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## We Will Remember Them



**Old Soldier Lou Tansley and Fifteen Year Old Bugler Hannah Peake Pay Their Respects**

Cranfield has particularly strong historical links with the Royal Air Force and many village people will remember the beginnings of the airfield, and the lifelong friendships that were made with the servicemen stationed at Cranfield during WWI. On Remembrance Sunday, Cranfield remembered those men and women of all the Services, both regular and auxiliary, who lost their lives not only in the two World Wars and Korea, but more recently in the Falklands and currently in Iraq.

A number of local groups marched from The Cross Keys car park to the War Memorial. The Parade, which was led by the Cranfield Branch of the Royal British Legion and some ex-servicemen, included the Air Cadets of 207 (Cranfield) Squadron, the Thrift Vale Scout Group, the 1st and 2nd Cranfield Brownies and the

Cranfield Rainbows. Cranfield was very pleased to welcome for the first time the Thrift Vale Scouts, which is a combined group from Cranfield and Marston. On arrival at the Memorial, the Banner Party, consisting of the leaders of all the groups, formed up at the front of the Parade. Poppy wreaths and crosses were laid on behalf of the Armed Services and the Merchant Navy, the Royal British Legion, and all the represented youth groups.

The Chairman of the Cranfield Branch of the RBL read the names of all those listed on the war memorial, and the Rector of St Peter & St Paul's Church performed the short service, during which there was the two-minute silence. For the fifth year in succession, Hannah Peake, aged 15, played the Last Post and Reveille and many of those present were moved by the confidence of

her performance.

All groups and a large number of people joined in the Church Service. At its conclusion, the Air Cadets laid a cross on each of the war graves in Cranfield churchyard before marching back to the Squadron Headquarters in Merchant Lane, where hot drinks and refreshments were provided for guests, parents and cadets.

After all the support on Remembrance Sunday, it was disappointing to note that there was only one person to be seen solitarily standing at the Memorial for the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

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## Letters to the Editor...

### Letter From Uncle Sam

Just wanted you to know how much I enjoy looking at each new issue of the Cranfield Express. I am a Brit living in the States and really love the way the Internet has made it possible to feel that I am still at home in many ways.

I had the opportunity to be in the Bedford and Cranfield area a few months ago on business. The colleague I was with and I enjoyed an afternoon of walking through your lovely village and church yard.

So, I can really feel that I am visiting the village again when I read your paper.

I look forward to each new issue and the chance to see what's going on. I wish I were close enough to come to hear the Heath Band and the 1940's music. I am a huge Glen Miller Fan. Although it seems it is going through some transition, I'm sure the Express will continue to be a wonderful publication. I look forward to many more issues.

Marilyn Johnson

P.S. I hope the African tortoise and Ziggy both came back home.

### Do You Have A Conscience?

I lost my little Yorkshire Terrier, Trudy, aged seventeen and a half years; she was blind and deaf. I missed her terribly when she died. My daughter bought me a little stone statue of a Yorkie, and put it by the bench in the front garden, in remembrance of her. On the other side of the bench, I had a really heavy stone dog. It was given to me by the son of my late neighbour, Jean Clarke, when she died, as a keepsake in memory of a wonderful neighbour.

You may be saying by now 'What interest is all this to me?' Well, I just thought the thief or thieves who stole my Yorkie in April, and my other little dog at the weekend might like to know a little about their history and sentimental value, as they obviously thought they had more right to them than I did.

Joyce Fishlock

### Open Letter to the Council

The following letter has been sent to the Mid Beds Environmental department, Parish Council and Mid Beds District Council by Dennis Johnson of Mill Road

During ten months residence in

Cranfield I have been impressed with the method and efficiency of the weekly waste collection service provided by your department to householders. I am dismayed and less than impressed to discover that it is to be reduced to a two-weekly cycle with effect from October next year.

However as you promote and describe the scheme it is simply a cost-cutting measure entirely bereft of benefit for the community. A forecast 4% p.a growth rate in household waste ('Horizon', p.9) indicates the need for gradual expansion of the collection service, not a reduction. If the scheme goes ahead, waste is bound to accumulate (we are a household of only two but our waste bin is filled each week) and this will result in two major problems:

1. Fly tipping by irresponsible householders (an opinion voiced by government some years ago when schemes such as yours were first proposed).

2. Hazards to health, particularly in the summer months.

The purpose of my letter is to protest in the strongest possible terms at the proposed implementation of alternate week refuse collection.

*Please, residents of Cranfield, make your own protest and let your views be known.*

### Trick or Threat?

Dear Sir,

On Hallowe'en, a number of delightful children called at our home for "trick or treat". The costumes were superb and full marks go to the red devil with the flashing horns. We always reward callers with sweets or money.

Just before 9pm, the doorbell rang again: this was immediately followed by rude hammering on the door, loud shouts and laughter. We resolved not to open the door, as the callers sounded aggressive and threatening. This may not have realised they were having this affect.

Trick or treat should be innocent fun for children: trick or treat has no place in Cranfield's Hallowe'en celebrations.

Margaret Rooney

### Leukaemia Research Fund Coffee Morning

A very successful Coffee Morning was held at Portnall Place on the

morning of Thursday 13th November in aid of the Leukaemia Research Fund which raised £385.00.

Irene and Hugh McMenamin wish to thank everyone who donated items and gifts for sale and raffle prizes. A special thank you to the stallholders and the ladies who gave their time to provide a wonderful range of cakes, pies and preserves for our Cake Stall.

The raffle prizes were all claimed and at the close of sale all new items were donated for fundraising for the Primrose Appeal.

Our sincere thanks to all concerned on behalf of the Leukaemia Research Fund.

Irene and Hugh McMenamin

### Broadband is Here!

After months of hard work and many articles and letters in the Express, this morning BT finally set a target level of 500 people to get broadband internet in Cranfield. Within two hours, we had reached this target (easy as we only had 10 more people to go).

Now we must wait a couple of weeks to see when the service will be available in the village. It normally takes 4 months for them to install all of the equipment, and by the time this goes to press, we will probably know.

Please visit the web site at [www.cranfield.faster-internet.info](http://www.cranfield.faster-internet.info) for more information about when it will be available, who to get it from, what you will need to buy and how much it costs.

The Faster Internet campaign would like to thank all those who campaigned, dropped coupons at the collection boxes, The Co Op, Budgens, The Cross Keys, the Cranfield Students' Association and the University Post Office for their help in this campaign. Thankyou also to all those who answered their doors and signed up to the campaign, whether they had a computer or not. Perhaps those of you without will now be tempted to find out what the fuss is about and you can certainly look forward to future services that you will use without the need for a PC.

David Peilow

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## Open Garden Day Success

Back in July on a perfect Sunday afternoon the Friends of the Church held the second Cranfield Open Gardens Day. This proved to be even more successful than the first with almost 200 visitors coming from both near and far.

A total of nine gardens were open, some from the previous year and some novices.

Thoughts are now being given to next year's event. So if you would like to take part and would be willing to open your garden to visitors please get in touch with Haydn Distin 01234 751451 or Gerald Butcher on 750420.

### Acknowledgement

#### Becky and Alan Wright

Would like to thank everyone for their care and concern, thoughts and prayers and for the flowers and cards following the death of their grandson.



### CE Deliveries

I'm pleased to report that we have volunteers to do the Townsend Close and Harter Avenue rounds.

Alas, just when I thought it was safe Yvonne Coates has announced that she will be moving out of Cranfield in January so we are now hoping for another kind heart from Millards Close. Yvonne has trodden this round for many years and we are eternally grateful for her devotion.

Any volunteers for Millards?

Please call any of the numbers on the front page or let your friendly newsagent know

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### Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion Cranfield Branch would like to thank everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal this year:

All who had a static collecting box; all who participated in the door-to-door collections, 207 (Cranfield) Squadron Air Cadets outside Budgen's; the Pre-Schools and both Holywell and the Lower Schools, who made us so welcome

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## What's on

**Friday 28th November** - Cranfield Lower School Christmas Bazaar - starting at 3.30pm Santa's Grotto, stalls, mince pies and mulled wine. All welcome.

**Saturday 29th November** Sounds Familiar concert in the Parish Church. A selection of stalls will be selling cakes, cards, and crafts from 6.30pm. The concert will start at 7.30pm. Admission £4.00 including light refreshments.

**Monday 1st December** - at 8pm. Royal British Legion committee meeting at the Carpenters Arms, Cranfield. If anyone has anything they wish to be discussed, please contact the Secretary on 750695 or any member of the committee: Chairman Jim Boddington, Vice Chairman Matthew McHugh, Treasurer Patrick Healy, Standard

Bearers Gerald Butcher and John Fullard, Caseworker Ann Healy

**Saturday 6th December** 11.30 to 1.30 pm. Cranfield Methodist Church 'Poundstretcher' Christmas sale - no item more than £1 - bargains galore! Cakes, gifts, hand-crafts, nearly new, books. Children's lucky dip, name the Teddy and a raffle. Something for everyone. Hot and cold light lunches will be served with the usual refreshments with tea or coffee. No monthly lunch in December, we will be pleased to see all our regulars at the New Year lunch in January. Happy Christmas to you all.

**Sunday 7th December** - 10am Cranfield Methodist Church all age Nativity Play with Carols. All very welcome.

**Monday 8th December** - Cranfield WI Christmas Dinner. For further details, please telephone Lesley: 01234 751028

**Tuesday 9th December** Wharley End W.I. 7.30pm Stafford Cripps Building Cranfield University 'Christmas Table Decorations' Ms C Bettles. Visitors Welcome.

**Tuesday December 9** - 7.30 pm. Cranfield Community Safety Group. Police Community Safety Officer Roy Danaher will attend. Tel 01234 757689

**Wednesday 10th December** - Circle Dancing Evening with Light Supper - This was extremely popular last year so again we have asked Heather McNess to lead us in a special evening of 'Circle dancing' with a Christmas Theme, if you are interest please reserve your place now. For further information Please contact Pat Baker 01234 391254 (Answerphone) or Beryl Bond 01234 751580

**Sunday 21st December** - Carol Service, 6 pm Cranfield Methodist Church

**Sunday 21st December** Christmas

Carol service by candlelight, Sunday 21st December at 6pm followed by mince pies. Christmas day service, 10.15 am. Transport can be provided by prior arrangement, contact Steve Lloyd, 01234 751495. The Church has easy access for the disabled and is family orientated.

**Wednesday 24th December** - Christmas Eve. United Service at the Parish Church, Cranfield. 11pm.

**Every Monday in Term Time** - Parent & Toddler Group, North Crawley Village Hall from 9.45 to 11.30. People from Cranfield are very welcome to attend.

**At the Cross Keys** - Every Sunday, lunches 750213 to book. Concessions. Every Monday, Games Night, Dominoes, Crib, Scrabble. Relax and play to the sound of some Classic Gold. Every Tuesday, Darts Practice for any players interested in playing for winter season.

**Christmas Day** - Methodist Church Service 10.30 am. Led by Mr Maurice Langston.

## One For All and All - For Charity



**A couple of tourists in the middle of more than they can bear at Paddington Station... L to R along the back - Geoff Young, Colin Stapleton (thankfully not in his Full Monty costume), Mike Archer and Ian Cooper**

The event took place on Saturday, 11th October, when 7 teams of four were bussed to Bristol. We were not aware of the destination when we set off !!

The teams were all in fancy dress and the team that Colin and myself were in, known as the Tufty Terrors, were dressed as the Three Musketeers and a Cavalier. The other two team members were Geoff Young and Ian Cooper. The object of the event is to collect as much money as possible for the cause prior to and on the day, whilst completing some tasks and collecting some specific items in Bristol before 'escaping' back to Bedford.

The teams are not allowed to spend any money on the day and food, drink, travel, etc., has to be acquired through the generosity of local restaurants, cafes, (pubs!!) and, in the case of travel, Thameslink, London Underground etc. The presentation ceremony for the event took place on Sunday 9th November. Overall, in excess of £5500 was collected for Macmillan Cancer Relief and the North Bedfordshire Hospice Care. The Tufty Terrors collected just over £600 and we were awarded the prize for the Best Fancy Dress.

Mike Archer

## Pack Up Your Troubles ... WOW - what a night!

The Parish Church certainly was 'alive with the sound of music' when Christine Veitch and her family organised a concert in aid of the Royal British Legion and the Church Restoration Fund on Saturday evening, 15 November.

A night of musical nostalgia from the 1940's saw The Heath Band, solo soprano - Christine Veitch with her accompanist, Nicky Riding, and the Cranfield Junior Singers delight a packed church with all the best-loved melodies from 'Carousel', 'South Pacific', 'Oklahoma' and more during the first half of the concert. The evening was compered by Gerald Butcher.

The Heath Band is a very well known and talented Brass ensemble in Beds and Bucks, some of the members having recently returned from performing in a festival in Austria. They performed songs from the shows, some tunes from the Glenn Miller era and the Fantasia on British Sea Songs.

It was wonderful to hear the Cranfield Junior Singers performing, especially 'Happy Talk' from South Pacific, and 'Don't sit under the Apple Tree'. The choir members taught by Christine Veitch, were Caitlin Butler, Natalie Carter, Victoria Cochrane, Lucy Field, Victoria Huckle, Clare Jones, Tabitha Price, Christina Riley, Maria Riley and Kirsty Veitch

And then the second half - a sea of red, white and blue waved continuously as we were treated to favourite wartime songs of every variety culminating in 'Rule Britannia'.

Many thanks to all those who participated and all those who so generously supported this event. A grand total of £470 was raised which will be given to The Royal British Legion with a donation to the Church Restoration Fund.

A video of the evening will shortly be available for purchase - details in the Cranfield Express.

**Contact number for the village diary**  
**Sallie Stubbs -01234 752223**  
 Make sure your event has no competition.

### Cranfield Methodist Church

**Sundays**  
 10 am Morning Service and Sunday School

**Thursdays**  
 6 pm Sunshine Corner (for children up to 8)  
 7.15 pm Thursday Club  
 (for children 8 to 12 years)

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#### Usual Sunday Services

8.00am - Holy Communion (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays only)

#### 10.30am - Main Morning Service

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2nd & 4th - Holy Communion

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## Ringers Face Stiff Competition



pendent adjudicators. Names were to be drawn out of a hat to decide upon the running order and, as the tension mounted, Jim Ewen, Cranfield's tower captain, drew out "number one" - providing the small consolation that the band's nerves would at least be short lived.

Having driven across Europe and returned from her honeymoon a day early to take part in the competition, Cara

Saturday 20th September was the grand final of the Bedfordshire County striking competition and, having won their regional heat earlier on the year, Cranfield's band of bell ringers were there to do their best!

In all, six bands from across the county were going to compete for the trophy by ringing a five minute test piece on the bells of St. Mary's church in Henlow and the standard of ringing was to be judged by ind-

was showing signs of fatigue as the band entered the ringing chamber to familiarise themselves with the strange bells. Furthermore, Jonathan was suffering quite badly with a nasty bee sting incurred earlier in the day, but sympathy was in short supply as Jim called the band to order and the test piece was rung. Five minutes passed in a flash with some very fine ringing marred only by a small slip towards the end of the piece.

The ordeal over with, Cranfield were now able to enjoy listening to the other bands, drink tea and chat idly in the afternoon sun. Everyone agreed that the results were an accurate reflection of the skill and expertise of the assembled teams and demonstrated that while Cranfield's band have a way to go to beat the very best, they have made considerable advances in the short period that they have been ringing together.

Next year's heats are scheduled to take place in March and already Jim Ewen can be heard in the tower muttering something about "reputations" and "standards to keep up"... The full results were as fol-

Place	Team	Faults
1st	Kempston	6 ¼
2nd	Henlow	11
3rd	Sharnbrook	18 ¼
4th	Biggleswade	21 ¾
5th	Cranfield	30 ¼
6th	Aspley Guise	49 ¾

lows:-

For more information contact either Jim Ewen, Tower Captain, on 01234 750117 or Michael Barnicott on 01234 752000

## Christmas Bells

Cranfield's church bells will be adding their voice to the village's festive celebrations as the Christmas season gets into full swing. The ever popular "Christingle" service takes place on Sunday 30th November at 4.30pm and bells will be rung immediately prior to the service. The ringers themselves will be enjoying their Christmas dinner at 7.30pm on Thursday 11th December and will have a shortened practice at the earlier time of 6.30pm to accommodate both activities.

The Christmas Carol service will take place on Sunday 21st December at 6.00 pm and bells will be rung beforehand, as they will be for the traditional "Midnight" service held on 24th December at 11.00 pm and the morning service on Christmas day at 10.30am. A wedding on Saturday 20th December at 2.30pm will be accompanied by the bells, and the New Year will be "rung in" in customary fashion at midnight on 31st December.

Weekly practice is held every Thursday between 7.30 pm and 9.00 pm and newcomers are always welcome. If anyone would like to take up this peculiarly English pastime they should contact either the Tower Captain, Jim Ewen, on 750117, or the Rector on 750214

Further information is available from Michael Barnicott-White on 752000 or via e-mail on barnicott@aol.com

## Snapper Happy at Special Award



In Cranfield there are many talented people from all walks of life. Some display their hobbies and are much appreciated by the community, and others quietly enjoy their interests, and in some cases, achieve spectacular results. This month I have had the pleasure of talking with a man

who for years has bravely and courageously fought through illness, to enjoy his talent with his cameras. Mr Raymond Wills of Bedford Road, Cranfield, took up amateur photography 21 years ago when he was forced to retire due to ill health, from his work in Flight Department at

Cranfield College of Aeronautics. Despite suffering from lung disease, as well as prostate and bone cancer, Ray has managed to get out and about with his wife, Jean, to enjoy the pleasures of photography. In October, Ray was awarded second prize and highly commended by the Disabled Photographers' Society for the Photographer of the Year award. This photographic society is a national charity which is dedicated to enabling disabled people to enjoy photography as an absorbing and therapeutic hobby. Ray was well enough to attend the prizegiving ceremony at Basingstoke and was delighted to receive his prizes, which were in the Jubilee Class for black and white photography, from the Mayor of Basingstoke, and Konica Minolta, the Society's sponsors. He has been a member of the Society for a number of years and has won many prizes for his photography in local club exhibitions at Bedford, Milton Keynes and Kempston.

The Disabled Photographers' Society

researches methods of adapting equipment to meet specific requirements and handicaps of members and also collects surplus equipment to pass on to them. It holds a yearly competition featuring various sections.

Ray is still able to get out in his car with his wife, Jean, and actually took one of his winning pictures whilst sight-seeing in London. He enjoys days out, particularly at Whipsnade where he spends time in good weather photographing the animals.

If you know of someone in Cranfield who has done something special, get in contact with the *Cranfield Express*. This report about Ray Wills shows that it has been possible for Ray to enjoy his hobby, thanks to the support of the Disabled Photographers' Society.

Ann Healy

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## Sport Extra Extra Extra ...

### Cranfield Colts U10's Grading Games

The Under 10's will be playing competitive football for the first time this season. Many who saw them last season would have said that they've always been competitive! To sort out the division in which they would be playing, they had to play three grading games.

The first was against Leighton Corinthians, a strong side. The first half was well fought and well balanced with both sides playing some super football. The score of 2-1 to Leighton at half time was a touch harsh but sadly in the second half, a couple of quick goals saw Leighton build a good lead. Some experimenting by the coach at this time, lead to more goals being shipped. The coach had clearly been watching Chelsea too much! Skipper Joe Mitford scored a marvellous goal direct from a free kick to add to his first half effort to end up with a 7-2 defeat. Elliot DaCosta was man of the match, with Steven Carter also putting in a brave performance in goal.

The second grading game was away to a Woodside team, who from the outset looked to be not as strong as the Cranfield Lads. The strong front running of first Mathew Johnson and then Lyle Innes saw the Cranfield side start to boss the game. Chances were being made but not being taken. With Lewis Perrin, rock like in the centre of the defence, Woodside never looked like scoring. But at half time Cranfield lead 4-0 with Matthew scoring 2, Lyle scoring 1 and Joseph Hyndman scoring his first ever goal for the Colts. Second half saw changes to the side with Lewis going in Goal to allow Steven a run out. Matthew added two more to his total; Lyle scored a second, as did Joseph in the dying seconds. But the highlight in a game of many highlights was a screamer of a shot from nearly thirty yards, by Elliot DaCosta in the roof of the Woodside net to score his first ever goal for the Colts. The running, tackling, and passing of Tom Warriner and Nicky Rawlins made sure that Woodside were never likely to get a look in. Final score 9-0 to the Colts!

The last grading game was against Willen. Over the years, Willen have proved to be worthy opponents. This side was no different. The defensive players of Nicky, Elliot, and Lewis performed masterfully to keep out the Willen forwards. In the middle of the park, the skipper, Joe, Lyle and Tom played with spirit and guile. The rolling subs rule meant that the under 10's manager, the Cranfield 'tinker man', could change his players around to ensure that they did not run out of steam on the warm morning. Joseph Hyndman again impressed with his clever runs off the ball. Powerful, unselfish work by Matthew made two chances for Joe to score. HT 2-0. Second half saw more of the same spirit. Lewis again swapped with Steven to allow him to

have a run out. Matthew added a third goal for the side, and with the side 3-0 up, Joe and Matthew were rested. Lyle's pace proved to be no less of a problem for the Willen defence. With Tom taking over from Joe in midfield, and Steven adopting what can be best described as a 'Free-role', Cranfield maintained their grip on the game. Steven's industry was rewarded with a goal and although Willen managed a late goal, Cranfield run out comfortable 4-1 winners. The result of these performances means that the under tens have been placed in the second division. With the league games soon to start, and more players to add to the side, this team could go a long way.

Report by: Paul Rawlins

### Cranfield Colts Under 10's remain undefeated!

#### Cranfield 10 - Newton Longville Mosquitoes 0

Cranfield Colts Under 10's continued their unbeaten run when Newton Longville Mosquitoes travelled to Cranfield for the 1st round of the Cup. The team pressured from the start. Matthew Johnson scored 4 goals and with a further goal from Joe Mitford (Captain) the Colts were left in a comfortable position when they went off for their team talk with Manager Paul Rawlins at half time.

The second half saw the boys continuing in much the same vein and the pressure remained constant. The entire squad of 11 boys were given the opportunity to try out different aspects of their game and the spectators saw some exciting new goal scorers in Nicki Rawlins and Lewis Perrin. Only one moment of concern during the match, when a penalty was awarded to Newton Longville - Stephen Carter was poised ready, only for the ball to go wide and kept the Colts slate clean.

The whole team played exceptionally well and because of their skill and versatility can be incredibly proud of their efforts to take them through to the next round. The goal scorers were: - Matthew Johnson (7), Joe Mitford (1), Nicki Rawlins (1) and Lewis Perrin (1).

Man of the Match: - Nicki Rawlins for his tireless efforts on the left wing resulting in his 1st goal of the season - Well done!

Our thanks go to the referee - Andrew Rawlins.

The Under 10 squad is: - Stephen Carter, Elliot DaCosta, Nathan Finney, Joseph Hyndman, Matthew Johnson, Ben Martin, Joe Mitford (Capt), Lewis Perrin, Nicki Rawlins, Michael Spurs and Tom Warriner.

Report by Cathie Carter

## Cranfield Netball Club News

On Saturday 4th October 115 girls entered into the Under 14 Bedfordshire County Trials, this meant that 65 went into Bedfordshire North selection and 50 girls for the South selection. Cranfield Netball Club entered 9 of its members into the trials to

play for Bedfordshire North - Natalie Carter, Brooke Hamshere, Emma Kraus, Samantha Brightman, Toni Cheung, Ashleigh Usher, Lauren Peters and Christina Riley. The 65 girls were put through their paces showing off their basic netball skills and game play during the morning in front of 4 County selectors. Their aim was to become one of the 35 girls chosen to take further part in the afternoon selection. Following a nerve-racking lunch break 7 of the



girls were through to next selection process. The afternoon section was solely game play and each member was able to play in their chosen preferred position. All of the Cranfield girls played exceptionally well and were a true credit to themselves, our club and their parents. Eventually following a truly nerve few minutes the county selectors read out the names of 22 girls - 5 of them from Cranfield Netball Club. There were tears all round either of joy or sorrow, as all the participants commiserated or congratulated each other.

All of our entrants played exceptionally well throughout the day and as a club we are extremely proud of them all. We are sure that they will all be back next year for another opportunity to wear the County kit, especially for those just missing out another chance to prove their ability.

Well Done to the girls (pictured above, left to right) who now call themselves a member of the Bedfordshire North Under 14 County Squad: - Natalie Carter, Laura Bygraves, Brooke Hamshere, Samantha Brightman and Emma Kraus.

PS. Any spectator could go along and watch the County matches (home games played at the Bunyan Centre), the information is usually in the local press or you can contact the club for more details.

Cathie Carter

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## Cranfield's Man in Blue

Roy Danaher, the Police Community Safety Officer (PCSO) for Cranfield will be attending the next community safety group meeting on Tuesday 9th



December at the Methodist Church (7.30 pm). This will give people in the village the opportunity to talk to Roy about some of the issues that arise and help him build familiarity with the area and the residents.

There has been a PCSO presence in the village since the end of October. PCSOs deal with minor incidents of a non-criminal nature. They are expected to be professional witnesses and the 'eyes and ears' of the police service. They interact with the public on a daily basis and should be a highly visible and identifiable member of the police family.



They are support staff and should not be regarded as police officers. Their powers include carrying out PACE road checks and they can stop vehicles to do so. They can enter any premises to save life and limb or prevent serious damage to property, require names and addresses of persons acting in anti-social manner and confiscate and dispose of alcohol and tobacco from young persons. They can also authorise removal of abandoned vehicles in line with force policy PCSOs patrol on foot and by bicycle but they have also been provided with vehicles supplied by Camdens (who are working in partnership with Bedfordshire Police) to get about the area. However these are not patrol vehicles. You should be able to identify Roy by his uniform which is clearly marked with Police Community Support Officer, and is predominantly blue. The majority of his work is in the evenings on Wednesday through to Saturday. He is one of four PCSOs working in support of each other across Mid Bedfordshire. Each has a specific geographical area of responsibility.

Contact Roy Danaher on 01234-842616 or email him on ... roy.danaher@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

Laurence Pollock - Secretary - Cranfield Community Safety Group

## We Will Remember Them



## 207 Squadron Air Cadets

### Air Cadets fundraising for RAFA Wings Appeal

In October, the Royal Air Force Association held a presentation evening and buffet supper. The Chairman of Bedford Branch presented a shield to 207 (Cranfield) Squadron for collecting the most money for the Wings Appeal in Bedford and at Twinwoods. Two of the cadets, Cadet Bennet and Cadet Grant were awarded trophies for achieving top collections. Cranfield Air Cadets shared the task of raising funds for this Appeal with a number of squadrons in Bedfordshire and were congratulated on raising £398.00 out of the total of £2000.

### Support for the Royal British Legion

On two Saturdays prior to Remembrance Sunday, air cadets from 207 Cranfield Squadron collected for the Poppy Appeal outside Budgen's Foodstore. The sum of £328.11p was collected. The Squadron would like to thank the people of Cranfield for supporting this worthy cause. On the same Saturdays, there were also cadet working parties at the War Memorial and in the Churchyard.



President and Cadet Bennett

### Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 9 November, 30 air cadets, [Banner Bearer Flt. Sgt. Christopher Jones] and staff from 207 Squadron wearing best blue uniforms, led by their Commanding Officer, Flt Lt Paul Sucksmith RAFVR(T), proudly marched through Cranfield to the War Memorial. This year, the Squadron was delighted to be joined by its President, Group Captain Brian Hunter OBE, and his wife Sheila, who were escorted by Cadet Bennett. After the two-minute silence, the Squadron lined up in formation with other youth groups of Cranfield, to march to Church for the annual Remembrance Service led by the Rev. Hugh Symes-Thompson. After the Service, cadets laid poppy crosses on all the war graves in Cranfield churchyard, before marching back to their Squadron to join parents and guests for hot drinks and refreshments.



207 Squadron Salute The War Graves

### Sport

Cadet J Bullen and Corporal E Bullen were successful in hockey trials, and have been selected to play in the Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Wing Team. On Sunday 16 November, a large contingent of 207 Squadron cadets successfully completed the Wing Cross-country course at Bassingbourne. Latest news - Corporal E Bullen has been selected to play in the Eastern Region Netball Team.

**AND FINALLY.....** 207 Squadron is grateful to Budgens for allowing air cadets to hold another 'Christmas Bag & Pack' to be held on Saturday 13 December between 10.00am and 2.00pm. There will also be a cake and tombola stall outside the store.

**Quiz Night - Saturday 6th December, 7.30pm** at Cranfield University Social Club. Bring yourselves, bring a team. Tickets £5 : Tel Nos: 751652 and 750524

**PROCEEDS GOING TOWARDS A NEW MINIBUS FOR CRANFIELD AIR CADETS.**

Don't forget if you need to see any copy of the Cranfield Express they are all on the website

**www.cranfieldexpress.co.uk**

## CUFC Match Results by Larry Corkrey

### ABBEY NATIONAL 4 - CRANFIELD UNITED 1 Saturday October 25th

Yes! It was as bad as the scoreline suggests. In fact, manager Jeremy Hall could be excused, if he had retired to a darkened room for the rest of the weekend and asked for counselling after watching this performance.

Kicking off with wind at their backs Cranfield immediately surrendered the initiative to their opponents and it was not long before they gifted the first goal to them. After only 6 minutes both Templeman and Brightman failed to deal effectively with a harmless ball into the goal area. The lack of a decisive call from the goalkeeper resulting in a misunderstanding and the ball being deflected into the path of an incoming forward who obligingly dispatched it into the net. Within minutes indecision again almost led to a second goal but this time the ball was fortunately fired over the bar from close range.

Some respite came in the 20th minute when Donnelly put the ball in the opposing net. The goal, however, was disallowed for offside but at least it prompted Cranfield to step up their game for the remainder of the half. Within a short space of time Iggerson, twice, Forbes and Donnelly, in quick succession, all failed to take advantage of clear cut chances. It was left to Drew in the 24th minute to put them level with a miscued volley from an Iggerson corner. Fortunately for him the ball looped over the top of the home defence, left the goalkeeper stranded, and dropped into the far corner of the net.

When the teams went in at half time Cranfield looked in control and the more likely winners. Abbey National clearly had other ideas and they started the second half the more determined side. They soon had Cranfield rattled with their quick and effectively tackling and tempers soon began to fray. Within minutes it was necessary for the referee to call both captains together and warn both sides to stop the resultant petty niggling and moaning.

From that point on Cranfield were outplayed in all areas and more goals inevitably followed. The second and third in the 60th and 77th minutes were both well worked from midfield and Templeman had little chance with the resulting shots.

The fourth which came in the 80th minute was self inflicted when the referee awarded a penalty against Templeman who made contact whilst diving at the feet of an oncoming forward. The decision may have been a little harsh as the forward appeared to

have already pushed the ball too far ahead and certainly ran on for several paces, after contact, before falling to the ground. But what can you expect if as a team you continue to moan at and berate the referee throughout the game..

A performance best forgotten!  
Team:-, S.Templeman, L.Ingerson, D.Billington, S.Drew, R.Brightman, A.Watts, A.Crook, A.Woodin, P.Grffiths, G.Forbes, P.Donnelly.  
Substitutes used:- A.Scott (75th min)

### CRANFIELD UNITED 3 - SHILLINGTON 1

#### Bedfordshire Challenge Trophy 1st Round.

Saturday November 1st

This was a considerable improvement on last Saturday's performance at Abbey National. Against opponents from a higher division higher Cranfield were certainly the better side and deserved the result.

They stunned their opponents by taking the lead after only 20 seconds when Scott prodded the ball into the visitors net during a goal mouth melee but then allowed Plsek to snatch an equalizer for the opposition only 1 minute 45secs later

Cranfield however quickly regained the initiative and could well have retaken the lead twice within the next 10 mins when both Billington and Drew headed over the bar from Ingerson corners. Their best chance however came in the 33rd minute when Scott running totally unmarked into the penalty area pulled up injured as stretched to control the ball in front of an unprotected net.

It was Donnelly who eventually restored the lead in the 50th minute when he slid the ball past the oncoming keeper after receiving a delicately weighted defence splitting pass from Ichikawa. Shillington then staged a spirited fight back and came close to equalizing when they struck the Cranfield crossbar. This eventually petered out after 10 minutes. Ichikawa eventually put the result beyond doubt in the 70th minute when he was on hand to tap the ball into an undefended net following a surging run into the penalty area by Watt.

In the 90th minute Ichikawa could have further added to the scoreline when once again he found himself unmarked inside the penalty area. This time he squandered the chance by driving the ball straight at the keeper.

Team:-, S.Templeman, R.Brightman, D.Billington, S.Drew, L.Ingerson, A.Watt, A.Woodin, P.Grffiths, A.Scott, P.Donnelly.

Substitutes used:-U.Ichikawa (33rd min.)

#### Cranfield Colts U16 2 Cauldicote Youth 2

This was a game Cranfield should have won easy, but Cauldicote scored the first goal.

Cranfield put them under a lot of pressure, finally scoring a goal by Andrew Rawlings.

The Second half Cauldicote started well and scored again. Cranfield missed numerous chances only to score a penalty converted by Robert Ireson to make it a draw.

Report ... S Holmans

## Churches Get Something Right!

A Celebration Service was held at the Cranfield Methodist Church to mark the signing of the National Anglican-Methodist Covenant. It proved a most positive and spiritual occasion - deeply moving, joyful and relaxed. It was attended by a good number drawn from all the churches in the village with the music enhanced by the singing of 'Sounds Familiar'. The content had been carefully



Rev Gordon Sollis, Rev Hugh Symes-Thompson and Steve Lloyd

thought out by Gordon Sollis, the Methodist minister, and featured a particularly appropriate message drawn from the writings of John Wesley. This recognised the need to respect others and the

integrity of their positions while never losing sight of the importance of striving together for the common cause.

Wonderfully, our local Baptist Church played a full part in the worship and celebration of what was in name a 'Methodist - Anglican' relationship. This demonstrated clearly that Christian Unity is far more than the agreement of outward forms and paperwork. At heart it must flow from the love and co-operation of the inner spirit as we jointly seek to follow the way of the Lord Jesus. Gordon Sollis briefly turned chat show host interviewing Rev Hugh Symes-Thompson (C of E) and Steve Lloyd (Baptist) on what the covenant might mean for us and especially in terms of future co-operation amongst the churches here in Cranfield. Increasing interchangeability of ministry was mentioned, as was the value of tradition and the need to change with the time and circumstance. And there was undoubted sympathy for the radical theory that all our present buildings be closed, the proceeds pooled, and that we then all start life afresh together on a new site as one Church for Christ here in Cranfield!

Indeed as we shared our communion that night we all felt that we were already one church in many ways. In Cranfield we Christians may still meet in different places and worship in different styles but heaven is an enjoyable prospect together. After happily sharing the refreshments provided we set off to our homes and into the future with God..

Hugh Symes-Thompson

## The Western Front Association



Recently the Western Front Association Milton Keynes Branch was fortunate to meet Arthur Halestrap, a sprightly 105 year old and a world War One veteran. As a lead-up to Remembrancetide, he told some thought-provoking stories of life in the trenches: rescuing on his first day at the front a horse drowning in the mud of the Somme, shaving with three fellow 'Tommies' for three days in the same water, drinking tea brewed in an old petrol can with rain water yet tasting far better than any Ritz tea party. He especially spoke of the comradeship. On the 11th November 2003, he laid a wreath at the Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium where the memorial bears the names of 54,360 men with no known grave.

Our own War Memorial has 43 names from the First World War and 9 from the Second World War. When we consider the size of our village at that time, we can begin to understand the scale of the devastation and loss. Greater love hath no man than this, that he lays down his life for a friend.

Please feel welcome to join us at any of our meetings. We meet monthly on the third Friday, at the City Discovery Centre, Bradwell Abbey off H3 Monks Way, 7pm for 7.30pm. Future Meetings are:

**Friday 19th December** AGM and Christmas Social Evening

**Friday 16th January 2004** Art of the first World War

**Friday 20th February** 'Death Clouds' - the story of Grandfather Ben and Gas in the 1st World War

**Friday 19th March** This is a larger meeting as the speaker will be Professor Richard Holmes. Please contact Jane on 750695 for details as this is a ticket only meeting.

For all other meetings, please just come along.

# Potential Sites For Housing Development in Cranfield

## The Issues...

As you are aware, Cranfield Parish Council has and continues to oppose large scale housing in Cranfield due to the lack of suitable infrastructure. The council believes that development should be infrastructure not developer led.

The original Mid Bedfordshire Local Plan Review Deposit Draft did not include large scale housing provision in Cranfield. This was removed due to concerns relating to the capacity of the local schools.

Because this did not comply with higher level planning requirements it attracted a number of objections. A planning inspector appointed by the government then reviewed the plan. After a long review process the inspector reported and did not agree with the original plan of no large scale development in Cranfield. Instead he recommended around 350 houses are built on the airfield and Lincroft. The overriding reason for recommending this site was that the inspector considered that this was previously developed land, a 'brown field' site. Mid Beds District Council has now reviewed this modified plan and has published its proposed modifications. Mid Beds District Council is recommending to build 350 houses on the Home Farm site instead of the airfield site. Their main reasons for this change are improved access to the village facilities, less concern with aircraft noise, better containment of the site as it is surrounded by roads. This has now been incorporated in the proposed revised Mid Bedfordshire Local Plan Review Deposit Draft.

Cranfield Parish Council's view is that if large scale development must come to Cranfield, the airfield site is the least disadvantageous.

At the same time MBDC are proposing to keep the extension of Lincroft, known as 'land off Merchant Lane' in the plan.

The map opposite shows all the potential development sites printed. It is important to make your views known and to take action now. Wilson Connolly homes have already submitted a planning application for 31 houses to be built in Lincroft. (Application 03/0891/FULL)

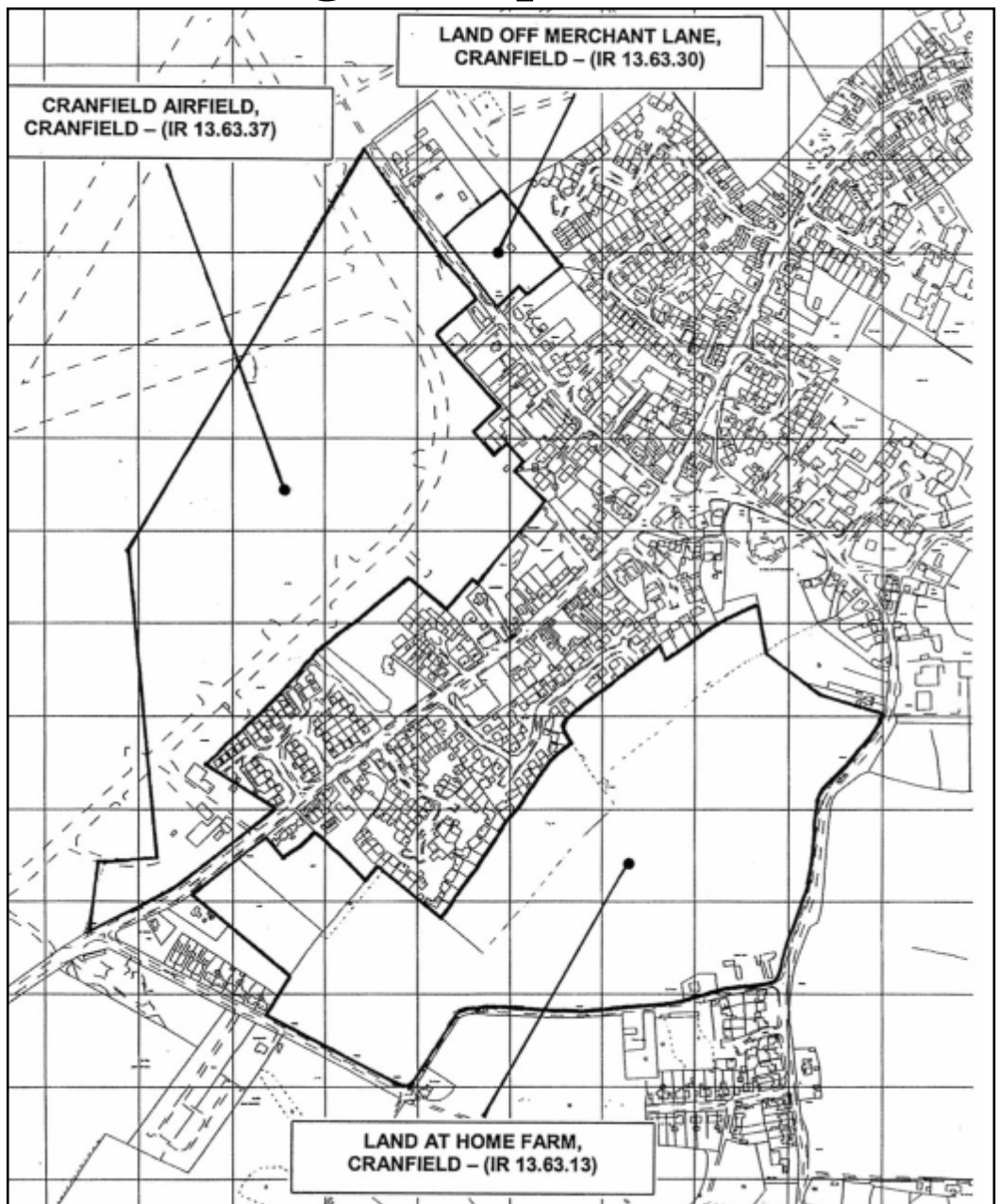
### What can you do?

You have an opportunity to be involved in the local plan process. You can make objections or support the modifications proposed to the local plan. You can also make your views known relating to the recommendations made by the planning inspector.

To have a say in the future development of the village you may express a preference (however reluctant) for either the Airfield or the Home Farm/Lincroft sites, or you may wish to object to all three. The parish council recognises the widespread opposition to all housing development but recognises this consultation is more about choosing a site for future development which is now probably unavoidable.

All comments must be received by MBDC in Biggleswade by 15th December.

Cranfield Parish Council will be holding a surgery in the Village Hall between 7.30 and 8.00pm on



Wednesday 3rd December for anybody who requires some assistance to fill in the documentation.

### What you need to know.

There are representation forms and details available from MBDC, or you can download one from the MBDC website [www.midbeds.gov.uk/services/planning/local\\_plan/proposed\\_modifications.asp](http://www.midbeds.gov.uk/services/planning/local_plan/proposed_modifications.asp)

The website contains the following documents;

The inspector's report

The response by MBDC

Reason for not accepting the inspector's recommendations

A copy of the form for making comments. Please note that each comment must be on a separate form.

Contact details are;

Local Plan Team

Mid Bedfordshire District Council

23 London Road

Biggleswade

SG18 8ER

Telephone the local plans team on

01767 602334 / 6 / 7 602336

Email them on

[local.plans@midbeds.gov.uk](mailto:local.plans@midbeds.gov.uk)

The local plan team will be pleased

to help with any queries you may have. The relevant proposed modifications to the plan are;

PM128, paragraph PM 13.65 Add new housing allocation at Merchant Lane (This is the extension to Lincroft)

PM129 Amend settlement envelope to include new housing allocation land off Merchant Lane

PM131, paragraph PM 13.85, policy HO9 (26A) Add new housing at Home Farm Cranfield

PM132 Amend settlement envelope to include new housing allocation Home Farm

Copies of the documentation will be available at the following locations;

District Councillor Alan Bastable, 39 Townsend Close.

Parish Councillor Ken Bridges, 25 Orchard Way.

If possible, Please contact Cllrs Bastable or Bridges before visiting them. Please let your district councillors Ken Matthews and Alan Bastable know your views. Their email addresses are; [ken.matthews@midbeds.gov.uk](mailto:ken.matthews@midbeds.gov.uk) and [alan.bastable@midbeds.gov.uk](mailto:alan.bastable@midbeds.gov.uk)

Alternatively, write to them at; Mid Beds District Council  
The Limes 12 Dunstable Street  
Amphill Beds MK45 2JU  
Cranfield Parish Council is interested in your views on housing. If possible please copy Cranfield Parish Council with your correspondence. You can contact the clerk at;  
Mrs.R.Davey-Hunt  
Clerk of Cranfield Parish Council  
Mill Farm  
Mill Road  
Husbourne Crawley  
Beds MK45 0XF  
Email; [cranfield@villages.bedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:cranfield@villages.bedfordshire.gov.uk)

Also please write to our MP  
Mr.Johnathan Sayeed, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA  
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## Lost For A Millennium

### Work Starts in Cranfield to Re-create Ancient Woodland

The first opportunity to help re-create a part of Cranfield's ancient woodland heritage takes place in Tree Week (26 November - 7 December).

The team at the Forest of Marston Vale is encouraging everyone in the village, keen to do their bit in Tree Week, to help plant trees on the first area of what will become Rectory Wood on Sunday 7 December between 11am and 3pm. There will be another opportunity on Sunday 7 February, next year.

Many will have heard already that the Forest acquired 174 acres of farmland surrounding Rectory Farm, during the summer. It is known to have been wooded at the time of the Norman Conquest and is recorded in the Domesday Book.

Over seventy-five thousand native trees will be planted across the 174 acre site in the coming years, including ash, oak and field maple. Rectory Wood will be completely open to the public in the future and will include open spaces for play and picnics. The first area of planting, this winter is the most accessible from the village and is the field to the right of Rectory Lane, opposite the cemetery.

"Buying the land gives a massive boost to the creation of the Forest of Marston Vale, and Cranfield Parish Council have made a significant financial contribution to its purchase," said Guy Lamboume of the Forest Team. "All are welcome to join us to plant trees - young and old, friends and family, to share this thrilling opportunity to re-create the woodland, up to one thousand years after it was originally cleared

"Our thanks to Budgens of Cranfield, who will be providing refreshments and to Cranfield University Student's association who will running a Hot-Dog stall."

Volunteers are advised to wear old, warm clothes and waterproof shoes or boots. Bring a spade if you can. Refreshments will be provided. Please walk if possible, but if driving, park in Budgens or the village hall car parks. A free minibus service will operate between Budgens and the planting site (thanks to Cranfield University). Contact Guy Lamboume for more information 01234 762608 [guy.lamboume@marstonvale.org](mailto:guy.lamboume@marstonvale.org)

To mark the occasion, or celebrate any other special event - a birth or anniversary, tree planters can Adopt a Tree on the day for just £15. Over 300 people, clubs and companies have adopted trees so far, helping their local environment and making an important contribution to the creation of the Community Forest. To arrange a tree adoption in advance, contact Guy.

For more information about the Forest of Marston Vale visit the website [www.marstonvale.org](http://www.marstonvale.org) or contact Guy Lamboume, 01234 762608. For other events in Tree Week and tips on tree planting, visit the Tree Council website, [www.treecouncil.org.uk](http://www.treecouncil.org.uk) or contact the Tree Council info line, 020 7828 9928



## A Real Local Plan for Cranfield

The proposed modifications recently published by Mid Beds District Council to their Draft Local Plan do nothing at all for the benefit of Cranfield. All they are doing is forcing a further 350 houses into an already overcrowded and congested village. This continues the non-policy of the last 20 years of allowing ad hoc development without any improvements to infrastructure. If we must have significant development, we need proper a master plan that will deliver the necessary infrastructure and environmental improvements.

I have set out below a summary of what I personally think should be in this master plan, but I must stress that it is entirely dependent on getting the airfield site approved (as recommended by the Independent Government Inspector) and the Home Farm site (proposed by Mid Beds) rejected. This requires villagers to complete the official response forms, which are available directly from Mid Beds. (Some will be available at the Parish Council Surgery on Wednesday 3rd December, 7:30pm).

### High St. Relief Road

Location... Bypass on airfield side of village, running from Lodge Rd. to a roundabout at the High St. / Bedford / Mill Rd junction (Co-op).

Reasons...The amount of traffic using the High St. will increase dramatically as the Technology Park expands and as a result of the massive housing development proposed for Wootton and Marston. Large-scale housing development in Cranfield would make matters even worse for the existing road 'system'. All that is being offered is more 'traffic calming' - hardly a solution to gridlock!

The 'High St. Relief Road' is important as virtually all the new development would have access onto it, rather than onto the congested High St. The new road would give an replacement route for all through traffic, allowing much improved traffic flow at peak times and freeing up our High St. for local people. The extent of the new housing would be confined by the alignment of the new road. This would form a natural boundary to the village and limit how near the runway any new properties would be situated. The Co-op/Post-Office could be relocated to a nearby site with suitable car parking, which would make the traffic movements in this area much safer.

### Housing ... Location and Reasons

Approx. 280 houses on the airfield site between the Lodge Rd junction and Merchant Lane.

1. Designated as previously developed land, therefore given high priority by the Government.
2. Has government backing (through its Local Plan Inspector) so developers are almost certain to get planning permission (eventually) if they push for it.
3. Approx. 25 houses on square of land between Lincroft and Merchant Lane.
4. With development on three sides under this plan it would make sense to use this land, providing that vehicular access was possible from the new Relief Road. This would prevent even more chaos at the Lincroft / High St junction.
5. Approx. 55 houses behind the Cross Keys on land next to the recent extension to Lincroft.
6. The new road neatly defines this area, widening the village at what would be its narrowest point to retain a balanced shape to the village.
7. Approx. 20 houses and shops on Central Motors/Fish & Chip shop site. Development is already being discussed for this area and could be integrated in this plan, which would help to tidy up the area.

It is inevitable that all these sites in time will be developed. By integrating all these developments into one master plan, we can ensure that we secure the maximum contributions to village facilities from the various developers and landowners. No one developer alone would provide the relief road, but by planing the development in a co-ordinated way the road becomes feasible.

### Community Facilities

It is essential that the Home Farm site is included in the master plan to ensure that it is NOT developed for housing later on. Using this land and the Airfield site together with other land in public ownership it would be possible to provide:-

1. 2 new playing fields
2. New cricket pitch and bowling green
3. Large-scale Community Forest provision at southern end of village
4. New library and community centre
5. On site expansion of Lower School with a third of the adjacent public playing field reallocated to the school
6. Environmental restoration of village centre
7. New green at south end of village

### Conclusion

I hope people will consider that my plan is worth pursuing, as it seems likely to me that development will happen. Now is the time to object to the proposed changes to the Mid Beds Local Plan for Cranfield and to suggest alternatives.

**Ian Holloway**  
Lordsmead

## Cranfield Branch of The Royal British Legion

The RBL Cranfield Branch held its Annual General Meeting on 20th November 2003. The new Committee members are:

Chairman	Major James Boddington	
Vice Chairman	Mr Matthew McHugh	
Treasurer	Mr Patrick Healy	
Secretary	Mrs Jane Backhouse	Tel: 01234 750695
Caseworker	Mrs Ann Healy	
Member	Mrs Christine Veitch	
Standard Bearers:	Mr Gerald Butcher and Mr John Fullard	

We welcome our new member, Christine Veitch. Please contact any member if you would like further information. We meet every month, generally the 3rd Thursday at 7.30pm at Portnall Place Community Room in Mill Road. We have a programme of speakers and activities.

We also hold more informal meetings on a regular basis on Mondays from 8.0pm at The Carpenter's Arms. Future dates will be advertised in 'What's On'. Sandwiches, dominoes, skittles and good company are on the menu - do join us. There is no obligation to join, just comradeship, but you are very welcome.

Please note the change of date for December - it will not be held on 3rd December but on the 1st from 8.0pm at the Carpenter's Arms. There will be no meeting at Kilmacolm as previously advertised.

Future meetings include:

Thursday 15th January 2004	New Year Social at Portnall Place
" 19th February	The Red Cross
" 18th March	Annual Draw
" 15th April	The History of the Victoria Cross
" 20th May	Theatrical Costume Design in London
" 17th June	Off the tourist track in Australia
" 15th July	To be announced
" 19th August	Quiz Night
" 16th September	To be announced
" 14th October	Yankee Doodle comes to

Thurleigh	
" 18th November	Annual General Meeting
" 16th December 2004	Branch Christmas Dinner

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**Announcements**

**Lauren**



To Lauren, wishing you a very happy third birthday on the 25th November. With lots of love and kisses from Daddy, Mummy and Matthew XXXX

**Stephanie King**



**To BK from PP** Happy 18th on December 17th ... Love you all in the world XXX

**Stephanie King...**December 17th. A very happy 18th Birthday with lots of love from Mum XXXX

**Baby Maynard**



**MAYNARD** Bernice and Geoff are pleased to announce the birth of their first grandchild. A beautiful 'bouncing baby boy' weighing 10lb 6oz was born to Josefa and Richard at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Haywards Heath, Sussex on November 7th.

**ENGAGEMENT** - Parents and friends of Gethin Jones are thrilled to announce his engagement to Lizzi Pavitt and look forward to the wedding celebrations on 30 July '2004.

**BIRTH** - Delighted grandparents and friends wish to congratulate Angharad and Simon on the arrival of a special baby daughter Bethan, who was born on 16 September. Croeso cariad.

**ANNIVERSARY** - Angharad and Simon, Love and best wishes from all your family and friends on your 1st wedding anniversary - 25 September 2003

**STONEHAM - PEACOCK**  
The Marriage of Emma and Richard took place on Saturday 8th November at St Peter's and St Paul's Cranfield ... Congratulations to you both Love Mum and Dad XX

**Alex**



Dear Alex Happy 4th Birthday Lots of love Mummy, Daddy and Zoe

**Congratulations** to Heather and James Rust on the birth of Callum Jack 12th November - a brother for Joshua and Michael and Lianne Rust on the birth of Hannah Lucy on the 18th November. Love from proud grandparents Doreen and Maurice

**In Memoriam**

**ARTHUR GARNER.** Treasured memories of a dear husband, Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad who passed away December 13th, 2001. Loved and remembered always. His loving wife Phyllis, Malvin and Margaret, Peggy and Robin, Grand and Great Grandchildren.

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**Cranfield United Football Club - The Story Goes On...**



**CFC Season 1921 - 22**

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**Middle Row** - V Marshall, W Perrin and J Fountaine

**Front Row** - F White, H Jones, R Jones, L Saunders and L Evans

This 1921 -22 photo shows some of the 1913 players. Doug Shayler and Lal Seamarks told me about other village players related to them. Walt Perrin I remember from my paper round days and his son Dave spent many years with United. V Marshall, J Fountain, F White - all local boys and H Underwood was the local undertaker. The Jones boys lived in the grocer shop next to the Carpenters Arms and the Saunders are believed to be related.

This team was well known for its lady supporters. Liz Seamark, Rene Rock and Flo Cooper were all sisters to L Evans and during one game at Crow Field they took a dislike to the refs decisions and told him if he didn't change his attitude he would finish up in Cranfield Pond... Cranfield won and the ref and the ladies all went home happy. Have times changed?

**A Story From That Era**

Whistler Bert George, who lived in Tea Pot Row, bet a United mate that he could eat one ounce of pepper with his meal. The bet was for eight pints of beer.

The meal was prepared with the said 1oz of pepper added and Whistler gulped the lot winning the eight pints of best bitter which he drank during that evening.

It was said that early next morning he was spotted at Salford Slack (Salford Brook) trousers round his ankles splashing the cold water onto his rear passage. He thought he was overheating! True or False? A second person said it was January with snow on the ground and he went down Salford Hill on a sledge, melting the snow as he went... Hmm! Old villagers never lie, do they?

More next month.

MJ

**100 Years Ago**

During January of 1903, Mrs Lovell, Nellie Harper, Maude Gadsden, Evelyn Coleman, Emily Foster, Emily Bitchener, Edith Richardson, Florie Bennett and Mr Gadsden, all of Westoning, visited 264 homes in Cranfield in the course of an opinion poll, regarding Cranfield's licensing laws on the subject of Sunday public house opening times. Of these, 214 homes were in favour of Sunday closing of Cranfield's public houses, and ten were against with 40 neutral.

Mr John Hall was a very deaf man who lived in Cranfield and at 11.05am on the 12th December 1904, was seen by PC Leutchford, of Bedford police station, driving his horse very slowly down Midland Road whilst drunk. The brown mare was lame in the near fore leg and semi lame in the other leg. Johon Hall was summoned by RSPCA Inspector Casey for cruelty and illtreatment of his horse and was fined 2 shillings and sixpence (12p) with eleven shillings (55p) costs.

Two local lads had a good night out on the 3rd August 1903. Arthur Barcock aged 23, and William Lovesay, both labourers of Cranfield, were summoned for being drunk and disorderly. William Lovesay was also further summoned for an assault on a PC White whilst in the execution of his duties.

Cranfield's village policeman PC Simmonds had been in the village from 1901 to 1904 and was replaced during January 1904 by PC Symms, who was arriving from Westoning.

Roger T



So, who are these folk from the fifties? I know Ken Wooding is, apart from being the only man, holding the cup, but, which cup is it? And can you name any of the beauties in the crowd? Are you one of them? A verified list of names from left to right could win you lots of money - but it won't. What we will do, however, is pay ten pounds to anyone (not you Ken) who can tell us the most names. Answers on a post card to the village newsagents or by email to ... editor@cranfieldexpress.co.uk - and the first out of the hat gets it ... the tenner that is.

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## Sport Extra...Cranfield Colts U13's 'Kick Racism Out of Football'



All the football leagues took part in the 'Kick Racism out of Football' campaign in October, and our U13's were lucky enough to be invited to take part in a display match with a group of Asian lads at Kenilworth Road, the home of Luton Town FC. The boys played a 20-minute game (10 mins each way) on a very wet pitch as they had the sprinkler system going. The teams were mixed together to form two teams, so on the plus side we won 3-2 but then again we also lost 3-2, but I am sure the lads enjoyed the experience whatever the score.

We were also invited to stay and watch the mighty Hatters (with seats in Kenilworth Road end) take on Peterborough United. It was a very entertaining game but unfortunately it finished 1-1.

Report by: Lionel Cooper

### Colts U13's

#### Pitstone & Ivinghoe 4 Cranfield Colts 2

This was a very hard fought game which we should have won. Pitstone & Ivinghoe only had 6 or 7 chances for the whole of the game whereas we had numerous chances including one disallowed for being offside, except their centreback was playing Jamie on by at least 6 feet. We also missed a penalty and we had two cleared off the line from Harry and Jamie, but it was not meant to be. At the moment luck seems to be against us so the only way forward is for us to put that little extra in and with more effort the results will come our way. Goal Scorers: Jamie Cooper 2 Man of the Match: Jamie Cooper

Report by: Lionel Cooper

### Colts U11's

#### Wicken Rangers vs Colts U11's 11th October

A friendly away to Wicken was a chance for nearly all the squad members to be present and take part. Early in the game Wicken, who play in Division 4, exerted constant pressure on the Cranfield defence. Mark in goal had to be particularly sharp and did very well to come off his line to tackle one of the home sides forwards when he was through on goal. The inevitable happened shortly afterwards, following a scramble in the Cranfield goal Wicken went ahead with the first goal.

To their credit our lads gradually upped the tempo and began to force Wicken backwards. Both Matthew K and Rob began to look dangerous and were unlucky with a number of shots between them which were either deflected or just wide. Just as Thomas who was captain for the day

and Ben began to get a hold of the Wicken forward line their number 7 produced a mazy run and rifled an excellent shot into the corner of the net : 2-0.

Not to be outdone, at the other end, Jack "Beckham" Sharp curled a brilliant free kick onto the Wicken crossbar.

Nick came onto the pitch and with his first kick hit the crossbar. Shortly afterwards he picked up a poor Wicken goalkick and from five yards outside of the box placed the ball sweetly into the back of the net : 2-1. Not to be outdone Andy, our second substitute, produced a twisting, turning run before slotting home the equaliser : 2-2.

The second half saw a series of continuous substitutions but Cranfield proved the far stronger side. Callum who worked hard up front got his deserved reward when he chased down a Wicken goalkick - his first shot was blocked but his second found the back of the net : 2-3. Our fourth goal came when a throw in found Nick on the edge of the box and he professionally side footed the ball into the net : 2-4. Andy notched his second goal and Cranfields fifth by good pressure on the Wicken goalie and applying the finishing touch : 2-5. A rare Wicken break by the home sides no 7 saw his shot hit the post and shortly after another effort was well saved by James to his left. Michael caused the home defence a number of problems with a series of dangerous runs on the right and from one of these crossed the ball for Matthew C who had earlier hit the post to slot home Cranfield's final goal : 2-6. A good result for the squad. Player of the Week was awarded to a boy whose running cov-

ered all the pitch - Rob Deason.

### Cranfield Colts vs Kempston West End ( home - League )

25th October

This was always going to be a difficult match and so it proved to be. Kempston played the game aggressively and their tough tackling, physical approach was clearly designed to intimidate our lads. To their credit Cranfield were not put off and played some excellent football.

Honours were even early in the match with both sides pushing forward, however, following one of many fouls won or suffered by Michael, Matthew Cooper hit a free kick into the crowded Kempston penalty box which was headed into his own net by a Kempston player. 1-0 to Cranfield.

Following another near miss free kick by Matthew, Kempston broke away down the right. The first shot was well saved by Jack but the rebound was slotted in to even the scores. 1-1. Nick had a shot just over after a scramble in the area but thereafter Kempston pressed forward and Cranfield were forced to play on the break. Stout defending by the whole Cranfield team kept Kempston at bay. Callum and Matthew at the back aided by Nick, Michael and Phil covered brilliantly and looked to find

Andy on the break. From one of these breakouts Andy won a penalty which he converted himself to put Cranfield back in front. 2-1.

Just before halftime Jack saved on the line to maintain our lead.

The second half continued in the same way with Kempston pushing forward and Jack was called upon to make a number of crucial saves. At the other end of the pitch Nick, Andy and Michael caused problems on the break for the Kempston defence and were unlucky with shots just wide. Following a collision in midfield, Kempston looked to be through on goal for the equaliser but a great tackle by Rob saved the day.

Nerves began to jangle for the home supporters but fear not as the Cranfield resilience shone through. Phil who had covered every inch of the pitch, tackling every Kempston player won the ball in the middle and passed to Andy who laid it off to Nick who swung that sweet right foot and the ball sailed into the corner of the net. 3-1.

This was a great victory and an excellent team performance by Cranfield against a side determined to win at all costs.

Player of the week was awarded to Phil who was masterful in midfield. Cranfield are now placed second in the league behind Ampthill.

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**Cranfield Tae Kwon - do club's latest 1st Dan, Ian Cowley and (inset) Instructor David Rawle presenting the coveted Black Belt**

Cranfield has produced yet another Black belt within the club. Ian Cowley joined the elite when recently he gained his black belt at the Bristol Tae Kwon-do academy. Achieving black belt is the pinnacle of every martial artists career and takes dedication and hard work and very few people who start out actually stay the course and reach their goal so to join the ranks of black belt is a truly deserved and worthwhile achievement. Ian has been practising Tae Kwon do for many years and has trained under two different associations and after a short break joined us to complete his rise to the top. Ian's family Jane, Adam, and Tamazon

also train with us and I am sure they will one day want to follow in his footsteps and emulate his success. Well done to Ian.

Our next local grading is in December and we have some high grade belts going this time so good luck to all of them. If anyone is interested in joining us or would like to learn more about the martial art please give me a call. It is suitable for anyone irrespective of age sex size or physical condition and has many benefits including fitness flexibility weight loss body toning and the ability to look after yourself in this increasingly violent society. Make that call

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**Colts U7's**



**Back row:** Kyle Mirwald, Luke Payne, Jordan Williams, Charlie Marsh, Kieran Crewe, Luke Finney and coach Stuart Riches.  
**Front row:** Joe Field, Callum Riches, Ronan Vine and Jacob Bassett.

**Cranfield Colts U7's 6 Flitwick Eagles 4**

Cranfield took time to settle and as a result of defensive error they conceded two early goals. However, the team has been working hard on moving the ball quickly into space. With much encouragement from the sidelines things suddenly clicked into place. Kieren Crewe showing good positional awareness at centre forward helped open up opportunities in front of goal and pulled one back. Then straight from the kick-off Charlie Marsh won back the ball and brought us level. A few minutes later Cranfield added a third following quick thinking at a throw in and the whole match had turned around. By half time both Marsh and Crewe had a brace and Cranfield lead four two.

Into the second half and the Eagles snatched one back, Cranfield had to close ranks at the back and they did so with excellent defending from Callum Riches, Ronan Vine and Jacob Basset. Composure restored, the game was then as good as settled with a goal by Marsh, straight out of the "Beckham handbook". As the ball bounced kindly on the half way line Charlie connected with perfect timing and lofted it over everyone, past a surprised keeper and into the back of the net. What a goal! Flitwick stayed alive with a converted penalty but Cranfield rounded of a fine footballing performance with a sweeping passing move finished by Joe Field. Final score Flitwick 4 - Cranfield 6.

Report by: Stuart Riches

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