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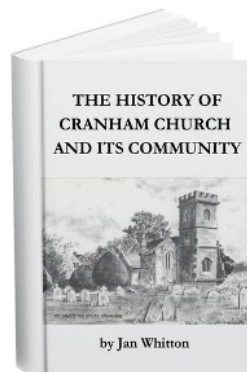
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Cranham resident swaps classroom for Church role

This term Victoria Soutar, our All Ages Minister, will not be returning to Croft School as usual but instead has hung up her teacher's hat for good to taken on an increased role working for our benefice churches.

Over the past two years Vics has juggled two part-time roles: being the reception class teacher at Painswick's Croft School and being our first 'Beacon All Age Minister'.

But thanks to the encouraging work she has done across our benefice, particularly with the St Marys Mums baby and toddler group, the Sherlock Suppers, and school holidays 'Family Fun Days' including the recent Cranham Rounders Match and BBQ, she will now be fully dedicated to growing the well-being and faith of children and their adults in our communities.

With the prayer and increased financial support from our church congregations and additional funding through grants etc, Vics' role will be increased to three and a half days a week from September.

It is very much my hope that Vics and her Beacon All Age team can support the amazing work that is done at all our primary schools, including Cranham School in more ways: nurturing, equipping and shaping our children for the future.

As such, please expect to see Vics back in the village a bit more and watch this space for news of more family-focused activities and services later in the school year.

If you would like to support the All Age work that we are doing here either in prayer, practically or financially, please do get in touch with:

Vics (familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk)
or myself (beaconrector@gmail.com).

Rev'd Sarah

Worship in Cranham - September 2026

Sunday 6th	11.00am	Benefice Communion, Harescombe	
	3.00pm	Feast Service	Sarah, Kate, Vics
		Sidesperson Keith A, Julie Berry Readers Janet Gazzard Martin Whitaker	
Sunday 13th	11.00am	Holy Communion	Revd. Helen
		Sidesperson Mark Crowther Readers Mark Crowther Nicky Overs	
Sunday 20th	6.30pm	Evensong	Revd. Kate
		Sidesperson Sylvia Adron Readers Sylvia Adron Rob Garratt	
Monday 21st	9.00am	Morning Prayer with coffee	Revd. Sarah
Sunday 27th	11.00am	Morning Worship	David Pouncy
		Sidesperson Mike Wakeman Readers Mike Wakeman Clive Hayden	

Cranham Parish Council website

lots of info including the minutes of meetings

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

www.beaconbenefice.org.uk

Flowers, Cleaning & Refreshments in September

Church Flowers

6th & 13th Sept	Feast Flowers
20th & 27th Sept	Helen Sammon
4th & 11th Oct	Di Blandford



Church Cleaning

5th Sept	Gill Firth
12th Sept	Di Blandford
19th Sept	Linda Faulkner
26th Sept	Lindsay Burtenshaw
10th October	Beryl Berry



Refreshments will be served after the following services:

6th Sept	3.00pm	Cranham Feast Service & flower festival
13th Sept	11.00am	Communion
27th Sept	11.00am	Morning Worship



Extracts from The Messenger - September 2026

Orchids from Hawaii: Lisa-Jayne's story

This September marks 25 years since the attacks of 11th September 2001. For Lisa-Jayne Lewis, Stewardship and Giving Advisor at the Diocese of Gloucester, the anniversary brings back memories of her time as a Salvation Army recovery chaplain at Ground Zero.



Lisa-Jayne was 24 when she joined the recovery operation in New York, ministering as a night chaplain alongside firefighters, police officers, Port Authority workers and Salvation Army personnel.

The experience stayed with her long after she returned home, but for many years she struggled to talk about it.

"I've spent a long time doubting my story, doubting what I had done, to the point of believing that wasn't real and that wasn't me," she said.

Now, she has shared her experience in 'Orchids from Hawaii', a book reflecting on the recovery operation and the impact it has had on her life.

The title comes from a vivid memory of Ground Zero, when a Salvation Army team from Hawaii brought pink orchid leis for those working at the site. Against the devastation surrounding them, the flowers offered a moment of unexpected colour and hope.

"Those flowers became a symbol of hope," Lisa-Jayne said. "When reason and lived experience don't match up, I think that's where we have to put things like faith and hope."

The book took four years to write, beginning after Lisa-Jayne realised that a new generation of adults had grown up without personal memories of 9/11.

Writing the book has helped her reclaim her own story: "I came to recognise that although 9/11 has a shared, collective memory, everyone affected carries their own experiences and memories. My story is my story, it belongs to me, and it's worth telling."

Orchids from Hawaii is available to pre-order now for release on 4 September at <https://orchidsfromhawaii.net/>

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Big ideas, bold stories, brilliant prizes

Who inspires you? What stories have shaped our community? How can we build a better future together?

Black History Month is a celebration of the achievements, stories and experiences of Black and Brown people throughout history and today.

Held every October in the UK, it encourages us to learn from the past, celebrate diverse contributions to our communities and work together for a more inclusive future throughout the year.

Children and young people are invited to enter a poetry and art competition inspired by this year's Black History Month theme, *Dig deeper, look closer, think bigger*. The competition has been organised by the Diocese of Gloucester's Racial Justice Action Group. Explore the stories, experiences and achievements of Black and Brown people and share what they mean to you through poetry or art.

Ages 7-11 (top prize £20 voucher)

Think deeper about a Black or Brown individual in your community and write a poem or create a piece of art about their experience.

Ages 12-15 (top prize £30 voucher)

Look closer at the history of a Black or Brown individual or group of people and write a poem or create a piece of art about their experience.

Ages 16-18 (top prize £40 voucher)

"Dig deeper, look closer, think bigger" – what does this mean for our community? Represent your idea in art or poetry.

Enter online on our website at <https://gloucester.anglican.org/2026/big-ideas-bold-stories-brilliant-prizes/>

Events and training

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

Stroud Day of Dance: 10 years of Miserden Morris, St Laurence, The Shambles, Stroud, GL5 1JL, 5th September, 8pm to 10.30pm

A celebration of 10 years of Miserden Morris, with a wonderful ceilidh from That Shallot. https://stlaurencestroud.uk/event_custom/stroud-day-of-dance-10-years-of-miserden-morris/

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**Gloucester Cathedral organ festival: Gala concert, The Nave,
12 College Green, Gloucester, GL1 2LX, 12th September, 7pm**

At the heart of Gloucester Cathedral's Organ Festival weekend is the landmark gala performance with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales. <https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/gloucester-cathedral-organ-festival-gala-concert>

**Heritage open day, St Stephen's Church, 42 St Stephen's Road,
Cheltenham, GL51 3AB, 14th September**

Discover the history of St Stephen's Church on a guided tour led by local historians. <https://saintstephenscheltenham.org/churches-in-cheltenham/>

**Classics in the Abbey: Pride and Prejudice, Tewkesbury Abbey, 29th
September to 3rd October**

A comedic retelling of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice. <https://www.rosestheatre.org/events/classics-in-the-abbey-pride-prejudice>

Have your say

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Fix my Street

website to report potholes and fly tipping etc

<https://www.fixmystreet.com>

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 VILLAGE HALL

GL4 8HP



Friday 25th September 2026

In the main hall - 10am until 12.30pm

**SERVING BREAKFAST, CAKES & BAKES
EAT IN OR TAKE AWAY**

**RAFFLE
£1 A TICKET**

**CAN PURCHASE
ON FRIDAY OR
FROM RACHEL
VIA PAYPAL**



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Cranham Common News

The long hot summer has left the common looking more like an African plain than a SSSI grassland. There is still plenty of grazing for the cows thanks to the more favourable growing conditions in the spring, but the nutritional value is reduced due to lower water and sugar content. The cows are provided by the National Trust who regularly monitor their welfare and ensure they are in good health. From looking at their collars on the hot days they seem to graze between 5am and 10am, visit the water at some point in those hours, then hunker down in the shade until about 6pm to have another graze. They all seem to have coped well, and it shows the importance of the shade provided by the copses and woodland edges.

The goats have done a great job at munching through the scrub on Knowle Bank. They will move on to the main common in September so please look out for them and make sure dogs are kept under close control.

The key issue with the tinder dry common is the need to be extra careful to avoid fires. I know this message is well advertised but just a reminder on the key steps we can all take to reduce the risk of wildfires on the common. No open fires or barbeques, no discarding of cigarette butts or vapes and no dropping of litter. Glass and tin cans can reflect and concentrate the heat from the sun, so if you see these materials on the common please pick them up (if safe to do so) and dispose of or recycle in household waste. Homeowners who are lucky enough to have properties which border the common should consider strimming a fire break up to 5m in width to reduce the fire risk to individual properties.

The dry conditions this summer have generally had a negative impact on wildlife nationwide with charities reporting a record number of calls. For mammals the main issue is keeping hydrated and luckily the Painswick stream has kept running throughout the extended drought. The hardened soil makes it difficult for earthworms and other grubs with consequential impacts on all species which find them a tasty meal. There is also a significant impact on insects which are key to the food chain and numbers are already reduced nationwide due mainly to pesticide use. The flowers on the scorched plants on the common dry up prematurely which starves pollinators and leads to dehydration of species such as bumblebees. Caterpillars struggle to find verdant vegetation which reduces food sources for birds such as sparrows, blue tits and wrens and also has a negative impact on butterfly numbers.

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Another impact of the hot dry weather has been fruit either ripening early or being shed by trees before becoming ripe. Blackberries started to appear in June this year which is a month earlier than normal. No doubt some of the bird species are enjoying a feast but they are eating their winter rations and this may also have a negative impact on birds which migrate here for the winter. So, in summary, it would be good to have some rain soon which would benefit all wildlife who make the common their home – maybe it has already arrived since this article was written.

The common is an amazing asset for our community and it is kept that way by the extensive work done by volunteers throughout the year. The key volunteer groups are as follows:

- ◆ Cranham Common Trust. 9 Directors who own the common on behalf of the village
- ◆ Cranham Common Management Committee. 8 members (with some also members of CCT) who manage the common in conjunction with Natural England
- ◆ Common work parties. Arranged over the winter months to cut back scrub and saplings.
- ◆ Brushcutters. A dedicated team of 6 trained individuals who work to keep the scrub under control.
- ◆ Cotswold wardens. Engaged by Natural England to undertake work such as repairs to boundary fences
- ◆ Individual specialists. People who quietly get on with keeping the common maintained by undertaking work such as repairs to benches, installing and removing temporary fences, and moving the water trough.
- ◆ Livestock owners. Liz and Caroline who provide goats and undertake the extensive work required to look after their welfare.

We can all actively participate in the management of the common and Liz Hayden will be providing details in the next edition as to how you can get involved.

Malcolm Chapman
Member, CCMC

CRANHAM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

**Gloucestershire
Observed
through 500 years
of diaries and journals**

**an illustrated talk
by Tony Condor**

Cranham Village Hall

on

Thursday 1st October 2026

at 7.45pm

Members Free/ Visitors £4.00

Refreshments are included

All welcome

Painswick Gardening Club

Painswick Gardening Club celebrated the summer break with an August tea party in a member's garden. This was very well attended with tea; and coffee and walnut cake. Fortunately, the garden had plenty of shade from trees on the perimeter and specimen trees within as well as roses. The vegetable garden, including fruit cages and a very productive greenhouse, provided interesting ideas. Members enjoyed inspiring conversation in like-minded company.



The friendly Painswick Gardening Club is full of people who want to know more about all aspects of gardening and plants, our club has members of all levels of gardening knowledge, and our aim is to share that knowledge, learn more and gain gardening tips and advice. We welcome questions, suggestions and interaction within our meetings.

We meet most 2nd Wednesdays of each month (December/January/August - different) In Painswick Town Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm start.

This year's agenda includes:

- ◆ Josh Egan-Wyer head of Pershore Horticultural College + plants for sale
- ◆ Pam and Debbie from Stonehouse in Bloom winners
- ◆ Cate Masheder from The Hedgehog Hospital
- ◆ American supper and fun quiz
- ◆ Ian Sadler - Dutch Plant Auctions
- ◆ Pip Smith - garden designer
- ◆ Kevin Alviti - Self-sufficient fruit growing
- ◆ Chris Evan's from The butterfly farm
- ◆ Rob from The Malvern Salvia collection + plants for sale
- ◆ An evening visit to a special garden

So hopefully something for everyone, £25 for a year's membership, or come as an evening visitor £5

Don't put it off - come along and join us at The Town Hall 9th September for 7.30pm.

Enquiries to Mary Parsons 07500 820205



**PAINSWICK COMMUNITY LIBRARY
LIBROSAURUS READING CHALLENGE**

18th JULY – 7th SEPTEMBER



**JUST ONE MORE WEEK TO GO TO EARN
YOUR £10.00 BOOK VOUCHER!!!!**

**VISIT PAINSWICK COMMUNITY LIBRARY X 3
TIMES AND READ X 3 BOOKS AND DRAW A
PICTURE, WRITE A 300 WORD STORY OR
WRITE A POEM. THE TOP STORY, POEM OR
PICTURE FROM EACH AGE GROUP WILL
WIN YOU ANOTHER £10.00 VOUCHER,
WOW!!**

**If you're between 3yrs old and 11yrs old just
pop into the library with an adult and sign
up.**

**Artwork, poems and stories will be
exhibited on the stairwell up to the library.**





www.cotsnatsfield.club

Exciting new lecture season set to start next month!

We are delighted to say that the new season of Field Club lectures starts in October. We will be offering lectures fortnightly from October to May (at 2.30pm on the first Wednesday of the month in Painswick and on the third Tuesday of the month in Box). This season, as usual, we have an exciting and varied series of lectures planned, with a local focus but covering subjects as diverse as cider making in Gloucestershire, the history of GWR in the Stroud Valley, Gloucestershire and the Atlantic slave trade and the history of Gloucestershire Wassail- and that is all before Christmas! (with a further 15 lectures planned for 2027)!

But we start (on Wednesday October 7th) with a talk celebrating the 80-year history of Painswick Music Society, given by its current Chair, Professor Martin Woodhead.

Lectures are free to our Members but open to all (£5 for visitors) No need to book, just drop in (light refreshments provided).

Membership to the Field Club runs from January to January but **join now to get membership until January 2028; enjoying entry to around 20 lectures as well as first refusal on excursions, for just £25 individual or £40 couple.**

For Membership enquiries please contact Membership Secretary John Elbert:

CNFCMembershipSec@outlook.com

Excursions tend to be in spring/summer months, with our next planned excursion for this year being a three-day trip to Suffolk, to include a magical evening at Glyndebourne enjoying a performance of the Barber of Seville, with visits to other heritage sights, such as Stanton House, The Brighton Pavilion and Wakehurst. This excursion is now fully booked.

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

Sylvia May cnfcsecretary1@gmail.com



Crambledon 2026

- a great day at Cranham Tennis Club

Our second annual Crambledon tournament took place on July 18th on a warm sunny day with 32 keen contestants playing on 4 courts around the village. After a morning of round robin matches they all returned to Cranham 'Centre Court' for drinks, a fabulous buffet lunch and generous raffle ticket buying, before the semi-finals and final took place.

There was a great atmosphere with spectators on chairs cheering the finalists on, whilst they drank tea and ate homemade cakes.

The victorious pair were Melanie and Alister Sykes-White, club members from Birdlip, who were obviously delighted to be presented with The Crambledon Cup...or was it a mug?!

The proceeds from the day enabled us to send a wonderful ***£1100 to Sue Ryder Hospice.***

Many thanks to Lizzie Pelly - and all who helped organise, participated, donated, baked and supported the event.



National Trust August News Article



I'll start by introducing myself, my name is Molly and I have the honour of taking over from Tom as Area Ranger for Ebworth and Crickley Hill. Some of you may have seen me about as I have been working with Tom as Ranger for the site since 2023.

Tom wrote in a previous edition about the forestry works that are taking place this year – this is progressing well and it's so nice to see dappled sunlight in areas that were previously very shaded. This will stimulate regeneration of saplings for a new generation of beech trees and will improve the ground flora. To give you an update, logs are now being extracted with felling to end soon. We ask, for your safety, that you follow all signage in place and only walk on public rights of ways whilst visiting the site.

I'm sure we have all felt the impacts of the recent heatwaves and this too has been spotted around the site. We have been seeing beech react to the added stress and our farm team having to negotiate the grazing of Belted Galloways alongside limited grass growth and water accessibility.

But on the brighter side we have seen excellent numbers of butterflies across Overtown Farm and the woodland. Each year we carry out surveys to monitor the impacts of our work on species. This has been my first year seeing clouded yellow butterflies on the farmland, which totalled 5 on one day in August and on one day in July we counted 197 common blues!

I hope to see some of you around the woods soon.

Molly Hammatt
Area Ranger

National Trust
Ebworth & Crickley Hill
Cotswolds Countryside Portfolio
07866 847350
nationaltrust.org.uk



FEAST TOMBOLA!

Call for prizes



It's that time of year again when we are putting a shout out for tombola prizes for the feast. Items can still be dropped off at Grove Cottage (Matt Prentice's) or Sunrise (Hannah Daniels').

A once-in-a-year opportunity to regift, donate and support the Feast - please could anything given be in new/as new condition and in date in the case of food/drinks. We are hugely grateful every year for the village's generosity, so please do have a good old rummage.

Thank you, as always, for your support!



Cranham feast 2026

FRIDAY FEAST KICK OFF!
SEPTEMBER 4TH

@ THE CRANHAM CRICKET CLUB GL4 8JA



Cranham
flowers**show**

OPENS AT 4PM! @ ST
JAMES THE GREAT



**ANNUAL VILLAGE
TUG-OF-WAR**
6PM



**WINGS &
WEDGES
BY LORD OF
THE WINGS**
FROM 7PM



LIVE MUSIC
FROM EUAN MORRIS
7:30PM

**CHICKEN
IMPOSSIBLE**

**21
DIFFERENT
WING
VARIETIES**



BAR OPEN ALL EVENING!





Cranham flowershow

SEPTEMBER 4th - 7th

DISCOVER OUR PAST TIMES.

Join us this year at St James the Great, for Cranham's annual flower festival - celebrating the people, places and moments that have shaped our village story.

Fri 4th 4-6pm; Sat 5th 10-4pm;
Sun 6th 10am-5pm
& Mon 7th 10am-4pm

Joined by **Rachels Cafe** on
Saturday the 5th - Proceeds
to St James The Great
Church

**Cranham**
feast 2026

Citizens Advice Column:

Q: I hired a company to install concrete fencing and a gate in my back garden. The quality of the work is poor and the gate doesn't shut properly. What can I do?



When you put your trust in a trader and the work doesn't meet your expectations it can be frustrating. If a trader hasn't done a good job with 'reasonable care and skill', the **Consumer Rights Act 2015** entitles you to ask for the problem to be fixed or receive a refund.

Evidence is important. Take photos and make notes about what happened and when, including times and dates, and keep receipts or other proof of payment.

People can experience **different types of problems with traders**, and there is specific advice available on the **Citizens Advice website** depending on the issue.

When you contact the trader, **explain the problem clearly and provide your evidence**. They should fix it within a reasonable amount of time and without causing you too much inconvenience. The law doesn't define exactly what is reasonable, so **you'll need to agree this with them**.

If they can't or won't fix the problem, you can ask for a **partial or full refund**, depending on how bad the issue is. It's a good idea to suggest an amount and explain why you think it's reasonable. Once a refund has been agreed, it should be paid within 14 days.

If you **can't reach an agreement**, there are other **options**. If you paid by card, you may be able to complain to your card provider. If the trader is a member of a trade association or quality scheme, this might help to take your complaint further, or you may be able to use an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) scheme. If you've tried various things and the complaint remains unresolved, you may be able to complain to the Financial Ombudsman Service.

Anyone experiencing problems with building work, decorating or home improvements can contact the national **Citizens Advice Consumer Service** on **0808 223 1133** for advice and support from a trained adviser.

REOPENING ON
TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

TUESDAYS
9.30am – 2pm

Rachel's pop up
Cafe

TUESDAYS
9.30am – 2pm

Serving a full breakfast and brunch menu ,
homemade cakes and bakes, hot and cold drinks,
sit in or take a way
Open 10am with last food orders at 2.00 pm

**Post
Office**

10.30 – 12.00 in the main hall

**THE
TECH*
CHECK-UP**
with Cedar



&



Cafés for the local community & beyond
- a warm welcome for everyone

Brimpsfield & Mid-Cotswold Garden Society

The Society's Annual Show is here again – Saturday 5th September in Birdlip Village Hall! Entry forms must be in by Wednesday 2nd September, so get yours in quickly! Whether you're entering or not, be sure to come along on the afternoon of the Show, from 2.30pm, to enjoy the exhibits, tea and cake, and take part in the charity auction of some of the exhibits, in aid of the Brockworth Hedgehog Rescue. It's a real community occasion and always a happy one, so make a note of the date!

Most of our gardens are looking rather sorry for themselves after a hot summer – we hope that members will be able to find something to exhibit at the Show! – and many of us will find that not everything in our gardens will have survived. By the time you read this we will probably all be complaining about too much rain! But in the meantime, if you have plant casualties, don't be in too much of a hurry to pull them up; give them a good watering and wait a week or two, and you may find new green shoots start to come through, in which case all will be well.

With woody plants, try carefully scraping the bark in a small spot; if it's green underneath, the plant will be alive and will probably recover. A little patience (and some rain) may well reward you. Longer term, we are told that hot summers are to be the 'new normal', so it's worth considering what is, and is not, worth growing next year; but remember that we are also projected to get wetter and colder winters, so, rather than going all out for Mediterranean planting, think carefully about finding the 'right plant for the right place'. Those plants that like dry conditions may struggle in a damp garden, and moisture-lovers may need some shade in a hot summer – so position any new plants with care!



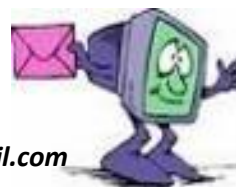
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CRANHAM VILLAGE HALL, GL4 0PH



**Serving filled baps, on toast, sausage rolls,
homemade cakes and bakes, hot and cold drinks,
sit in or take a way**

Opening FRIDAY 11th September

at 9am - 12 midday

last food orders taken 11.30 am

THE FRIDAY CAFÉ MENU

White or wholemeal baps filled with

- premium back bacon - £5.60
- premium pork sausage - £5.60
- mix of sausage & bacon - £5.60
- bacon, halloumi & chilli jam - £5.60
- halloumi, avocado & tomato - £5.50
- halloumi & tomato - £4.60
- 2 fried eggs - £4.20

Drinks

Free fill up tea - £2.40 per person

Free fill up filtered coffee - £2.60 per person

Soft drinks - from £1.20

2 eggs on 2 toast

*scrambled, fried or poached - £4.80
(add baked beans for 60p)*

Baked beans on 2 toast - £4.20

Toasted teacake - £2.20

served with butter & jam

2 slices of white or wholemeal toast - £2.00

served butter, marmalade or jam

Homemade pork sausage rolls

served hot or cold

large £3.00, small £2.00

Selection of homemade cakes & bakes - £3.00

***Café for the local community & beyond
a warm welcome for everyone***

**Cranham Village Lunches,
will resume on**

Monday 14th September

12.15 for 12.30pm

in the Village Hall



Booking would be helpful as there was no lunch in August.

Menu for September will be:

Fruit Juice

Baked Potatoes with Cheese, Meat or Tuna Fillings

Cold Salads

Followed by Apple Crumble or Stewed Fruit and cream

Tea/coffee and Biscuit

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

Thank you, Nicky.

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

Reminder:

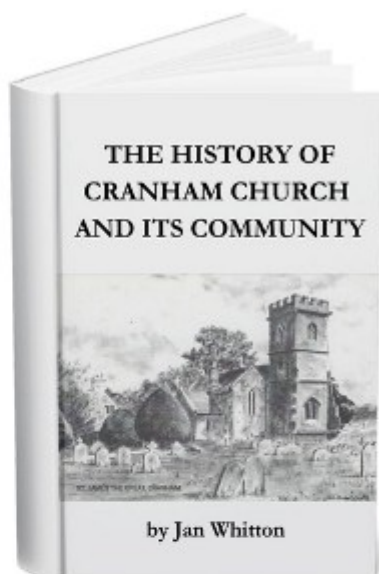
Next Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 7.00pm

in the Cranham Village Hall.

BOOK LAUNCH EVENT

A talk by Jan Whitton
and Helen Daltry
to celebrate
Jan's new book:



WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2026
AT 7:30PM
IN ST JAMES THE GREAT CHURCH

Tickets exclusively for Cranham villagers and friends costing £5 each
are available from Helen Daltry (helen@daltry.net on 01452 863011)
and from Beryl Berry (at Four Chimneys, Cranham, GL4 8HP).

Copies of the new book will be available for sale at the book launch
at a reduced cost of £10 (from £12).

The Bisley Flicks in the Sticks Presents:

Mr Burton

At Bisley Village Hall

8.00pm

Tuesday 8th September

Doors Open 7:30pm for Tea, Coffee and Wine



Resilience to Weather Extremes - Flooding

With all the exceptionally dry sunny weather we've been experiencing this summer, it seems a little bizarre to talk about flooding, but already the Met Office are darkly forecasting possible extreme Autumn storms, stoked by an unprecedented El Nino effect. Indeed, the trend over recent years suggests extremes in weather patterns are here to stay. So, with this in mind, action is being taken within Gloucestershire.

A Flood Warden Scheme, linked to the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council, (GRCC), is being developed in the county with the aim of improving community resilience and preparedness in the face of the increasing risks from extreme weather flooding events. At present there are three main districts within the scheme, viz. Tewkesbury, Stroud, and Cotswold, with Cranham falling within the Stroud district. The overall scheme is run by Lucy Eccles, Community Resilience Officer (GRCC), but the districts are comprised of Volunteer Wardens within the districts, who liaise with their local Parish Councils. I am currently down as a volunteer warden for Cranham, (selected as I live on the Painswick Stream!), but there is no limit in numbers should anyone else wish to join as a volunteer to the scheme. The basic role is :

- ◆ To communicate between the community and authoritative bodies
- ◆ To raise awareness of flooding issues and promote self-help
- ◆ To contribute to Parish Council's Community Emergency Plans
- ◆ To help identify flood hotspots
- ◆ To log events and actions taken during a flood

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- ◆ To report flood events to relevant authorities
- ◆ To monitor local watercourses and give feedback on any clearance work.

Cranham is more fortunate than many areas with regard to flooding issues, especially those low-lying areas adjacent to significant watercourses. Nonetheless problems can arise, particularly when extreme rainfall produces flash flooding. At the moment the ground is absolutely rock hard and any heavy rain is liable to run off at speed with potential to overwhelm drainage channels and watercourses, and flooding can occur anywhere.

Needless to say, I have a mass of documentation on the subject. There are various agencies and services out there, looking to help and assist in prevention, resilience and emergencies where flooding issues arise. If anyone would like any further information, or have any ideas, queries or suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

Dave Charman

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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)
Post Office	Tuesdays 10.30am - 12noon - V Hall
Rachel's Pop Up Café	Tuesdays 09.30am - 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)
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)
Parent and Toddler Garden Club	Fridays 10:30 - 12noon - V Hall (Contact tbc) Brimpsfield, Phone Francis Ellery 01452 862412 for further info

WELCOME!

No new people in the village this month!

However, If we have missed anyone, please accept our apologies and make yourself known and we will include you next time.





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

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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.

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

WEDNESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2026

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on **Sunday 27th September** or thereabouts.

The date will be confirmed to the distributors by email.

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CRANHAM DIARY



SEPTEMBER 2026

1	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
		Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.00pm
3	Thurs	Ramble	Car Park	9.45am
4 - 7		Cranham Flower Show	Church	See p21 for details
4	Fri	Feast Kick-Off	Cricket Club	6.00pm onwards
5	Sat	Feast Day	Cricket Club	1.00pm onwards
		Garden Society Show	B'field V.Hall	2.30pm onwards
6	Sun	Benefice Communion	Harescombe	11.00am
		Feast Service	Church	3.00pm
8	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
		Flicks in the Sticks	Bisley V.Hall	7.30 for 8.00pm
9	Wed	Painswick Gardening Club	Town Hall	7.30pm
11	Fri	The Friday Café	Village Hall	9.00am - 12noon
13	Sun	Holy Communion	Church	11.00am
		Beacon Family Event	St. Mary's	11.00am - 2.00pm
14	Mon	Village Lunch	Village Hall	12.15 for 12.30pm
15	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
16	Wed	** Magazine Articles Due **		
20	Sun	Evensong	Church	6.30pm
21	Mon	Morning Prayer & Coffee	Church	9.00am
22	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
25	Fri	MacMillan Coffee Morning	Village Hall	10.00am - 12.30pm
27	Sun	Morning Worship	Church	11.00am
29	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
30	Wed	Book Launch Event	Church	7.30pm

OCTOBER 2026

1	Thurs	Ramble	Car Park	9.45am
		CLHS Meeting	Village Hall	7.45pm