

CRANSLEY CHRONICLE

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



BELL RINGING AT ST ANDREW, CRANSLEY 11TH NOVEMBER

“You can’t believe everything that you read”; has often been quoted and this article fell foul last month. The “peal” was really a “quarter peal” and “muffled” was really “half muffled”. The experience of sound was wonderful - a bit like hearing a nightingale sing. Memorable and very rare to hum-drum ears. The bells were expertly rung by the Rothwell ringers and sounded like 12 bells because of the muffling. The wind carried the sound throughout Great Cransley, so no one needed to miss this once in a lifetime event commemorating the signing of the Armistice 100 years ago.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Church placed 5 “There but not there figures” in the pews. A poignant reminder of those who gave everything for us to live freely.

The service was well attended and concluded at the war memorial, where non-church attendees joined the congregation to pay their respects and remember the victims and veterans of military conflict. The wreath was laid by Councillor Ablett.

STREET CLEANING BY KETTERING BOROUGH COUNCIL

The usual monthly street cleaning will not be regular until after Christmas. Their priority at the moment is clearing the leaves wherever they are causing the most problems.

THE ANGEL FESTIVAL

In December the villagers of Great Cransley and nearby villages create angels. You can create one too. All the angels are displayed in St Andrew’s Church, Great Cransley. This year, for two half days, the angels can be seen - please see the poster for times. Come along for this community event to support the local talent.

THE THREE CRANES PUB

On Friday 16th November 2018 the keys were handed over to the new owner of the Three Cranes. After decades of successful trading the long-term future of the local pub is now far from clear. The pub is now in the ownership of Mr Barrie Tilley, a property developer from Great Doddington. Already he has made an application to the planning department for a Certificate of Lawfulness and although this has since been withdrawn, the village has been placed on red alert. Consequently, steps have now been taken to safeguard the pub and to ensure that it continues to trade for the benefit of the local community.

At very short notice, a public meeting was held at the village hall on Thursday 15th November. The purpose of the meeting was to gauge the sentiment of the village, and to canvass the village to support an initiative to list the Three Cranes as an **Asset of Community Value**. The turnout and pledges of support from those villagers who couldn't attend the meeting has been exceptional, with over 75% of households within the village supporting the initiative. It was pleasing to see the village come together in such great numbers and to give a clear message that the pub has to remain as the focal point of the local community. Both our local councillor, Jim Hakewill, and the Parish Council, have pledged their support to this campaign.

We had no trouble at all in collecting the 21 signatures required to make the application for an **ACV** to the Kettering Borough Council.

The Application to list the Three Cranes together with the ancillary buildings and structures within the curtilage of the site was submitted on Monday 19th November 2018. We have been informed that the application has been listed onto the register as a pending application prior to the Council reaching its final decision not later than 14th January 2019.

This is terrific news for the local community, and although we have a long way to go to ensure that the pub continues to serve as the focal point of village life, we have taken a giant step forward to reaching that goal.

As most villagers know, we have set up a campaign email account so that we can keep everyone updated with progress. Also, there is a public folder available to registered users, where we intend to store all relevant documents etc. If anyone would like to be included on the group village email circulars, and you haven't yet given us your email address, then please contact us at cransleypubcampaign@gmail.com.

Thank you all for your invaluable support.

Mike Cross

CRANSLEY CHRONICLE DEADLINE

The Absolute Final Date for inclusion in the January Cransley Chronicle is **4:00 pm** on **Sunday 16th December** - this is earlier than usual due to Christmas shut down.

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

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

All articles must have a Title.

CRANSLEY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2018

What a lovely festive day we had at the village hall! The decorations looked great and all the fantastic craft stalls with their Christmas wares were a real picture!

A big thank you to all the helpers who were there to set up, run refreshments and donate cakes and tombola prizes, and not forgetting the stall holders themselves of course, who helped to make it a perfect day.

We raised £321.00 towards village hall funds. This will help towards the upkeep of the hall, which is looking splendid since the redecoration recently.

Cransley Village Hall Management Committee

CRANSLEY VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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

St. Andrews Church Cransley **ANGEL FESTIVAL**



CONTACT DETAILS: Angie on 01536 790742

MESSAGE FROM NEW PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

It is good to be back in the villages of Cransley, Mawsley and Broughton, in my new role as Priest in Charge. As the latest in a long line of clergy serving the village through the ministry of St Andrew's Church, I look forward to getting involved in village life. I have got to know many of you during my time as curate here, and I hope to get to know more of you over the coming months and years - whether it is at one of our Sunday services, a wedding, christening or funeral, our popular Christmas services or a village event. Please do get in touch if there is anything I can help you with, or you would like more information about our services and events or the Christian faith.

God bless you, Revd Nicki Hobbs

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - DECEMBER 2018

Sunday 2 nd Dec	Said Holy Communion, 8.00 am, St Andrew's Church
Saturday 8 th Dec	Angel Festival 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm in St Andrew's Church
Sunday 9 th Dec	Angel Festival 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm followed by a celebration service at 3.00 pm
Saturday 15 th Dec	Andy's café 10.00 am - 11.30 am in the Village Hall
Sunday 16 th Dec	Said Holy Communion 8.00 am, St Andrew's Church
Tuesday 18 th Dec	Carol singing starting at the Church, 7.00 pm
Friday 21 st Dec	CVMHC Committee Meeting 7pm in the Village Hall
Monday 24 th Dec	Lessons and Carols, 6 pm, St Andrew's Church
Tuesday 25 th Dec	Said Holy Communion 9.00 am in St Andrew's Church
Sunday 30 th Dec	Said Holy Communion 8.00 am in St Andrew's Church
December 2018	Stone Bus Shelter Cleaning, Meg Bussey. All volunteers please note that this also involves brushing the War Memorial, dealing with the leaves and checking the bus shelter near 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

REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN GREAT CRANSLEY

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	Each Monday in the Village Hall. No meeting in December.
Moda Fabric Treasure Sewing Group	Stops for Christmas after 11th December. 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.modafabrictreasure.co.uk .

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