

# CRANSLEY CHRONICLE

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## JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Our Platinum Jubilee Celebrations were held in Great Cransley on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, and were attended by over 100 residents and friends.

We were not fortunate with the weather, but the afternoon commenced with the planting of a green Beech in Church Lane (by kind permission of Mr Qureshi), and an evergreen Oak in the Village Hall grounds. Both trees have a Brass Plaque to commemorate the event, and were blessed by our Vicar the Rev. Nicky Hobbs.

The Village Hall was bedecked with bunting, flags and balloons and had a portrait of H.M. Queen as the centrepiece. Committee members had set up crafts in the outside marquee, with children making crowns etc., and there were games and archery too. Afternoon Tea was then served with a selection of locally produced sandwiches and cakes, and people were invited to inspect a small exhibition of photos of Cransley over the last 70 years.

Commemorative Medallions were presented to children under 18, then at 4pm there was the first ever Village Tug of War, with Cransley East taking on Cransley West ... resulting in Cransley West winning! However, it was alleged that Cransley West had cheated, as extra team members had joined during the final tug - so the Umpire declared a draw!

At 4.30 a glass of Pimm's was provided, and a toast proposed to Her Majesty The Queen, after which 3 cheers were raised followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

At 5pm there was a Village Photograph with residents standing on the Village Hall steps, and a surprise presentation was made to Mrs Thelma Lacy who is standing down as Great Cransley Parish Clerk from 1<sup>st</sup> July. This comprised an engraved Glass Vase with a Bouquet of Flowers, and for all her service to the community over the last 28 years, the awarding of an Honorary Freedom Certificate, citing her appointment as the first Honorary Freeman of Great Cransley.

As Chairman of the group organising the event (St Andrew's Church, The Village Hall and The Parish Council), I want to thank all those who worked so hard to arrange and produce the happy afternoon which was enjoyed by all. We were pleased to welcome many kind residents and helpers who supported the proceedings and made it a memorable occasion for us all.

Richard Barnwell  
Chairman Jubilee Committee

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN"

## **JUBILEE RINGING IN JUNE 2022**

A peal to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II was performed on 8<sup>th</sup> June.

The peal was deemed successful, and struck 5040 times in 2 hours and 50 minutes. This was a feat of stamina and concentration. The band complemented the bells, and was impressed with the story of their restoration in 1992 by the villagers and friends of the Parish of Great Cransley.

The band achieved their result by using Treble Dodging Minor (7 Method). 1 extent each Leasowe Delight, Fountains Delight, British Scholar's Pleasure Treble Bob, Carisbrooke Delight, Conisborough Delight, Stamford Surprise, Burnaby Delight.

If this is meaningless to you, then you can appreciate bell ringing takes a moment to learn and a lifetime to master. Practice is held most Tuesdays starting at 7pm. All are welcome, but novices need to confirm that the qualified teacher will be in attendance on the night of their choice. Please send a text message to 07729 893357 to indicate your interest.

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June the local band and friends had their Jubilee ring in the morning, consisting of rounds, call changes and simple methods. This is more fun and sociable than a peal attempt, in my opinion.

Dave Halfhide, Tower Captain

## **GREAT CRANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL CLERK**

As most people in the village will know by now, I am retiring from the position of Clerk to the Parish Council. I will really miss doing this work and getting to know all the people – particularly all the new people coming to live in the village, but it is the right time for me to retire. I would like to thank everyone for the help and co-operation given to me over the years from St. Andrew's Church members, and the Village Hall committee as well as many individuals. My thanks also go to all the Councillors and Chairmen of Great Cransley Parish Council I've worked with in the past, and the present Councillors who gave me the absolutely unexpected 'Freedom of the Parish of Great Cransley' and a beautiful engraved glass vase and flowers at the Jubilee Tea at the Village Hall on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

The new Clerk is Jane Mann who lives in Loddington and is also the Parish Clerk for their Council. Jane will take over in July, and I'm sure she will receive from everyone the friendship and help that has been given to me.

Thelma Lacy

## **LADIES WHO LUNCH!**

The next Bring and Share Lunch at 14 Loddington Road will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 1 - 3pm.

Please contact Hilary direct for more details, and to let her know you are coming, either on 07970 264238 or email [hprocter@gmail.com](mailto:hprocter@gmail.com).

## **GORDON SMART**

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June, villagers joined friends and family members to remember and give thanks for the life of Gordon Smart. Gordon died in September 2021, but Covid restrictions at the time meant that only immediate family were able to gather for his funeral. Gordon's memorial service took place at St Andrew's Church where Gordon had been a worshipping member since the 1980s. Part of his legacy was the significant role he played in the restoration of the bells – a wonderful gift to the village. The family shared a tribute, and we sang a number of Gordon's favourite hymns – including the carol Good King Wenceslas! Memories continued to be shared at the Village Hall over afternoon tea. Gordon was involved in the life of the village in many different ways over the years, and although he is no longer with us, his memory and legacy will live on.

Rev. Nicki Hobbs, Church of St Andrew

## **CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF GORDON SMART**

This beautiful service was held on 19<sup>th</sup> June in the Church of St Andrew in Great Cransley.

Gordon's daughter told the congregation about his family background, and reminded them of the great number of activities he was involved with, many of which he had set up himself. He was always doing things for other people. The Rev. Nicki Hobbs said why each of the hymns had been chosen, mostly because they were Gordon's favourite ones which he sang around the house – including the Christmas carol 'Good King Wenceslas' which he sang any time of the year. The recorded orchestral item was also one of his favourite pieces which he played in his car, from the BBC 'Ladies in Lavender' programme. Most of the people at this service would have learned more about Gordon, his family and friends, and what he spent his time doing for others than they ever knew previously.

After the service everyone was invited to the Village Hall where refreshments were served.

## **ANNUAL VILLAGE FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW**

The return of the annual Village Flower and Produce Show, the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the show, will be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. We hope you will participate in the show, which is open to all age groups. There are many categories to enter, so look out for the schedule in the next Cransley Chronicle.

Classes include: Vegetables, Flowers, Culinary and Crafts, plus children's classes. Auction of produce at 4.30pm. Please come and support the event.

	<b>LOTTERY JUNE 2022</b>
<b>PRIZE</b>	<b>NAME</b>
<b>SPECIAL PRIZE</b>	<b>MICHAEL DAWSON</b>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE</b>	<b>JOHN SIRETT</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE</b>	<b>JANE PRENTICE</b>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE</b>	<b>JULIE AND RICHARD COX</b>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - JULY 2022

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Cransley Praise 10:30am at St Andrew's Church for everyone, refreshments afterwards.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Parish Council Meeting at 7pm in the Village Hall.
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Andy's Café in the Village Hall, 10 - 11:30am.
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Holy Communion 9:30am at St Andrew's Church.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Ladies Who Lunch - see text.
July 2022	Stone Bus Shelter Cleaning, Cllr K Burton. 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](http://www.churchesbmc.org).

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN GREAT CRANSLEY

Bell Ringing Practice in St Andrew's Church 7pm each Tuesday.

## FORTHCOMING DATES:

3<sup>rd</sup> September Flower and Produce Show in the Village Hall – see text.

### CRANSLEY VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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

### CRANSLEY CHRONICLE DEADLINE

The absolute final date for inclusion in the next month's Cransley Chronicle is at

**5pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month**

(though December is often earlier due to Christmas shut down).

Please email your article, if you can, to Jane Mann on the following email:

[greatcransleyipc@gmail.com](mailto:greatcransleyipc@gmail.com) or if you can't, please ring her on

01536 710525 or 07834 639080.

**All articles must have a Title, and Posters must be A5 size, Portrait.**

### STREET DOCTOR

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