



Welcome to the first newsletter issued by the Parish Council.

Cranleigh Parish Council was established in 1894 and has served its community for over 100 years. The Parish Council forms the heart of the community and as well as being responsible for its various sites the Councillors all play an active role in village life and are working for the people of Cranleigh.

Semur en Auxois.....

..... the. new twin town of Cranleigh

Earlier this year, the Mayor of Semur en Auxois expressed an interest in developing a link with Cranleigh. The Parish Council have pledged their support to this venture. The French Mayor presented a book about Semur en Auxois to the Parish chairman. A copy of 'Bygone Cranleigh' will be presented to the Mayor of Semur en Auxois this summer by Julia Brown, who is actively promoting the town twinning.

The Parish Precept

The Parish Council relies solely on income from fees and charges and the Parish Precept to provide the services it is responsible for. For 2006 – 7 the council has agreed a precept of **£200,283** – an increase of less than **1.5** per cent or about 12 pence for a Band D Council tax payer.

The money will be spent on a contribution towards the Health Check, new chairs for the Village Hall, refurbishment at the Pavilion, new signage around Snoxhall, and additional facilities at the cemetery.

Parish Council supports the Keep Cranleigh Hospital Open Fund

The Parish Council has worked in partnership with Cranleigh Village Hospital Trust, the League of Friends and others in order to keep the Cranleigh Village Hospital open.

Substantial contributions from these local groups has been given to keep the hospital open over the winter months. This objective has been supported by a donation of £10,000 given by the Parish Council to the Keep Cranleigh Hospital Open fund on behalf of the people of Cranleigh.

Youth Shelter for Cranleigh

The council has agreed to work in partnership with Surrey Police and others in the provision of a Youth Shelter. When the multi sided bus shelter on the High Street becomes redundant as a result of the High Street Enhancement Scheme it will be re-sited at Snoxhall Fields for use as a place where young people can meet.

Meet the Councillors

In this our first issue we will meet just a few of the twelve Parish Councillors elected to represent our community.

Brian Cheesman

Vice Chairman



Brian was born in Cranleigh and was first elected to the Parish Council in 1976.

So this year he will be celebrating 30 years serving Cranleigh.

Brian is an Independent Member of the Council.

Brian lives in the High Street with his wife Pam.

Brian Ellis

Chairman



Brian moved to Cranleigh in 1975. He retired in 1993 after 35 years of working in the IT business industry.

He was elected to Cranleigh Parish

and Waverley Borough Councils in 1995. He has served as Parish Chairman or Vice Chairman, and was Mayor of Waverley in 2002-3.

Brian is married to Patricia and has 4 daughters.

John Bainbridge

Chairman of the Finance Committee



John is a retired merchant banker and Freeman of the City of London.

John has been a Cranleigh resident for 32 years

John is currently chairman of the Friends of Cranleigh Village.

John and has just returned from trekking in the Himalayas raising funds for Action Aid.

Useful Contacts

Parish Council Offices
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Telephone 01483 5233
www.waverley.gov.uk

Waverley Borough Council Locality office
Leisure Centre, Village Way, Cranleigh
Telephone 01483 267654

Surrey County Council,
General Enquiries
Telephone 08456 009009
www.surreycc.gov.uk

Surrey Police
Telephone 08451 252222

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Village Hall

The Village Hall was built in 1933 and occupies a prime site in the High Street, this makes it an ideal venue for all community events.

The Hall holds up to 280 people but if a smaller space is needed the Committee Room overlooking Moss Chemist is available for hire.

We have a Caretaker who can open up the Hall and help with the set up for an event.

To hire the Hall or for more information contact the office on 01483 272311

Snnoxhall Pavilion

The Pavilion is used by local football teams and the Cranleigh St Andrews cricket club.

The Pavilion may be hired for children's parties. A new cooker has recently been purchased with help from the Co-op.

What does the Parish Council do for you?

In Cranleigh the Parish Council has direct responsibility for the Village Hall, Snnoxhall Fields, tennis courts and pavilion, the Cemetery on Dewlands Lane, some of the High Street flowerbeds, the areas around the Parish Council offices and the allotments at Beryl Harvey Field and Elmbridge Road. Any problem with these areas can be reported directly to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council is the lowest tier of Local Government and is therefore closest to the communities it serves. The Council can take the concerns and views of the local people and pass them on to the responsible authority for action. Parish Councillors take an active role in village life and they are nominated to represent the Parish Council on village organisations.

Waverley Borough Council is the next tier of Local Government. It is responsible for issues such as planning, street cleaning, refuse collection, licensing, housing, Council tax collection and environmental health. Waverley Borough Council Countryside rangers manage Cranleigh Common and the Downs Link.

Surrey County Council is the highest tier of Local Government. It has responsibilities for education, highways and environmental issues.

Planning

Planning Surveillance Committee Meetings are held every third Monday evening in the Parish Offices at 7pm.

The Parish Council has the opportunity to make a representation on planning matters, which includes all planning applications and structure plan proposals. The recommendations of the Committee are passed to Waverley Borough Council who is responsible for making the decisions in such matters.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME AT ALL
PARISH COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, VILLAGE WAY ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH EXCEPT AUGUST. THE MEETINGS START AT 7PM AND THE FIRST FIFTEEN MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH A LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN THE PARISH TO ASK QUESTIONS. FOR ADVANCED NOTICE OF ALL MEETINGS CHECK THE PARISH NOTICE BOARD BEHIND THE VILLAGE HALL OR CONTACT THE OFFICE ON 01483 272311.