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BRIAN CHESTER

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the sudden death of well-known local man Brian Chester of Great Cransley. Active to the end, Brian passed away on Thursday morning whilst clearing some vegetation in Holly Lane with his brother Malcolm, a few days before his 80th birthday.

Brian was born to a large family in Broughton, and had worked all his life in the Kettering area. The great loves and enjoyment of his life were the countryside, gardening, chickens, cutting up timber, good home-produced food and the odd pint of beer.

An intensely independent and practical man, Brian moved to Cransley 10 years ago, and was to be seen very early, every morning, travelling along Church Lane to feed his chickens, usually with his brother Malcolm with whom there was always a long list of projects to be completed.

We offer our sincere condolences to Brian's family and loved ones. He will be sadly missed by us all. Richard Barnwell, Chairman of The Parish Council.

GREAT CRANSLEY VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

Following the Prime Minister's announcements on Monday 19th July, we are pleased to report that the Village Hall Committee have met for a face to face meeting, and have resolved that the Great Cransley Village Memorial Hall is now fully open for business and available for bookings.

We appeal to all persons booking the Hall to act sensibly and to take into account the current situation with the Covid virus. Although most of the national restrictions have now been lifted, we would urge Hall users to act responsibly and with due consideration to each other.

We hope and pray that there will be no return to a national lockdown, but if this should happen, we will return any deposit monies, and any bookings will have to be cancelled - subject to the Government advice at the time.

This has been a very difficult time for us all, and I am grateful to everyone, both on the committee and other supporters in the Village, for all the work in maintaining the Village Hall during the long months of closure.

From Richard Barnwell, Chairman of The Village Hall Committee

ANDY'S CAFÉ RETURNS

Covid restrictions have been lifted and the "Andrews Sisters" are reopening Andy's café on August 21st. It will run on the third Saturday of the month, 10 am to 11 am, in the Village Hall.

Although sponsored by St Andrew's (hence the name Andy's Café), it is not a religious meeting. It is purely social. It is a chance for everyone to meet anyone who has a spare hour to come and chat with fellow villagers. It is a chance to get out of the house.

We have drinks - tea, coffee, and squash. We have food, usually bacon rolls. Often there is cake and biscuits. There is no charge.

Since March 2020 there have been some changes to the population of Cransley and surrounding area, hence this explanation of what Andy's Café is about. Usually, the Cransley Chronicle simply lists the date of the next Andy's Café. Now you know what Andy's Café is, and that you are invited.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Northamptonshire Libraries are encouraging children to keep reading this summer through their summer reading challenge - this year's theme is Wild World Heroes!

The Reading Challenge provides free access to books and activities. Books can be borrowed from your local library, or you can apply to be a virtual library member online and access eBooks and eAudiobooks from home.

For those people interested in this, you will find information on two posters on the notice board at the Village Hall. For children this is called "Summer Reading Challenge" and runs until September when the children return to school. For adults it is called "Fully Booked" and will run for 6 months.

Below are some links that can help you get started and give you more information on the scheme.

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/fortheloveofbooks

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

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/library-service/children-and-families/Pages/summer-reading-challenge.aspx>

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthamptonshireSRC>

These are all fantastic resources if you find it difficult to get to the library.

Emma Smyth

BELL RINGING IN ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Permission has been granted for a band of bell-ringers from London to ring on August 14th between 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm. It will be good to listen to them practising some different methods to those of the Cransley Ringers repertoire.

ST ANDREW'S, CRANSLEY

Our Holy Communion services continue at 9.30 am on the third Sunday of each month. Over the next couple of months, our services will be Sunday 15th August and Sunday 19th September.

Although the legal restrictions regarding Covid-19 have come to an end, we continue to have a number of safety measures in place at church to help keep everyone as safe as possible, as described in last month's Cransley Chronicle.

From Nicki and all at St Andrew's

SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Everyone had such a fun time growing their sunflowers last year, we had to do it again this year! Measuring will take place around about same time as last year, roughly the middle of September. BUT! that doesn't mean you can't measure your sunflowers before then. Just remember to take a photo with the measurement and send it to the email on the entry form. As before it's free to enter, so go for it on a number of categories. We'd love to see some artistic entries again this year.

Good Luck! From Jo Mowat

BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Cransley Bell Ringers used to meet on a Tuesday evening to practise. I don't know why it stopped. Ringing is easy - with practise.

We imagined that evening practices were difficult to attend. Rothwell ringers meet on a Wednesday morning; so, we tried to resurrect the band by avoiding an evening meeting. We chose Saturday afternoon instead, and started in February 2019.

It soon became evident that many important occasions are on a Saturday afternoon. We were struggling. Then arrived Covid. Total shutdown.

Now Freedom Day has arrived, so we want to get back to practising. The government wants the bells to be rung for national events and we want to make a pleasant sound of celebration for other events too.

We are going to start practising again on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. Our first session will be on August 3rd. We are adhering to Covid guidelines as set out by the government, and the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

We welcome ringers of all capabilities, and there will be a qualified teacher at some meetings, and experienced ringers at most practices.

Just for clarification, bell ringers don't have to be religious.

For further information feel free to contact David Halfhide on 790135.

THANK YOU NHS

As requested, the Cransley Ringers gathered in St Andrew's to celebrate 73 years of the NHS on July 5th. We had not rung together since the first lockdown began in March 2020. We needed to get the bells into the "start" position around 7 pm, and we thought we had better have a practise to make sure that mistakes were few during the celebration. After a few minutes a neighbour came round to complain about the noise so late at night. We explained that we were requested to ring at 8 pm for the celebration. We did ring at 8 pm but severely curtailed what we had been requested to ring to just a few minutes because the complaint had taken away the enjoyment of the celebration.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - AUGUST 2021

August 3 rd Tuesday	Bell Ringing practice 7 pm
August 12 th Thursday	Parish Council Meeting 7 pm in the Village Hall
August 14 th Saturday	London Bellringers 4.30 - 5.30 pm
August 15 th Sunday	Holy Communion 9.30 am at St Andrew's Church
August 21 st Saturday	Andy's Café - Village Hall 10-11 am

August 2021 Stone Bus Shelter Cleaning, Cllr. D Whalley. All helpers please note that this also involves brushing the War Memorial, dealing with the leaves and checking the Village Hall bus shelter.

For more information on Church matters call 01536 799522 or www.churchesbmc.org

REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN GREAT CRANSLEY

All activities are suspended until further notice.

CRANSLEY CHRONICLE DEADLINE

The absolute final date for inclusion in the next month's Cransley Chronicle is at

5pm on the 24th of each month

(though December is often earlier due to Christmas shut down).

Please email your article, if you can, to Thelma Lacy on the following email:

greatcransleyipc@gmail.com or if you can't, please ring her on 790997.

All articles must have a Title, and Posters must be A5 size, Portrait.

CRANSLEY VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

For information and booking the Village Hall, call Pat Appleby on 01536 790607.

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