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The Chairman and Councillors
of Great Cransley Parish Council
wish everyone a very
Happy Christmas



FROM RICHARD BARNWELL CHAIRMAN OF GT CRANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

I first read this poem 40 years ago and it always made me imagine that it could have been written about the gate into Cransley Wood. Every time I hear it recited I think of the ancient road running past Cransley Wood and the enormous number of people that must have used it over many centuries on foot and horseback.

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

BY ROBERT FROST

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

I hope you all enjoy it.
Richard Barnwell.

LOTTERY NOVEMBER 2017

PRIZE	NAME
1 ST PRIZE	MR KEITH BURTON
2 ND PRIZE	MRS BEVERLEY BARNWELL
3 RD PRIZE	MR DAVID KNIGHT

CHRONICLE DEADLINE THIS MONTH

The Absolute Final Date for inclusion in the January Cransley Chronicle is **4:00 pm** on **Monday 18th December** - this is earlier than usual due to Christmas shut down. In order to avoid a last minute rush, it would be very much appreciated if articles could be submitted as early as possible please, rather than actually on the deadline. You can send in your articles to Thelma Lacy, Parish Clerk, at greatcransleypc@gmail.com. All articles **MUST** have a title.

BUS SHELTER TIDYING

Many thanks to Michael Wilkinson who has been on the list of helpers and before that did the job on his own for many years. He is not able to help any longer and has now resigned from the list of people who do this job. Thanks also to those helpers we already have, The Parish Council is looking for a few more people who would help. This job is not onerous, doesn't take long, and entails keeping the stone bus shelter swept out and the seat clean, and the War Memorial and the bus shelter near the Village Hall tidy for a month. The turn of anyone comes round about every 6 months, but with a few more helpers this could be less often. It is something that makes the village look attractive and welcoming for the many visitors who walk in Great Cransley.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

A wreath was placed on the War Memorial by Councillor Appleby during the Service of Remembrance, held there on 11th November. This was from Great Cransley Parish Council on behalf of all the people in the village

CRANSLEY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR ON SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2017

What a great day we had, the hall looked so festive with the decorations and the stalls crammed with fabulous handmade gifts.

We raised £352.00 for village hall funds.

A big thank you to all the stallholders who put on a fantastic display and to all the volunteers who helped us by serving refreshments and making cakes. Also a massive thank you to everyone who came to support us.

St Andrew's Church, Cransley invites you to an

ANGEL FESTIVAL

Saturday December 9
10.30am to 4.30pm

vote for the best Angel,
buy reindeer food,
enter our colouring competition,
decorate angel biscuits
beautiful organ music with a "Name that Tune" quiz
and lots more fun activities
refreshments

Entry is Free

To enter an angel, contact Jo on 07702 360363
For more information contact Chris on 07840146796



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ST ANDREW'S

As we journey in to advent we have some special Christmas services and events to share with you.

On Saturday December 9 St Andrew's will become home to a host of angels as we celebrate our Angel Festival.

Church will be a twinkling Christmas wonderland, filled with craft and fun activities for the children, festive organ recitals and a name that tune quiz, tombola and raffle, refreshments and more.

Do come along between 10.30 am and 4.30 pm to vote for your favourite angel and share some Christmas joy.

On Tuesday December 12 at 6.30 pm we will gather in The Three Cranes for Carol singing, mulled wine and mince pies. Do come along and sing with us!

Andy's Christmas Cafe with Carols will take place on Saturday December 16 from 10 till 11.30 am at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to enjoy free bacon rolls and tea and coffee and some festive cheer.

Mawsley Church is hosting a Nativity Craft Morning, suitable for children of all ages, at The Centre in Mawsley on Thursday November 21 from 10 am to 12 pm. The event is free and booking is not required.

On Christmas Eve St Andrew's will host a Festival of Lessons and Carols at 6 pm, and on Christmas Day there will be Said Communion at St Andrew's at 8 am, and a Celebration service at The Centre at Mawsley at 10 am.

POPPY APPEAL

Pat Appleby would like to thank the villagers for their generosity when she came round with the poppies and a total of £184.25 was raised.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - DECEMBER 2017

Saturday 9 th Dec	Angel Festival 10.30 am - 4.30 pm in St Andrews Church
Tuesday 12 th Dec	Carols at The Three Cranes, 6.30 pm
Tuesday 12 th Dec	Mobile Library, Village Hall 3.45 pm - 4.10 pm
Saturday 16 th Dec	Andy's Christmas Café 10 am - 11.30 am
Friday 15 th Dec	CVMHC Committee Meeting 7 pm
Sunday 24 th Dec	Festival of Lessons Carols in St Andrews Church at 6 pm
Monday 25 th Dec	Said Communion in St Andrews Church 8am

December 2017 Bus Shelter Cleaning, Kevin Burton. All volunteers please note that this also involves checking the War Memorial and bus shelter outside the Village Hall.

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

NB There will be no Parish Council meeting in December, next meeting January 11th.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN GREAT CRANSLEY

Every Sunday 8.00 am Said Holy Communion in St Andrews Church but not on Christmas Eve

The Cransley Bowls Club Village Hall every Wednesday 2 - 4 pm. If you wish to go bowling, please check with Pat Appleby on 790607.

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides Will not meet in December.

Studio A Patchshe Sewing Group Every Tuesday 10 am - 12.30 pm, and 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm. Also every fortnight on Thursdays 10 am - 1 pm in the Village Hall. For information ring 01536 790699 or go to www.modafabricktreasure.co.uk.

CRANSLEY VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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

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