

# CRANSLEY CHRONICLE



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## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

Our Parish Council meeting took place on Thursday 12th March 2026 at 7 pm. At this meeting the Parish Council approved the draft neighbourhood plan (including appendices), schedule of representations, basic conditions statement and consultation statement. These documents will be available to view on our website.

Further discussion arose regarding NNC moving responsibility for the maintenance of playground equipment to the Parish Council with effect from April 2027. After some discussion it was decided that GCPC would take on NNC's service level agreement. This would have an effect on 2027/2028 year budget.

Agenda and minutes are available to view on our website:

**[www.greatcransleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.greatcransleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

## **Speed Watch**

In our efforts to reduce speeding through the village, the Speedwatch initiative will commence in April. Initially it will take place twice per month on different days and at various times of the day, and adjustments will be made, depending on results.

Please give the volunteers your support when you see them, they are trying to make the village safer for everyone.

Thank you, Colin

## **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.

From 9th March 2026 for a period of 6 months there will be a temporary closure of public footpath GG17 (part) – CRANSLEY & PUBLIC FOOTPATHS VD34 (part), VD46 (part) & VD30 (part) – Kettering.

## **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. Activities that we would look to run as examples are: - Easter Event, Tree Carving and Family Event, MacMillan Coffee Morning.

## **GREAT CRANSLEY BOOK CLUB**

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 2nd April at 7 pm in the village hall, £2 each meeting.

## **ST ANDREW'S CHURCH**

On Good Friday, 3rd April, we will begin a Walk of Witness from Cransley Church at 10 am. The walk will take us through Broughton, with a stop at the chapel, before concluding at Broughton Church.

On 5th April, we will be holding an Easter Sunday communion service at 8 am.

Our regular communion service for this month will be held on 19th April at 9.30 am.

To be added to our email or postal list, please contact our Administrator, Laura Connolly, at [bcmchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:revnicki@familyhobbs.org.uk)

## **CRANSLEY CHURCH IS TURNING 800!**

2026 marks the 800th year of our beautiful parish church, and we would love as many of you as possible to join in with the celebrations. On 23rd and 24th May, the church will be open from 10 am - 3 pm with history displays, flowers and refreshments.

There will be a Songs of Praise service at 3 pm on Sunday 24th May with Bishop Debbie Sellin, the Bishop of Peterborough.

To help us compile the history displays, we are looking for photos, orders of service and other souvenirs that people might have from weddings, christenings or other services and events which have taken place at St Andrew's over the years.

If you have something you could contribute, please email Laura at: [bcmchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:bcmchurchoffice@gmail.com)

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Easter Bingo Night, Cransley Village Hall on Friday, 10th April at 7.00 - 9.30 pm  
Raffle and refreshments available.

Doors open at 6.30 pm, Tickets £12 includes bingo cards. Tickets payable by cheque, cash or bank transfer

Contact Jacqui: 07359 092390 or Julie: 07788 417573 or  
Email: cransleyvillagehall@gmail.com

The Village Show will be held on Saturday, 29th August - time to get sowing!

## VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY WINNERS - MARCH

**1st Prize:** Ann Marie James

**2nd Prize:** Lynsey Bunting

**3rd Prize:** Jenny Wells

## TRESHAM FELLOWSHIP

The Tresham Fellowship 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. New members are always welcome. Contact Colin Spickett 07731 414358 for further details.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - MARCH

Thursday 2nd April	Book Club meeting, 7 pm in the village hall
Friday 3rd April	Good Friday, Walk of Witness from Cransley church at 10 am
Sunday 4th April	Easter Sunday, Easter Communion Service , 8 am
Thursday 9th April	Annual Parish Meeting followed by Parish Council Meeting 7 pm
Friday 10th April	Easter Bingo Night, 7 - 9.30 pm
Thursday 16th April	Tresham Benefice Fellowship meeting in the village hall, 2 pm
Saturday 18th April	Andy's Café 10 - 11.30 am in the village hall
Sunday 19th April	Communion service, 9.30 am
April	Stone bus shelter cleaning - Kevin Burton

**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



## PARISH COUNCIL

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## FOR COUNCIL NEWS & UPDATES

[www.greatcransleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.greatcransleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## HIGHWAYS & STREET LIGHTING

For problems with highways you can use:

[www.northnorthants.gov.uk/roads-and-paths](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.greatcransley.co.uk/villagehall)

**Social Media**

[facebook.com/greatcransleyvillagehall](https://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](http://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](mailto:clerk@greatcransleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

or call 01536 710525 or 07834 639080

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