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A Letter from The Clergy

Our clergy letter this month is from the Revd Paul Kenchington. Paul is a retired priest and part of the Beacon Benefice ministry team. He is also a great worship leader but if you're not a church-goer you may have spotted him at the library in Painswick where he is a regular volunteer.



January: Dark. Depressing. Broke. Bored. Right? Wrong! Here in the Beacon Benefice our churches are buzzing! We are so excited to be launching Alpha on Monday evenings – I can't think of a better way to start the New Year, actually.



You've done this before, haven't you... Yes – quite a bit actually, but each time I have a different experience and learn something new. It's great!

So, Paul, what even is Alpha?! It's for any adult, right? Yep, for all adults of all faiths and none. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explores the basics of the Christian faith. No strings, no catches. Come along for dinner and meet new people, watch a talk and see what you think – share your thoughts if you want to, and hear from others. **In other words, Alpha is free. There is no pressure. Everyone's welcome.**

And what about Alpha Youth? Well, that's for young adults. It's space for real open conversations about life, faith and purpose.

At Alpha Youth, you get together, watch a short episode on faith and simply talk about it – no charge, no pressure, no judgment.



Tell us more... Each episode is designed to explore and unpack a new question around the Christian faith and spark conversation. Think connection, content and conversations. **Connection:** We'll be connecting in person over food. **Content:** 10 sessions over like 8 weeks on life, Christian faith and purpose. **Conversations:** you can say anything you like or nothing at all – but remember to be respectful, obviously.

**ALPHA and ALPHA YOUTH START ON MONDAY 19th JANUARY 2026 at 7.00PM,
CHURCH ROOMS, PAINSWICK. CURIOUS?
CALL 07356 246338, SCAN THE QR CODE or JUST COME ALONG!**

Worship in Cranham - January 2026

Sunday 4th 11.00am Benefice Communion at Painswick

6.30pm Epiphany Service

**Phil Stick &
Chris Collier**

Sidesman Ian Wotherspoon
Readers Ian Wotherspoon
Clive Hayden
Nicole Wotherspoon

Sunday 11th 11.00am Holy Communion

Revd Helen

Sidesman Sarah Taylor
Readers Sarah Taylor
Martin Whitaker

Sunday 18th 6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

Sue H

Sidesman Julie Berry
Readers Julie Berry
Rob Garratt

Monday 19th 9.00am Morning Prayer

Revd Sarah

Sunday 25th 11.00am Morning Worship

Sue H

Sidesman Mike Wakeman
Readers Mike Wakeman
Janet Gazzard

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www.beaconbenefice.org.uk

Fix my Street

website to report potholes and fly tipping etc

<https://www.fixmystreet.com>

Church Flowers

25th, 28th Dec & 4th Jan	Ann Green and helpers
11th & 18th Jan	Carrie Rodgers
25th Jan & 1st Feb	Jill Bloomfield



Church Cleaning

3rd Jan	Victoria Soutar
10th Jan	Carol Tringham
17th Jan	Sylvia Ardron
24th Jan	Sue Stick
31st Jan	Nicki Clapton
7th Feb	Joan Charman



Refreshments will be served after the following services:

Sunday 11th Jan	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 25th Jan	11.00am	Morning Worship



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.



Extracts from The Messenger – January 2026

End of Leckhampton parish magazine marks 200 issues for David and 137 years for St Peter's. A quiet but significant moment took place at St Peter's Leckhampton, as the final edition of its church magazine, in its current form, was published. The reason was the retirement of long-serving editor and churchwarden David Webber, who produced 200 consecutive issues over more than 16 years of volunteer service.



"I've got mixed feelings about stopping," David said. "No one has come forward to take it over, so the magazine, as such, will have died, 137 years after the first issue was printed."

St Peter's parish magazine began in 1888 – a fact recently rediscovered when a parish historian found the original letter in which the church rector first proposed creating a magazine.

David stepped into the editor's role in 2009, shortly after retiring from a career in teaching at Leckhampton School.

"As soon as one month's magazine is finished, it goes off to be printed. I gave myself a week before starting the next one," he said. Contributions often came from regular contributors, such as the parish's Director of Music and the eco-group, but material rarely ran short.

Historical articles, eco-news, notes on forthcoming music, extracts from the parish register, and diocesan news all found a regular place in its pages.

"People are and have always been very good at contributing to St Peter's magazine. Even when an issue seemed a bit thin early in the month, it was always full by deadline day," David said. "I always included things like the death of the Queen and the Coronation, even though they weren't strictly parochial. I thought they were important to have in the archives."

Many subscribers were not churchgoers but valued the magazine as a link to the community around them. Several local businesses also advertised faithfully in the magazine for years.

David said: "Every edition was also sent to the British Library, to ensure that the parish's story would be preserved permanently."

"I think it's important to keep the magazine's history intact. Each year's issues have been bound, first by a monk at Prinknash Abbey, then by a local craftsman, but the pandemic brought that arrangement to an end. So, I taught myself bookbinding."

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"Copies of all 200 magazines sit together on my shelf at home. They take up about eighteen inches.

"I think parish magazines are an important part of church life. Parish magazines matter. They connect people, share ministry, and they preserve stories and history." Grandparents and grandchildren exploring faith together:

Faithful Generations will return in February at Saint John Baptist Church, Cirencester, following the success of last year's gathering at Gloucester Cathedral.

Jo Wetherall, Senior Children and Families Connector, said: "It will be similar to the Cathedral event, but it's going to be contextual to Saint John Baptist Church – it's being shaped by the team and the clergy there."

The theme for the day will be 'pass it on', focusing on how God's unconditional love is shared between generations and lived out through everyday acts of faithfulness and presence.

Families can enjoy creative activities, including a silent disco and a scavenger hunt exploring the church building and discovering what its features reveal about God's character. The day begins with an intergenerational communion service and ends with gathered worship.

"We want talking about God to feel normal... God is in everyday life, and we want people to feel comfortable noticing Him and sharing that across generations," Jo said.

Read the full article and find full event details at <https://gloucester.anglican.org/2025/grandparents-and-grandchildren-exploring-faith-together/>

Events and training

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

Britten's Ceremony of Carols, Gloucester Cathedral, 11th January

Experience the beauty of Britten's Ceremony of Carols, sung by the Cathedral choristers. <https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/britten-s-ceremony-of-carols-25-2>

Thriving church – Shaping mission for a new generation All Saints' Academy, Blaisdon Way, Cheltenham GL51 0WH Saturday 10th January, 9.30am to 4pm

The day will focus on understanding better those under the age of 35 (Millennials, Gen Z, and Generation Alpha), hearing directly from them, and exploring how our churches can meet them where they are. <https://gloucester.anglican.org/event/thriving-church-shaping-mission/>

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Run the race retreat - Prinknash Abbey, Gloucester, GL4 8EX, 17th January

A space to rethink priorities, make healthier choices, and rediscover rest, joy, and balance in daily life. <https://gloucester.anglican.org/event/run-the-race-2-2/>

Classical guitar concert with Nicholas Morrow Brown St Philip and St James

Hucclecote, 31st January

A free guitar concert with refreshments from 2.30pm, with any donations raising money for the church's OMF mission partners. <https://media.acny.uk/media/events/attachment/2025/11/a39cf93-0811-46e1-a539-669f9dedabbf.png>

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The Book of Remembrance in Cranham Church

In fact, it is not a book but 365 loose-leafed pages.

The pages are turned over daily.

Names of those who have died will be added to the pages when requested in writing by a relative – either on the list which can be found underneath the cabinet housing the pages near the vestry door, or by email or a note through our letter box at Oakfield, Mill Lane.

Please write the name of the deceased down as you would like it to appear on the page, include the date of birth and death and say whether you would like them to be remembered on their birthday or death day.

Eligibility criteria: Those who are buried or have ashes interred in this churchyard or were a previous resident of this parish, otherwise by permission of the PCC.

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Cranham C of E Needs a New School Governor!

Do you have enthusiasm, commitment, and a genuine desire to support our school community? Cranham Church of England Primary is looking for a new governor to join our dedicated team.

You don't need specialist knowledge, prior experience, or even an existing connection with the school - just the willingness to help our children flourish. We would love to hear from anyone in the community who wants to make a difference.

 **Time commitment:** Around 4 - 6 hours each month. This includes:

- Attending 3 - 4 Full Governing Body meetings across the school year
- Occasional committee work
- Classroom monitoring visits - one of the highlights of the role! These visits let governors see teaching and learning in action and celebrate the wonderful work of our pupils and staff.

If you're passionate about education and want to support the future of Cranham's children, we'd love to hear from you.

 For more information or to express your interest, please contact **chair@cranham.gloucs.sch.uk** .



AGEING GRACEFULLY

A PRACTICAL THEOLOGY OF LATER LIFE

Written by Dr Ian Donald, a retired Consultant Gerontologist, this course helps us explore how we can respond to the challenges we face in the later stages of life – both in ourselves and caring for those we love

DATES: FRIDAYS

16 JANUARY: WHAT DO WE MEAN BY AGEING?

30 JANUARY: DISCOVERING GOD'S PURPOSE FOR OUR AGEING

13 FEBRUARY: PRAYING FOR HEALING IN THE FRAILTY OF OLD AGE

27 FEBRUARY: GIVING AND RECEIVING CARE

13 MARCH: DEMENTIA AND PERSONHOOD

27 MARCH: DYING WELL

TIME: 11.45 TO 1.15PM

VENUE: PAINSWICK TOWN HALL

COST: £15 PER PERSON FOR ALL 6 SESSIONS - INCLUDING A STUDY GUIDE & REFRESHMENTS

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www.cotsnatsfield.club

Tolkien and Hobby's in the Cotswolds

Happy New Year from everyone on the Field Club Council!

We start the New Year with our popular lunch gathering, this year to be held at The Frocester George on Wednesday January 14th (Members and their guests only). Secure your place with a £10 deposit and chose what you'd like to eat on the day. Further information available by email from Peter Cornish: peter.cornish@yahoo.co.uk .

Our first talk of 2026 'The Eurasian Hobby and its presence in the Cotswolds' will be held in Box Village Hall at 2.30pm on Tuesday January 20th. Our speaker, retired vet Richard Tyler, has had a passion for ornithology since he was a small boy and believes the Hobby to be one of our most exciting and interesting breeding birds in the UK. His illustrated talk will provide a general introduction to this bird supplemented with details from Hobby breeding surveys in the Cotswolds over the last few years.

This will be followed on Wednesday 4th February at 2.30pm in the Painswick Centre by retired bookseller, actor and storyteller Andy Meller giving us an illustrated talk entitled 'Tolkien and the Cotswolds – the shaping of Middle Earth'. The talk will examine the lives of both Ronald and Edith Tolkien from their early beginnings in South Africa and Gloucester respectively and will consider just how much the Cotswolds, and Gloucestershire in particular, shaped their own lives and those of the characters about which JRR Tolkien wrote.

Our bi-monthly gatherings are free to Members but open to the public (£5 at the door). No need to book, just drop in. Further information about the Club and its activities (including the full list of lectures and Membership details) can be found on the CNFC website www.cotsnatsfield.club.

Sylvia May
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Gloucester and the Atlantic Slave Trade
a talk given to the Cranham Local History Society
on 27th November 2025 by Tony Condor

We welcomed Tony Condor to talk to us on the subject of Gloucestershire and the slave trade. As a county we were, from the 17th to the 19th century, and it's true of the whole country, deeply engaged with the slave trade, and a major driver of local prosperity were revenues from plantations in the Caribbean.

During the course of his talk Tony mentioned three statues. We all know of Edward Colston, who built his fortune trading slaves from Africa to the Caribbean and shipping sugar cane back to England. We know the fate of his statue. Another statue never got erected, and that was of George Whitefield, born at the Bell Inn on Southgate Street in Gloucester and along with John Wesley the founding father of Methodism. He condemned the cruel treatment of slaves but didn't oppose the institution, and indeed he was instrumental in establishing slavery in Georgia in the 1740 and 50s. His legacy is tainted, but not that of a Quaker, Joseph Sturge, born in south Gloucestershire, a leading figure of the Anti-Slavery Society and a campaigner for 'immediate not gradual abolition'. His statue, erected in Birmingham in the 1890s, survives to this day.

The Royal Africa Company had been established in the 1660s. It traded, among other items, Stroud broadloom into Africa in exchange for slaves who were shipped out to the Caribbean. The potential was such that the trade couldn't remain a royal monopoly and by the late 18th century profits from the slave trade had become a major source of British prosperity and specifically income for investment. Opponents had vast merchant and financial interests to contend against.

Abolition when it finally came in 1833 was tied to an extraordinary financial settlement, whereby compensation was paid to slave owners. It is estimated that the total cost came to 40% of current GDP. The level of payments to each beneficiary was linked to the number of slaves. The full records of the Slave Compensation Commission are available online. Records of the 1833 settlement reveal that Christopher Codrington of Dodington Park received over £30,000 for 500 slaves on his estates. He'd wanted to bring religion to his slaves: he was involved with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, which wasn't of itself anti-slavery. The role of Samuel Baker and his colleague Thomas Phillpott in the building of Gloucester Docks is remembered in the names Baker's Quay and Phillpotts Warehouse.

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Their funding came from their estates in Jamaica. They were also involved with the Canal Company. They were awarded compensation for 240 slaves. In 1838 Baker bought Lyppiatt Park.

Smaller compensation recipients were the owners of Bowden Hall, Newent House and Prinknash Park. (See the Radical Stroud website for more details.)

Stroud has its own monument to the end of the slave trade, the memorial arch built by Henry Wyatt in 1834. But all was not quite as it might seem. Abolition was intended to be gradual. Initially there was an apprenticeship scheme, a system of bonded labour. Joseph Sturge, mentioned above, was a leading campaigner against the iniquities of this delaying mechanism. Freedom didn't come easily. Plantation owners' interests remained dominant. Sir John Gladstone (father of William), who was involved in the development of Gloucester Docks, championed a similar indenture system whereby workers recruited from India to the Caribbean were tied to fixed-term contracts.

Another figure with Gloucestershire connections was Samuel Bowly, born in Bibury. Like Sturge he was a successful businessman. Both men were Quakers, and temperance campaigners. With the Church of England compromised by its connection with the plantation owners the Baptists were involved in establishing schools and churches for the slaves. Thomas Burchell of Tetbury was a leading figure. Tensions could run high and a Baptist church hall was burnt down.

Tony also highlighted a 'black diaspora' in Georgian times, and later. A grave in Newent records the death of Thomas Bloomsbury, 'a native of Africa and a faithful servant'. Quite what his origins were is unclear. Many portraits of the period have black servants. Colour would remain an obstacle to social advancement. There's a letter from 1824 recommending John Hart, described as a Writing Master, for a post at Bisley Bluecoat School. He would make a 'very valuable Schoolmaster... were so dark a complexion not objected to.'

Cranham History Society members may also remember a talk entitled 'The Cad of Ebworth' from early last year. There is another Ebworth, in Barbados, once a sugar plantation, named by Stephen Welch, in 1797, after his estate in Gloucestershire.

A big thank you to Tony. As his talk underlined, the legacy of slavery is one we can't easily escape.

Chris Collier

CRANHAM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

AGM

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

Aerial Views of
the Cotswolds
a film show by Kate Peake

Cranham Village Hall
Members Free/Visitors £4/All welcome

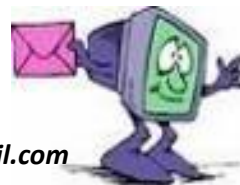
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Charity donations in lieu of Christmas cards



Something to give you a warm fuzzy feeling to start the
year...Cranham's charity donations in lieu of
Christmas cards 2024 raised

£1385!

These charities benefitted:

Shelter, Horatio's Garden, CPRE, Stroud Food Bank, Women's
Refuge, Allsorts, Willow Trust, Gurkha Welfare Trust, Cancer
Research UK, Alzheimers Society, Esperanza Foster Home
Paraguay, Longfield Hospice, Hospice Africa, Smile Train,
For Ethiopia, Children in Need, Sightsavers, Salvation Army,
Sue Ryder, Gurkha Welfare Trust, Arthritis UK, Air Ambulance,
Gloucester and Cheltenham Hospital Charity, Hands Around
the World, MND, Children's Air Ambulance.

With thanks for taking part and with very best wishes
for an excellent 2026.

Karen Stageman



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2026

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Cranham Common News

By the time you read this the cows will have finished their winter grazing and have been taken off the common, to return in July. Their winter grazing is carefully managed to leave a balance of habitats with areas of short grass and longer tussocky grass.

Our autumn work parties were frustrated by wet weather, and we had to cancel both the scheduled event at the end of November, and then also the replacement date on 6th December. This has put us behind in our winter work schedule, so we are hoping for better and plenty of volunteer's weather permitting in 2026.

Can you help?

We always need helpers for maintenance of the common, and we do need more volunteers. This may be from occasional jobs like moving a cow trough or putting up a fence, and of course for the work parties, and we have a WhatsApp group which allows more rapid communication between volunteers. Please contact me if you would like to be added to this group, with your mobile phone number.

Any help is much appreciated.

Work party dates

SUNDAY 11th January 2026 9.30am - 12.30pm

SATURDAY 21st February 9.30am - 12.30pm

Looking ahead, following the successful introduction of the goats in 2025 we are working with Natural England to use the goats more extensively in 2026. Goats have proved themselves to be excellent conservation grazers and very friendly.

Liz Hayden

CCMC chair

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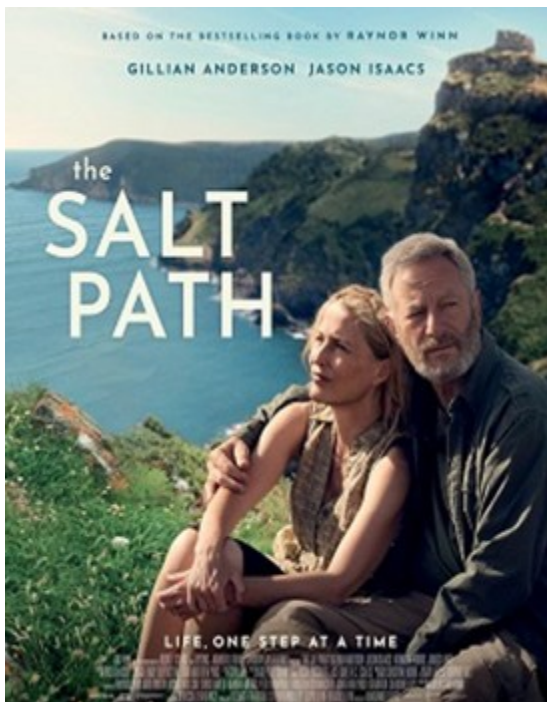
A very happy, and blooming, New Year to everyone!



If your New Year resolution is to be more environmentally aware this year, start with the residue of Christmas: your (real) Christmas tree can be recycled, for a small donation, by the Longfield Hospice charity (please see article in Nov magazine and their website), and don't forget to take your Christmas cards to a Cobalt charity drop-off point, also for recycling. Every little helps the planet, and also a good cause at the same time.

It's also important to give nature a helping hand at this time of year, by putting out food and water (especially in frosty weather) for the birds. Nutrient-rich food such as seeds, peanuts and fat balls, are better than bread; and water enables birds to bathe as well as to drink. Also make a note of the Big Garden Birdwatch on 23rd - 25th January, to record how many of which species visit your garden – or any outdoor space, if you prefer – your 'citizen science' contribution to nature.

The Society has no meeting in January, but on 7th February we shall have the first coffee morning meeting of 2026, with a talk on Hardy Fuchsias – something to brighten your garden later in the year and for years to come. There will be the usual coffee and home-made cake from 10.30am, with the talk starting at 11.00am!



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

The Salt Path

At Bisley Village Hall

7.30pm on Tuesday

13th January 2026

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

Cranham Village Lunch

The next village lunch will be held on

Monday 19th January

12.15 for 12.30pm

In the Village Hall

Menu for this month will be:



Fruit Juice

Curried Parsnip Soup

Mixed Sandwiches, Crisps and Salad

Apple Crumble and Custard, or just Stewed Apple.

Tea/coffee

Please book if you did not attend the December lunch.

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

Thank you, Nicky.

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

Cranham Village Hall committee



SupperSocial

Thursday 5th February

Enjoy a two course meal for £10 per diner!

The menu will be

Chicken Normandy (GF)

*(boneless chicken thighs in a creamy Dijon mustard sauce
with onions, garlic, herbs and apples)*

or

Vegan white bean cassoulet (GF)

served with creamy mash, French beans and broccoli

Dessert

Mrs Lynall's tarte au citron

or

Mrs Monro's pot de crème au chocolat (GF)

The doors will open at 6pm and food served from 6.30 to 8pm

**After food service is complete, you are welcome to stay in the VH and
socialise until 9.30 pm.**

BYO drinks and entertainment – playing cards, games etc!

**There will also be a selection of bar drinks to buy
- all profits go to VH funds**

To assist with catering, it is essential to book in with Rachel Monro, either in person at the
pop up café or message/call on 07737 545159.

Payment will be taken on the night!



The image features a movie poster for 'Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale' displayed on a cinema screen. The poster is framed by a red border with glowing lights. It shows the main cast of the series in period attire, standing in front of Downton Abbey. The text on the poster includes 'THE TIME HAS COME TO SAY GOODBYE' at the top and 'DOWNTON ABBEY THE GRAND FINALE' at the bottom. Below the screen, the back of several rows of red cinema seats are visible. The background of the entire graphic is dark blue with a pattern of white line-art icons related to cinema and technology.

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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)
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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 10.00 - 1.30pm - V Hall
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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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JANUARY 2026

1	Thurs	Ramble	Car Park	9.45am
4	Sun	Benefice Communion	St Mary's	11.00am
		Epiphany Service	Church	6.30pm
6	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
		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
		Holy Communion	Church	11.00am
13	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
		Flicks in the Sticks	Bisley V.Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
14	Wed	** Magazine Articles Due **		
18	Sun	Evensong	Church	6.30pm
19	Mon	Morning Prayer	Church	9.00am
		Village Lunch	Village Hall	12.00 for 12.30pm
		Alpha Course Starts	Church Rms, P'wick	7.00pm
20	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
		Cots Naturalists Talk	Box V.Hall	2.30pm
23	Fri	Cranham Cinema	Village Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
23 – 25		Big Garden Birdwatch		
25	Sun	Morning Worship	Church	11.00am
27	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		

FEBRUARY 2026

4	Wed	Cots Naturalists Talk	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
5	Thurs	Ramble	Car Park	9.45am
		Supper Social	Village Hall	6.00 for 6.30pm
7	Sat	Garden Society Coffee	Brimpsfield V.Hall	10.30 for 11.00am
21	Sat	Working Party	Common	9.30am - 12.30pm