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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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

After a very difficult year, we are all hoping for a great improvement for 2021.

The councillors wish to thank all the people who support the Parish Council in any way all through the year, including those who help with the production, printing and delivering the Cransley Chronicle to every house in the Parish each month.

TRIBUTE TO ROB CHILDS

26th February 1954 – 25th November 2020

Rob was born and grew up in Towcester, the youngest of three brothers. He studied English at the University of Oxford, before returning to Northants as a teacher. One of the schools he taught at was Tresham, where he met Jo. They moved to Loddington Road in Great Cransley. Will and Lucy arrived over the next few years. Rob changed careers, becoming a retinal screener, specialising in patients with diabetes.

Rob spent seven years serving as a very valued Parish Councillor in the village from 2004 to 2011. He was a talented musician, with a love for music of many types, especially jazz. He enjoyed cricket, quizzes, travelling, cooking, socialising and spending time with family and friends – a regular at the bar of the Three Cranes, Thorpe Malsor Social Club and the Hare in Loddington. More recently, his retirement gave him more time to enjoy all these pastimes.

He will be greatly missed by family, friends and neighbours.

GREAT CRANSLEY VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thank you for your support for this event. So far we have had over 500 ticket stubs returned. By the time you see this we would have contacted the winners and you would have received your prizes. We hope to run the event next year again.

We would like to wish everybody a Happy New Year from the Village Hall Committee.

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. Please see previous editions for more detail.

NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

I'm sure we are all hoping for a seriously Happy New Year, and that our Village, our Country, and the whole world will rid itself of the wretched virus in the coming weeks/months.

We also all pray that our politicians will find a way forward to make Brexit a success for the UK going forward.

I do believe when we look back at 2020 we will in fact not have just negative memories, but there have been so many heart-warming stories of neighbours looking after each other, and people helping complete strangers, because we were all in it together. It is a strange feature of our British Character that we seem to need something to unite against, then we find it easier to be able to come together and present a united front.

2021 will see the end of Northamptonshire County Council, formed in 1889, and Kettering Borough Council, which has been in existence since 1938. These two authorities, which had responsibility for our Parish, are being replaced by the North Northants Unitary Authority, and we wait to see which services they will try to pass to Parish Councils. It is likely that there will be many changes made to attempt to balance the books.

2021 will also see the ongoing work of our Parish Neighbourhood plan group, with the hope that the plan, when signed off, will allow us to have some local influence on the future of our Parish.

The Village Hall Committee is intending to finally get the old timber garages removed, and are looking at ways of installing WIFI in the hall for the use of its users.

We also hope that our Church Clock, installed in 1805, will have a repainted and gilded dial during the year, for which there will be a public appeal for funds, as soon as we have consent for the works from the Diocese.

The former Telephone Kiosk in Bridle Way, which holds the Defibrillator, is to be repainted as soon as the weather permits, and the old parish pump site opposite the 3 Cranes has been cleared, and is to be planted up and maintained by 2 Volunteers from Bridle Way.

As always, your Parish Council is open to suggestions from Parish residents of ways of improving the Parish offering, and of course we are always pleased to embrace offers of help.

On behalf of The Parish Council, I thank all our residents for any work they have been doing to support the life of our Village during the Pandemic, and wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Yours sincerely,
Richard Barnwell, Chairman GCPC

WASHABLE FACEMASKS UPDATE

Many thanks for the donations and your support for the facemasks. To date we have raised £2,175.00 for the Great Cransley Church and Village Hall funds.

LOTTERY DECEMBER 2020

PRIZE	NAME
SPECIAL PRIZE	KEVIN BURTON
1 ST PRIZE	SUE CATELL
2 ND PRIZE	MAUREEN ROBERTS
3 RD PRIZE	ANDY LAKER

ST ANDREWS, CRANSLEY

A Happy New Year from all at St Andrew's Church.

The lifting of Lockdown 2 means we can once again hold services in church, and we will continue to have a monthly service in the New Year, as long as we are able to. There will be a service of Holy Communion at 9.30am on the third Sunday of each month. We have a number of Covid measures in place, including hand sanitiser, social distancing and face coverings need to be worn, unless you are exempt.

Dates for the first quarter of 2021: 18th January, 21st February, 21st March

We know that not everyone will be able to join us yet, so we have online, phonenumber and postal resources available to help people pray at home. If you would like to know more about these, please contact Revd Nicki Hobbs on 01536 799522.

HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

The **Garage Sale**, at the end of October raised £200.00, which has been split between the Village Hall and the Church.

A grateful thanks to those who took part. As I said in the November Chronicle, we hope to repeat the exercise in the spring, so get saving all your unwanted items to sell at that time.

Despite the difficult year we are all experiencing, the **Children's Society** boxes brought in the magnificent sum of £298.52, which has been forwarded to the Society. I have had one request for a new box holder, and I have plenty more if you would like to support this very worthwhile charity.

So despite the lockdown restrictions, Cransley has come up with almost £500.00 this year. Well done and a heartfelt thanks to all of you who took part.

Gordon Smart, 790135

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We recently published an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan, which was delivered last month. We would still like to hear your comments. At the two events we had some great feedback, discussions and questions - we still need this from you ...

We need your feedback, any suggestions, questions etc. – anything that is relevant. If you're not sure, ask.

Do you have any questions? Are you able to assist?

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THE THREE CRANES

Great Cransley Parish Council has the legal responsibility of attempting to represent a balanced view on behalf of the residents of our Village on any matter. The future of the Three Cranes is one unresolved issue we have in our Parish at the present time.

The view of your Parish Council is, and always has been, that in an ideal world we would like to see the whole Pub site remain as one, and the Pub re-open.

We are in communication with the current owner of the site and have expressed the foregoing views many times. We have also explained to Mr Tilley that the Parish Council will only comment on official planning applications that come to us through KBC. We are unable to discuss planning matters with any applicant because KBC is the planning authority and we are consultees. At the outset of the Pub issue, as you will all know, an informal Pub Campaign group was set up and held meetings with Mr. Tilley to discuss the way forward, and this forum was the way views from both "sides" were sought. At the present time, GCPC anticipates a further planning application from Mr Tilley ... unless of course he is successful in selling the site as one, or in its two parts.

Let's hope this matter is resolved in the New Year.

Richard Barnwell, Chairman GCPC

FOUR SPIRES AND MESSENGER

This publication has been prepared and distributed for many years. It also had an associated website. A decision was taken to ask the readership whether a hard copy was necessary in today's electronic age. Very few wanted a hard copy delivered.

A year later, Covid prevented the last few copies being created and distributed, and everything went through the website. The analysis of traffic on the website concluded that the charges to the advertisers did not represent value for money for them. Reluctantly, the committee have decided to draw a line under this wonderful venture. It is planned to put a goodbye and thank you message on the website, but hard copies are now a bygone era.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - JANUARY 2021

Thursday Jan 14th

Virtual Parish Council meeting 7pm

Sunday Jan 18th

Holy Communion 9.30am in St Andrew's Church

January 2021

Stone Bus Shelter Cleaning, Clare Nunley. All helpers please note that this also involves brushing the War Memorial, dealing with the leaves and checking the Village Hall bus shelter.

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