

# CRANSLEY CHRONICLE

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## LOTTERY AUGUST 2019

PRIZE	NAME
1 <sup>ST</sup> PRIZE	MR K LACY
2 <sup>ND</sup> PRIZE	MR D HALFHIDE
3 <sup>RD</sup> PRIZE	CLLR R BARNWELL

## ANNUAL VILLAGE OPEN SHOW- SATURDAY 7TH SEPT

Please remember to bring your booking entry forms and payment, preferably on 5<sup>th</sup> September, between 7 pm and 8 pm to the Village Hall. Bring your entries on Saturday morning. Any questions please contact a member of the committee - you will find their names in the June Cransley Chronicle. See you for the auction at 4:30, when as usual there will be lots of fresh fruit, vegetables, cakes and preserves etc. to bid for.

## HOG ROAST

15<sup>th</sup> September at the Village Hall with support from local businesses and the Neighbourhood Plan Committee. See you there.

## GREAT CRANSLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

A quick update on Great Cransley's Neighbourhood Plan ... many thanks to everyone during the door-knocking we carried out recently. It's great to hear so many residents are interested in the plan and want to be kept informed.

We have applied to Locality, an organisation that provides support to neighbourhood planning groups on behalf of the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, for a grant to help us continue with the plan, and we shall let you know if we are successful. If we are, then we can use part of the grant to pay for a Housing Need Assessment to be carried out, that will tell us exactly what the housing needs are for the village. It would also pay for two traffic census exercises to be carried out, so we have actual evidence about speeding in the village. Keep your fingers crossed we will be successful!

Want to know more? Then come along to our stall at the Hog Roast on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September, meet the steering group members, and why not join one of our sub groups for the plan. You can always email [greatcransleyplan@gmail.com](mailto:greatcransleyplan@gmail.com) with any questions or comments before then.

Cllr. Kevin Burton

# TOWER OPENING, 14TH SEPTEMBER 2019



As part of the Ride & Stride event between Cransley, Mawsley & Broughton, the Cransley Bellringers will be opening the tower up for members of the public. You'll be able to climb the tower, see all six 17<sup>th</sup> century bells, see what the bell ringers get up to and have a go on a bell (under supervision).

There will be no charge, but we will be asking for donations, which will go towards maintaining the bells and the tower.

Anyone is welcome to climb the tower, provided they have no heart or respiratory conditions, as the climb is quite a long way and a bit dusty.

The Tower will be open 10am to 2pm after which there will be a branch practice from 2pm to 4pm. In this time there will be no climbing the tower, but members of the public are welcome to come and hear/see the ringers in action.

## Visiting Ringers

Any ringers are welcome to join us at our practices on Saturdays from 4:00pm to 5:30pm with tea and coffee afterwards. More info can be found on our website:

<https://ketteringringing.wixsite.com/cransley>

## If you want to learn to ring

If anyone in the area is interested in learning to ring (especially in the church benefice, as Cransley is the only tower with bells hung for ringing) please contact the ringing master (Rhys Skillman) at: [eady.skillman@live.com](mailto:eady.skillman@live.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:

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

**All articles must have a Title.**

## **RIDE AND STRIDE**

Northamptonshire – county of squires and spires. Great Cransley has a spire. Please get your friends to sponsor your journey between one or more churches to raise money to maintain these old buildings. Full details were in Cransley Chronicle last month. Forms from Christine Hamilton - email [chrisanham@outlook.com](mailto:chrisanham@outlook.com), mobile 07840 146 796.

## **THE THREE CRANES**

By the time this Chronicle reaches you, the Three Cranes will have re-opened. A huge welcome to the new landlords and we wish them every success. It really goes without saying but 'use it or lose it' would seem to be appropriate. It will be open seven days a week, and the board outside will tell you what is available, their opening hours, etc.

## **ANDY'S CAFÉ**

Have a chat with your neighbours about local and national issues. Put the world to rights, all over a hot drink and a bacon roll. Although lead by the church congregation of St Andrew's, there is no religious bias, and all ages and abilities are welcome.

## **HAVE YOU HEARD OF VISHING?**

This warning comes from the Police and British Telecom, and relates to actions similar to phishing where, rather than trying to obtain your personal details by email, the method used is phone scamming. Ultimately they are trying to persuade you to transfer money or give away confidential information.

Vishing is a risk to us all at home and at work. We need to be on our guard every time we answer a call. Please consider the following points:

If you are being asked to provide sensitive information or to complete an action ...

### **STOP and THINK**

Do you know this person, and can you validate and check who they are?

Were you expecting the call?

Never share your payment or bank account details over the phone.

Check them out on an official company web site, and only call numbers from websites you know are genuine.

Call a friend and speak to them before calling back, using a different phone line to ensure the fraudsters aren't intercepting your outgoing calls.

Don't be rushed, if they are genuine they won't mind you checking them out.

Find out more from Action Fraud.

## **CHURCH CLEAN**

The church is cleaned weekly, but every so often it is cleaned in more crevices, plus the grounds are tidied too. "Many hands make light work", so if you can spare some time and energy it will be appreciated. You don't have to do the full shift, or be religious.

# Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins  
or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Compiled by Max Bowen



**St. Andrews Church  
Cransley**

**TABLE TOP  
in The Village Hall**

**5th October 2019**

**10 am. - 3 pm.**

**Tables: £10**

To Book a Table please contact:

Angie: 01536 790 742

or

Chris: [chrisanham@outlook.com](mailto:chrisanham@outlook.com)

All proceeds to Cransley Church Funds

## **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VILLAGE AWARDS 2019 - GREAT CRANSLEY**

Great Cransley did not get an award this year, but Councillors thought everyone would like to read what the judges thought. If anyone has any thoughts on improvements, please let the Parish Council know.

Judges' Comments:

### **Village Life**

Cransley is a small Northamptonshire community, but with a significant number of activities held on a regular basis. Annually there is a Christmas Fair, a Flower Show now in its 76<sup>th</sup> Year, and a regular Summer event held in the Village Hall. There are also Guides and Brownies meeting in the village hall, a regular sewing group, upholstery group, a bowls group, and other regular activities based at the Village Hall. The key to this success is the cheap hourly rate for the use of the Village Hall, which attracts activities from other communities (such as the Guides, who are from Broughton), but the activities are then generally available and patronized by the residents of Cransley. This facility has provided this small community with activities which otherwise would not be sustainable. The village hall is regulated by a separate village hall committee, which includes some young people. There are also regular church services, and the church bells are rung regularly. Andy's café is run regularly by the church, offering coffee and rolls, and is widely supported.

Because of the size of the community, some activities take place in Broughton, and the nearest shop is in Broughton. New residents are welcomed personally by the Parish Clerk, and given a copy of the village Chronicle as part of a welcome pack.

### **Community Life**

There is a monthly newsletter called the Cransley Chronicle which is distributed free of charge to all households – it is printed by one resident. It is a lively newsletter with activities and Parish Council news. Back copies are on the village website. There is also a good, well placed, notice board.

Village play equipment has been provided in a playground adjacent to the village hall – for the size of the community this is of a high standard and was provided with grant aid from Mick George. Grant aid has also been found for a defibrillator, shortly to be installed in the old telephone box.

For most adult sports facilities (except bowls in the village hall), residents go out of the village.

There is no community car scheme, but residents rely on neighbours – there is also a “Next Door Gt. Cransley” which is a neighbourhood online facility, operated by the Neighbourhood watch coordinator.

A parish plan has been completed, and funding and general assistance is being sought for a Neighbourhood Plan.

## Businesses

Cransley is still, to an extent, a farming community, with some employment provided. There is also a recently opened small garden centre outside the village, with other small businesses adjacent such as a smoke house. The village lampposts were repainted, paid for by local sponsorship.

## Children and Young People

The provision of play equipment was organised by young mothers in the community. There are no obvious crèches or playgroups in the village, and as there is no village school, all such activities take place out of the village – possibly at Broughton. There are, however, active Guides and Brownies groups, both of which meet weekly in the village hall. The village hall committee has some young people on it, and the parish council has one of the youngest parish councillors.

## Older People

There are no designated facilities for older people, but we were told that there is a good amount of neighbourliness, and most people's needs are met by word of mouth or the "Next Door Gt. Cransley" scheme in terms of lifts and general support. Older people in the village have been helping to compile a village history.

## Environment and Sustainability

The appearance of the village has been taken seriously over the years, and Victorian style lampposts and traffic calming were the results of a parish plan. The area around the village hall and playground are maintained to a high standard, as are the areas around the war memorial, noticeboard and millennium sculpture.

There are no allotments in the village, but these are available in Broughton. There are regular litter picks, and all fly tipping is regularly reported. There is a map of the local footpaths on the notice board.

## Information Technology

For the size of the community the website is very informative and has events, parish council news and village history – there are currently no links to external sources.

## Your Village

As a small community, Cransley has a lot to offer, with an attractive well maintained environment, a thriving village hall attracting outside activities, together with longstanding village events. Sadly the village pub has recently closed, but there are high hopes for its continuation as a pub or restaurant.

Current projects include a defibrillator, church clock restoration, war memorial restoration, a neighbourhood plan and an interpretive panel at the millennium sculpture, which is an attractive feature at the entrance to the village.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept.	Said Holy Communion, 8.00 am, St Andrew's Church
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Rothwell bell ringers practice between 10 am - 11.30 am
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Annual Village Show, Village Hall, opens 2.30 pm
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Holy Communion with Hymns 9.00 am, St Andrew's Church
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Parish Council Meeting 7 pm in the Village Hall
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Ride and Stride 10.00 am - 3.00 pm
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Church Cleaning 10.00 am - 3.00 pm. Tower open 10 am - 2 pm
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Kettering Branch Bell Ringers 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Tea & Toast and Worship, 10 am in St Andrew's Church
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Hog Roast at the Village Hall at 12 noon
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	CVMHC meeting 7 pm in the Village Hall
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept.	Andy's Café 10.00 am - 11.30 am in the Village Hall

September 2019      Stone Bus Shelter Cleaning, Meg Bussey. All helpers 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)

**NB** No Church Services on 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> September, Harvest Festival in Broughton on 29<sup>th</sup>

## 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.
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 <a href="http://www.modafabritreasure.co.uk">www.modafabritreasure.co.uk</a> .
Chair based Yoga (seated poses)	Each Wednesday 10 - 11 am in the Village Hall
Yoga class	Wednesdays 7.30 - 8.30 pm in the Village Hall. For information contact <a href="http://www.AngelaFolwellHealthyYou.co.uk">www.AngelaFolwellHealthyYou.co.uk</a>
Bell Ringing Practice	Most Saturday 4 pm in the Church. Lessons by appointment. Ring 790135.

### CRANSLEY VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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

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