

**10<sup>th</sup> NOV**  
**10<sup>AM</sup> - 4<sup>PM</sup>**  
**HANDMADE**  
**CRAFT FAIR**  
**CRANSLEY**  
**VILLAGE HALL**  
**GIFTS** *TO MAKE YOUR*  
**CHRISTMAS** *SHOPPING*  
**MAGICAL**  
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: SUE ON 01536 790227

# Help!

Cransley Village Hall committee members are asking for donations of HOMEMADE cakes for our cake stall at Cransley Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

We also need tombola prizes – if you can spare something for this we would be very grateful.

We have lots of different stalls for you to browse, plus the usual refreshments. Come along and see what there is on offer! Buy a unique hand-made gift for your loved ones.



If you are able to help by making a cake or provide a tombola prize, please contact any committee member or ring Sue on 01536 790227. Thank you very much for your support.

## **BELL RINGING AT ST ANDREW, CRANSLEY 11TH NOVEMBER**

The 6 bells at St Andrew Cransley were first cast in 1683 by Bagley's but 2 were reported as cracked as early as 1883. Despite these faults Cransley used to have a lively band of bell ringers. On every Remembrance Day we remember those who gave their lives in war conflict. During World War 1, Horace Sharman and George Holland, both bell ringers of renown in Cransley, both lost their lives in the conflict.

Due to the fund raising efforts of the villagers, during the late 1980's, enough money was raised to have the bells restored by The Whitechapel Bell foundry. Other work was done, often by the villagers themselves, to enhance the ringing experience. The bells were rededicated in January, 1992 and they are now regarded as some of the best ring of six in the county and the easiest to ring.

Bells are highly significant in the culture of the UK. So much so, that the Government has recently issued a National Directive to ring all bells throughout the land at 12:30 pm Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Cransley no longer has a 'resident' band, only some willing learners. Fortunately, neighbouring Rothwell is prepared to step into the breach and ring a muffled peal. If you've never heard muffled bells, then turn off all the usual noise and listen to the bells. The church and tower are built in a hollow and behind trees, so the sound may not carry too well nowadays but walk or drive along Church Lane to hear a once in a lifetime experience. You can then say "I was there".

**24<sup>th</sup> November**

**1<sup>PM</sup> - 3<sup>PM</sup>**

**Cransley Village Hall**

**(Proceeds to: St. Andrews Church Cransley)**

**JUMBLE  
SALE**

**Refreshments will be served**

**Jumble can be dropped off from 10.00 - 11.00am**

**CONTACT DETAILS: Angie on 01536 790742**

## **ANDY'S CAFÉ THANKS**

Andy's Café on the 20<sup>th</sup> October organised talks, soup and roll to help remember the events of the conflicts of war ahead of Remembrance Day on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you Steve Payne and Billy McArthur for retelling first hand experiences of working for the military. Not always pleasant to hear of these events, but necessary sometimes to put a face to the people who were there defending Britain and their role in the conflict.

Soup of 4 different flavours was available in abundance. Thank you to the creators who supplied these gastronomical delights. Also thanks to suppliers of cakes etc. as tea and coffee were also available.

## **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES**

Will all box holders please return their boxes to me by the 17<sup>th</sup> November for counting, either at my home or at Andy's Cafe, held on the 17<sup>th</sup> November. If you are unable to make that date, please let me know and I will arrange a collection. I shall be pleased to give out new boxes to those who would like to join us.

Gordon Smart (01536) 790135, 51 Loddington Road Great Cransley.

## **PARISH COUNCIL NOTICEBOARD**

The new notice board will not be in place for some time but the design and all details have been agreed. The old notice board may be put back for a short time if possible but in the meantime all Parish Council notices will be placed on the notice board near the playground.

<b>LOTTERY OCTOBER 2018</b>	
<b>PRIZE</b>	<b>NAME</b>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE</b>	<b>L BUNTING</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE</b>	<b>T LACY</b>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE</b>	<b>J RODGERS</b>

## **BUS SERVICES**

Since the Northampton County Council stopped the subsidy for the bus service there hasn't been, and will no longer be, any service coming through Great Cransley. The Parish Council was not informed of this.

# 11TH NOVEMBER 1918

## GREAT CRANSLEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

On the Eleventh hour of the Eleventh Day of the Eleventh Month in 1918, the Armistice was signed on the Allied Supreme Commander's private train, which was situated in a siding in the forest of Compiègne. The Allied supreme Commander Marshall Ferdinand Foch and his team actually signed the armistice document at 5 am on the eleventh, but the terms were that "all hostilities would end within 6 hours of the signing" ...hence 11 am.

After four years of fighting and the loss of over 37.5 million people together with 7 million maimed for life, there can have been few places if any, in the UK that had not been directly affected. Overall 57.6% of all combatants became casualties with the appalling record on the Western Front that 3,528,610 were killed and 7,745,900 wounded.

In 1914 the Cransley Estate was owned by Captain Arthur Hugh Thurnburn - a retired army officer who lived at Cransley Hall with his family. Thurnburn owned most of the houses, cottages and the majority of the land in the Parish, about 1860 acres. The estate employed a large number of people working on the land, in the gardens and woodlands. The other big employer in the village then was the Cransley Blast Furnaces (now Cransley Park off the A14) and Quarries for the ironstone ore. Many of these people lived in cottages owned by Thurnburn as well.

At the outbreak of war in 1914 each county of the UK was asked to promote recruitment, and in Northamptonshire this role was given to Captain Thurnburn, who was promoted to Major to give him the seniority the post required. He ran this scheme for the duration of the war. It is recorded that in the first 4 weeks of the war over 750,000 men volunteered in the UK, many of them thinking "it will all be over by Christmas".

We find it hard to imagine now, but at this time Great Britain had an Empire "On which the sun never set"... the map of the world was largely pink, and we commanded the largest and most powerful navy in the world - who could possibly challenge it! We thought we were invincible.

One can only imagine what happened, but I believe as county recruiting officer, Major Thurnburn would have wanted his own estate to set a good example.

Our memorial records the names of 17 men who died during the 14-18 War. It does not record the names of men who fought and returned ... many with terrible physical and mental scars and whose lives would never be the same again. Nor does the memorial record the suffering of mothers, fathers, siblings or wives and children who lost their loved ones in often unknown, unmarked locations, then buried in mass graves.

In 1919 it was soon realised that the public demanded that the great sacrifice must be forever recorded in every community. In Cransley, Major Thurnburn formed a committee

and donated the piece of land on which our Memorial was erected. It was designed by the Kettering Architects, Blackwell and Ridley, and made by the stonemasons W.T. Cox of Kettering. The enclosing wall and pavement were built by A. Claypole, Builder of Broughton. The total cost was £182 9s 1d (£8,000 today). The memorial was unveiled by Major Thurburn on Armistice day 1922.

The Memorial is described as “A 2.5 meter high limestone Latin Cross with small wreath carved on the face of the cross head. On the front of the plinth in raised lettering is ... “IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF THE MEN OF THIS PARISH WHO DIED FOR THEIR COUNTRY 1914-1918”.”

The other three faces record the names of the men who made the ultimate sacrifice:-

Frank Thompson; Horace Sharman; Henry Holland; Oliver Thompson;  
Alfred Warner; George Holland; Frank Smith; Walter Moore;  
Herbert Ludlow; Samuel Robinson; Alec Stevens; Arthur Busby;  
Leonard Carrington; Fred Smith; Bertram Carter; Frank Butler;  
Herbert Pymm.

## **“WE WILL REMEMBER THEM”**

Richard Barnwell, Parish Council Chairman 2018  
(for further information, see the Parish Council website)

## **NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 2018**

A wreath will be laid on the War Memorial by the Parish Council on behalf of all the residents of the parish.

Cllr. Richard Barnwell has sponsored a ‘Silent Soldier’ which can be seen by the side of the War Memorial Cross in Great Cransley. There are many varieties of the ‘Silent Soldier’ commemorating all those people who were killed in the 1914-1918 World War. They can be seen in cities, towns and villages all over the country during November.

## SCAM MAIL

Royal Mail is seeking to inform everyone in the local community about Scam Mail which is illegal and can cause great distress when it is received.

Typically, scam mail involves professional fraudsters sending convincing letters that are designed to trick people out of money and other valuables. Scam Mail can include bogus competitions and fake prize draws. This mail mostly originates from overseas and is hard to detect.

Royal Mail has taken many measures to deal with this and have to date stopped over 4 million suspected pieces of scam mail at their distribution centres before they can be posted through the letter boxes of customers.

If anyone is concerned about having received scam mail please contact Royal Mail by either

- 1) Writing to Royal Mail at FREEPOST SCAM MAIL, enclosing any suspected mail.
- 2) Calling Royal Mail Scam Mail Helpline on 0800 0113466 or
- 3) Emailing [scam.mail@royalmail.com](mailto:scam.mail@royalmail.com)

### **CRANSLEY CHRONICLE DEADLINE**

The absolute final date for inclusion in the next month's Cransley Chronicle is at 5 pm 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.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Said Holy Communion, 8.00 am, St Andrews Church
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parish Council Meeting 7 pm in the Village Hall
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Service, 10.15 am, St Andrews Church continued at the War Memorial Cross at 10.45 am
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	A Quarter Peal will be rung at 12.30 pm in St Andrews Church
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Andy's café 10.00 am - 11.30 am in the Village Hall
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Benefice Holy Communion, 10.30 am, St Andrews Church
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Jumble Sale 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm in the Village Hall, see advert
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Said Holy Communion, 8.00 am St Andrews Church
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Street Cleaning by Kettering Borough Council
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	CVMHC Committee Meeting 7 pm in the Village Hall
November 2018	Stone Bus Shelter Cleaning, Cllr D Whalley. All volunteers please note that this also involves brushing the War Memorial, dealing with the leaves and checking the bus shelter near the village hall.

For more information on Church matters call 01536 799522 or [www.churchesbmc.org](http://www.churchesbmc.org)

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN GREAT CRANSLEY

The Cransley Bowls Club	Village Hall every Wednesday 2 - 4 pm. If you wish to go bowling, please check with Pat Appleby on 790607.
Rainbows, Brownies, 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 <a href="http://www.modafabRICTreasure.co.uk">www.modafabRICTreasure.co.uk</a> .

### CRANSLEY VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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