

CRANHAM VILLAGE MAGAZINE

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A Letter from The Clergy



As the nights get darker and the weather cooler, this month your church is focussed very much on community and bringing people together. As well as all of our usual services, on Tuesday 13th October, 4.30 - 6.00pm, families from across the benefice are invited to come to our next Sherlock Supper over in Painswick (see page 7), and then on Wednesday 14th October from 2.00 - 3.00pm, we are inviting grandparents to join us for an afternoon of tea, cake and prayer in the Church Rooms in Painswick (see page 15).

On Sunday 25th October we are teaming up with the Scouts and holding a harvest service at 11am followed by a hot lunch in the village hall that all the family is welcome to come to.

And, finally we are gathering a team together to bring the Bible to life with dramatised bible stories for the children in our village schools. Some people in our village will be familiar with 'Open the Book' having experienced it themselves as a child – or perhaps you were roped in a number of years ago, as I was. It was so much fun, and a great way to help your local school, get to know different people from around the village as well as to find out a bit more about what's in the Bible yourself as you 'Open the Book' to others. If there are any budding actors, prop-makers or seamstresses... if you have a few hours to spare each month, or if you've been longing to get that tea towel back on your head, you can join the team!

For more information, please get in touch with Vics Soutar at:
familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk

Rev'd Sarah

www.beaconbenefice.org.uk

Worship in Cranham - October 2026

Sunday 4th 11.00am Benefice Communion, Pitchcombe
Kate/Sarah/Louise

6.30pm Evensong
Fr David

Sidesperson Chris Collier
Readers Anthia Glibbery
Chris Collier

Sunday 11th 11.00am Holy Communion
Revd. Sarah

Sidesperson Tom Daltry
Readers Tom Daltry
Helen Daltry

Sunday 18th 6.30pm Evensong
Revd. Kate

Sidesperson Nicole Wotherspoon
Readers Nicole Wotherspoon
Ian Wotherspoon

Monday 19th 9.00am Morning Prayer with coffee
Revd. Kate

Sunday 25th 11.00am Harvest Festival
Revd. Helen & Vics

Sidesperson Sarah Taylor
Readers TBA

Cranham Parish Council website

lots of info including the minutes of meetings

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

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO OUR

All Soul Service



Sunday 1st November
at 3pm

ST MARY'S CHURCH, PAINSWICK

A service of remembrance and hope,
for all who have lost someone.

If you would like the name of a loved one to be read out during
the service or have any questions, please email

beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com.

Flowers, Cleaning & Refreshments in October

Church Flowers

4th & 11th Oct	Di Blandford
18th & 25th Oct	Nicole W Harvest Festival
1st November	Nicole W



Church Cleaning

10th October	Beryl Berry
17th October	Nicky Overs
24th October	Vics Soutar
31st October	Sue Stick
7th November	Sylvia Ardron



Refreshments will be served after the following services:

11th October	11.00am	Communion
25th October	11.00am	Harvest Festival



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.



Fun Crafts Games Stories

Sherlock Supper

Sherlock Investigates:



Can Jesus really heal people?



Tuesday
13th October



4.30-6.00pm



St Mary's
Painswick

Supper menu

- Cottage pie & peas
- Fruit crumble with custard



Children, bring your own
adult with you!

Cash donations on the door

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LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING



VICTORIA SOUTAR

familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk

Black History Month 2026 resources

October is Black History Month, a chance to celebrate the stories, achievements and contributions of Black and Brown people within our communities, our nation and our Church.



This year's theme, "Dig Deeper. Look Closer. Think Bigger.", encourages us to listen, learn and reflect more deeply. It invites us to discover stories that may be unfamiliar, challenge assumptions, and celebrate the rich diversity of God's people.

The Diocese of Gloucester's Racial Justice Action Group (RJAG) is encouraging every parish to get involved. Whether through worship, conversation, creative activities, community events or simply taking time to learn together, every church can play a part.

There are several opportunities to take part across the diocese. Celebration worship takes place at Gloucester Cathedral on 25th October at 6.30pm.

Children and young people are invited to enter a creative competition exploring the stories of inspiring Black and Brown people. Bishop Rachel will present the prizes on 5 November at 6pm at St James' Church, Barton and Tredworth. Winning art and poetry will be exhibited at St Mary De Crypt, Gloucester, from 11th November.

Churches are encouraged to explore racial justice throughout the year, with resources available to support worship, learning and community activities. Funding of up to £1,500 is also available through the West Midlands Racial Justice Initiative for projects tackling racism and exclusion.

The Black History Month website provides a pack of materials for £84.45 with content for schools, workplaces, local authorities, charities, libraries etc. Their 2026 theme is Honouring Our Communities.

Racial Justice Sunday takes place on the second Sunday of February every year. The Church of England provides liturgy that you can use to support your worship and to commit to end racism and acts of discrimination. If your worshipping community didn't use the resources this year, you could use the 2026 liturgy during Black History Month or at another time that suits your context.

Read the full feature and explore all the resources and website links at <https://gloucester.anglican.org/2026/black-history-month-2026-resources/>

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A message from Bishop Rachel for Prisons Week

In Prisons Week (11th-17th Oct) I am particularly giving thanks for our fabulous prison chaplains who share Christ's hope and live out their belief in redemption and transformation.

There has been much in the news about the early release of prisoners due to overflowing prisons, yet if we asked searching questions about why prisons are overcrowded, we would focus on building stronger communities, not more prisons.

As Anglican Bishop for HM Prisons, I can confidently say that the evidence does not support the myth that we will be safer if we lock up more people and for longer. We have the largest prison population in Western Europe, and approximately half of all those leaving custody go on to reoffend within a year of release, yet our expenditure on perpetuating a system which is failing, is vast: approximately £60k per prisoner per year, plus billions of pounds on the social and economic cost of reoffending.

I never condone crime, and perpetrators need to face the consequences, and some people need to be locked up for public safety. Yet, we need to ask what prisons are for and what sort of society we wish to inhabit. Over two thirds of people in prison are there for nonviolent offences, and you don't have to spend long with prisoners to realise that poverty, deprivation and trauma feature highly in their stories.

In Judeo-Christian tradition, justice is not synonymous with vengeance and punishment but challengingly resides alongside mercy, love and restoration.

We know that good community alternatives to prison result in more transformation and reduction in reoffending, so we need yet more imaginative alternatives as well as focusing on the underlying issues of offending. This will be better not only for perpetrators but also for victims of crime (and many people are both).

Please join me in praying for those whose lives are impacted by crime; all who work within the criminal justice system; and all who work for change.

Events and training

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

Bowie by candlelight concert, Gloucester Cathedral, Friday 2nd October, 7pm and 9pm showings A night of David Bowie anthems, including *Let's Dance*, *Starman*, *Life on Mars* and *Rebel Rebel*, performed live by candlelight by *David Live*. www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/bowie-by-candlelight-concert

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The Apple Snatchers Live, St Catharine's Church, London Road, Gloucester, GL2 0RR, Saturday 10th October, 8pm to 10pm. An evening of live folk music, storytelling and food in support of GARAS, featuring Gloucester-based folk band The Apple Snatchers. www.eventbrite.com/e/the-apple-snatchers-live-tickets-1995496706366

Harvest festival, St Laurence Barnwood, 32 Church Lane, Gloucester, GL4 3JB, Sunday 11th October, 12.30pm Harvest festival, followed by lunch. www.stlawrencebarnwood.uk.eu.org/whats-on_1/events

Wildlife gardening evening with Chris Baines, St Philip and St James, Leckhampton, Cheltenham, GL50 2DD, Wednesday 14th October, 7pm to 9.30pm. A talk by Chris Baines, wildlife gardening pioneer, TV broadcaster and author of the RHS Companion to Wildlife Gardening. www.pipandjims.churchsuite.com/events/jo3oahek

Have your say

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Halloween Fact - Origins in Celtic Tradition

Halloween traces back over 2,000 years to the Celtic festival of Samhain, celebrated in what is now Ireland, the United Kingdom, and northern France. Samhain marked the end of the harvest and the beginning of winter, a time associated with death. Celts believed that on the night of October 31st, the boundary between the living and the dead blurred, allowing spirits to return to earth. To ward off these spirits, people lit bonfires, wore costumes made of animal heads and skins, and performed rituals to predict the future



Collecting cash
and food for
Stroud District
Foodbank
during the service

ST JOHN'S SHEEPSCOMBE
INVITE YOU TO A

Harvest Celebration

AT 5.30PM ON SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER

*followed by a 'pay as you can'
harvest supper in the village hall*

Joining us for supper?
Please email Karen by the 4th of
October to book your place.
kriding07@yahoo.co.uk



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

Cranham Common News

Well, we survived the drought and had no wildfires, which has to be a positive! The return of some rain was very welcome and the common has turned green again.

I would like to share this post from Facebook from someone who grew up in the village, now moved away. It is lovely to have an objective review like this.

I've only recently joined Friends of Cranham. One reason I wanted to join was to say how fantastic the common was looking this year. I've known and loved Cranham Common for over 50 years and I can honestly say that at the end of June it was the best I've ever seen it in terms of the wild flowers and butterflies. it looked spectacular, carpeted in knapweed, yellow rattle and bird foots trefoil, not to mention the orchids etc. And because of this there were clouds of butterflies, marbled whites, ringlets, small skippers and blues in particular. To my eyes it looked like a natural, beautiful, balanced ecosystem. So often, open grassland is just that, grass with few if any wildflowers. What a privilege to live to live somewhere with flourishing wildlife on your doorstep at a time when biodiversity in so many parts of the country is in such steep decline. so, congratulations to those responsible for managing the common. You're doing a fantastic job!!!!

We have been enjoying watching the cows and goats grazing the common. The cows this year seem to have enjoyed blocking the road rather too often, but I rather like slowing down to admire and crawl past them. The cows will be here until around the end of January.

The goats have been steadily pushing back the scrub on Knowle Bank, and the cricket club triangle. They are doing an excellent job, and we can really see how valuable they are as members of the common maintenance team, but it is clear that more goats are needed to make a significant difference to the whole common. We are considering options and will be working on it over the winter.

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It's autumn now and planning for our **Winter Workparties** is in full swing.

PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO SUPPORT THESE, we really need more volunteers than we have had in the last 2 years. There is a lot to do, and every pair of hands makes a difference.

Whether you think the common looks a scrubby mess, or love its diversity, it doesn't matter. You can still do your bit to make a difference.

Workparty Dates, all 9.30am - 12.30pm

- ⇒ Saturday 14th November
- ⇒ Sunday 6th December
- ⇒ Saturday 23rd January
- ⇒ Sunday 28th February

Details will be announced in the week before each workparty via Facebook, Village email and the Common Helpers WhatsApp group.

If you are not already in the WhatsApp group and would like to be included, please contact Liz Hayden 07974 386341, or email chair.ccmc@gmail.com . WhatsApp enables rapid communication, which has proved essential for last minute changes such as inclement weather.

Liz Hayden
chair.ccmc@gmail.com



GRANDPARENTING FOR FAITH

Grandparents, join us for tea, cake and prayer

Wednesday 14th October

2.00–3.00pm

St Mary's Church Rooms, Painswick

Bring along a photo of your grandchildren and join us for a relaxed hour of sharing, encouragement and prayer as we explore the joy of grandparenting and faith.



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For more information, contact Vics:
familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk

Painswick Community Library

Librosaurus Reading Challenge Summer 2026

Thanks to all the children who took part in our Librosaurus Reading Challenge this summer 32 children completed the challenge submitting a poem, picture or story. The standard was extremely high which made judging very difficult.



So many five-year-olds took part that we made it a separate category. All the winners have now been contacted and their artwork is on display in the stairwell.

Congratulations to all the winners, they each won a £10 book token.

Here's to next year everyone.

Our summer activities were superb and thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. Apologies to those children who had signed up for the final Lego Spike session as this had to be cancelled. We are hoping to run this again during Autumn ½ term.

Halloween Wednesday 28th October 4.30pm - 5.00pm Spooky stories and songs all ages.

Come dressed up and wear your witches and wizards hats and outfits prize for the best nose!



Lego Builders Club

This continues every Monday from 3.30pm - 4.30pm however if children wish to play with the Lego at any other time please ask the Volunteer on the desk to get it out and they will be happy to do so.

Gill Hopkins

Trustee and Volunteer Painswick Community Library

HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY

— ♥ —
SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER
11AM

PITCHCOMBE CHURCH

Guest Speaker
Louise Mackenzie
from Gloucester City Mission

♥ DONATIONS OF: ♥



New medium size,
men's boxers



Trainers in good condition



Coffee



Sugar



Cup soups



Wrapped sweets



Baked beans



Tuna



Long life milk

YOUR KINDNESS
CAN BRING
HOPE



Film Presentation

People's Emergency Briefing 18th October 2026, 16:00 - 18:00, Cranham Village Hall



The UK faces a growing climate and nature emergency. Yet most people have never been fully briefed on what it means for our lives, our economy and our future. The National Emergency Briefing was a high-profile public information initiative where leading scientists and experts presented the severe, interconnected risks of the climate and nature crisis to over 1,200 politicians, business leaders, and public figures. Chaired by Professor Mike Berners-Lee and opened by Chris Packham, the live event aimed to reset the national conversation and urge the government to commission an official, prime-time televised emergency broadcast for the wider public. Now presented as a short, thought-provoking film, please join us for a viewing followed by an informal discussion of the issues raised. Tea, coffee and cakes available for a small donation.

The event is free to attend, and it is recommended that attendees are aged 16+.

Tickets can be reserved at: www.tickettailor.comevents/cranhamvillagehall/2397579

or by email at:

cranhamvillagehallevents@yahoo.com

Alternatively, contact the organiser Andrea Patient
at 07913 879671.

CRANHAM TABLE TENNIS CLUB

New Season

How would like some great winter exercise?

Come and join our table tennis evening -
Wednesdays at 7.30pm to 9.00pm.
Cost is £3 per session.



Table tennis is lively and really gets you moving around. Its great exercise - quite surprising how vigorous it is!

We like to constantly vary partners giving you a real chance of playing with everyone else. And we welcome everyone of all ages, whatever your table tennis experience. Our formats can involve playing singles, doubles and we have even devised a format that allows 3 people to play on the same table.

And we like to help people with their table tennis skills. So come and give it a go. We have some spare bats but obviously it's great if you have your own - and they are really not expensive.

Clive Hayden

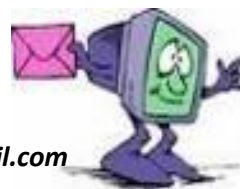
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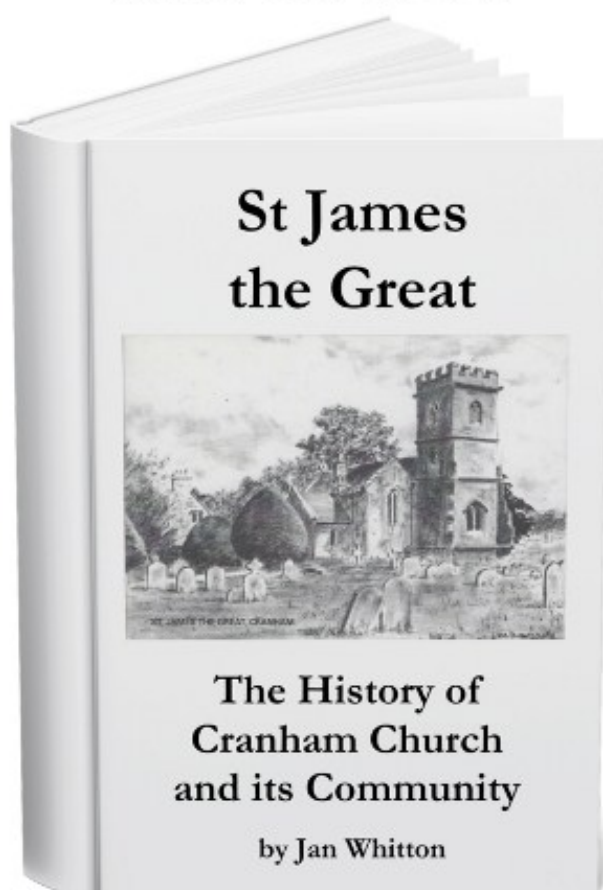
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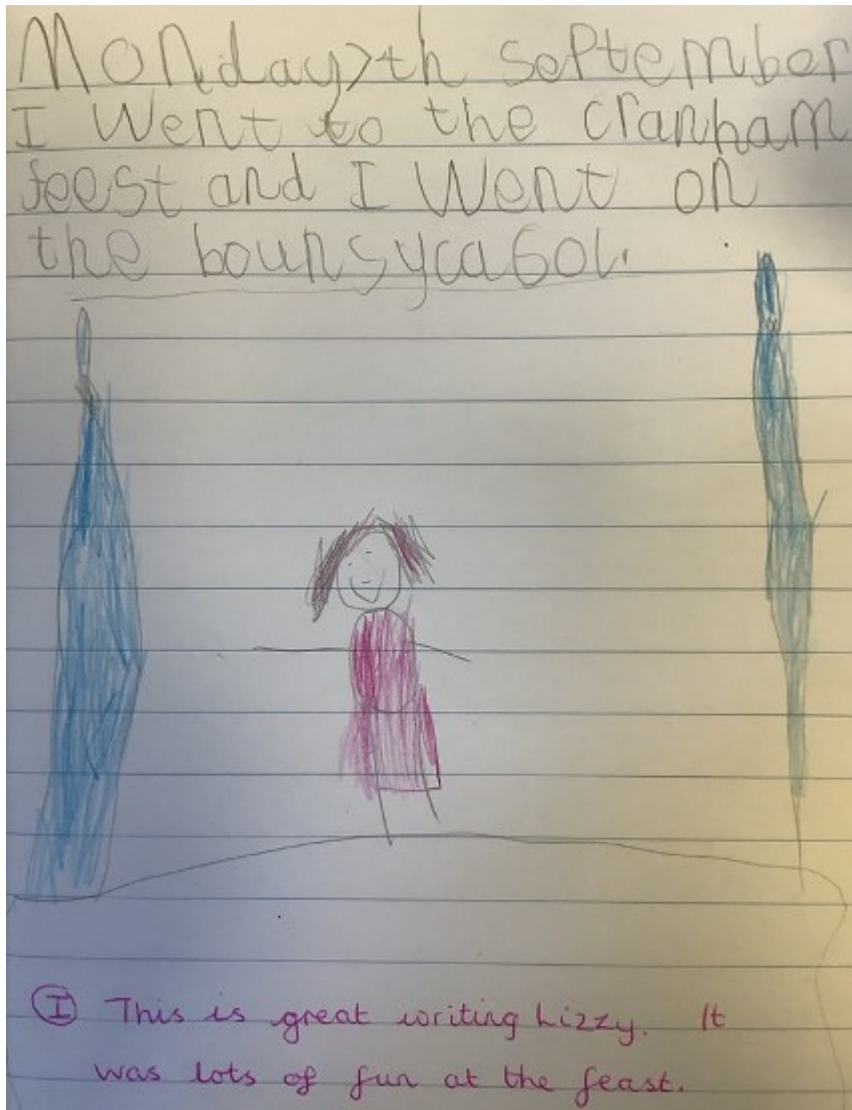
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Cranham School

You won't believe it but in the summer holidays I bought a pet squid and, when it was sleeping I boiled him alive, and ate him whole and ~~that~~ ^{there} was an extra eye-ball on the back of my head! A star that I jumped inside the TV and came out with a crabby patty! I said "It tastes disgusting, what a waste of time!" Then I flew into space on a giant pigeon and then the pigeon blew up and I fell to my death, but luckily I fell in the sea, oops wate not lucky! ahhh it is freezing cold. Then I swam on a shark back to shore "Ah finally land. ooh look an ice-cream truck, at least I still have 70p in my pocket. what no, it must have come out of my pocket in the sea!" And so I swam willingly to find my 70p. Finally I found it. It was 1 million miles out to sea. "aww man, there was no point in doing that!" Then I finally swam all the way home. ¶

Austin - Year 4

Cranham School



Lizzy - Year 1

Cranham School



Dear Diary,

Yesterday was the day I evacuated. It was smoky and dull at the station and I was tearful when I said my goodbyes to my mum. Luckily I wasn't alone, I was with my sister and crowds of people. Although I was nervous, I had a sudden burst of excitement. It was a new adventure. We went past houses, fields, small villages. We came to a halt. My heart was pounding. It was going to be great!

I was wrong. It was terrible. First when they opened the carriage door I sprinted out when someone called my name. I ran then burst into a huddle. They pushed me off and clamped me by the arm and dragged me away. It was a woman who took me away from my [Erm...]. I was this going too great after all I thought. We suddenly came to a stop. She opened the door to a horrible house. None like a house with rats chattering on it. It was even worse than my old house. It was only one room.

Sylvia - Year 5

BIG SPACE CANCER APPEAL UPDATE



I have received the following message from the Big Space Cancer Appeal organisers. Over the course of two years our small band of fundraisers put on various events in Cranham – a speakeasy, a race night, a family fun day, murder mystery Christmas party, etc – and raised over £10,000. I'd like to thank all the Bluebelles for their commitment, hard work, creative talents and generosity. They were amazing. We also had a lot of help from many other people so a big thank you to everyone who supported us.

Good news! Cheltenham Borough Council has approved planning permission for our new state-of-the-art cancer care centre.

Thank you to the Cranham Bluebelles and all the Cranham village supporters of The Big Space Cancer Appeal - your fundraising and kindness has helped us reach this significant milestone.

Thanks to you, we have raised £9.8m towards the £12m estimated cost for the new build.

If you would like to contribute to the appeal, please see the following link: <https://cheltenhamgloucesterhospitalscharity.beaconforms.com/form/1dc5e6ec>

The Bluebelles in alphabetical order –

Lyn Barker

Linda de Cossart

Marcia Lynall

Rachel Monro

and honorary Bluebelles Mark Saunders and Miles Bailey

Thank you everyone
Jean Skinner

Cranham Tennis Club - 2026 highlights



It has been a fun and active season at our village tennis club.

Membership continues to increase; with now 79 adult and 34 junior members, including new members from nearby villages.

Social tennis sessions have run successfully on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and Saturday mornings.

Junior coaching 4-day courses in May and August with Charlie Ferrett have been fully subscribed for children aged 5 – 12.

Many of our adult members, both beginners and more advanced, have joined in coaching sessions with Alice Howitt working on skill and tactics.

10 couples entered the Club Doubles tournament, played during June and July. Lizzie Pelly and Helen Sammon won the final in a close 3 set match against Bart and Sophie Brinkman – with a great turnout of spectators, and tea and cake!

This year, for the first time for many years, we have held a Singles knock out tournament, with 16 entries. The final will be played at the end of September.

And Crambledon raised a wonderful £1,100 for Sue Ryder Hospice.

The court remains in good condition, with a new net. We are looking to repair some of the fencing. Thanks to a generous donor we have a lovely new bench outside the court, and the shed remains standing!

Thank you to our committee (Malcolm, Roger, Helen, Andrea, Jenny, Fran, Jemma and Lizzie) and to all our enthusiastic members!

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All Club Members are invited to the End of Season celebration at the Black Horse on 21st October, 7.30 – 9.00pm ish. Please see email and messages for more information.

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New members are always welcome – tennis will continue through the Autumn and Winter.

Contact: Helen Sammon, secretary : cranhamtennisclub@gmail.com

The Bisley Flicks in the Sticks Presents:

Devil Wears Prada 2

at Bisley Village Hall at
8.00pm on Tuesday 13th October

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



Cranham Village Lunch

Monday 12th October

12.15 for 12.30pm

in the Scout HQ



Booking would be helpful if you did not attend the
September lunch.

Menu for October will be:

Fruit Juice

Choice of Savoury Mince or Chilli with Rice

Baguette and Peas

Followed by Lemon Meringue Pie or Stewed Fruit

Tea/coffee

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

Brimpsfield & Mid-Cotswold Garden Society



Despite the hot and dry summer, the Society's members came up with a fine display of exhibits for our Annual Show; the number of entries may have been slightly down on some previous years, but the quality remained undiminished. We were particularly pleased to see so many children's exhibits. A big 'well done' to all who took part, and especially to the prize winners!



Our first autumn coffee morning and talk will be on Saturday 3rd October, when Kevin Alviti will speak on Unusual Fruit and Vegetables; we meet as usual in Brimpsfield Village Hall, with coffee and cake available from 10.30am and the talk starting at 11.00am. Everyone is welcome, and there is no charge; we hope to see you there!

The rain has brought some respite for our gardens, but I know I won't be the only gardener thinking about how to cope with future droughts. One of the best ways to deal with this, apart from saving and storing rainwater, is to mulch the ground heavily with organic matter, both to stop water from evaporating and to help the soil hold on to water in the first place. The cheapest, and most eco-friendly, way of doing this is to use compost from your own garden. Many gardeners regard composting just as a way of disposing of unwanted garden and kitchen waste, which of course it is, but think of it as actively creating soil improver, something to help your garden and the planet. A healthy soil retains water, and if minimally disturbed it also stores carbon. If you don't already have a compost bin, this is a good time of year to start, while there is a lot of compostable material in the garden – annual plants are being pulled up and perennial ones cut back, and all that plant matter can feed your compost bin and your soil!

Q: I finished school in the summer and since then I've applied for countless jobs, but I'm not having any luck - most companies don't even bother getting back to me. It's really getting me down - what can I do to be more successful?



Navigating your first steps into work can be daunting. If you're struggling to find a job, you're not alone - many young people are facing a difficult labour market, but there are practical steps you can take to improve your chances.

First, **tailor every application**. Research the role and employer, then adapt your CV and cover letter or application form so they clearly show why you're a good fit. Employers will usually want to see that you understand what they do and why you want to work for them specifically, so link your skills and interests to their values and the job requirements.

Be **cautious about using AI**. It can help you plan or check wording, but don't rely on it to write your application for you. Employers can usually tell when you've used AI, and some may use AI detection tools when screening your application. It's always best to use your own words.

If you're worried about your limited experience, **consider volunteering**. It can build useful skills, give you workplace examples for interviews and help your CV stand out. Volunteering with Citizens Advice, for example, can offer office and customer service experience. You can find opportunities in your area on our website.

If money is tight while you look for work, **check what support you can get**. You may be eligible for Universal Credit, and some people can get 'new style' Jobseeker's Allowance for up to six months. Check what benefits you can get on the Citizens Advice website.

Finally, **look after your wellbeing**. Job hunting can be draining, especially when you face rejections or no replies. Try to keep a routine, take breaks and talk to someone you trust. If you need extra support, you can contact Student Minds, YoungMinds or Mind. You don't have to deal with it alone.

Citizens Advice helps with a range of issues. For information and self-help guidance, visit citizensadvice.org.uk.

To speak to a local adviser in the Stroud and Cotswold Districts, visit citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk to complete our **webform** or call us on **0808 800 0510**

www.cotsnatsfield.club



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

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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)
Rachel's Pop Up Café	Tuesdays 9.30am - 2.00pm - 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)
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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CRANHAM DIARY



OCTOBER 2026

1	Thurs	Ramble	Car Park	9.45am
		CLHS Meeting	Village Hall	7.45pm
3	Sat	Garden Society Meeting	B'field V.Hall	10.30 for 11.00am
4	Sun	Benefice Communion	Pitchcombe	11.00am
		Evensong	Church	6.30pm
6	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
7	Wed	First CNFC Talk	Painswick	2.30pm
11	Sun	Holy Communion	Church	11.00am
12	Mon	Village Lunch	Scout HQ	12.15 for 12.30pm
13	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		
		Sherlock Supper	St. Mary's	4.30 - 6.00pm
		Flicks in the Sticks	Bisley V.Hall	7.30 for 8.00pm
14	Wed	** Magazine Articles Due **		
		Grandparenting for Faith	Church Rms	2.00 - 3.00pm
18	Sun	People's Emergency Briefing	Village Hall	4.00 - 6.00pm
		Evensong	Church	6.30pm
19	Mon	Morning Prayer & Coffee	Church	9.00am
20	Tues	Recycling/Food Waste		
21	Wed	Tennis Members End of Season	Black Horse	7.30 - 9.00pm
25	Sun	Morning Worship	Church	11.00am
27	Tues	Rubbish/Food Waste		

NOVEMBER 2026

1	Sun	All Souls Service	St. Mary's	3.00pm
5	Thurs	Ramble	Car Park	9.45am
14	Sat	Winter Workparty	Common	9.30am - 12.30pm

