

# News from Cranleigh Parish Council



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## Parish Council news

In the 1960's Bob Dylan sang that 'times - they are a changin' and this is very true for Parish Councils at the moment. With the financial cuts taking their toll on the principal authorities, and the Government's 'Big Society' agenda, Parish Councils are being asked to take on more responsibilities for services on behalf of their communities than ever before.

Cranleigh Parish Council has always been very proactive in trying to ensure that its residents get good services and it has been said that the 'Big Society' is alive and well in Cranleigh and has been for many years already.

We recently re-accredited our Quality Status which is a benchmark to state that we work efficiently and effectively with our community. Quality Status is held by only a few councils in Surrey. The Council had to complete a portfolio demonstrating that we work proactively with our community, that Councillors had undertaken training and that the Clerk was suitably qualified. Re-accreditation is every four years.



In July the Parish Council took direct responsibility for employing the Cranleigh Co-ordinator post, held by Emma Dawson. Emma organises the annual Christmas Light Switch on event in Cranleigh and other events during the year such as Spring into Cranleigh. There are several events organised for over the Christmas period including a Santa Dash and carol singing in Stocklund Square. The next big event will be Spring into Cranleigh and the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. If anyone has any ideas for the Jubilee please contact us and let us know, similarly if anyone wishes to volunteer to help with any of the events we would be delighted to hear from you.

We are still talking to Waverley Borough Council with a view to taking responsibility for the Public Conveniences in Cranleigh.. There are still some loose ends to tie up but hopefully, once some refurbishment work has been completed, the keys will be handed over to the Parish Council.

Surrey County Council has announced that their Youth services in Cranleigh are subject to a review and the Parish Council has been actively supporting maintaining the existing excellent service provided by our Youth Worker, Nicci Millar Foy.

## And finally,

our Village Hall Caretaker retires on 30<sup>th</sup> November after 21 years of service to the community. Peter has provided an excellent service to the users of the Hall. Everyone wishes Peter a long and happy retirement.



## In this issue.....

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## Cranleigh is well on its way to applying to become a **FAIR TRADE COMMUNITY**.

A recent survey has shown that 126 people out of 130 questioned had heard of Fair Trade and only 6 did not buy some fairly traded goods. This is greatly helped by the fact that the supermarkets represented in the village stock a variety of fairly traded goods - from tea and coffee to bananas and wine. It is easy to buy and use fairly traded produce by looking for the FAIR TRADE logo on products.

We all know that Cranleigh is a village that respects its inhabitants – gaining Fair Trade status would illustrate that we respect those overseas who supply our tea, coffee, fruit and many other goods.



### What is FAIRTRADE?

Fairtrade is a collection of suppliers, growers from countries all over the world who, with help, have attained a quality and quantity of their goods and products to meet stringent health, quality and ethical standards. They are paid a 'proper' amount for their high quality produce and are thus able to improve their living conditions, education and health, learn new skills, improve production and start to produce new crops.

**Fairtrade status for Cranleigh entails certain criteria that we, as a village, have to attain, sustain and promote to enable the village to become accredited.**

The application to become a Fair Trade Village is already supported by schools, churches and the Parish Council. The Parish Council supports encouraging local retailers to provide Fairtrade options for residents and local businesses to offer Fairtrade options to their staff.

### Can YOU HELP us?

Please continue to buy and support Fair Trade goods when you shop.

If you use fairly traded goods in your business, let the steering group know so that this can be included in our application.

If you would be prepared to pledge to use fairly traded products in any form e.g. offer FAIR TRADE refreshments to your staff and/ or customers please let the steering group know – **MORE BUSINESSES ARE NEEDED TO SIGN UP.**

Please contact Jane O'Leary on 01483-276100 or email [joleary@oaktax.com](mailto:joleary@oaktax.com)

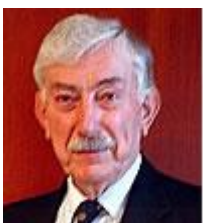
For more information on the Fair Trade organisation go to [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

The aim is to apply for Fair Trade Status for Cranleigh this Autumn.



**PLEASE HELP AND SUPPORT THIS VENTURE.**

## Meet the Councillors



### Chairman - Cllr Brian Ellis

Brian moved to Cranleigh in 1975 and retired in 1993 after 35 years in the IT industry. He was elected to Cranleigh Parish & Waverley Borough Councils in 1995 & has served as Parish Chairman or Vice

Chairman for the past 10 yrs. He held the post of Mayor of Waverley in 2002-2003 & is married to Patricia, with 4 daughters.

**Ward:** Cranleigh West  
**Telephone:** 01483 272929



### Vice Chairman - Cllr Brian Cheesman

Brian was born in Cranleigh and was first elected to the Parish Council in 1976. He is the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee in addition to his role as Vice Chairman of the Council. Brian lives in the High Street with his wife Pam and is an active member of Cranleigh Baptist Church. He has interests in many local organisations, and before his recent retirement was a member of Cranleigh Chamber of Trade and a governor of two local schools.

**Ward:** Cranleigh East  
**Telephone:** 01483 273293

**Your Councillors contact details**

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Cllr Brian Cheesman  
*VICE CHAIRMAN*



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Cllr Richard Cole

07718 588940

Cllr Ken Reed



01483 271896

Cllr Ruth Reed



01483 271896

Cllr Janet Somerville



01483 274488

**CRANLEIGH WEST**

Cllr Brian Ellis  
*CHAIRMAN*



01483 272929

**CRANLEIGH WEST**

Cllr Patricia Ellis



01483 272929

Cllr David Gill



01483 271565

Cllr John Bainbridge



01483 275949

**CRANLEIGH NORTH**

Cllr Mary Forszewska



01483 273020

**ELMBRIDGE**

Cllr Robert Wilson



01483 542034

**CRANLEIGH RURAL**

Cllr Brian Arendell



01483 273204

The May 2011 elections saw the re-election of Cllr Brian Cheesman, Cllr Brian Ellis, Cllr Patricia Ellis, Cllr Mary Forszewska, Cllr David Gill and Cllr Ken Reed onto the Parish Council. They were joined by new Councillors Richard Cole, Ruth Reed and Janet Somerville. Councillors Brian Arendell, John Bainbridge and Robert Wilson were co-opted to the Council at the June Parish Council Meeting.

**Crimestoppers**

The Parish Council recently donated £40 towards the work of Crimestoppers, a charity which enables members of the public to give information about crime anonymously. Information passed through Crimestoppers is not able to be traced and all of the sanitised anonymous information is passed through to the Surrey Police Intelligence Unit.

If you have any information about a crime please phone Crimestoppers on: **0800 555 111**

**Tell them what you know, not who you are.**



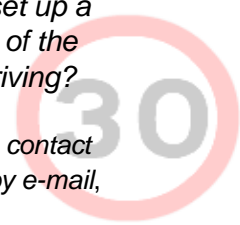
**Surrey Police Mobile Front Counter Service**

A Surrey Police Mobile Counter service will be parked in Stocklund Square every Tuesday between 4pm and 6pm.

For more details contact Surrey Police or the Parish Council Office.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER** to set up a Speedwatch initiative in Cranleigh, as part of the SMART campaign to combat anti-social driving?

If you are interested, or for more details please contact the Parish Council Office on 01483 272311 or by e-mail, [clerk@cranleighpc.org](mailto:clerk@cranleighpc.org).



## Dates for your diary

Members of the Public are welcome to all Parish Council and Committee Meetings which are held in the Council Offices, in Village Way.

Meetings start promptly at 7.00pm with the first fifteen minutes available for members of the public with a legitimate interest in the Parish to pose questions about the work of the Council to the councillors.

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	Planning Committee Meeting
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2011	Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2011	Parish Council Meeting
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2011	Planning Committee Meeting
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2012	Planning Committee Meeting
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2012	Finance Committee Meeting - provisional
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2012	Parish Council Meeting
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2012	Planning Committee Meeting
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	Parish Council Meeting
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	Planning Committee Meeting
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2012	Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2012	Village Hall Committee Meeting
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2012	Cemetery Committee Meeting

## Parish Council Staff

The Parish Council employs 8 full time and one part time member of staff to look after its business and buildings.

Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer  
 Grounds Manager,  
 Assistant Clerk,  
 Administration Clerk,  
 Cranleigh Co-ordinator,  
 Groundsman,  
 General Works Assistant,  
 Sexton,  
 Village Hall Caretaker,

Pauline Whitehead FdA PILCM.  
 Nick Barnett.  
 Vivien Edwards.  
 Robin Ainsworth.  
 Emma Dawson.  
 Mark Godfrey.  
 Andy Burke.  
 Kevin Cave.  
 Peter Parsons.

Have you visited the Parish Council Website on [www.cranleighpc.org](http://www.cranleighpc.org) yet?

You will find a wealth of information from Councillors information, previous newsletters, annual reports, agendas, minutes and lots of other information including links to other websites.

Peter retires on 30<sup>th</sup> November and the Council are currently seeking 2 part time Building Caretakers to look after all of the buildings in the Council's portfolio.

## Where to find us and our office hours

The Parish Council Offices are situated on **Village Way opposite the Leisure Centre** and are open from **9.30am to 12.30pm** every weekday. If you wish to see a particular member of staff it is advised to telephone beforehand to make an appointment.

### Christmas closures:

The Parish Council will be closed on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2011 and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2012.



**List of useful Contacts**

Cranleigh Initiative Co-ordinator -Emma Dawson  
Telephone 07795 120761

Cranleigh Parish Council  
Telephone 01483 272311  
Website:- [www.cranleighpc.org](http://www.cranleighpc.org)

Graffiti Hotline  
Telephone 01483 523425  
Website:- [GraffitiHotline.co.uk](http://GraffitiHotline.co.uk)

Surrey Police  
Telephone - 08451 252222 (Emergencies 999)  
Website: [www.surrey.police.uk](http://www.surrey.police.uk)

Surrey County Council – General Enquiries  
Telephone - 08456 009009  
Website:- [www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

Waverley Borough Council  
The Burys, Godalming, GU7 1HR  
Telephone - 01483 523333  
Website:- [www.waverley.gov.uk](http://www.waverley.gov.uk)

Waverley Borough Council Locality Office  
Leisure Centre, Village Way, Cranleigh  
Telephone - 01483 277399

**Who does what in Cranleigh?**

.....the most frequently asked questions

**Cranleigh Parish Council**

- Allotments at Elmbridge Road and Beryl Harvey Field
- Annual Parish Meeting
- Conservation Area at Snoxhall
- Dewlands Lane Cemetery
- Grants – local and capital grants only
- High Street Flowerbeds
- Notice Boards in Cranleigh
- Parish Council Offices
- Snoxhall Fields
- Snoxhall Play Park
- Snoxhall Pavilion
- Tennis Courts
- Village Hall
- War Memorial
- The Parish Council works in partnership with the Royal British Legion to organise the Remembrance Day event.
- The Cranleigh Initiative (sponsored by Cranleigh Parish Council and Waverley Borough Council) is responsible for the Christmas Lights and associated events.

**Waverley Borough Council**

- Abandoned Vehicles
- Building Control
- Car Parks and Fines
- Commons
- Council Tax Enquiries
- Electoral Registration
- Gypsies and Travellers
- Housing/ Homelessness
- Leisure Centres
- Licensing
- Noise Pollution
- Pest Control
- Planning
- Queensway and Lashmere Playgrounds/ Skate Park
- Recycling/ Refuse/Special Collections
- Street Cleaning/ Litter/ Public Toilets
- Taxi/Private Hire Licensing

**Surrey County Council**

- Education
- Environment
- Footways
- Highways
- Libraries
- Minerals
- Street Lighting
- Social Services
- Transport
- Trading Standards
- Waste Disposal
- **Library**
- Bus permits



Thank you..... to those volunteers who helped on our recent litter pick.

Those who helped at the recent Autumn litter pick held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October collected litter from a variety of areas within Cranleigh and had a very productive morning. The event was organised by Cllr Patricia Ellis

Waverley Borough Council worked in partnership with us by arranging a special collection of the rubbish.

The photograph shows volunteers enjoying a well deserved cup of tea after the event.

### Ewhurst – Cranleigh cycle path

The Parish Council recently pledged its support to Ewhurst Parish Council in their quest to provide a cycle path between Ewhurst and Cranleigh.



#### Cranleigh Cemetery

Dewlands Lane, Cranleigh, Surrey  
GU6 7AD

At a recent Health & Safety inspection the memorial headstones on the graves listed below were found to be unsteady:

**A68**

**B56/B57**

Cranleigh Parish Council has been unable to contact the owners. As a safety precaution, each headstone has been laid flat.

For further information please contact:

Vivien Edwards, Assistant Clerk. Tel: 01483 272311

#### Do you have any old garden or household tools?

'Tools with a Mission' collect old tools and refurbish them in order to send to African countries where they are much appreciated.

Please contact the Parish Council Office for further information.



**Tell us what YOU think about issues which affect our**

**community... We can be**

contacted by telephone on 01483 272311, by e-mail at

[clerk@cranleighpc.org](mailto:clerk@cranleighpc.org), or

through our website on

[www.cranleighpc.org](http://www.cranleighpc.org).

Larger text versions are available on request

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Available from, the Parish Council Office, Locality Office, Library, Village Hall, Arts Centre and downloadable from the website [www.cranleighpc.org](http://www.cranleighpc.org). A copy is displayed on the Parish Notice Board.

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