

CRANSLEY CHRONICLE



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Our Parish Council meeting took place on Thursday 12th February 2026 at 7 pm. At this meeting discussion arose regarding NNC moving responsibility for the maintenance of playground equipment to the Parish Council with effect from April 2027. The frequency of verge mowing was also discussed as this work moves over to Kier from April 2026.

Agenda and minutes are available to view on our website:
www.greatcransleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Speed Watch

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 so a rota can be drawn up.

Important information affecting residents

From 1 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.

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.

During this handover period, the clerk and the Steering Group have been working to address comments made during the period of pre-submission consultation of the Regulation 14 stage. Consideration has to be given to valuable community input, some of which will result in changes to the Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council will then have to agree to these changes before we enter the next stage, Regulation 15.

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 March at 7 pm in the village hall, £2 each meeting. Following meetings have been arranged for 2nd April and 7th May.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Our usual monthly communion service will be held on Mothering Sunday 15th March at 9.30 am.

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

BELL RINGING

Just to let everyone know there will be a branch practice at St Andrew's church on Saturday 14th March between 2 and 4 pm.

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 Thomas, 07359 092390 email:jacqthomas@gmail.com
or Julie Cox, 01536 799860.

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY WINNERS - FEBRUARY

1st Prize: Joyce and Kevin Burton

2nd Prize: Pat Appleby

3rd Prize: Thelma Lacy

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; new members are always welcome.

We meet on the third Thursday of every month and annual membership is only £5. 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - MARCH

Thursday 5th Mar	Book Club meeting, 7 pm in the village hall
Thursday 12th Mar	Parish Council meeting, 7 pm
Saturday 14th Mar	Branch Bell Ringing Practice, between 2 and 4 pm
Sunday 15th Mar	Mothering Sunday Communion service, 9.30 am
Thursday 19th Mar	Tresham Benefice Fellowship meeting in the village hall, 2 pm
Saturday 21st Mar	Andy's Café 10 - 11.30 am in the village hall
March	Stone bus shelter cleaning - Richard & Julie Cox

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.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN GREAT CRANSLEY

Bell Ringing Practice in St Andrew's Church 7 pm, most Tuesdays.

Please text 07891 401750 if you need to check availability. Learners are welcome!

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



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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