £5 entry.



Emily and Izzy from Highfield Nursery came to talk about houseplants last month and brought a range of exciting plants. They gave us full information, advice and tips to look after these plants and answered questions on any problems we had with houseplants. The original Highfield Nursery site in Whitminster had celebrated its hundredth birthday in 2020 and still produces vegetables, seedlings and other seasonal plants for their garden centre: Now it is the leading Independent, family run Garden centre in Gloucestershire with an excellent restaurant.



AT CRANHAM VILLAGE HALL



Open

Tuesdays : 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd

Fridays : 5th, (closed 12th) and 16th

**The café team would like to thank everyone
for their custom & support during 2025
& wish you all a very Merry Christmas**

**The café will be closed over Christmas
and will reopen on Tuesday 6th January 2026**

*A café for the community & beyond
- a warm welcome for everyone*

Notes from the Chair

Playing Field

There is now a new rubbish bin. The new swing is due to be delivered soon. Repairs to the zip wire have started and should be completed shortly. Although tempting, the zip wire is not for adults.

CPR & Defibrillator training – a date for your diary

As most villagers will know we have a defibrillator outside the Village Hall. It is important to know how to use it and give CPR. This knowledge could save a life. We have arranged for South Western Ambulance Service to give Cranham residents CPR and Defibrillator training on Thursday 30th April from 6.30 – 8.30pm. The session is free although attendees are welcome to give a cash donation to SWAS on the night.

So far about 25 people have expressed an interest. There is room for 30-40. If you are interested, please email Jenny at: cllbarraclough@cranhamparishcouncil.gov.uk It will be a good evening.

Road Safety

Speed adherence through the village continues to be good apart from one day in October when an accident diverted traffic through the village. A significant number of cars drove at more than 40 mph.

We continue to report road problems such as potholes to Highways. We are chasing up 'Unsuitable for HGV' signs for the turn off the A46 down Mill Lane and the unnamed lane down past Freams Farm and for the lane exiting the village past the church, which were supposed to be put up in mid-October. Manhole covers and a stop tap in an unofficial layby (opposite Field House) are standing proud and are being reported to Highways/Severn Trent. If you see a problem with the roads, please report it on FixMyStreet.

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Biodiversity

Cranham PC has adopted a biodiversity policy that can be viewed on Cranham PC website.

Planning

During discussions about planning applications, it has become clear that the planners can often hold contradictory positions about whether they want designs that are tradition and match existing structures or designs that have modern features that do not. We are going to approach the planners to try and find out how they make that decision.

Cranham IT Policy

We have a Cranham IT policy. PC emails and website are now gov.uk

News from out County/District Councillor, Gary Luff

Save Energy This Winter

Gloucestershire County Council has put together some useful information about how you can save energy around the home with no cost, low cost or some cost depending on how much or little you want to do.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/saving-energy>

Proposals for local government reorganisation, please see:

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

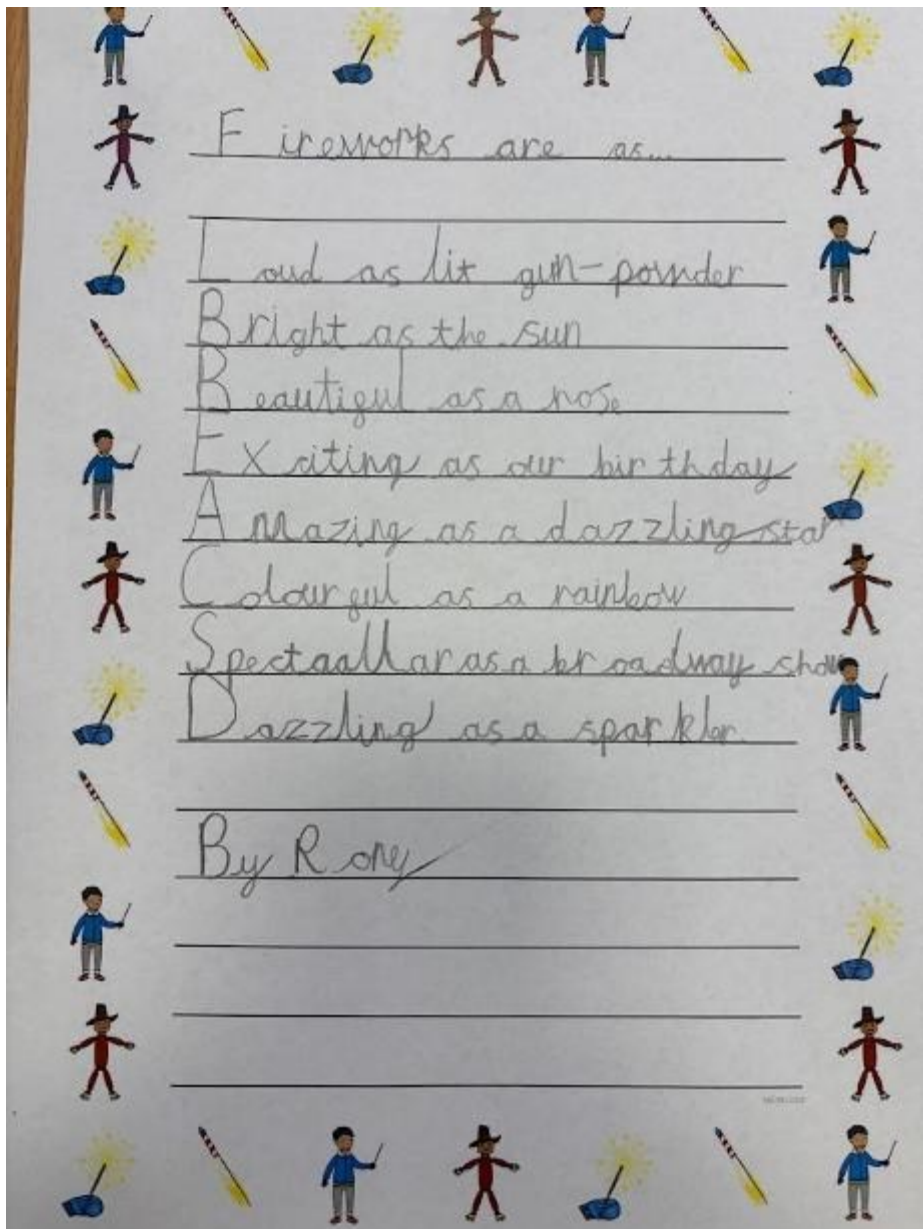


WISHING EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

& HAPPY NEW YEAR

Next PC meeting Tuesday 6th January 2026

Cranham Primary School



Rory
Year 2

Feel the air that is filled with rain.
Taste the blood and sorrow in the
atmosphere.

Hear the disgust of the crowd.
Smell the fresh blood dripping from
different directions.

See the audience's faces.

Hear the crowd shout, scream and
scream at the sight that they saw.

Will it ever end?

by Georgia D



Georgia

Year 4

CRANHAM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

AGM

Thursday 8th January 2026
at 7.30pm, followed
by refreshments,
and at 8.15pm by

Aerial Views
of the Cotswolds

a film show
by Kate Peake

Cranham Village Hall

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Members Free/Visitors £4

All welcome



SEASON'S GREETINGS

Looking for a unique Christmas present?

The Friends of the Black Horse Management Committee has the perfect answer!

Buy shares for your loved ones in our own Community Owned Black Horse.

Friends Of The Black Horse Cranham Ltd is a not-for-profit Community Benefit Society created by locals to secure the future of The Black Horse pub.



The minimum share investment is £50 and the max is £20,000 but each shareholder has only one vote.

For further details please contact:

email: hello@theblackhorsecranham.co.uk

or visit: www.theblackhorsecranham.co.uk



CRANHAM CHOIR
AND ORCHESTRA'S

Christmas
CONCERT

SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER

2.30 PM AT THE
VILLAGE HALL





THANK YOU

To everyone who came along to the Village Hall for
our first supper social night.

Our next evening will be held in January
– date to be confirmed

Cranham VH committee



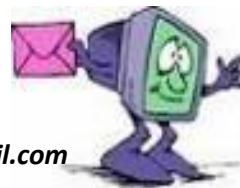
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Christmas Greetings to Cranham Friends - 2025

“Wishing Cranham a peaceful, festive and very happy Christmas”

Charity donations in lieu of Christmas cards

Thank you Cranham for an amazing response to the tree-saving, time-saving initiative that allows us to get that warm Christmassy feeling from giving to great causes.



Wishing Cranham a peaceful, festive and very happy Christmas from...

Beryl Berry, Di & Damon Blandford, Kathy & David Bonney, Joan & Dave Charman, Ken, Ian, Nicki, Ian, Emily & Evie Clapton, Nigel Cooper, Helen & Tom Daltry, Liza Darroch & Rupert Chesmore, Boze and Richard Durston, Linda de Cossart, Len Eldridge, Derek & Janette Elkins, Janet & John Gazzard, Liz & Clive Hayden, Lesley Hodges, Liz & Peter Holmes, Jackie & Gary John, Norma & Martin Kay, Caitlin & Andy Miller & family, Rachel & Andy Monroe, Anne & Tim Morris, the Nicholson family, Di Petrie, Judy & Buzz Pockett, Sue & Ian Shaw, Jane Shepherd & Mike Drake, Susie Smith, the Soutar family, Karen Stageman & Rob Hannis, Sue & Phil Stick, Carol & Ted Tringham Daniels, Olwen Tringham & Kim Roberts, Catriona & Richard Tyson, Hazel Tyson, Pat & Mike Wakeman, Sue & Martin Williams.

The charities donated to, and the amount raised will be published in the January magazine.

Karen Stageman

Cranham Village Christmas Lunch

The village Christmas lunch will this year be held in the

Village Hall

on **Monday 15th December**

12noon for 12.30pm

booking is essential

(if you were not at the November meal)

as there will only be 50 places available



Menu for that day will be:

Wine or Soft Drinks

Roast Turkey, Gravy and Cranberry Sauce

Sausages and Stuffing

Roast Potatoes and Parsnips

Sprouts and Carrots

Christmas Pudding or Fruit Salad and Cream

Mince Pies

Tea/Coffee and Chocolates



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Hot Water Bottles – Care Tips

As the weather gets colder, there are lots of advice and tips about. This one is from the NHS. For a cozy and safe autumn, the NHS and safety experts recommend checking your hot water bottle for age and damage.



Before their first use in the Winter and to avoid burns and leaks from degraded rubber, follow these steps before you start using your hot water bottle for the season.

Check the expiration date. Hot water bottles should be replaced every two years, even if they look fine.

Find the "daisy wheel". A date stamp, often shaped like a flower, is usually found on the neck or body of the bottle.

The central number is the manufacturing year (e.g., '22' for 2022).

The twelve segments represent the months. Filled segments indicate the month it was made.

Inspect for wear and tear. Look for cracks, splits, discolouration, or brittle areas. Do not use the bottle if you notice any damage.

Check for leaks. Fill the bottle with cool water, insert the stopper tightly, and turn it upside down to see if any water leaks out.

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Village Lunch	Monthly on a Monday 12.15 for 12.30pm (Nicky Overs 07884 432886)
Orchestra	Mondays 8.00pm - V Hall (Beryl Berry 813200)
Post Office	Tuesdays 10.00am - 12noon - V Hall
Rachel's Pop Up Café	Tuesdays 10.00am - 2.30pm - V Hall
Cranham Art Group	Tuesdays 7.00 - 9.00pm - V Hall (Lyn Barker 813025)
Choir	Tuesdays 7.30pm - V Hall (Virginia Pittman 07989 712263 virginiapittman3@gmail.com)
Handbell Ringers	Note - not currently running (Jenny Barraclough 07977 997375 jenny.barraclough@btinternet.com)
Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	Wednesdays - Scout Centre - times as follows: Beaver Scouts (6 to 8 yrs) 4.45 to 5.45pm Cub Scouts (8 to 10 yrs) 5.50 to 7.10pm Scouts (10 to 14 yrs) 7.30 to 9.00pm
Table Tennis Club	Wednesdays 7.30 - 9.30pm - V Hall (Clive Hayden 07833 635762 chayden814@gmail.com)
Cranham Ramblers	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 Hugh Tarran 814081 or h.tarran@tiscali.co.uk)
Rachel's Pop Up Café	Fridays 9.00 - 12.30pm - V Hall
Parent and Toddler	Fridays 9.15 - 10.45am - V Hall (Contact tbc)
Explorer Scouts	Note - not currently running (Contact Alaric - explorers@cranham-scouts.org.uk for info)
Garden Club	Brimpsfield, Phone Francis Ellery 01452 862412 for further info

WELCOME!



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



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

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30 Nov	Sun	Christingle Service	Church	11.00am
		Christmas Craft Fayre	Village Hall	11.00am - 4.00pm
		Advent Carol Service	Church	6.30pm

DECEMBER 2025

2	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
3	Wed	Cots Naturalists Talk	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
4	Thurs	Ramble	Car Park	9.45am
6	Sat	Working Party	Common	9.30am - 12.30pm
		Garden Society Coffee	Brimpsfield V.Hall	10.30 for 11.00am
7	Sun	Benefice Communion	S'combe Church	11.00am
		Film: The Nativity	Church	6.00pm
		Gardening Club Quiz	P'wick Town Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
9	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
		Flicks in the Sticks	Bisley V.Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
10	Wed	** Magazine Articles Due **		
14	Sun	Holy Communion	Church	11.00am
15	Mon	Christmas Village Lunch	Village Hall	12.00 for 12.30pm
16	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
		Cots Naturalists Talk	Box V.Hall	2.30pm
21	Sun	Christmas Concert	Village Hall	2.30pm
22	Mon	Sherlock Supper	St. Mary's	4.30 - 6.00pm
23	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
24	Wed	Crib Service	Church	4.00pm
25	Thurs	Family Communion	Church	11.00am
28	Sun	Nine Lessons & Carols	Church	6.30pm
30	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		

JANUARY 2026

1	Thurs	Ramble	Car Park	9.45am
6	Tues	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.00pm
8	Thurs	CLHS AGM and Talk	Village Hall	7.30pm & 8.15pm
11	Sun	Working Party	Common	9.30am - 12.30pm

