

CRANSLEY CHRONICLE



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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The Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council Meeting took place on Thursday 9th April 2026. Agenda, reports and minutes are available to view on our website:

www.greatcransleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

An update was received on the Neighbourhood Plan and it was agreed that following a quick review by North Northants Council the Neighbourhood Plan would be submitted to NPiers for a full review.

Speed Watch

The first session of the village Speed Watch initiative, took place at the beginning of the month, on what turned out to be a particularly quiet afternoon through the village. Notwithstanding, in the hour and a half session, a total of 15 motorists were guilty of speeding and have been reported to the police. First offence receives a letter, second offence receives a visit from the police and a third offence results in a prosecution. Offences across the country are taken into account, not just from Great Cransley. It is our intention to carry out further sessions at various times of the day e.g. early morning and or early evening, and on different days of the week, including weekends. Results will be reported in the Chronicle.

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.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Our regular communion service for this month will be held on 17th May 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 Huw Yardley on 07723 176888 / revhuw@gmail.com

800 YEARS OF CRANSLEY CHURCH - CELEBRATION WEEKEND

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 bell tower access (Saturday only) history displays, organ music, flowers and refreshments.

Saturday will close with history talk by Richard Barnwell at 3 pm, and on Sunday there will be a Songs of Praise service at 3 pm on Sunday 24th May with Bishop Debbie Sellin, the Bishop of Peterborough.

Please do come and join us to mark this very special milestone for the village.

BELL RINGING

On Saturday 16th May there will be a ringing event across the Kettering area which involves 24 churches. This event attracts ringers from across the country and ringing at St Andrew's will start around 2.50 pm, and will last approximately one hour.

On 23rd May the church will be open from 10 am until 3 pm to celebrate the 800th anniversary of St Andrew's. As part of the celebrations the tower will be open for visitors to have a look at the bells and there will also be opportunities to have a go at chiming them.

On 24th May there will be a quarter peal attempt in the hour before the 3 pm service.

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TRESHAM FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship enjoyed a mini bus trip to Lyddington Bede House, followed by a delicious cream tea for this month's meeting. Future outings including a trip on the Rutland Belle, a canal boat trip from Market Harborough to Foxton locks, a visit to Castle Ashby Gardens, and an evening trip to Stamford open air theatre, plus many others have been arranged throughout the year.

We have members from Great Cransley, Broughton, Rushton, Rothwell and Desborough. Membership is only £5 per year and new members are always welcome, and transport for all of our outings is readily available. If you like to join us contact Colin Spickett 07731 414358

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Village Show will be held on Saturday 29th August. There will be some new additions to culinary, handicraft, and children's classes. We're also removing a few of the less popular ones from vegetable, flower and pot plant sections.

Watch out for a flyer through your door more details!

Get sowing, get growing!

Cransley Village Hall AGM will be held on Friday 15th May at 7 pm.

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY WINNERS - APRIL

1st Prize: Beverly Barnwell

2nd Prize: Jane Prentice

3rd Prize: Richard and Julie Cox

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - MAY

Thursday 7th May	Book Club meeting, 7 pm in the village hall
Thursday 14th May	Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by Parish Council meeting, 7 pm
Friday 15th May	Cransley Village Hall AGM, 7 pm
Saturday 16th May	Andy's Café 10 - 11.30 am in the village hall
Sunday 17th May	Communion service, 9.30 am
Thursday 21st May	Tresham Benefice Fellowship meeting in the village hall, 2 pm
Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th May	Cransley Church Celebration weekend See article for more details
May	Stone bus shelter cleaning - Mandy Bussey

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 contact Tracey on 0772983357 to check availability. Learners are most welcome!

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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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