

RESCHEDULED – PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE

**COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR
SEMINAR**

The Community Heartbeat Trust will be demonstrating
the use of defibrillators
and explaining how the equipment works
and its benefits to the community in saving precious
minutes
in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest

**This will now be held in Great
Cransley Village Hall on
March 13th at 7pm**

The more people who know how to use the portable
defibrillator installed in our community, the more chance there
is of saving the life of a victim of
Sudden Cardiac Arrest

Everybody is welcome, and no special skills are required, just your
willingness to play an important role in the event of a medical emergency

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 7TH

For anyone who might be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, the following article explains just what the Parish Council does. You can also go to the Parish Council website to see how to become a Councillor.

THE PARISH COUNCIL WHAT DOES THE PARISH COUNCIL DO?

The Parish Council's role is to try to respect the views and aspirations of the community and act on them. It consists of seven Councillors and a clerk, and meets on the second Thursday of each month (apart from December) in the Village Hall. Meetings last between one and a half and two hours. The agenda for each meeting is set out in advance, and is publicized on the Parish Council web site, notice board and the Cransley Chronicle. It can be varied, but often consists of regular items such as correspondence, finance, police matters and planning. All meetings are open to members of the public who may observe the whole meeting, and who may each speak, if they wish, for up to 5 minutes at the start of the meeting, to bring their concerns to the attention of the Parish Council.

Each year there is an Annual Parish Meeting in April or May where reports are given by various societies in the village, and where residents may enter into discussions and ask questions of the Council. Each year there is an Annual Parish Council Meeting in May, when the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council are elected for the year. Elections for Councillors normally take place every 4 years.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council receives emails and written correspondence from central and local government, civic organizations, charities, businesses and private individuals and replies to letters that the Parish Council has sent out. Though often not relevant to a small parish such as Cransley, attention must be given to all correspondence to glean as much as we can of anything which could be of use to the community.

FINANCE

The Parish Council raises its funding through a precept from Kettering Borough Council, which is levied at different rates depending on the band rating of village housing. The precept is set each year from a budget that is approved by the Council. In addition to this, the Parish Council may request the Borough Council for finance from the Capital Community Grant scheme for a particular amount to finance a project for the Parish. The Parish Councillors are of course volunteers and receive no income. The Parish Clerk, however, is an employee of the Parish Council and earns an income related to hours worked.

The precept for the year 2019-2020 produced an income of £6,800 which was used to pay for items such as the Clerk's salary, computer costs, postage, telephone, hiring the village hall for meetings, insurance, training for Councillors and Clerk, internal audits, minor village improvements, and subscriptions to local council associations etc. In 2019-2020 the Council also obtained grants from other sources for the Neighbourhood Plan and the Defibrillator in Bridle Way.

POLICE MATTERS

The Parish Council work with the Neighbourhood Watch and report to the police any areas that they feel need addressing. A common theme expressed is that the rural communities are not well policed - we would like a stronger police presence in the community.

GENERAL MATTERS

Whilst the Parish Council has no direct responsibility for highway matters, it does report any problems to the relevant agency. This includes drains, lighting, footpaths, roads, speeding, overgrown hedges etc.

The Parish Council owns the Village Hall, The War Memorial, the Millennium Sculpture, the phone kiosk which houses the defibrillator, the stone bus shelter and notice boards. It also maintains the Parish Council website and produces the monthly newsletter (The Cransley Chronicle) which is delivered by volunteers to every house in the Parish.

For any further information contact any Councillor or clerk, whose details can be found on the Parish Council notice board or on the website www.greatcransleyparishcouncil.co.uk.

LOTTERY FEBRUARY 2020	
PRIZE	NAME
1ST PRIZE	RICHARD BOSSART
2ND PRIZE	JULIE & RICHARD COX
3RD PRIZE	PETER GREENALL

FOUR SPIRES CHURCH MAGAZINE

The 'Four Spires' will not be delivered to each house in the future. Please find it on the website at www.fourspires.org.uk.

ROAD DRAINS

The drains in Church Lane and near The Three Cranes appear to be working well. There is a problem with Loddington Road near No 23, where apparently there is no outlet from the drain.

VILLAGE LIGHTING

The only lamp now not working is in Church Lane, near Kitchen Gardens, and this needs a new part.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - MARCH 2020

Sunday 8 th March	Tea & Toast and Worship, 10 am in St. Andrew's Church.
Thursday 12 th March	Parish Council Meeting 7 pm in the Village Hall
Friday 13th March	Rescheduled Defibrillator Seminar 7 pm Village Hall
Sunday 15 th March	Said Holy Communion with hymns, 11 am in St Andrew's
Friday 20 th March	Cransley Village Memorial Hall Committee Meeting 7 pm
Saturday 21 st March	Andy's Café 10.00 am - 11.30 am in the Village Hall
Sunday 22 nd March	Spoken Holy Communion 8.00 am in St Andrew's Church
Sunday 29 th March	Holy Communion 5 pm in St Andrew's Church

February 2020 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
NB - No Church Service 1st March in St Andrew's Church

REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN GREAT CRANSLEY

The Cransley Bowls Club	Village Hall every Wednesday 2 - 4 pm. Please phone Pat Appleby to check on this club - 790607.
Brownies and Guides	Each Monday in the Village Hall.
Moda Fabric Treasure Sewing Group	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 .
Chair based Yoga (seated poses)	Each Wednesday 10 - 11 am. Spaces now available, all welcome, no experience necessary. For information email Angela at angelafoolwell@gmail.com or telephone 07981 049389.
Bell Ringing Practice	Most Saturdays 4 pm in the Church. Lessons by appointment. Ring 790135. Website www.ketteringringing.wixsite.com/cransley

CRANSLEY CHRONICLE DEADLINE

The absolute final date for inclusion in the next month's Cransley Chronicle is at 5 pm on the 24th of each month. Please see previous editions for more detail.

CRANSLEY VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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

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