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# Bell deal left hanging

English Heritage has apparently altered its position on the re-installation of Cranfield's church bells.

The church believed it had reached an acceptable compromise over the threatened mediaeval timbers in the tower of St Peter and St Paul's.

But the future of the peal, which includes a recast bell and a brand new one, was still 'hanging' in the balance as Cranfield Express went to press.

Last month a diocesan 'Consistory' court heard submissions from English Heritage, the church's architect, the bell founders and Cranfield rector Hugh Symes-Thompson.

The hearing, in Cranfield, was conducted by the chancellor, His Honour, The Worshipful Reverend Canon Doctor Rupert Bursell QC, a diocesan legal official who sought to establish the truth from all parties rather than preside over a formal contest. At the beginning of proceedings Dr Bursell suggested a possible compromise solution, with the disputed floorbeams being mounted on the north wall of the ringing chamber so that they were on display for any historians or interested to inspect. This suggestion would have been acceptable to the Parish (albeit reluctantly) but English Heritage rejected it.

At the conclusion he asked the engineers to withdraw and examine points of agreement among themselves. Otherwise he would have to impose a solution. At a subsequent meeting the church thought an acceptable solution had been found but English Heritage, it is believed, is questioning the outcome.

Rev Symes-Thompson, giving evidence to the court, said the church was spending in the region of £85 - 90,000



**Father and son: Kevin and William Sutton share a quiet moment in the warm glow of the Football Club bonfire last month. But there were plenty of fireworks too. Turn to page 6 for report and pictures**

on the bells. But they felt 'persecuted'.

"We tried for so long to find an acceptable way of getting a ring of bells. We have complied with all the things that have been thrown at us with constantly shifting demands.

"We thought the system had been agreed all bar the final details."

The church, he added, had a strong interest in preserving history and the

parish felt that bell ringing was the best way of preserving history."

Referring to the beams which English Heritage wants to keep in the church tower he added: "I have had no enquiry from any visitor to look at the bell frame or old beams in the five years I have been here."

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**Cranfield remembers: The village commemorated the dead of two world wars on Remembrance Sunday last month. Full report and pictures page 5.**

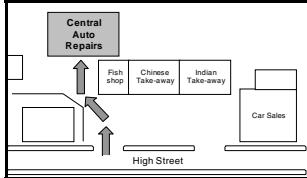


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- **Thur Dec 7th** Cranfield Village Hall Progressive Xmas Whist Drive. 7.45 p.m. In aid of Cancer Research. Many thanks to all who came to our coffee morning on Thursday 26th October. All raffle prizes were claimed and the grand sum of £350 was raised for Cancer Research.
- **Mon 11th Dec** Mid Beds Conservative Association - Cranfield Branch Whist Drive 7.45pm
- **Fri 15th Dec** 4:30, Jonathan Sayeed MP Advice Centre, Cranfield Village Hall. Strictly

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- **Fri Dec 15th** 8pm Canzonetta Singers & friends, Cranfield Parish Church. An evening of

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- **Sun Dec 24th** Cranfield Roman Catholic Church, usual Eucharistic service 9:15am Carols and Christmas Mass followed by refreshments 8:30pm. Building 114 Cranfield University.
- **Tue Dec 26th** Boxing Nite. Motown - Soul - Northern Nite with Tony. At the Swan 8 til late.
- **Wed Dec 27th** Elvis is alive at the Swan 8p.m.
- **Sun Dec 31st** New Year's Eve

### Saturday 2nd December Cranfield Lower School PTF Christmas Bazaar 2-4PM at the School.

Cranfield Lower School's annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday 2nd December from 2-4PM. Come along and visit Santa in his Grotto, drink some of our own recipe mulled wine (licensed for adults only) guess the number of sweets in the jar and join in the many games! We have lots of fabulous prizes in our raffle and the top prize is a 'Silver Scooter' (tickets on sale on the day only). Raffle to be drawn by 'Baby Bear' from the Milton Keynes Theatre Christmas Pantomime 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' starring Frank Bruno.



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## Letters to the Editor

Like most people I enjoy seeing children having fun and I have always kept a bag of goodies to hand out to expectant youngsters. However, I must strongly protest at a totally unacceptable act of throwing eggs at my door. I would encourage yourselves as a responsible form of media within the village to condemn this action in your next issue.

(name withheld)

No need to mention names, but I would like to thank the three people who helped me win my appeal. They gave me the strength to fight for my rights and to find I had won made me keep my pride. Once again, thank you and may all three of you continue to be successful with your lives.

Tony Harpur

I would like to say thank you to my wonderful family for all their tender loving care over the last few months.

Also to my wonderful friends and neighbours for all their help, visits and thoughtfulness during my stay in hospital. Thank you for all the lovely get well cards, flowers, pot plants, choocs, cakes and gifts.

A heartfelt thanks to my lovely neighbours who took Dad and I to see Mum at Steppingley during the petrol crisis.

Cranfield is a lovely place to live with such kind people to care. God Bless you all. Best wishes for Christmas. With love and appreciation,

Sheila Gooch.

## Clogs begin Autumn Programme

Clogs (Cranfield Local Group of the Wildlife Trust) began its Autumn programme on 1st October, with a day of coppicing in Marston Thrift. Despite a gloomy weather forecast, we had a very pleasant, dry day. Our bonfire burned nicely, and we all enjoyed sausages cooked in the open air. This year's priorities are to make clearings in the area of blackthorn next to the stream, and to cut back some of the regrowth along the main ride. The clearings will help the local population of butterflies, which need open space for flyways in order to thrive, and our work on the ride will help to conserve a wide range of insects and ground plants, which are shaded out by bushes and trees. The next conservation day is Sunday 3rd December. We meet at the Thrift car park, at Wood End Marston, at 10.00 am. Latecomers should head straight for the bonfire. Anyone interested or needing further information should contact Angela and Clive Bucknall on 750421.

Our new meeting place for indoor activities is at Portnall Place, in Mill Road. This is a comfortable, warm room, which has the added advantage that we are joined by some of the residents. The first meeting at our new venue featured a most interesting talk on "Hedgerows in Bedfordshire", by Steve Coleman, who traced developments since Saxon times, with maps showing how the field patterns had changed over the centuries. At our second meeting, another old friend, Barrie Mason, gave another very enjoyable talk about the "Wildlife of Clapham Part Wood", illustrated with his beautiful photographs of the wood throughout the year, and its birds, plants and animals.

We are now looking forward to our New Year's Day walk through Marston Thrift, which will be led by Geoff Parker. The walk will start at the Swan public house at 11.00 am, and return to the Swan for a welcome drink about two hours later. Come along and get a breath of fresh air after your New Year's Eve party.

## Repairs to Cranfield Church Fabric

The sunken water tank is no longer in use, it has been replaced by a new tap on the Church wall. This is an easier, safer, more reliable source of

water. Also, new gates have been put in at the Church Walk end of the Churchyard

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## Parish Council Nov 15th

### Village Hall dilemma

The village hall's AGM last month was 'quite sad', Pcllr Sheila Hockenhill told councillors. "Cranfield Express gave us a great piece and we had three members of the public and seven members of the committee out of 13.

"At the end of the day, the problem is that the income (from the hall) will not support the necessary work to make it an attractive venue."

Pcllr Bates pointed to the landfill tax as one way of raising funds.

"Several town and parish councils have received 100 per cent grants for new village halls. We need to be looking at the improvement of disabled toilets or even a new village hall.

"There is something in the region of £2 million for spending on villages around here and we need some of that action."

Pcllr Roger Baker added: "We now have to look at a radical new approach - a new, purpose-built village hall". Pcllr Alan Bastable said there was a "total lack of interest" among some members of the committee. And Pcllr May Armstrong asked if the parish council should consider 'taking back' control of the hall.

### Traffic calming

Recent road traffic accidents have provoked calls for more traffic calming and more visible speed restriction signs in the village. But county councillor John Hawksby told the meeting 'regretfully' there was no form of speed sign that allowed for bad driving.

"There is an increasing total disregard by a lot of drivers who will just ignore a red light if it is inconvenient."

Mrs Armstrong asked if a petition by local residents concerned about speed near their properties would make any difference. Mr Hawksby said any speeding was a police matter and he would ask if the police could carry out radar speed checks again on the areas of road affected.

### Multi-use games area

Discussions continue on the lay out of the MUGA but councillors heard

that the projected muga was 'inching forward'. Mrs Hockenhill said Henlow had recently 'welcomed a muga with open arms' and she recommended that representatives from the middle school should visit it. Pcllr Delise Ball said the governors were desperate to push it ahead and that the head teacher would like it at the school as long as there was no organisation involved.

Parish council chair Phil Bates said, originally, it was hoped that the muga would be ready by Easter but it was now looking like the summer holiday.

### Planning consortium

Planning committee chair Alan Bastable outlined the current work of the Mid Beds Parishes Planning Consortium which now has nearly 40 members. A visit to the House of Commons was in the offing.

### Silverstone

The university is planning extra parking in connection with motor racing at Silverstone next July (15th/16th). The parish council is to press the university to ensure that signs do not direct traffic through the village.

### Parish clock

Repairs to the parish clock were now complete Mrs Ball reported, but one of the arms had to be extended by two inches to allow for a slightly buckled clock face.

### Remembrance day

Mrs Ball thanked the ATC for helping to clear up after Remembrance Day and placing poppies in the war graves.

### Dates of next meetings

Committees - 6th December, full council, 20th December.

### Style guide

Alan Bastable was in first place with a stylish argyle pattern sweater with an eye catching splash of scarlet. Runner up was Brian Dossier with a more subdued but tasteful oatmeal, grey and dark olive (as far as the light allowed one to see) sweater. Mr Saville's remarkable tee shirts have been much missed because of extensive work commitments.

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Mrs Pamela Ward, the architect for the church said she was a bell ringer herself.

Referring to English Heritage's proposed solution (the bells raised up on stilts to accommodate the mediaeval beams) she said: "It is so important that bells sound right and the finished result is right.

"There is tremendous enthusiasm.

It would be terrible to have one sound dominating all the time."

### Accident report

There have been two serious accidents in the village since the last Cranfield Express. Bedfordshire police say a woman was in collision with a Bedford panel van with bull bars on the front on 30th October at 5.15 pm. She was thrown nine metres and suffered fractures to ribs and pelvis. A second accident involving two vehicles occurred at Crawley Road on 24th Oct just before 10 pm. There was slight injury and one driver was arrested on suspicion of drink driving.

It would be better for all road users if traffic calming measures were implemented throughout the village. The islands on the high street are a nice idea, however most cyclists will tell you that from their point of view they are deadly, and the sooner they are removed the better.

### Millenium celebrations firmly planted

On Tuesday 17th October, thirteen members of Woburn District Trefoil Guild planted two trees in the burial ground in Rectory Lane. The trees were a yew and a holly, both grown from seed by trefoil guild members, and planted to commemorate the millennium.

Woburn Trefoil Guild is a group of

She added: "My understanding from the bell founders and structural engineer is that they cannot get a good engineering solution to the bell installation (if the beams stay in). They have both written to say they cannot accept responsibility professionally for the alternative."

Meanwhile the bellhangers, Taylor's, have a full schedule of work until February - so that is the earliest the bells could now be installed assuming a scheme was agreed or imposed.

A better idea could be large gates outside the village, similar to those outside Moulsoe, or mini sleeping policemen, similar to those found on Hillsground Road in Kempston. These slow traffic to a reasonable speed, without impediment to cyclists, or causing severe damage to cars hitting them at the wrong angle.

There have currently been two petitions running in the village with regard to road safety in Cranfield. If you wish to make your voice heard, you could call at 42 Crawley Road, to sign one of them.

If you want your voice heard turn up at the Parish Council meeting on 13th December in the Village Hall, where the matter will be raised. The more residents who turn up to see what the council is doing, the more likely we are to get a sensible system that works for us all.

ladies who have been involved in the guide movement, but are no longer active members. There are six members from Cranfield, and others from Woburn, Woburn Sands and Salford. We always welcome new members and meet once a month on a Tuesday afternoon. Anyone interested please ring Pat Peat 01234 751421

A. Downes

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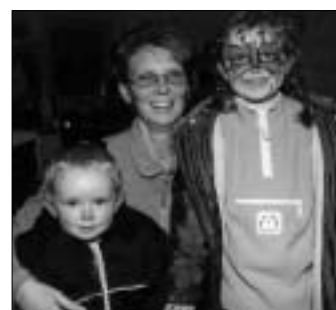
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# Santa's grotto steals the show

Acorn Pre-school's fete was a sell-out with prizes galore, lots of fun and a truly magical grotto. Santa's cave was a twinkling wonderland which must have whetted the appetite of many a youngster for the delights of Christmas. Lucy Field is pictured with the Hairy Man of the north. Kate Goodman and Vicky Hardwick did the grotto but the identity of Santa will quite properly remain a mystery. Some of the most enjoyable activities were the messiest, of course, usually involving paint. Billy Ward, aged three, really took the plunge with palm painting. Nina Loosemore (aged five) pictured right with brother Adam 18 months and Mum, Judy preferred the paint on her face. The Harris's were also out for a good time with (clockwise from top left) Jane, Adam, Kristian and Tia.

Acorn Pre-school wish to say it would not have been possible without the help of local pubs, takeaways, shops and businesses for their generous donations towards the raffle which raised £880 alone. A special thank you goes to Palmers Solicitors who donated £100 first prize (which was won by the Cranes Pre-school chair person Karen Jobling), and to R&C Motors who donated a mini hi-fi system. Thanks also goes to Crane Way Stores, the Leathern Bottle, the Cross Keys, the Swan pub, Marshalls



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Also, Acorn would like to give a special thank you to Ian and Kate

Goodman and Karl and Vicky Harwick (R&C Motors) for the hard work they put in to creating such a fantastic Santa's Grotto.

Overall £2,000 was raised at this event. Without the generosity and support of the local community Acorn Pre-school would not be able to offer the children of Cranfield such high standards. We remain eternally grateful.



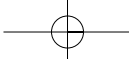
Youngsters at Holywell proposed a 'toast' to next year's intake when the school held its open evening for parents and prospective pupils. Pictured below, clockwise from top left are : Natalie Carter, James McKeegan, Hannah Sears and Sarah Parker. But



the delights of home cooking were not the only glimpses of the future offered to the year four pupils who came to visit. While senior staff explained to parents the educational highlights in the main hall, their off-spring met existing pupils in the library for a more informal approach. Members of the school council described what it was like to be at Holywell and Hannah Peake (cornet) and Laura Spicer (clarinet), above, showed the musical side of life there. Holywell has clubs for just about every activity and Sean Pollock, far right, and Chris Clark, above right, gave virtuoso performances on the spinning plates and devil sticks while Chris's older brother Daniel successfully juggled three balls in the air.



If you go down to the bazaar you might be in for a big surprise. The Lower School's bazaar is this Saturday 2nd December from 2 - 4 pm in the Lower school Main Hall. Baby Bear, pictured (centre) with Mummy and Daddy Bear will be a making a guest appearance although hopefully not to upstage Mr Claus. Baby Bear's day job is appearing at the prospective Milton Keynes Theatre pantomime production of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The afternoon promises to be a wonderful occasion and you are strongly urged to support the event.



# Clouds part as Cranfield remembers

The autumn weather turned gentle for Cranfield's Remembrance day ceremony. After the recent tempests it was a great blessing for the large crowd to gather in bright sunshine and a mild breeze.

They had come, however, to mark those lost in earlier, global tempests and all present were in grave and sombre mood. Instead of floods and gales the very existence of the country was threatened in the 20th century. The names carved on the war memorial recorded those who gave their lives that this nation might live.

Among them are names with a particular Cranfield echo - Anstey, Salisbury, Kinns, Billington. There are other names with several entries - Cook, Lancaster (three each), Hardy, Harpur, Lovesay. How many families lost more than one loved one in the great conflicts?

It is inconceivable to think of something similar happening again.

The future was well represented by

the village youth organisations from cubs and brownies to scouts and cadets. It is vital they connect with the history of past sacrifice and learn how to ensure these terrible conflicts do not repeat themselves.

Nearly 140 years ago, another speaker, at newly opened war cemetery told his audience that they could not, themselves, dedicate the memorial stone. This had already been done by those who gave their lives there. It was rather for the living, Abraham Lincoln said, to be dedicated to the unfinished task of those who had sacrificed everything at Gettysburg.

If those who died in two world wars did so for peace and freedom then we, today, including members of those youth organisations, face a double task. To remember those who went before and to dedicate ourselves to ensuring that new war memorials will not be needed in the 21st century.

Laurence Pollock





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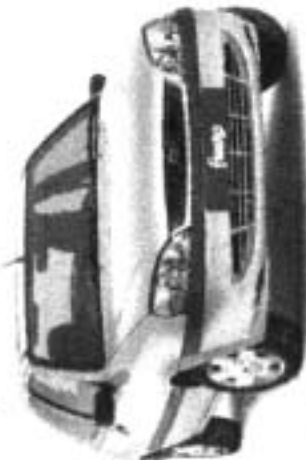


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Put your answer with your name and address on a piece of paper and send it to the address at the end. The winning answer will be pulled out of the hat on December 10th.

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Doctor,doctor. I feel like a pack of cards. Sit down, don't shuffle about and I'll deal with you later.

Doctor, doctor. I feel like a bucket. You do look a little pale!

Q. What did the vampire say after he finished with his victim?

A. Fangs a lot!

Q. What was Dracula before he was married?

A. A bat-chelor!

Q. What sort of monster gets up your nose?

A. A bogey man!

Jokes this month from Laura Blay.

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### Announcements

The wedding of **Laura Beaty** and **Alan Kelly** took place on Saturday 9th September 2000 at St. Peter and St. Paul's church, Cranfield.



Happy 1st Birthday to **Triesse Cole** on 3rd December. Big Ahs. Grandpa and Grandma Seamark xxx  
Happy 1st birthday to **Triesse Cole**. Lots of love and kisses from Mummy and Daddy xxx

In Memoriam, **MASLIN**

In loving memory of my dear husband Bob who died suddenly on the 22nd December 1997. Always in my thoughts. Love Barbara.



**Claire**. Happy 40th birthday 17th December. Love Mum, Dad, Stewart, Lucy, Mark, Laura, Thomas and Rachel.

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# Record crowds for fireworks

Safety first was the motto at this year's football club firework display. The bumper crowd, carried away by the "cracking display", may not have realised how much the club had stepped up public safety arrangements.

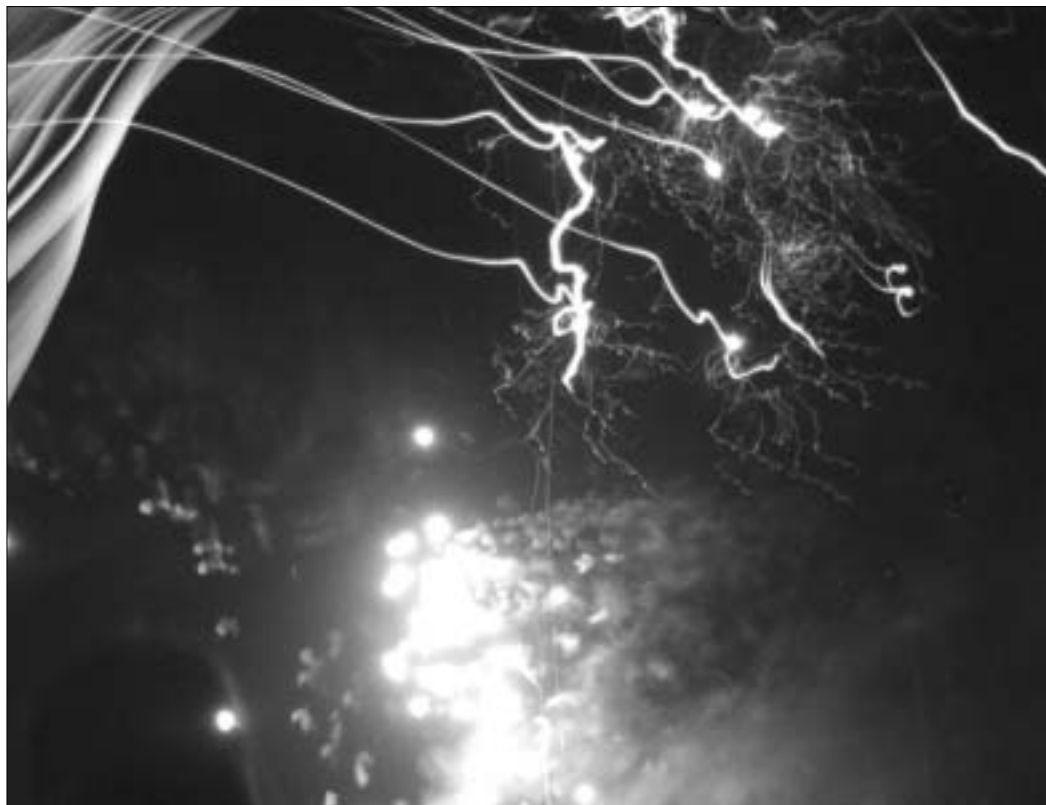
It sent Jason Leach and Gary Holloway on a training course run by the firework manufacturers and a full risk assessment was carried out before the display went ahead. Jason and Gary, fully kitted out, made absolutely sure there were no nasty surprises after the main display was over.

"We also had extra marshalls making sure everyone was at the right distance", said Paul Neate of the football club.

He said he wanted to thank everyone for supporting the event.

"There must have been 800-900 people there. It was a really great night and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves."

Around £1,500 was invested in fireworks making the display the best yet. This was followed by the traditional bonfire at a safe distance behind the far goalmouth.



## Cranfield After School Club

### Part time play worker:

A third play worker is required to work at the newly established Cranfield After School Club, run from the Lower School.

Applicants must be over 18, enthusiastic, reliable and enjoy working with children as part of a team. Duties will include supervising the children and organising and leading play activities.

Hours and days worked may be negotiable. Play Workers will be paid £4.65 per hour.

### Club Escort:

An escort is required to walk a small number of children from the Middle School to the Lower School each day. Would suit a retired person, or someone already walking this route with their own children.

**For an information pack and application form, please contact:**

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## Meet the parish council

Cranfield residents are invited to celebrate Christmas early by joining parish councillors for mince pies on Wednesday 13 December at the village hall. The parish council is holding its regular surgery and hopes to welcome many of its Cranfield and Wharley End parishioners. If you have a problem or query, or would just like a chat and a mince pie, do come along.

You might like to find out what the parish council does, how it operates and how one becomes a parish councillor.

"We try to help people as much as we can," comments parish council chairman, Phil Bates, "either through the formal channels of parish council business or informally on a one to one basis. If we cannot help or advise directly, we usually know a 'man who can'."

The 'man who can' is frequently a member or officer of the District or County councils.

The parish council plays a pivotal role in guiding people around the complexities of local government and other organisations. The parish council meets twice per month: committees meet on the first Wednesday and the full council meets on the third Wednesday to receive the committees' recommendations and address other business.

The general public are entitled and encouraged to attend these meetings but in practice few people actually come. PCouncillor Bates concedes that listening to parish council debates

and discussions all evening is not everyone's idea of a good night out. "That is why we introduced these regular surgeries: we want people to come along and feel free to talk to us, in confidence, in a friendly, informal environment."

The Parish Council surgery is on Wednesday 13 December, 8 - 9.30 pm, at the Village Hall.

Some examples of the range of issues addressed by the parish council:

- \* Planning applications
- \* Purchase and maintenance of street lights
- \* Purchase and maintenance of play equipment
- \* Purchase and maintenance of bus shelters
- \* Maintenance of the burial grounds
- \* Grass cutting
- \* Liaison with County Highways department on road and pavement repairs

In addition, parish council views are frequently sought on local and national proposals eg health, transport, cycle routes, wildlife.

### Diary dates

The Parish Council will be holding a surgery in the Village Hall, Court Road, on Wednesday 13 December, 8 - 9.30pm. All Cranfield and Wharley End residents are invited to attend. Tea and mince pies will be served.

Meetings, Wednesday 6 Dec, committees, Wednesday 20 December, full council, 8pm.

## Cranfield's Imperial Headache

"Here are your bonuses, Imperial", said Paxo. He said it over and over again and the results were there to see at the end of half an hour.

It was University Challenge with Jeremy Paxman. It was Imperial College London, 255 points; Cranfield University, 85. Well, with Gilbert sitting on the subs' bench no wonder the Cranfield attack lacked punch. The line-up was Robertson, Holt, Barrett and Edmonds. But Edmonds made most of Cranfield's runs into the penalty area. Unfortunately he tended to find the side netting with some regularity. Meanwhile Hodgson, Estcourt, Douglas and Campbell stormed ahead for Imperial.

We had our opportunities to score. They played the singing nuns from The Sound of Music and asked where it came from.

Edmonds (Cranfield) agonised...Dr Zhivago? They got bonus questions about lakes in Cumbria and went on a tour round Wastwater, Ullswater and Someotherwater. Unfortunately the answers were Bassenthwaite, Wastwater and Yetanotherwater in that order. Result, zilch points.

But Edmonds neatly sidefooted the ball in when asked what US city John F

Kennedy meant when he said it combined 'northern efficiency with southern charm'. Washington DC came the correct answer.

Cranfield then went on to get two out of three ancient history questions about Alexander the Great and Ptolemy.

Unfortunately Imperial continued to score at will whether it was TV series, technical, music or Italian cheese (Parmesan). Eventually Paxo brought the proceedings to a merciful close before Imperial moved from a good English cricket score to a good Pakistan or Australian score. Meanwhile Cranfield was stuck with the equivalent of a healthy snooker break.

There was little consolation from the compere who acknowledged that CU had not done very well. As for Imperial "We'll see you on the next round."

Huh! No doubt Mr Smarty Pants Paxman just can't wait to say yet again "Here are your bonuses, Imperial". In the meantime we'll send Gilbert off to read the entire Encyclopedia Britannica on-line and make sure he captains the next Cranfield team.

That'll show 'em.

Some parish councillors have day jobs and some of them are rather good at them. Council chairman Phil Bates won through to the national finals of the GE Capita Award for financial excellence aimed at business managers in the motor industry. He is business manager at Perry's the Peugeot dealer in Bletchley. To get to the final Phil had to present various capital programmes he had put together. On the day he was given a business scenario blind and asked how he would correct this. Phil was just pipped for first place and came joint second. Well done.

## Chris' IT Clinic

This month, I'd like to pass on a few tips for making your life easier with Windows 98, as it can at times make things unnecessarily complicated.

For example, you can access your programs by clicking on the Start button and then selecting from the programs menu, but this can be slow. If you use a particular application a lot, you can put an icon on your desktop which will run that program when you double-click it. Click Start/Programs and then click the right mouse button on your selected program. Select "Send to" from the menu and then click "Desktop as shortcut".

You can place all your desktop icons on the taskbar at the bottom of the screen. This has the advantage of single-click access to your programs without you having to minimise open windows to see the desktop. Click the right mouse button once again on a blank area of the Taskbar and select Toolbars from the menu. Then click "Desktop".

Windows loads all sorts of rubbish into memory at startup, which takes

time and resources. To cut some of this out, click Start/Run, type "msconfig" into the box and click "OK". The system configuration utility appears. Click the Startup tab and take the ticks off all the boxes except System Tray and Explorer. This can speed up loading times dramatically.

After installing software, you may find unasked-for items at the top of your menu when you click the Start button. To get rid of these, click your right mouse button once on the Start button and select Open from the menu. The icons representing these superfluous applications appear in the window. Right-click on the icon and pick "Delete" from the menu.

Finally, I strongly recommend regular visits to Microsoft's website for Windows updates. Surf to <http://windowsupdate.microsoft.com> (note - no www!) and click on Product Updates. If any critical updates are found, download and install them. There will be other downloads there if you fancy them.

Chris Walker.

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## True or false?

*Micky Johnson wants to know if there are any old footballers in the village, who want to show off their skills. He says - instead of talking about it in the bar or yawping at the touch line - "Swap yer mouth for yer boots." Give him a call on 01234 751269.*

*On that note here is Tricky's trip down memory lane where he asks True or False? ...*

In the late 40's and 50's Cranfield United was a serious force in local football. With Players Woodin, Seamark, Lovesy, Pointon, Perrin, Parker, Hunt and Harper along with committee men Gaunt and Welsh still living in the village, it was an experience being told about the good old days ...

*"When Tricky Micky was a babe in arms ... he says."*

The changing room facilities consisted of an old bus situated at the Mill Field ground which never had hot water, heating or even lighting. The kit they wore was made of heavy cloth with long sleeved shirts and shorts that covered their knees - apparently this was to stop the legs from chaffing. The boots looked like coal miners toe-tectors with one inch nails holding the studs in position. It was common knowledge that nails protruding from half worn studs served as added protection when playing against the roughs from down the hill at Marston and Wootton.

Times were so hard and the temperatures so low...

*"Put that violin down, Mary."*

that, in the winter of '47, the boys wore woolly hats, gloves and wrapped their private parts in cotton wool - some apparently using less than others.

The football used was made of leather and contained a bladder laced inside. In wet and muddy conditions the ball took on the speed of a parachute and the weight of a brick wall. Players also got the added pleasure of a severe ache, cuts and stitches when they headed the lace-made more mess of a man than any bare knuckled streetfighter.

Facilities did improve when the club moved to Crawley Road. They had a wooden shed which had all 'mod cons' ... a four foot square bath which all the players had to share which meant the last in had about two or three inches (ain't gone metric) of mud left to wallow in ... Good old days I ask?

My grandson asked if the stories the men had told us were true. I asked him if he believed his mum when she said that a policeman, teacher or bogey man would take him away if he was naughty. He just smiled and went off to hear about Cranfield United in the swinging 60's and 70's ... True or false?

Mick Johnson

## Golden Oldies news ...

Barry Woodin flew in from Australia to show us that he could hold down a place in the Golden Oldies team but the committee had to tell him that flying him back for every match just wasn't allowed for in this year's budget.

### Man or Mule?

Football fanatic, Joe Constable (aged 45), was unable to play for the Oldies because he had to attend a pantomime rehearsal. His part was the rear end of a donkey. Speaking to his wife, Sue, she said "It was a dress rehearsal" Thanks Joe!

Christmas greetings in colour - deadline 13th December

Spot a great grandpapa ... and win a prize



Cranfield Cricket Club ... 1911

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## Cranfield Colts U10's

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The teams were evenly matched from start to finish. There were many chances created at both ends with Josh having a very good game in goal. We looked good as a team with Henry, Richard and Will's good understanding of using the full width of the pitch. We created many chances with Jake scoring on his debut and James, Ryan and Harry provided our very solid defence. Cameron was unlucky to get injured as he was going for goal. All parents from both teams were very proud of all the boys that took part in the game, as it was very enjoyable to watch. Feel free to come and watch our games at Duncan Road, Cranfield University.

Team: Dominic, James Lake, Harry, Richard, Henry, Ryan Mann, Josh, William, Jake, and Cameron,

*Man of the Match: Henry Rutherford*  
We still need more players. If interested ring Lionel on 01234 751439.

## Cranfield 1st Team

### Cranfield 0 Westoning 1

This was United's first defeat as well as their worst performance of the season. At no stage did they look like keeping their unbeaten record. Westoning's goal in the 28th minute which was a centre-aim shot which the home keeper should have stopped. Cranfield could not raise their game which resulted in most of

the second half being a midfield battle with very little goal-mouth action. Manager, Mick Brightman, is reported to have said 'This result is best forgotten.'

### Cranfield 6 Biggleswade 0

You're only as good as your last result so, after the performance against Westoning, this is exactly the result manager Brightman wanted.

From kick-off United attacked and after a nine man move, Brewer, scored the only goal in the first-half.

Three goals by Steel, Lowe and Romeo early in the second-half made sure Biggleswade never got back into the game. Further goals from Lowe and Romeo finished it. It was a much happier team that travelled home with coaches Elles and Steel also well pleased with their midweek training sessions.

## County Cup

### Thurleigh 2 Cranfield 4

Facing gale force winds Cranfield had to defend in depth for all of the first half with a centre field shot taking Thurleigh into the lead. Their front runner added a second through bad marking on the 50th minute. It looked like it was all over for United.

Then the heavens opened leaving the pitch like a paddy field and leading goal scorer, Lowe, hit two opportunist goals inside ten minutes followed by a blockbusting free kick from Scott to take the lead. The goal alone was a match winner but Cranfield's tails were up and after

good work by Randell all Windsor had to do was tap in to score his first.

This was a very good performance against a team from a higher division but manager Brightman says 'Two points next week are the most important if we are to keep up with the league front runners.'

## Cranfield Reserves

### Cranfld Res 2 Moggerhager 2

The reserves continue to struggle and an early goal by Yeeles and a fine solo goal by Brandon gave Cranfield the start that manager, Cross, had hoped for.

Just after half time Moggerhager pulled a goal back. The equaliser had to come and, after Cranfield had missed three easy chances, the visitors scored again in the seventieth minute. Again chances went begging before Seamarks was given the red card for disputing what should have been a penalty'

Cranfield must win games like this.

### Flitwick 1 Cranfld Res 0

Another defeat at Flitwick left assistant manager Brandon stating 'The less said about this match the better' whilst manager Cross said 'It looks like a long hard slog but two wins could put Cranfield Reserves in the top half of the table.'

### Cranfld Res 2 DERA 5

Cranfield's interest in the County Cup is over for another year. Starting well with new signing C Mansell giving the home side the lead. The visitors equalised and Bell put the home side in the lead. Again DERA drew level and things went wrong for the Reserves as the visitors took control adding further goals.

Manager Cross said there were

improvements from the last two matches and a win could kickstart their climb up the league.

Andy Plumb played his first match since being injured way back in February.

Mick Johnson

## Tae Kwon-do

In the absence of David - he's slumming it in Florida with his leading lady and the girls - I have been given the task of writing up this months TKD report.

Gradings are imminent, Monday 27th of November, and students are training hard in the exceedingly capable hands (and feet) of black belt instructor Paul Freire-Gomez.

The gradings are an important date in the student's calendar. It's the time when all the hard training and development is judged to assess the student's ability and growth in the martial art. It's a time for focus and understanding of the levels reached and the levels of ability to come. In all, the grading represents a culmination of concentration, technique, co-ordination and power as well as respect and obedience to the tenets of the martial art ... Courtesy, Integrity, Perseverance, Self Control and Indomitable Spirit.

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## Gilbert ...

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