

# CRANSLEY CHRONICLE

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## GORDON SMART

It is with great sadness that we have to report the sudden death of Gordon Smart on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at Glenfield Hospital, Leicester. Our sincere condolences are sent to Gordon's family and his great friend David Halfhide.

Gordon and Doris Smart arrived in Cransley in 1993, and Gordon quickly became a leading light in the life of our Village, and as a man with strong Christian beliefs he was a regular attender at our Church.

Gordon was an expert fundraiser and supporter of many groups, including the local Conservative Party, League of Friends of Kettering Hospital, East Northants National Trust, The Children's Society, Cransley Bell Fund Trust and Kettering Bridge Club - to name a few.

Gordon had been a member of the Village Hall Committee, the Neighbourhood Plan Group and a former Parish Councillor and was its Chairman for 5 years from 1998 to 2003. One of Gordon's passions was the Village Show, and over the years he won numerous prizes in many categories of the show, particularly for his cross-stitch creations and his home-baked cakes.

Gordon's great strength was his sense of humour at all times, which often defused a tricky situation, and his willingness to listen to all points of view.

The family are holding a Private Funeral Service at St Andrews on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021, but friends may like to assemble in Church Lane as the Cortege leaves for a Burial at Ketton Park.

The family are to hold a Memorial Service on January 8<sup>th</sup> 2022, on what would have been Gordon's 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday, followed by a gathering at the Village Hall to celebrate his long life, to which we are all invited.

Richard Barnwell  
Chairman Great Cransley Parish Council

## EVENTS AT THE THREE CRANES

Every Wednesday - Quiz Night

Every Saturday - Live Music

First Thursday of Every Month - Wine Tasting

Last Friday of Every Month - Disco

2<sup>nd</sup> October - Octoberfest

For more information please go the Facebook page for The Three Cranes.

## GREAT CRANSLEY DEFIBRILLATOR

Hopefully you are all aware the village has a Defibrillator, and it is located in the Phone Box down Bridle Way in the village. Just before the first COVID lockdown, we did a training course for the residents of Great Cransley, which was well attended.

We will be doing another training session on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.00pm at the Village Hall in Cransley. If anyone is interested in attending for the first time, or as a refresher it would be good to see you there.

It will not be just about the defibrillator but other forms of resuscitation, recovery position, etc. This will be for about an hour and a half and is a worthwhile thing and interesting to know. This will be presented by North Northants Community First Responders.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Stuart Ablett Parish Councillor, 01536 791354

LOTTERY SEPTEMBER 2021	
PRIZE	NAME
1 <sup>ST</sup> PRIZE	PAUL SMITH
2 <sup>ND</sup> PRIZE	JENNY WELLS
3 <sup>RD</sup> PRIZE	SADLY, THE LATE GORDON SMART

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - OCTOBER 2021

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parish Council Meeting 7 pm in the Village Hall
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Andy's Café - Village Hall 10 - 11.30 am
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	4 pm visiting band of bell ringers
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30 am Holy Communion Service at St Andrew's Church

October 2021 Stone Bus Shelter Cleaning, Mr Peter Greenall. 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

### 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

For highway advice or to report a fault:

Go online at: [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor)

Or call: 0300 126 1000.

### CRANSLEY VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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

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