

CRANSLEY CHRONICLE



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Our Parish Council meeting took place on Thursday 8th January 2026 at 7 pm. At this meeting a budget of £13,000 was approved for the 2026-27 year and a precept for £13,000 was set. Budget documents along with the agenda and minutes are available to view on our website:

www.greatcransleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Speed watch is to begin in the Spring. Could those residents who kindly volunteered for this initiative please contact Colin Spickett to confirm that you are still able to assist.

Important information affecting residents

- From 1st January 2026 there will be a temporary closure of public footpath HC3 & GG6 (part)-Thorpe Malsor/Cransley-Row/199. This restriction is required in the interest of health and safety.
- Kier Highways have requested a road closure on Broughton Hill, Cransley to safely carry out a structural inspection. It is expected that the works will take one day and are due to commence on 3rd February 2026. If you require further information, please contact Sam Headland on 01604 529700.

The closure and diversion can be viewed here:

one.network/?tm=GB147536778

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The administration of the Neighbourhood Plan is in the process of being handed over to the Parish Council, who will oversee the next stage of the process.

The next stage will be to submit to the local planning authority for public consultation.

GREAT CRANSLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

We are looking to set up a community group to arrange activities, charity events or a social get together. If you are interested, please contact Mandy Bussey or Izzy James. A WhatsApp group will be set up for those interested and a meeting will be arranged. Activities that we would look to run as examples are: - Easter Event, Tree Carving and Family Event, Macmillan Coffee Morning.

GREAT CRANSLEY BOOK CLUB

Izzy James set up a Great Cransley Book Club in November which now has 39 members. If you want to join, please contact Izzy or any member of the club. Or come along to the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on 5th February at 7 pm in the village hall, £2 each meeting.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Our usual monthly communion service will be held Sunday 15th February 9.30 am.

There will also be an Ash Wednesday communion service 18th February 7:30 pm.

To be added to our email or postal list, please contact our Administrator, Laura Connolly, at bcmchurchoffice@gmail.com or on 07493 104101. If you would like prayer, a listening ear, or would like to book a Christening, Wedding or Funeral, please get in touch with Revd Nicki Hobbs on 01536 799522

or revnicki@familyhobbs.org.uk

TRESHAM FELLOWSHIP

The Tresham Fellowship meet monthly in the village hall and have a variety of activities from visiting speakers, local musicians, quizzes or organised trips out to garden centres, stately homes, heritage railways etc. Although the fellowship started at Holy Trinity Church in Rothwell, it is no longer a church based group and is open to everyone, (Church goer or not.) We have members from Cransley, Broughton, Rushton, Rothwell, Desborough and Kettering, and new members are always welcome.

We meet on the third Thursday of every month and annual membership is only £5. Our next speaker at our meeting on 19th February is Jess Henderson, who was the first female London bus driver, and she is coming along to give us her amusing anecdotes from that time. If you would like to come along, it's just £2 for non-members (free for members) plus £1 for tea and biscuits.

Contact Colin Spickett 07731 414358 for further details.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Village Lottery forms have been delivered, however, if you did not receive a copy and would like to help raise funds for the village hall please contact Jacquie: 073559 092390 or Julie: 01536 799860 for a form.

Please return forms and money to Jacquie at 6 Loddington Road. Payment can be by cash, cheque or bank transfer. Contact Jacquie or Julie for bank details. The first lottery draw will be in February. The lottery runs from February to December and costs £10 per number for the year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - FEBRUARY

Thursday 5th Feb	Book Club meeting, 7 pm in the village hall
Thursday 12th Feb	Parish Council meeting, 7 pm
Sunday 15th Feb	Communion service, 9.30 am
Wednesday 18th Feb	Ash Wednesday communion service, 7:30 pm
Thursday 19th Feb	Tresham Benefice Fellowship meeting in the village hall, 2 pm
Saturday 21st Feb	Andy's Café 10 - 11.30 am in the village hall
February	Stone bus shelter cleaning - Emily James

Volunteers are still wanted to help with stone bus shelter and war memorial cleaning. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you can help with this.

USEFUL CONTACTS



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FOR COUNCIL NEWS & UPDATES

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HIGHWAYS & STREET LIGHTING

For problems with highways you can use:

www.northnorthants.gov.uk/roads-and-paths

Then click *Report potholes* or a *highway problem* link



[Report potholes or a highway problem](#)

For problems with street lighting please use

streetlighting.kbc@northnorthants.gov.uk

VILLAGE HALL

For booking forms & info or to book call our Booking Clerk

Pat Appleby - 07356 057409

For more information about hall facilities see our website www.greatcransley.co.uk/villagehall

Social Media

facebook.com/greatcransleyvillagehall

For a lottery form call

Julie Cox - 01536 799860

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

For more information see our website

www.greatcransley.co.uk/neighbourhoodplan

DEADLINE - 5PM ON THE 24TH OF EACH MONTH

ABSOLUTE FINAL DATE for inclusion in

next month's edition of the Cransley Chronicle

Please email your article to Jane Mann
clerk@greatcransleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

or call 01536 710525 or 07834 639080

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