

CRANHAM VILLAGE MAGAZINE

With Cranham Parish and Benefice News and Information



April '26



Inside this Month:

A Film for Holy Week – page 4

CPR Training – page 11

Cranham Common News – page 18

CLHS Book Relaunch – page 22

Tennis Club – page 23

Village Lunch – page 25



**Any views and opinions expressed in the Cranham Magazine
are attributable only to the individual contributors.**

Advertisements in this magazine do not imply recommendation.

Church & Benefice

Rector:	Rev'd Sarah Haslam	07870 126048
Benefice Administrator:	Anna Favier-Brannan beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com	01452 814795
Benefice Intercessory Prayer Coordinator	Mike Campbell beaconbeneficeministry@gmail.com	07812 000646
Church Warden	Mrs. Sue Williams sue.stancombe@hotmail.co.uk	07766 318854
Organist:	Mrs. Beryl Berry Four Chimneys, Cranham	01452 813200
Hon Treasurer:	Mrs. Helen Daltry, Broadridge House Cranham, Gloucester, GL4 8HF	01452 863011
PCC Secretary:	Nicki Clapton Bakers Piece, Cranham cranhamchurch@gmail.com	07824 812384
Benefice Office:	Lychgate Rooms, Painswick office@beaconbenefice.org.uk	01452 814795

Cranham Church of England Primary School

Headteacher:	Sarah Scott admin@cranham.gloucs.sch.uk	01452 812660
--------------	--	--------------

Magazine

Magazine editors:	Sue & Ian Shaw cranhammagazine@gmail.com	01452 814839
Church articles:	Sue & Ian Shaw cranhammagazine@gmail.com	01452 814839
Magazine advertising:	Sue Stick advertisingcranhammag@gmail.co.uk	01452 813407
Magazine layout:	Tony Walker whiskeyw@hotmail.co.uk	07796 175622
Magazine Distribution:	Sue Stick distributioncranhammag@gmail.com	01452 813407

Village General

Village Hall	Nicki Clapton cranhamvillagehall@gmail.com	07824 812384
Bookings:		
Community Police	Police Community Support Officer PCSO Nicola Wood nicola.wood@gloucestershire.police.uk	Tel: 101
Cotswold Warden	Mel Petrie cranhamwarden@outlook.com	
Neighbourhood Warden	Mark Dodd mark.dodd@stroud.gov.uk	07876 405833

Worship in Cranham - April 2026

Weds 1st	6.30pm	Film 'Humble' in Church	Revd. Helen
Friday 3rd	11.00am	Cranham Good Friday Devotional Sidesperson Nicole Wotherspoon	
Sunday 5th	11.00am	Easter Communion Sidesperson Keith Ardron Readers Keith Ardron Sue Williams	Helen/Sue
Sunday 12th	11.00am	Holy Communion Sidesperson Lindsay B Readers Lindsay B Richard Tyson	Rev. Andrew
Sunday 19th	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP) Sidesperson Sue Williams Readers John Bentley Joy Bentley	Fr. David
Monday 20th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Rev. Sarah
Sunday 26th	11.00am	Morning Worship Sidesperson Sylvia Ardron Readers Sylvia Ardron Nicki Clapton	Sue

Holy Week Services in the rest of the Benefice

Weds 1st April	9.00am	Zoom Beacon Prayer	
	11.30am	The Auditorium Holy Communion	Sarah/Mary
Thursday 2nd	9.00am	Zoom Northumbrian Morning Prayer	
	11.00am	Cathedral Eucharist & Blessing of Oils	
	7.30pm	Painswick Eucharist & Foot washing	Bishop Robert
Friday 3rd	9.30am	Sheepscombe Good Friday Devotional	Mike
	10.30am	Painswick Procession of Witness	Bishop Robert
	2.00pm	Painswick Good Friday Devotional	Bishop Robert
Sunday 5th	9.30am	Pitchcombe Easter Communion	David
	9.30am	Painswick Easter Communion	Sarah/Vics
	11.00am	Sheepscombe Easter Communion	Bishop Robert
	11.00am	Edge & H'cmbe Easter Communion	Andrew

Fix my Street

website to report potholes and fly tipping etc

<https://www.fixmystreet.com>

Church Flowers

5th & 12th April	Janet Whitton
19th & 26th April	Liz Cattle
3rd & 10th May	Vics Soutar



Church Cleaning

4th April	Beryl Berry
11th April	Nicky Overs
18th April	Vics Soutar
25th April	Lesley Hodges
2nd May	Sylvia Ardron



Refreshments will be served after the following services:

Sunday 5th April	11.00am	Easter Communion
Sunday 12th April	11.00am	Holy Communion
Monday 20th April	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 26th April	11.00am	Morning Worship



A film for Holy Week

Wednesday April 1st at 6.30pm

in Cranham Church

We will be showing a 90-minute film entitled 'Humble' ,
an extract of from the series 'The Chosen'.



This moving and informative film depicts the events during the last weeks of Jesus' life, culminating in his 'Triumphal entry'. It is beautifully filmed, allowing us to enter into the scenes in and around Jerusalem at the time. We see the growing opposition from the religious leaders, and the realisation amongst his followers that his death was imminent.

Drinks and nibbles served.

Entry free.

**You are invited to the
Annual Parochial Church Council
Meeting
For St James the Great Church,
Cranham**



**Sunday 26th April 2026
In church following the 11am service**

Further details available from:

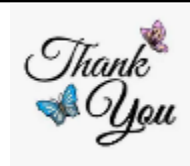
Nicki Clapton, Bakers Piece, Cranham, GL4 8HY

07824 812384

cranhamchurch@gmail.com

**In loving memory of
William Frank Lambell (Bill)**

7th August 1935 – 19th January 2026



Ruth would like to thank everyone for their kindness and good wishes on the death of Bill. The cards, tributes, phone calls and chats have been a great comfort to her. It is lovely to know how many lives Bill has touched both in Cranham and surrounding villages and that he was held in such high esteem.

She would also like to thank friends and neighbours who have been kind enough to offer to drive Ruth to and from the Chargoave Lawn Care Home over the past couple of years.

www.beaconbenefice.org.uk

Fun

Crafts

Games

Story
time

Sherlock Supper

Tuesday 31st March 2026

4.30-6.00pm - St Mary's in Painswick



Sherlock
Investigates



EASTER



Scan to book

Supper menu

- Lamb meatballs in tomato sauce with pasta
- Crumble and custard

Children, bring your own adult with you!

Cash donations on the door



Questions? Contact Vics Soutar
familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk

Extracts from The Messenger – April 2026

‘Christ’ to appear in Cirencester on Easter Sunday

An interactive public artwork, created by a priest and iconographer will be revealed in Cirencester on Easter Sunday. The Revd Catherine Lomas is a full-time theological artist and iconographer working across the country, as well as Associate Priest at the Benefice of Cirencester with Watermoor.



‘Appearance’ is a temporary sculpture installation that will stand in the town’s market square from 9.30am to 3pm on Easter Sunday (5th April 2026), before being moved into church for a 4pm service. It consists of large upright letter-forms spelling the name of Christ, designed so that people can walk among them.

Visitors will be invited to write prayers, hopes and fears directly onto the white-painted surfaces throughout the day.

“The sculpture grew from my training in calligraphy,” Catherine said. “I went to a workshop where we were taught to write in Saxon runes, an ancient form of lettering. As soon as I learned the letter forms, I saw them as standing stones.

“They’re upright and vertical, not rounded like the letters we’re used to, and they immediately reminded me of stone circles – places of spiritual encounter, connection, and gathering for a worshipping community.

“At the same time, I had the idea of representing the name of Christ through these standing-stone forms. I was inspired by Acts 17, where Paul says that Christ is the one in whom we live and move and have our being. It made me think that if the letters of Christ were placed around a space, people could physically move in and out of them, almost inhabiting that idea of being within Christ.”

As part of her Masters in Fine Art at Oxford Brookes University, Catherine was required to create work that would capture the imagination of a wider audience. “I thought, why not take these sculptures quite literally into the marketplace?” she said.

A diocesan mission grant made the project possible, covering the cost of materials and transport; each of the six letters stands more than five feet tall and weighs over 50 kilos, with concrete bases added for stability.

Continued on page 8

“My hope is that other communities might want to display it in their own church context,” Catherine said. “A large church could display the entire piece, but for smaller churches within a benefice, they could perhaps have one letter in each church to create a trail.”

Any community that would like to have the Christ runes appear in their locality can get in touch with Catherine at revdcatherine@encircled.uk.

View Catherine’s work online at catherinemaryicons.uk.

Read the full article at <https://gloucester.anglican.org/2026/christ-to-appear-in-cirencester-on-easter-sunday/>

Welcome café recipe book at St Peter’s

St Peter’s Willersey with Saintbury parish has produced a Welcome Café Recipe Book, developed out of the weekly Welcome Café held in St Peter’s Church.

The café, created and led by Sally Maclean with support from her husband Malcolm, runs every Thursday from 2pm to 4.30pm in St Peter’s Church. It’s staffed by volunteers and serves tea and coffee, homemade cakes, biscuits and savouries. Refreshments are offered without charge, with donations invited in support of the church.

In October, Sally proposed producing a recipe book featuring cakes and dishes served at the café.

“As an evangelist at heart, I’m always on the lookout for opportunities to share the good news of the gospel. So, when a friend at church suggested a cookbook, I saw the perfect chance to bring together my love of sharing faith with the good food of the Welcome Café,” Sally said. “Visitors to the Welcome Café were always asking for our recipes, so producing a cookbook was a wonderful way to gather them all together, and to raise funds for our church at the same time.”

The recipe book has had input from others who attend the café, as well as support from diocesan Stewardship and Giving Advisor Lisa-Jayne Lewis who volunteered some time to the project. The cover of the Welcome Café Recipe Book was designed by a young student who volunteers at the café.

If you are interested in buying a copy of the recipe book, or would like to find out more information, Sally Maclean can be contacted at e.samaclean@gmail.com

Continued on page 9

Events and training

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

Bach's St John Passion on Good Friday, Gloucester Cathedral, GL1 2LX, 3rd April, 7pm Gloucester Cathedral hosts the Cathedral Choir with period-instrument ensemble La Serenissima, performing Bach's *St John Passion* – a powerful retelling of Jesus' final hours. <https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/bach-s-st-john-passion-on-good-friday-26>

Longhope Brook duck race, The Latchen Rooms, Longhope, GL17 0QA, 11th April, 10am to 12pm A family friendly event with coffee, cake, bacon rolls, plenty of chatter, and ducks racing for cash prizes.
<https://gloucestershireevents.co.uk/event/longhope-brook-duck-race/>

Easter at Gloucester Cathedral, Gloucester Cathedral, GL1 2LX, now to 12th April A programme of services and events celebrating this season of hope and new life, including a Palm Sunday Eucharist, a Holy Week series of evening lectures, and a Secret Easter Garden Trail. <https://gloucester.anglican.org/event/step-into-the-season-of-hope-and-new-life-this-easter-at-gloucester-cathedral/>

Wild Worship at Tewkesbury Abbey, Church Street, Tewkesbury GL20 5RZ, 3rd May, 3pm to 4pm An informal, family-friendly outdoor service giving thanks for the beauty of creation. All ages are welcome.
<https://www.tewkesburyabbey.org.uk/eco-church/>

Have your say

Visit Facebook **Diocese.of.Gloucester**, email Katherine at kclamp@glosdioc.org.uk, follow us on Twitter **@glosdioc**, view videos on YouTube **Diocese of Gloucester** or visit our website gloucester.anglican.org

These extracts are from The Messenger, a monthly communication produced by diocesan communications office at Church House, College Green, Gloucester, GL1 2LY. The full 'Messenger' is available on www.gloucester.anglican.org and can be emailed to all parish and church representatives who request it. The extracts printed here are provided by Church House and published without alteration and therefore do not necessarily reflect the views of the Cranham magazine editorial team.



www.cotsnatsfield.club

Talks on Local Geology and Medical History

On **Tuesday 21st April 2.30pm Box Village Hall, Dave Green** will be speaking to us about "**The Geology and Landscape of Gloucestershire**". This talk will cover the geological history of the county from 680 million years ago to the present and the effect the different rocks from each period have had on the scenery. This is an amazing story of volcanoes, rocks deformed by splitting from and colliding with continents, rises and falls of sea level and dramatic changes of climate. What we see today is the unveiling of this story by the latest phases of erosion, giving us our wonderfully varied Gloucestershire topography. Dave is an author and educator. He has studied and taught Geology locally for the whole of his career, (including Stroud College and Thomas Rich's School where he was Head of Department for many years) and to students at all levels.

Then on **Wednesday 6th May 2.30pm at the Painswick Centre Gareth Williams** will be speaking to us about '**The Good, the Bad and The Ugly: The History of Polio Vaccines**'. Most medical professionals working today will never have treated a case of polio, but in the past polio killed or paralysed millions, being among the most feared of contagious diseases. Successful vaccines were developed in the mid-1950's and now polio is virtually extinct. The development of the vaccine isn't just a great medical success; it is also a gripping story that provides a window onto the evolution of medical research during the last century. Gareth Williams is a lifelong academic, Emeritus Professor of Medicine at Bristol University, he has written over 200 scientific papers and authored or edited over 20 books.

Our bi-monthly gatherings are free to Members but **all are welcome** (visitors £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 cnfcsecretary1@gmail.com



**An iron lung at the
Sainte-Justine Hospital in
Montreal. Source
Bibliothèque et Archives
nationales du Québec, BAnQ**



**Free CPR and Defibrillation Training
Cranham Village Hall
Thursday 30 April, 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm.
Donations on the night to
SWAST appreciated
All welcome**



Ebworth

The daffodils have been spectacular, and the birdsong is suddenly everywhere. For me, the blackbird's song - my favourite of all - is one of the clearest signs that spring has begun. Robins, song and mistle thrushes, dunnocks, and wrens all sing early in the year, but blackbirds usually wait until the days lengthen and there is warmth in the air.

I heard my first chiffchaff of the year on 5th March, and on 3rd March I spotted my first wheatear of the spring along the drive. Not only was this my personal first of the year, but it was also the first recorded wheatear this year in the whole of Gloucestershire!

Our orchard planting is now complete. A huge thank you to Sheepscombe School, who helped re-plant the historic orchard at Flock Mill, and to Cranham School, who planted the new orchard at the Ebworth Centre. Each group planted around 40 trees and did such an excellent job that we actually ran out of trees for them!

If you'd like to learn more about the birdlife and our work at Ebworth, I'll be leading a guided bird walk on Thursday 30th April. This free event requires booking through our online system. You can use the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/rzz76nuz>, or search for "National Trust events Crickley Hill". Full details are on the booking page.

Photo - Blackthorn Blossom



Tom Griffin

Area Ranger

Ebworth and Crickley Hill

National Trust

BEACON
BENEFICE

You're Invited!

£5

per garden

Come and make an

Easter Garden

St Mary's Church
Painswick

Wednesday
1st April

10.30am -
12.30pm

He is risen!

Book your place by emailing:
familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk
or just drop in!

Painswick Easter Egg Hunt 2026

The Painswick Easter Egg Hunt is back with 35 eggs to find to celebrate 35 years of the Painswick Playgroup.

Running from Easter Saturday, 4th April, to Sunday 12th April, the event, supported by Hamptons, raises vital funds for the village Playgroup (registered charity 900465).

The eggs, each sponsored by local businesses, will be on display in windows around Painswick with maps available to buy to follow the trail. Each map bought gets an entry into a draw to win a £100 John Lewis voucher.

Buy your map by visiting tinyurl.com/34cvnajt or scan this QR code:



Easter Saturday also sees the Playgroup Family Fun Day in St Mary's Churchyard from 12-4pm. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy fun for the whole family, with activities including face painting, Teddy Bear Tombola, a raffle and barbecue.

Cake bakers are also urged to donate their finest creations to the cake stall - and enter the Great Painswick Bake Off. All donations need to be delivered to St Mary's Churchyard by 11am on Easter Saturday. Three categories: Under 16, Best Decorated and Best Tasting - all offer fabulous prizes.

The event is not possible without generous sponsorship from local businesses, including gold sponsor Hamptons. Anyone who would like to sponsor an egg would be gratefully received, email easteregghuntpainswick@gmail.com for more information.





Concerts 2026



St Mary's Church, Painswick

Saturday 14th March at 3pm

Adam Heron Piano Trio

Works by Haydn, Schumann, Mozart
and Adam Heron

Saturday 28th March at 3pm

Meliora Collective

Works by Beethoven, Clementi,
Cheetham and Martinu

Saturday 25th April at 3pm

Voces8

The programme spans centuries of choral
music, from luminous polyphony to
timeless jazz standards

Saturday 16th May at 3pm

Sir Stephen Hough

Works by Schubert, Brahms, Schoenberg,
Stockhausen, Beethoven, Schumann,
and Sherman/Hough

Tickets

Membership (Season Ticket)

Four concerts £90

Tickets for individual concerts

£20-£35

Under 20s

£2 - limited availability

Memberships and individual tickets

can be bought online at:

www.painswickmusicsoc.co.uk

Or scan the QR code

Enquiries to:

tickets@painswickmusicsoc.co.uk

or 07496 858788

Registered Charity No. 271069



PAINSWICK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Will be open on Easter

Saturday 4th April from

10.30am - 4.00pm



We are part of Painswick Playgroup Easter Egg Hunt, Under The Sea, so find us on your map and tick off our fabulous easter egg.



All children visiting the library until up until April 12th will receive a chocolate and raffle ticket and the winner of the raffle will win a £10.00 book voucher.

We are also holding two Lego Builders Club taster sessions on Saturday 4th April from 11.00-12.00noon and 2.30-3.30pm all kids are welcome but please ask an adult to stay with you. Please see page 17 opposite for more details on the new Lego Builders Club that will be starting on Monday 20th April!



Cranham Parish Council website

lots of info including the minutes of meetings

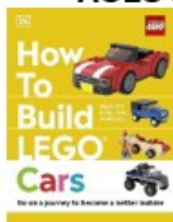
<https://cranhamparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

PAINSWICK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

LOVE LEGO?

**THEN JOIN OUR NEW FREE LEGO
BUILDERS CLUB STARTING ON MONDAY
20th APRIL 3.30-4.30pm**

AGES 6-11yr (must be accompanied by an adult)



Maximum of 10 children to book your place initially, please ring
01452 814744 or pop into the library and sign up.

Library opening times

Monday 2.30-4.30

Tuesday closed

Wednesday 10.30-12.30 & 2.30-6.30

Thursday closed

Friday 10.30-12.30 & 2.30-4.30

Saturday 10.30-12.30

Cranham Common News

Spring really has to be the best time of the year. The days are getting longer, the temperature is on the rise and the previously dormant common is bursting back into life. This is the time of year when we will see the benefits of the winter grazing strategy coupled with the hard work of volunteers and Natural England to prepare the common for the year ahead.

I am often told that the common used to look better in previous years with one prevalent concern being the spread of scrub, i.e. brambles, blackthorn, hawthorn, old man's beard, etc... There are different views on how the common should be managed and the intention is to balance the needs of wildlife with making the common a good place for people to walk and enjoy the countryside. Discussions are being held with Natural England (who manage the common) regarding management strategies and in particular the amount of scrub on the common. Liz Hayden is collating photos to identify changes over the last 10 years. If you have any photos of the common with the location and date identified please can you forward them to: lizhayden695@gmail.com.

This is the time of year when ground nesting birds make their nests and lay eggs. We would typically expect skylarks and meadow pipits but sadly last year no skylarks nested on the common. The reasons are open to debate but disturbance, particularly by dogs, would seem to be a key factor. Footfall on the common has increased over recent years which adds to the pressure on wildlife. The key measure we can take to help is keeping our dogs under close control and away from areas where birds may be nesting. There is some good news relating to skylarks. A local farmer is managing their land in a wildlife friendly way and this encourages ground nesting birds. Skylarks are nesting in abundance in fields local to the common where there is reduced disturbance. Hopefully they can return to the common this year along with the meadow pipets.

The spring sun also brings out the adders to bask in its warmth and to find mates. The males seek out the females by scent with mating usually occurring in April or May. Males often engage in 'wrestling' to establish dominance but numbers on the common are relatively modest so you are unlikely to witness this remarkable display. Adders can be found on all parts of the common but there are areas of increased occurrence, in particular on the South slopes. Adder bites are rare but we all need to make sure we wear suitable footwear and need to keep our dogs under close control.

Continued on page 19

From page 18

This is the time of year when the first wildflowers will start to appear. We have already had the first cowslips and we can look forward to the bluebells putting on their fabulous display in the surrounding woods starting in April. Let's hope the wildflowers are as good as last year, maybe even better if there are regular showers throughout the spring.

Malcolm Chapman
Member, CCMC



Stroud District
Foodbank
Together with Trussell



Ending hunger together

Easter Appeal

This Easter, please help us support families in our community facing hardship



Donate Food

Donate whilst you shop at our supermarket collection points at:-
Ilesco Stroud & Cam
Waitrose Stroud
Sainsbury's Stroud
Most local co-ops
Or bring directly to your church collection point or our warehouse



Donate Money

A monetary donation helps us buy exactly what's needed most and supports families with dignity and choice. It also covers operational costs including running our warehouse and centres. Donate at:
strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money
Or scan the QR code below

Shopping list

- Tinned ham/corned beef
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned meat meals
- Jam/peanut butter
- Coffee & milk (UHT)
- Fruit juice & squash
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned rice pudding
- Laundry liquid
- Toilet Rolls

Warehouse: Unit 19, Canal Iron Works, Hope Mill Lane, Brimscombe, GL5 2SH
Open: Mon-Fri 10am-12pm (please call to arrange a drop-off outside of these hours)
Special Open Morning for donations Saturday 28th March 10-12
Tel: 01453 367 077 Email: office@strouddistrictfoodbank.org.uk
<https://strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk>



Registered Charity in England & Wales 1174926

Brimpsfield & Mid-Cotswold Garden Society

The Garden Society's next event is its AGM and Lunch, on Saturday 11th April; details have been sent to members.

Membership cards will be available, upon payment of the subscription, at the AGM, or you can join at one of our later meetings. The annual Plant Sale and Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 9th May; details in next month's magazine. After that, over the summer we will have a self-drive outing, a summer event and our annual Show on 5th September, followed by a programme of coffee mornings and talks during the autumn and winter. Why not come along and join us?



It's time to sow seeds of more tender plants this month. If you're entertaining younger family members over the Easter holiday, remember that they are often fascinated by the process of seed germination. For quick results, the old standby of mustard and cress is best. For more spectacular plants, you might try cosmos, with their bright daisy flowers; the seeds often germinate within a very few days, sometimes only two or three, of sowing (press them onto the surface of damp compost and don't cover them with more compost as they like light to germinate). The plants can be put into outdoor borders in late May and will brighten up your garden for weeks afterwards. Or sow sunflowers; remember that the Children's section at the Garden Society Show has a class for the best (not necessarily the biggest!) sunflower in a pot, and young exhibitors don't have to be Society members to take part!

Poppy Collectors

Are there any kind people who might feel able to help out with Cranham 2026 Poppy Collection?

It would be so good to help boost our present collecting stalwarts.

Please get in touch with:

Organiser: Liz Flint

01452 810889



Painswick Gardening Club

In February, Kate Good of “Fox Lane Flowers” came to talk about “Cut Flower Farming”. Kate trained in organic horticulture at River Cottage and set up her own business in 2022. She is now at Oakbrook Community Farm on Painswick Old Road (Wick Street) gardening with biodynamic and organic accreditation. Oakbrook Community Farm is a family of land-based enterprises producing good food, education and community services, in harmony with nature for and with Stroud people. Enterprises include: Stroud Micro Dairy and Stroud Community Agriculture’s Starter Farm/ Market Garden, The Bee-Observatory, Agroforestry, Ellie’s Eggs and the ZeroDig research market garden.



On Wednesday, March 11th Nicola Hope gave a talk ‘Every Garden matters’ boosting biodiversity. Nicola is a consultant organic horticulturalist, planting focused, garden designer and writer, from Malmesbury. She expanded on the recent "Garden Organic" Report.

Next month, on April 8th we have Bella Given talking “Pots” – She is a retired garden designer turned veg. & flower grower, obsessed with dahlias, tulips, kitchen gardening & pot styling. She gardens in East Devon, near Exeter. Guests are welcome @ £5. We meet in the Town Hall at 7pm for tea/coffee and perhaps a glass of wine, ready to start the talk at 7.30pm.

Come and join us – Wednesday evening 8th April.

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.



Cranham Local History Society

Announce the launch of the revised book

***'Cranham the History of a Cotswold Village'* - Cost £18**

A must for all those who want to know more about Cranham

PLUS Power Point Show

'Mapping Gloucestershire'

*From Tudor times,
with particular emphasis on Cranham*

It all happens on - Sunday April 19th

Starts at 2.30pm until 4.00pm

Cranham Village Hall

Refreshments available

Admission Free - Donations welcome

On the 19th April only, the book will be available at the

DISCOUNTED PRICE OF £16

Not able to get there?

To pre-order at the discounted price

Phone:- 01452 812417

Cranham Tennis Club

We are looking forward to a new season of tennis in our village. We will be holding :

- * Social evenings, every Thursday 6 – 8pm.
- * Junior coaching in May and August.
- * Arranging adult coaching for those who wish.
- * A doubles round robin tournament.
- * Crambledon again!
- * And this year introducing a singles tournament
- * With the court available to book for your own use at any time.



If you are not already a member and would like to join the club please email Helen, the secretary at : cranhamtennisclub@gmail.com for an application form. (£30 adult; £55 family for the year)
Current members will shortly receive an email to renew membership.

.....

And everyone is welcome to our Start of Season Social event.

Sunday 19th April 2.30 – 4.30pm at the tennis court.

A fun, welcoming afternoon for all ages and standards of tennis – open to members and non-members, with tennis coach, Alice.

Children 2.30 – 3.30pm : tennis games and skills

Adults 3.30 – 4.30pm: tennis warm up drills and doubles tactics.

Tea and cakes served at 3pm.

RSVP to secretary – or OK to just turn up. No charge!



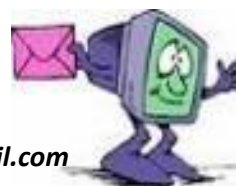
*All articles or enquiries with regards to the **Cranham Magazine** only should be emailed to:*

*All general articles: **cranhammagazine@gmail.com***

*All church articles: **cranhammagazine@gmail.com***

*Advertising enquiries: **advertisingcranhammag@gmail.com***

*Distribution enquiries : **distributioncranhammag@gmail.com***



Cranham Village Lunch

The next village lunch will be held on

Monday 20th April

12.15 for 12.30pm

at the Village Hall



Menu for this month will be:

Fruit Juice

Pork Casserole, Minted New Potatoes & Peas

Lemon Meringue Pie or Stewed Pears & Cream

Tea/Coffee

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

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

Thank you, Nicky

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

The Bisley Flicks in the Sticks Presents:

Downton, the End of an Era

At Bisley Village Hall

8:00pm on Tuesday 14th April

Doors Open 7:30pm for Tea, Coffee and Wine
(now summer timings)



ADVERTISEMENTS

AirLane Private Travel

An efficient, fully licensed family run private hire taxi transfer service ready to take you to your destination in total safety and comfort.

Our taxi services include:

Airport, Seaport & Business transfers anywhere in the UK, 24/7, 365

Our 9-seater executive vehicles are fully sanitised

Private hires for groups up to 8 passengers

Weddings, concerts, sports events, shopping trips, nights out, etc

Air BnB taxi transfers

Contact us now on: M: +44(0)7931861543, E: airlaneprivatetravel@gmail.com

W: airlaneprivatetravel.co.uk FB: [airlaneprivatetravel](https://www.facebook.com/airlaneprivatetravel)

Exedra Nursery

PAINSWICK | GLOUCESTERSHIRE



SPECIALISTS IN PERENNIALS

DAVID AUSTIN ROSES

SHRUBS, CLIMBERS, ALPINES & HERBS

PEAT FREE COMPOST

GARDENING ACCESSORIES & GIFT VOUCHERS

Painswick Rococo Garden
GL6 6TH

www.exedranursery.co.uk
07487 537026

ADVERTISEMENTS



BISLEY FARM SHOP
Fresh, local produce and plants.

and...



The Coffee Barn
Coffee, Cakes, Pastries,
Savoury items.
Eat in or Takeaway. Open daily.

Opening Hours

Monday - Friday	8am -4pm
Saturday	8am -5pm
Sunday	9am -4pm

01452 771077
info@bisleyfarmshop.com
www.bisleyfarmshop.com



STAMP

ARCHITECTURE + DESIGN

E: hello@thisisstamp.com
W: www.thisisstamp.com
T: 07899892351
I : [@this.is.stamp](https://www.instagram.com/this.is.stamp)

ADVERTISEMENTS

CHORLEY'S AUCTIONEERS

Cotswolds Heritage since 1862

Probate & Insurance Valuations

Monthly Auctions of Art & Antiques

Complimentary Auction Valuations

Prinknash Abbey Park
Gloucestershire
GL4 8EU



01452 344 499
info@chorleys.com
chorleys.com

Revive Beauty

Chloe McCarthy Tel: 07859 880641

www.revivepainswick.co.uk

Painswick Beauty Room

Three Gables Centre,
Cheltenham Rd

Tuesdays 9.30am - 7pm

Wednesdays 10am - 2.30pm

Cranham Village Studio

New Location

Thursday 9.30am - 6pm

Friday 9.30am - 2.30pm

ADVERTISEMENT

Greenshop Bisley

Shop locally and find gifts not found
on the high street. Discover leading
eco brands and get all your essential
groceries and more...

FAITH IN NATURE • ST. EVAL • UP
CIRCLE • WILD • BEE KIND WOOD •
POLO GIN • BEAU'S BAKEHOUSE •
WOODCHESTER WINES • COTSWOLDS
DISTILLERY • SWOLE PANDA • NEAT •
WELEDA • BAM • SPICE KITCHEN • SUN
ACRE • TWEEDMILL • TUBBY TOM'S •
RHUG ESTATE • COTSWOLD ORCHARD
HERBS • FRESH VEGGIES FROM L.C.M.G.
• THE PADSTOW FISH CO. EVERY
THURSDAY AND MORE...

Claim a free Rijo Coffee with the code
GSCOFFEE during your next visit.

 Shop better,
Shop natural. 

Greenshop Group,
Cheltenham Road, Bisley,
Gloucestershire. GL6 7BX
Tel: 01452 770629

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK



FREE ON-SITE PARKING

 @greenshop_bisley
 @greenshop.bisley
 greenshopgroup.co.uk

ADVERTISEMENTS



PROFESSIONAL WINDOW & EXTERIOR CLEANING

- Window cleaning using extendable water-fed pole (suitable for delicate windows)
- Solar Panels
- Conservatories/Orangeries
- Soffit, Fascia & Gutters
- Glass Verandas & more
- Fully Insured



Locally known
husband & wife team
- Dan & Lois

07552 398638

www.claricoexteriorcleaning.co.uk

FAMILY TREE FUNERAL COMPANY



A family-run independent business with a fresh approach to funerals
Individual end-of-life and funeral planning • Pre-paid funeral plans offered

01453 767769

WWW.FAMILYTREEFUNERALS.CO.UK

ADVERTISEMENTS

Your local area electrician



MJ Boon
Electrical Ltd.

☎ 07773 626241
✉ matt@mjboonelectrical.co.uk

- Free estimates and advice
- All aspects of electrical work undertaken



Jasper Drake Forestry & Land Maintenance

- Grounds and Woodland Maintenance
- Professional Tree Work
- Fire Wood

Wellfield, Mill Lane, Painswick,
Gloucester, GL6 6TX

Office 01452 813697 Mobile 07795 597 901



ADVERTISEMENTS



BOS LANDSCAPES
creating your dream garden

For all your hard landscaping projects.

- ❖ Patios & Walkways
- ❖ Walling & Fencing
- ❖ Water Features
- ❖ Raised Beds, Planting and so much more....

See our website for images and local testimonials of work completed. www.boslandscapes.co.uk
Contact Josh on **0787 1525376**
Email: bosjc@outlook.com

THE SHARPENING SERVICE
BISLEY



**Kitchen knives, scissors, garden tools
and most other blunt instruments!**

Restoration of old shears a speciality

For a fast and reliable service please contact Rupert Miles

01452 770788
or milesrup@btinternet.com

REGULAR EVENTS

(although all may be subject to cancellation or change, so please check directly with the organisers)

Village Lunch	Monthly on a Monday 12.15 for 12.30pm (Nicky Overs 07884 432886)
Lego Building Club	Mondays 3.30 - 4.30pm - Painswick Community Library
Orchestra	Mondays 8.00pm - V Hall (Beryl Berry 813200)
Rachel's Pop Up Café	Tuesdays 10.00am - 1.30pm - V Hall
Post Office	Tuesdays 10.30am - 12noon - V Hall
Cranham Art Group	Tuesdays 7.00 - 9.00pm - V Hall (Lyn Barker 813025)
Choir	Tuesdays 7.30pm - V Hall (Virginia Pittman 07989 712263 virginiapittman3@gmail.com)
Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	Wednesdays - Scout Centre - times as follows: Beaver Scouts (6 to 8 yrs) 4.45 to 5.45pm Cub Scouts (8 to 10 yrs) 5.50 to 7.10pm Scouts (10 to 14 yrs) 7.30 to 9.00pm
Crock 'n' Roll	Wednesdays 2.30 - 3.00pm - Painswick Community Library (With Steph - £1 per child)
Table Tennis Club	Wednesdays 7.30 - 9.30pm - V Hall (Clive Hayden 07833 635762 chayden814@gmail.com)
Cranham Ramblers	1st Thursday of month 9.45am - Car Park (Joan Charman 07717 286848)
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 10.00am - 1.30pm - V Hall
Parent and Toddler	Fridays 10.30am - 12noon - V Hall
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!



MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

All articles for the forthcoming month should be forwarded to the editors by email to

cranhammagazine@gmail.com

(preferred option).

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY 15th APRIL 2026

Magazines will be available for distribution:

on **Sunday 26th April** or thereabouts.

The date will be confirmed to the distributors by email.

814839

cranhammagazine@gmail.com

CRANHAM DIARY



MARCH 2026

31	Tues	Sherlock Supper	St Mary's	4.30 - 6.00pm
----	------	-----------------	-----------	---------------

APRIL 2026

1	Wed	Easter Garden Making A film for Holy Week	St Mary's Church	10.30am - 12.30pm 6.30pm
2	Thurs	Ramble	Car Park	9.45am
3	Fri	Good Friday Devotion	Church	11.00am
4	Sat	Easter Egg Hunt Lego Builders Club	P'wick Library P'wick Library	10.30am - 4.00pm (see pages 16 & 17)
4-12		Easter Egg Hunt	Painswick	
5	Sun	Easter Communion	Church	11.00am
7	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
8	Wed	Gardening Club	P'wick Town Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
12	Sun	Holy Communion	Church	11.00am
14	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste Flicks in the Sticks	Bisley V.Hall	7.30 for 8.00pm
15	Wed	** Magazine Articles Due **		
19	Sun	CLHS Book Launch Tennis Club Event Evensong	Village Hall Tennis Courts Church	2.30 - 4.00pm 2.30 - 4.30pm 6.30pm
20	Mon	Morning Prayer & Coffee Village Lunch First Lego Builders Club	Church Village Hall P'wick Library	9.00am 12.00 for 12.30pm 3.30 - 4.30pm
21	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste Cotteswold Naturalist	Box V. Hall	2.30pm
26	Sun	Morning Worship APCC Meeting	Church Church	11.00am After 11.00am service
28	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
30	Thurs	CPR & Defib Training	Village Hall	6.30 - 8.30pm

MAY 2026

6	Wed	Cotteswold Naturalist	P'wick Centre	2.30pm
7	Thurs	Ramble	Car Park	9.45am
9	Sat	Garden Society Plant Sale	Brimpsfield V.Hall	TBC
16	Sat	Wildlife Trail	Cricket Club	11.00am - 5.00pm