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



WAR MEMORIAL

Wreaths and Tributes

Following discussions concerning the maintenance of our Village War Memorial, it has been decided that the Wreath, which is laid on Armistice Day each year, will in future be removed to the Church in early March (4 months later) each year. The Wreath will be placed on the War Memorial in the Church and remain there until we prepare for the next Armistice Day.

At the same time, any other tributes that have been placed by individuals on Armistice Day will also be removed to the Church, or, of course, people can take them back for their own safe keeping.

The reason for this is that as the Wreath gets weathered each year, the inscription becomes illegible, and the norm around the country is to have a time when tributes are removed, so that the impact of laying a new wreath in November is more noticeable.

There is no time-scale recommended by the British Legion, but they do recommend that the War Memorial Managers (The Parish Council) agree a time-scale, and publish it so that everyone is aware of what is happening when Wreaths and Tributes are removed.

At the same time, we will arrange for the Wooden Soldier Figure to be removed and repainted ready for the next Armistice Day. We have a rota of Volunteers who help to keep the area weeded and maintained throughout the year, together with the Bus Shelters, and we would be pleased to welcome any new Volunteers.

If anyone wishes to communicate any views re the above, please telephone me on 07885 431520.

Richard Barnwell
Chairman, Great Cransley Parish Council

LOTTERY NOVEMBER 2020

PRIZE	NAME
1 ST PRIZE	PAT & PETER APPLEBY
2 ND PRIZE	LAUREL & COLIN SPICKETT
3 RD PRIZE	MICHAEL DAWSON

GREAT CRANSLEY VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Reminder of dates:

Drop off of tickets 12th December between 2pm and 3pm at the Village Hall.
Ticket draw 19th December at 1pm.

Top 3 prizes:-

1st - £50 cash

2nd - Christmas Cracker Hamper

3rd - £45 voucher from a local hairdresser

We also have afternoon tea, vouchers, chocolate box, gin and many more prizes.

Thank you to those who have already returned ticket stubs - good luck.

Remember when attending the Village Hall, we would ask you social distance and wear masks.

We will update via social media on the draw. If you are not on social media and wish to know, please contact one of the committee:

Julie on 799860

Mandy on 07933434208

Angela James on 790253

Pat Appleby on 790607

or email the Village Hall cransleyvillagehall@gmail.com

WASHABLE FACEMASKS

Washable facemasks are still available in either Christmas or other fabrics.

The Broughton Co-Op and Rev Nicki Hobbs also have some of our facemasks, if you would like to purchase them, with donations going to Cransley Church and Cransley Village Hall funds

To date we have raised over £1,900. Thank you for your support.

FOUR SPIRES AND MESSENGER

Just a reminder to all that this magazine is now available on the website fourspires.org.uk.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT AND FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, GREAT CRANSLEY

SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Nine Lessons and Carols video will be launched on Facebook and YouTube

SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER

Advent Communion Service at Cransley Church, 9.30am

Christingle Service in the Broughton Churchyard, 4pm

TUESDAY 22ND DECEMBER

Blue Christmas Service in Broughton Church, 7.30pm

A quiet, reflective Christmas Service, including candles lit in memory of loved ones. If you cannot join us but would like a candle lighting, please contact Nicki.

THURSDAY 24TH DECEMBER

Nativity Service on Zoom, 3pm

We can still dress up! We can still sing at home! Contact Nicki for the login details.

HOLY NIGHT SERVICE ON FACEBOOK, MIDNIGHT

Short reflection as we welcome in Christmas Day. You can join us for this even if you're not on Facebook – contact Nicki for the link.

FRIDAY 25TH DECEMBER

Christmas Communion at Cransley Church, 9.30am

For those without internet access, we also have a Dial-a-Sermon phonenumber which will have a new reflection added each weekend. The number is 01536 909797 and costs the same as a call to a landline.

Depending on guidance at the time, our services might have to move online. Please look out for updates on the church notice boards, our website (churchesbmc.org), and our Facebook page ([@cransleymawsleychurch](https://www.facebook.com/cransleymawsleychurch)). Our YouTube Channel is Churches BMC. Alternatively, you can contact Nicki on 01536 799522 or revnicki@familyhobbs.org.uk if you have any questions.

At the end of this challenging year, we would like to wish you a safe, peaceful and joyful Christmas.

From Nicki and all at St Andrew's.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - DECEMBER 2020

Dec 10 th Thursday	Virtual Parish Council meeting 7pm
Dec 12 th Saturday	Village Hall Raffle Tickets to be taken to Village Hall 2-3pm
Dec 20 th Sunday	Advent Holy Communion 9.30am in St Andrew's Church
Dec 19 th Saturday	Village Hall Christmas Raffle to be drawn 1pm at Village Hall
Dec 25 th Friday	Christmas Communion in St Andrew's, Great Cransley 9.30am

December 2020 Stone Bus Shelter Cleaning, Cllr Stuart Abblett. 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 – DECEMBER SPECIAL



Due to the Christmas break, the absolute final deadline for inclusion in January's Cransley Chronicle is at:

4 pm on Thursday 17th December

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 VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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

STREET DOCTOR

For highway advice or to report a fault:

Go online at: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor

Or call: 0300 126 1000.

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