

# CRANSLEY CHRONICLE

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## LOTTERY FEBRUARY 2022

PRIZE	NAME
1 <sup>ST</sup> PRIZE	THELMA LACY
2 <sup>ND</sup> PRIZE	COLIN & LAUREL SPICKETT
3 <sup>RD</sup> PRIZE	BEVERLY BARNWELL

## NEW PARISH CLERK NEEDED

The last time Cransley Parish Council appointed a new Clerk was in 1994, when the Council were fortunate to engage the services of Mrs Thelma Lacy who had recently moved into the Village. 26 years later, Thelma has decided it is time for her to retire, and will do so at the end of this financial year. Past and present members of the Parish Council and residents of Cransley are very grateful for her diligent work over the years.

The Parish Council must therefore employ a new Parish Clerk to take over in April 2022, and we are writing to see if anyone in the Village would like to consider the position.

Parish Clerks now have to be qualified and achieve a Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA). This has time and cost implications, for details see the NALC Website. Qualifications can be achieved whilst acting as Clerk.

The post will be advertised as soon as possible, and interviews will take place at Great Cransley Village Hall.

Great Cransley Parish Council meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday night of each month in the Village Hall, and there are 7 Councillors, elected last May. The Clerk is responsible for producing Minutes, Agendas and carrying out the decisions of the Council. The Clerk is responsible for the finance of the Council, and must keep good accounts as we are dealing with Public Monies. The Clerk is also responsible for the safe keeping of the Council records and archives.

In return the Clerk is paid a monthly salary and receives expenses.

If anyone is interested in this position, and requires further information, please view the Parish Council Website or contact Mrs Thelma Lacy on 790997 or myself, Richard Barnwell, Chairman Great Cransley Parish Council on 07885431520.

## PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENTS

In last month's Cransley Chronicle the Parish Councillors asked for ideas for species of trees that people would like for the two that are proposed for the village. Only two suggestions have been received, which are dogwood and crab apple. More ideas would be very welcome - contact any Councillor or the Clerk. For those new to the village, contacts are on the Website and on the Parish Council notice board.

Discussion is also taking place for a party/gathering in the Village Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> June. This will be organised by the Village Hall Committee, the Parish Council, St Andrew's Church Members and volunteers. It is hoped that many people from the Parish will enjoy the celebration.

## **ST ANDREW'S CHURCH**

Our services this month:

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 7.30pm: Ash Wednesday Communion service, with imposition of ashes.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30am: Holy Communion service.

We continue to have a number of safety measures in place at church to help keep everyone as safe as possible. Along with other indoor settings, we continue to encourage people to wear face masks during our services (unless they are exempt).

Our online, postal and telephone resources will continue. If you would like to be added to our email or postal list, please contact Nicki on 01536 799522 or [revnicki@familyhobbs.org.uk](mailto:revnicki@familyhobbs.org.uk).

From Rev. Nicki Hobbs and all at St Andrew's  
15 Loddington Way, Mawsley, Kettering, NN14 1GE  
01536 799522

## **CRANSLEY FLOWER SHOW SEPTEMBER 3RD**

Now is the time to start thinking about what you could enter in the show. If flowers and vegetables are what you might grow, now is the time to buy seeds and plant at the right time so they are ready for September.

## **TRESHAM BENEFICE FELLOWSHIP- VILLAGE HALL EVENT**

It was good to see Cransley villagers at the meeting in February; Richard Barnwell was so informative we could have listened to him all afternoon. Those who were there will have heard Colin Spickett offering to include villagers in future Fellowship outings via the minibus. It is first come first served, and he can only seat 15. We will welcome anyone who would like to join the Fellowship. It is £5 per annum. Please contact Colin on 01536799390. The next outing will be to Dennington le Heath, visiting a 1620 house and gardens on Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Laura Spickett

## **NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR - MORE MEN WANTED!**

### **Who Are We?**

We're the Northampton Male Voice Choir (NMVC), comprised mainly of men from the county of Northamptonshire.

We have great fun performing in concerts and events around Northampton and the surrounding areas and, in the process, we raise substantial amounts of money each year for both local and national organisations and charities.

### **What Are We Doing?**

We're planning a series of "open evening" rehearsals aimed at recruiting more men to join us. These are currently being planned at locations in the County.

If you're interested, or would like more information, please contact Marc Bentley on 07999 942 390 or [marc.bentley23@gmail.com](mailto:marc.bentley23@gmail.com)

## WALKING IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Time to get walking again!

At this time of the year, we start to think about the mud drying up, and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Northamptonshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/northants> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group, all the information is there in one place.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris (the custodian of the website)

[www.walkinginengland.co.uk](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk)

[john@walkinginengland.co.uk](mailto:john@walkinginengland.co.uk)

### 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 Thelma Lacy on the following email:

[greatcransleyipc@gmail.com](mailto:greatcransleyipc@gmail.com) or if you can't, please ring her on 790997.

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

### STREET DOCTOR

Don't forget to use the Street Doctor on telephone number 0300 126 1000 or [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor) for any problems with Highways.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - MARCH 2022**

March 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	7:30pm service for Ash Wednesday, see text
March 10 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7pm
March 19 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Andy's Café - Village Hall 10 - 11.30am
March 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	9.30am Holy Communion in St Andrew's Church

March 2022                      Stone Bus Shelter Cleaning, Cllr M Bussey. 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 to 8:30pm each Tuesday

Forthcoming Dates:

21 <sup>st</sup> April	Tresham Benefice Fellowship outing, see text
4 <sup>th</sup> June Saturday	Jubilee celebrations in the Village Hall
3rd September	Flower and Produce Show in the Village Hall

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