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HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Chairman of Cransley Parish Council, Cllr. Richard Barnwell, all the Councillors and the Clerk wish everyone a happy and healthy year ahead.

The Parish Councillors would also like to thank all those people who support the Parish Council in any way and those who help in the production, formulating, editing, printing and delivering the Cransley Chronicle to every house in the Parish each month throughout the year.

LOTTERY NOVEMBER 2015

PRIZE	NAME
1 ST PRIZE	M ROBERTS
2 ND PRIZE	L GARFIELD
3 RD PRIZE	J ROGERS

YOUR VILLAGE (AND THE PARISH COUNCIL)

There must be a good percentage of the approximately 250 adults on the electoral role who like living in Great Cransley. Those people who do like living here must also appreciate that they live in a generally well maintained and tidy village. There are many residents, all volunteers, who help to make our village what it is today, e.g. those people who serve on the committee which runs the Village Memorial Hall, those who organise and help with the annual litter pick, those on a rota system who keep the bus shelters and War Memorial tidy, those who check the footpaths and report any problems, those who help with and deliver the our village newsletter, "The Cransley Chronicle" each month to every home in the Parish, those who help with St. Andrews Church activities, those who organise the village lottery, those who help with the Poppy appeal, those who do a particular job all through the year and lastly those who serve on the Parish Council.

Apart from those mentioned above and those who have previously given their help, there are quite a number who haven't yet helped to make the village what it is today. Now is your chance to remedy the situation and become involved.

The Parish Council wishes to co-opt another Councillor. The time needed is about 2 hours each month to attend a Parish Council meeting. If you could help in this way, please come to the next Parish Council meeting on January 14th at 7 pm either to offer your services, or just to see what goes on at a meeting.

NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

2015 has been a very successful year for Northamptonshire Police and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire. We have made great strides in delivering my ambition to make Northamptonshire the safest place in England.

For example:

- The number of fulltime, frontline officers protected at 1,220.
- Visited over 100 Parish Councils to engage in 'Parish Walkabouts'.
- The number of Special Police Constables recruited passed the 600 mark.
- Seen a reduction of 50% in most serious violence over my term in office.
- Tackled Child Sexual Exploitation and Online Safety through announcing my Ten-Point Pledge, committing an extra £1 million to tackle CSE and support victims, and consulting with 13,000 young people and parents on the issues around online safety.
- Launched a Rural Action Strategy document to promote safety and well-being in rural communities.
- Worked together with Northamptonshire County Council to lead the way on integrating the police force and the fire and rescue service.

Delivering such an ambitious goal is a challenging, but worthwhile undertaking. Not only are we increasing Police visibility through augmenting the number of Specials recruited to the Force, we are tackling the varying needs of Northamptonshire urban and rural areas, and ensuring that victims of crime are put at the centre of the criminal justice system to help them through the process as seamlessly as possible. All this is being achieved against a backdrop of increasing pressure on our local services and reductions in public spending. I am proud, however that we have been able to deliver so much and that the improvements we have made are now making a real difference to residents across our county.

LOTTERY DECEMBER 2015	
PRIZE	NAME
SPECIAL PRIZE	MRS S CATTELL
1ST PRIZE	MRS J WELLS
2ND PRIZE	MR M CROSS
3RD PRIZE	MRS J HARPER

WHAT GOES ON IN VILLAGE HALLS

Almost every night at Village Halls across the country, the music and chatter of the ladies Keep Fit class can be heard.

Recent National Health surveys have shown that to maintain a regular exercise regime, the exercise must be enjoyable and that the most enjoyable form of exercise voted by women was movement and dance based.

The Keep Fit Association has been the leading provider and National Governing Body for dance and movement based fitness for over six decades, and there are KFA classes suitable for all ages and levels of ability being held in village halls throughout the UK.

GREAT CRANSLEY WAR MEMORIAL

The War Memorial in our Village situated by the Village green was constructed in the early 1920s as a result of the outpouring of grief by a nation whose whole population had been affected by the "Great War" of 1914-1918.

In 1920 the London Cenotaph, designed by Edwin Lutyens, was erected in Whitehall and on the 11th November that year the remains of "An unknown Warrior" were interred at Westminster Abbey. These two acts of remembrance in London gave rise to a demand by most communities around the Country and the Empire as a whole, to erect a memorial in their own Town or Village, to be a focal point for the annual act of remembrance on the anniversary of the Armistice 11 am on 11 Nov 1918.

"The Great War" as it was known then, was considered to have been the "war to end all wars" and it was not until the 1939-1945 war just over 20 years later that the conflicts became known as the First and Second World Wars.

In Great and Little Cransley a small plot of land was given for our Memorial by Captain A.H.Thurburn who lived at Cransley Hall. Captain Thurburn (Later Major Thurburn) had come to Cransley in the first years of the 20th Century and was the last person to own most of the 1900 acres of our Parish and nearly all of the village houses. Captain Thurburn had been the County Recruiting Officer for the Kettering Area and no doubt had encouraged his own staff to join up to set an example.

The Memorial is a 2.5 meter high limestone Latin cross with a small wreath carved on the face of the cross head. On the front of the plinth in raised lettering is IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF THE MEN OF THIS PARISH WHO DIED FOR THEIR COUNTRY 1914-1918. The other three faces carry the names of the 18 men from the Village who died during the conflict. There is also a plaque in Cransley Church reciting the same names.

Following the Second World War another name was added commemorating Vincent Newman who died on D-Day, plus three, near the Pegasus Bridge.

Last year being the 100th Anniversary of the outbreak of War in 1914, your Parish Council decided that we should have the Memorial restored and cleaned. This led to the discovery that there is no registered owner of the Memorial (which is a Listed Structure) and it was resolved that we should seek to register it as an asset of the Village.

This process is ongoing and we have also applied for funding to help with the works. This will include repointing the surrounding wall, replacing the damaged border stones at the front and cleaning the Memorial itself. It is also the Parish Council's intention to install a board explaining the Memorial's significance in the life of our Parish, with a link to our website, which will give full details of those who are Commemorated, with known details of their life and death.

Many of these young men lived (usually with their parents) in homes still in existence in Great Cransley and what was then Little Cransley, but which now forms part of Broughton Parish. Most of them worked on the Estate as Farm Workers or in the Hall Gardens and also in the quarries or the Cransley iron ore furnaces and we will try to remember their short lives on the website. We also wish to include details of all those who served in both conflicts from the Village and who survived.

Any information that anyone has to add to our knowledge will be gratefully received and the good thing about the webpage is that it can be continually updated as new details come to light.

We will keep the Parish informed of developments with this project, but it is our intention to have it all completed as soon as possible, but certainly by 11th November 2018.

Richard Barnwell Esq. D.L., Chairman Great Cransley Parish Council

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - JANUARY 2016

Monday 4 th Jan	Quiz Night at The Three Cranes
Thursday 14 th Jan	Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm in the Village Hall
Friday 15 th Jan	CVMHC Meeting 7.00 pm in the Village Hall
Sunday 10 th Jan	Cransley Mobile Library, Village Hall 4 pm - 4:25 pm
Tuesday 26 th Jan	Street cleaning by Kettering Borough Council

Church activity dates and articles had not been received by the time of going to press.

January 2016 Bus Shelter Cleaning Mrs T Lacy. All volunteers please note that this also involves checking the War Memorial and the bus shelter outside the Village Hall.

The Absolute Final Date for inclusion in the next month's Cransley Chronicle is at **5 pm on the 24th of each month** (though December often earlier in the month due to Christmas shut down). It is very much appreciated if articles could be submitted as early as possible please, rather than right on the deadline if possible, in order to avoid a last minute rush. You can send in your articles to Thelma Lacy, Parish Clerk, at greatcransleyipc@gmail.com.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Please note the mobile library will visit Great Cransley on the second Sunday of each month at the Village Hall from 4 pm to 4:25 pm until further notice.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN GREAT CRANSLEY

Keep Fit	KFA Moves every Tuesday 6.30 - 7.30 pm. For information ring Pat Heed on 01933 674263. Starts again 5 th January.
The Cransley Bowls Club	Village Hall every Wednesday 2 - 4 pm. If you wish to go bowling, please check with Pat Appleby on 790607.
Church Opening	The Church will be open on 2 nd , 4 th and 5 th Saturdays of each month between 10 am and 5 pm.
Rainbows, Brownies, Guides	Starts again 11 th January.
Studio A Patchshe Sewing Group	Every Tuesday and Thursday 10 am - 4 pm. Starts again on 5 th January. For information ring 01536 790699.

CRANSLEY VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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

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