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PRESENTATION TO MRS THELMA LACY

At the February Parish Council meeting, Council Chairman Richard Barnwell, together with Parish Councillors, NNUA Councillor James Hakewill, and our new Parish Clerk Mrs Jane Mann presented a framed certificate of the first ever 'Honorary Freedom of Great Cransley' to Mrs Thelma Lacy who had been our Parish Clerk for almost 30 years.

The Honorary Freedom is the highest award a Parish Council can bestow and is in recognition of the long and devoted service to our parish by Thelma.



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH:

Our services in March 2023:

- Saturday 4th March, 1.30pm, Lambing service - exploring what the Bible has to say about sheep as we walk towards Mawsley. There will hopefully be an opportunity to feed some lambs. Meeting at the church gate.
- Sunday 19th March, 9.30am, Holy Communion.

St Andrew's Church has declared 2023 as the Year of the Animals. During the first weekend of each month we'll be doing something animal-related. So, in March we are visiting the lambs on Saturday 4th and possibly feeding some. Around Easter in April we hope to have a donkey-related activity, possibly with a real donkey! Other events will include children parachuting their (toy!) animals from the church tower and possibly a guide dog event. This will culminate on St Francis' Day which falls near Sunday Oct 1st with a blessing for animals. These will replace the Cransley Praise services on the first Sunday. Watch this space for monthly details.

If you'd like to come and see the lambs, meet us at the top of the church path on Church Lane at 1.30 on March 4th and we'll go together.

To be added to our email or postal list, please contact Reverend Nicki Hobbs on 01536 799522 or revnicki@familyhobbs.org.uk. If you would like prayer, a listening ear, or would like to book a Christening, Wedding or Funeral, please get in touch. Find out more www.churchesbmc.org.

LOTTERY WINNERS FEBRUARY 2023

1ST	PRIZE	LINDA HARVEY
2ND	PRIZE	JANE PRENTICE
3RD	PRIZE	R & J COX

TRESHAM BENEFICE FELLOWSHIP

Here are some dates for your diary for the next few months. You don't have to be a member, but we are still looking for more members, it's only £5 per annum.

On Thursday 16th March talk on Cyber crime and prevention, 2pm in Cransley village hall. 52% of all crime committed in this country is Cyber crime and phone scams. Please come along if you want to avoid becoming a victim of this heartless crime. Tea and coffee and biscuits are provided for only £1.

On Thursday 20th April a visit to Chester House in Irchester. We are hiring a minibus for this. £5 for members and £6 for non-members. The bus will leave from Rushton at 11am and 11.30 outside Holy Trinity Church Rothwell. Please contact Laurel if you need transport from Cransley.

On Thursday 18th May sees us donning our sun hats, glasses and sun cream!! for a visit to the seaside in Hunstanton. Once again, the minibus will be in service and the cost will be £12.50 for members and £15 for non-members. The bus will leave Holy Trinity Church Rothwell at 10am. Please contact Laurel if you need transport from Cransley.

All outings must be booked with me in advance along with the appropriate fare. It's first come first served and if there are not enough people to fill the minibus the outing will be cancelled. So please book your seats ASAP. Thank you.

Please contact Laurel Spickett for further information on 07434275812.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT

This simple, free system allows people to sign up to receive messages from Northamptonshire Police and partners such as Neighbourhood Watch by email.

Neighbourhood Alert is a great way to keep in touch and we are keen to work with stakeholders to reach as wide an audience as possible.

www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Traffic Monitoring

We are looking to monitor traffic along Church Lane over the next few weeks. If anyone has a spare hour or two when they could help with this activity, please contact Mandy Bussey or Kevin Burton. We will already have spent some time prior to this notice but would like to have some varied data. Any support is appreciated.

Cransley Chronicle

As a Parish we have been extremely lucky to have had the support of a local printer in providing the Chronicle free of charge, but as we are all aware costs for everyone are increasing. As a result, we now must pay for the printing of the Chronicle.

We have decided to ask everyone for their thoughts on how they would like to receive the Cransley Chronicle. We understand that some of you may still want a paper copy and others may prefer an electronic version. Enclosed is a feedback form and your replies are important, so we know how to provide the Chronicle in the format of your preference. If we do not receive a reply, we will presume that you still require a paper copy once a month. We will not be sharing any personal data, e.g. email addresses, with third parties or other residents.

Return your completed form to either Mandy Bussey or David Whalley by the 17th March, contact details can be found on the parish council website. We will review the responses from the parish and discuss at the next Parish Council meeting.

Three Cranes re-opening

We would like to welcome Lisa and John who have recently purchased the Three Cranes. We hope residents will support them when they open.

THREE CRANES PUB UPDATE

John and his partner Lisa completed the purchase of the pub in January this year and are looking forward to reopening later this Spring.

John said; "I was born in Kettering and have family all over Northamptonshire, so it is very special to be back living here, but especially to be bringing a corner of the county back to life for the community."

They are currently moving to Cransley from their home in London where Lisa ran an events business for 18 years, managing everything from the launch of skyscrapers in the city to an event for the late Queen Elizabeth II. Lisa said; "We are planning to open the Three Cranes as a breakfast and coffee spot, as well as an evening and weekend traditional pub filled with beer, comfy Chesterfields, dogs and gin!"

John and Lisa said if the exterior pub lanterns are on, please pop by; as they are enjoying hearing what people would like to have in the pub and of course what they do not want to either - more information on the opening will be available in the April edition of the Cransley Chronicle.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – MARCH 2023

Saturday 4 th Mar	Lambing service 1.30pm - meet at the church gates
Thursday 9 th Mar	Parish Council meeting at 7.00 pm in the village hall
Thursday 16 th Mar	Tresham Benefice Cyber Crime Talk 2.00 pm in the village hall
Saturday 18 th Mar	Andy's Café 10.00 am – 11.30 am in the village hall
Sunday 19 th Mar	Holy Communion at 9.30 am
March 2023	Stone Bus Shelter Cleaning – Mandy Bussey All helpers please note that this also involves brushing the War Memorial, dealing with the leaves and checking the Village Hall bus shelter.

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR 2023

Thursday 20 th April	Tresham Benefice Fellowship visit to Chester House
Thursday 18 th May	Tresham Benefice Fellowship visit to Hunstanton

SIGN UP TO NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL'S NEW GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

Residents across North Northamptonshire can now sign up for the new optional, chargeable 12-month garden waste collection service.

The annual subscription charge for the fortnightly service, with collections starting on April 3rd 2023, is £40 per year per bin and can be paid online via debit or credit card.

More details about the service and how to sign up are available in the garden waste section of the council's website.

People can sign up any time and, once payment is processed, will receive a new garden waste permit to stick onto their bin so collection crews know to collect it.

Alternatives as part of the refreshed service, the council will also be offering an enhancement to the subsidised compost bin scheme, where residents can buy a home compost bin for £5 plus delivery.

The authority will also be offering an ad-hoc sack collection system, at £16.50 for ten compostable sacks, for those not needing or wanting a bin.

Residents can also take green waste to their nearest household waste recycling centre in the NNC area for free disposal.

RING FOR THE KING



Bell Ringing is an activity like no other – a unique mix of physical exercise with mental agility that is a deep part of our history.

Bellringing is taught, not in a classroom or lecture hall, but in Cransley Church, as a hands-on practical exercise for the body, the mind and the spirit.

If you're interested in learning to ring, the first stage is to see the Cransley band practice, this is most Tuesday nights at 7:00pm. you will be welcome. If you'd then like to learn, someone from the team will help you get started with handling lessons. One of the band is qualified by The Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) who can teach you how to ring on a one-to-one basis.

Your first lessons will concentrate on developing the skills to handle a bell; the technique to control the bell using the rope. "learning the ropes". This is done on a one-to-one basis with your trained instructor. This initial skill can take some time to acquire.

Once you can handle a bell safely and competently you will start to learn how to ring with others. This will require you to attend a weekly practice from now until the coronation.

If you're interested in learning to Ring for the King, then it's time to start. Send a text to: Tower Captain Dave Halfhide 07729 893357

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCILLORS

A reminder that your three NNC Councillors are:

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Jim Hakewill jim.hakewill@northnorthants.gov.uk

Joseph Smith joseph.smyth@northnorthants.gov.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 next month's edition of the Cransley Chronicle is:

5pm on the 24th of each month

Please email your article, if you can, to Jane Mann on the following email:

greatcransleyvc@gmail.com or if you can't, please ring her on

01536 710525 or 07834 639080.

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 for any problems with Highways.

STREET LIGHTING

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