

CRANSLEY CHRONICLE



**THE CHAIRMAN, COUNCILLORS AND CLERK OF GCPC
WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

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A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD BARNWELL

CHAIRMAN OF GREAT CRANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

I first read this poem 50 years ago and it always made me imagine that it could have been written about the gate into Cransley Wood. Every time I hear it recited, I think of the ancient road running past Cransley Wood and the enormous number of people that must have used it over many centuries on foot and on horseback.

STOPPING BY WOODS ON A SNOWY EVENING

BY ROBERT FROST

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

I hope you all enjoy it.

RICHARD BARNWELL

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Councillors now have dedicated email addresses; however, the main point of contact remains as Jane Mann, Parish Clerk or Councillor Richard Barnwell, Chairman. You can find these on the back page.

FUTURE OF THE CRANSLEY CHRONICLE

From 1st October we began distributing a paper copy only to those parishioners that requested it and via email for parishioners who requested an electronic copy. If you have not told us which you prefer 'email or paper' you will no longer receive a paper copy of the Chronicle.

The Cransley Chronicle will be accessible via the Parish Council website www.greatcransleyparishcouncil.co.uk

If you would like to receive the chronicle by email or paper copy you can call or text 07834 639080 and advise following:

Email or paper

House number and road name

Email address (for email copy only)

BLEED KIT FOR THE VILLAGE

You may recall that over the Coronation weekend John and Lisa kindly ran a raffle and quiz which raised £480 for a Bleed Kit. This item has now been placed in the Telephone Box with the defibrillator and will be managed by the Parish Council. The remaining monies will be used to fund the maintenance of the defibrillator and bleed kit. Our sincere thanks to all who supported this fund raising for our latest village asset.

The bleed kit is designed to be used in the case of a major bleed trauma such as a road collision or a catastrophic bleed injury. Just call 999 for access to the kit.

LITTER PICKING

The Parish Council would like to thank the residents who give up their time to keep our lovely village litter free.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who attended and took part in the Village Act of Remembrance on Armistice Day. A special thank you to the Three Cranes Inn for providing free refreshments afterwards and to Angie for the delicious carrot cake!

DECEMBER AT ST ANDREW'S, CRANSLEY

As we approach Christmas, we have lots of service and events:

Advent Morning Prayer Sunday 3rd December 11.00 am, St Andrew's.

Andy's Christmas Café Saturday 16th December 10.00 -11.30 am, Village Hall.

Advent Communion Sunday 17th December 9.30 am, at St Andrew's

Blue Christmas Tuesday 19th December 7.30 pm, at St Andrew's. A quiet, reflective service, with the opportunity to light candles in memory of loved ones.

Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Saturday 24th December 6.00 pm, at St Andrew's

Christmas Day Communion Sunday 25th December 9.00 am, at St Andrew's.

Outdoor Christingle Service Sunday 7th January, 11.00 am, at the end of Church Lane by the cemetery gates (what3words: dwelled.frozen.shampoos).

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.

From Nicki and all at St Andrew's



CRANES CAROLS & QUIZ!!

Friday 8th December at 6:00pm

Come and enjoy a festive pre-Christmas evening at the Three Cranes Inn, with carols and a quiz, and Father Christmas! There will be festive prizes - all welcome, especially children. Free entry for the quiz.

If you have a favourite Christmas Carol, please let Hilary know on 07970 264238 or email: hcprocter@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Advent

Pizza Praise - Thursday 7th 5-6pm at Broughton Church

Carols and Quiz - Friday 8th 6:30pm at The Three Cranes

Christingle Service - Sunday 10th 4pm at Broughton Church

Andy's Christmas Cafe - Saturday 16th 10-11:30am at Cransley Village Hall

Carol Service - Saturday 16th 3pm at Broughton Church

Blue Christmas Service - Tuesday 19th 7:30pm at Cransley Church

Blue Christmas Service - Thursday 21st 7:30pm at Broughton Church

Christmas Eve

Nativity Service - 3pm at Broughton Church

Lessons and Carols - 6pm at Cransley Church

Midnight Communion - 11:30pm at Broughton Church

Christmas Day

Christmas Communion - 9am at Cransley Church

Christmas Celebration - 10am at The Centre at Mawsley

Christmas Celebration - 10:30am at Broughton Church

January

Outdoor Christingle Service - Sunday 7th January
at the end of Church Lane, Cransley

LOTTERY WINNERS NOVEMBER 2023

1ST PRIZE	THELMA LACY
2ND PRIZE	JEANETTE CROSS
3RD PRIZE	LUKE & EMMA BLACKBURN

Lottery forms will be delivered in December for the 2024 Village Lottery.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – DECEMBER 2023

Sunday 3 rd Dec	Advent Morning Prayer, 11.00 am St Andrew's
Friday 8 th Dec	Cranes Carols & Quiz at 6pm
Saturday 16 th Dec	Andy's Christmas Café 10.00 am – 11.30 am in the village hall
Sunday 17 th Dec	Advent Communion – 9.30 am St Andrew's
Tuesday 19 th Dec	Blue Christmas – 7.30 pm St Andrew's
Sunday 17 th Dec	Advent Communion – 9.30 am St Andrew's
Sunday 24 th Dec	Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols 6pm St Andrew's
Monday 25 th Dec	Christmas Day Communion – 9.00 am St Andrew's

December 2023 Stone Bus Shelter Cleaning – Mandy Bussey

FORTHCOMING DATES 2024

Saturday 6 th January 2024	Pantomime at the village hall
Sunday 7 th January	Outdoor Christingle Service 11.00 am - see details
Thursday 11 th January	Parish Council meeting 7.00 pm

REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN GREAT CRANSLEY

Bell Ringing Practice in St Andrew's Church 7.00 pm, most Tuesdays. Please text 07729893357 if you need to check availability. Learners welcome!

A REMINDER FOR ALADDIN PANTO TICKETS

Aladdin Panto by AMA Theatre Company on Saturday, 6th January 2024 at 3pm in the village hall.

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Family ticket – 2 adults & 2 children* £25

Single adult ticket £8

Single child* ticket £5

*Under 16 years

Tickets available from:

Joanna message via www.facebook.com/greatcransleyvillagehall

Julie Cox, 67 Loddington, (Tel: 01536 799860)



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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 15th December

Please email your article, to Jane Mann greatcransleyipc@gmail.com
or call 01536 710525 or 07834 639080.

All posters must be A5 size, Portrait

FIX MY STREET & STREET LIGHTING

Don't forget to use Fix My Street on telephone number 0300 126 7000 or www.fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk for any problems with Highways

Please report any issues to streetlighting.kbc@northnorthants.gov.uk

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