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1 ST PRIZE	DAVID HALFHIDE
2 ND PRIZE	ANGIE REID
3 RD PRIZE	JANE PRENTICE

GREAT CRANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The next Annual Parish Council meeting will take place virtually on 13th May at 7pm. The Parish Council has received notice that there is an uncontested election for this Parish, as there were seven nominations for the seven Councillors allowed for this Parish. At this meeting the Councillors will elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman for the year.

This meeting will be followed immediately by the monthly Parish Council meeting.

SUNFLOWER COMPETITION 2021

After last year's success the competition is back! It was such great fun, and the feedback from everyone who took part was how much they enjoyed it. As before, a postcard should have popped through your letter box, if not please let us know here cransleyvillagehall@gmail.com and we'll get one to you.

On the card is an envelope with 5 seeds inside and some helpful tips for growing. The categories will be more or less the same as last year: tallest, smallest, best artwork etc., but we'll pop a reminder here in the Chronicle and online nearer the time.

We'd love it if you take photos of your plant's progress and shared them to our facebook page or on the Cransley Website nextdoor.co.uk.

Ready ... Steady ... Grow! Joanna

TOLLING FOR PRINCE PHILIP

On Saturday 17th April 2021, Cransley was asked to toll the church bell as a sign of respect at the time of the funeral of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. The event was advertised on the Gt Cransley website NextDoor.co.uk. The sound of the bells is carried on the wind. Sometimes it can be heard in Gt Cransley. It seems on this day the sound was not heard by many.

Tolling started when the coffin began its journey in the sunshine at Windsor Castle to St George's Chapel. The journey took about 20 minutes. Tolling stopped when the coffin stopped for the minute silence. Tolling speed was at eight strikes per minute and performed by the tower captain.

CHURCHES

When I was younger church goers were called the hatch, match and despatch brigade. Hatch = baptism, match = wedding, despatch = funeral. Later I became aware of the wheel congregation ... wheeled to baptism in a pram, in a carriage for the marriage and in a hearse at the funeral. During the twentieth century people pulled away from the church for reasons too numerous to mention here.

On 4th April, Easter Sunday, the most important day in the Christian calendar, BBC Countryfile showed an article showing the dilemma for rural churches. St Andrew's typifies the program's content. Perhaps you watched it.

Although I personally support St Andrew's, I also support NHCT - Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust. See their website www.nhct.org.uk. Even if you are not a regular church goer, each church has its own unique features and history, not least St Andrew's Cransley, and are well worth preserving. For future generations there will be records of these buildings but can you imagine how much improved the experience becomes when you can have close physical proximity to such old buildings. St Andrew's Cransley was built early 1200 AD making it around 800 years old. It is a privilege to enter such a venerable building.

If you would like to help, with maintenance skills or simply a donation, then contact NHCT as above, or myself, or any other frequent church goer.

Dave 01536 790135

ST ANDREW'S, CRANSLEY

We are very pleased that we are once again able to open the church building for services, with a service of Holy Communion at 9.30am on the third Sunday of each month. Over the next few months, our services will be:

Sunday 16th May - Sunday 20th June - Sunday 18th July

We have a number of Covid safety measures in place, including hand sanitiser, social distancing and face coverings need to be worn, unless you are exempt.

We know that not everyone will be able to join us yet, so our online, postal and telephone resources will continue. The Dial-a-Sermon phonenumber is updated each Sunday and lasts for about 15 minutes. The number is 01536 909797 and costs the same as a call to a landline. Our YouTube Channel is "Churches BMC". If you would like to be added to our email or postal list, please contact Nicki on 01536 799522 or revnicki@familyhobbs.org.uk. We know this is a difficult time for everyone, so if you would like prayer or a listening ear, please get in touch.

We are also taking bookings for weddings and christenings, as well as thanksgiving services for those whose funerals had to take place under to coronavirus restrictions. If you would like to make a booking, please do get in touch.

From Rev. Nicki and all at St Andrew's

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - MAY 2021

May 6 th Thursday	Election Day
May 13 th Thursday	Virtual Annual Parish Council Meeting 7pm Followed immediately by the Parish Council Meeting
May 16 th Sunday	Holy Communion 9.30am at St Andrew's Church
May 2021	Stone Bus Shelter Cleaning, Cllr. 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

REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN GREAT CRANSLEY

All activities are suspended until further notice.

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 24th 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 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

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www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor for any problems with Highways.

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