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## Kung fu British Champion

On Sunday 12th November, Dean Cookham became British champion winning the gold medal in the traditional Kung fu competitions which were staged at Luton.

Dean, from Maple Way, had only recently started competing in competitions and had won a silver medal earlier in the year in the Wushu nationals.

Training up to three hours every day, Dean, is a blue sash grade student of Sifu David Rodgers at the Rising Kane Kung Fu School in Kempston. His training methods vary and include running, sprinting, athletics, weights and stretching along with the set martial arts disciplines.

Dean's ambitions include visiting China to absorb and study the strong history of his style Kung Fu, teaching the art and opening his own school.

Of his success - Dean does not hesitate in sharing his victory ...

"I owe all of my success to my teacher David Rodgers, my fellow students and my family for their unwavering support in giving me such a superb avenue for living my life. I dedicate my recent and future successes to my teacher and my Kung Fu system.



## Glass threat to kids

Broken glass has deliberately been stuck into children's play equipment in the High Street Recreation ground.

Shards, with points upwards, have been inserted into the wooden components. Vandals, not content with damaging or destroying equipment are now threatening youngsters with serious injury. The play area has also been strewn with broken glass. The glass, which could be from a broken greenhouse, was brought to the attention of area beat manager PC Phil Watson by the parish council. Since then PC Watson has been making enquiries around the village and believes it could be connected to incidents a few months ago where people were undoing and removing the bolts that hold the equipment together. Karen Jobbling, chairperson of the Cranes playgroup said she was 'really angry'.

"How could people be so stupid?" she asked. "Every parent who has used that park would feel the same. First they were taking bolts out and now glass - what will it be next?"

"My mother takes the children there nearly every day during the summer. But I would not go anywhere near it now. It's a nice little park but we would have to go down to Broad Green." Parish councillor Roger Baker, chair of the parish's environment committee which installed the equipment, said the latest developments were 'unbelievable'. "Having done our best to provide some very expensive facilities we are in despair about what is happening. We will endeavour to make sure our equipment is maintained to the required standard but parents must be aware that we cannot supervise it all the time. "We pay for extra policing - this can only be effective if you help the police." Patrolling officers have been asked to pay extra attention to the play area until the culprits are found - but in the meantime everyone should be extra careful when using the play area and check it thoroughly, added PC Watson. In addition, he would like to hear from any witnesses to anything suspicious at the play area

or any other information which could stop this happening. Call confidentially on 01234 842618, 01234 841212, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111. Alternatively put information in the police book at the Co-op in Mill Road.

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• **Sun 24th Dec** 10.30am morning service Cranfield Parish Church. 6.30pm Lessons and Carols at Salford Church. 11.00pm Midnight Communion. A United service at Cranfield Parish Church.

• **Mon 25th Dec** 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family worship Cranfield Parish Church.

### Cranfield Baptist Church Jesus is Alive!

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**25th December 10.15am**

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For further information contact:

**Steve Lloyd on 751495**

(Transport can be arranged)

• **Sat 13th Jan** Cranfield Methodist Church New Year lunch. 12.30pm-1.30pm.

Menu:

Melon and Orange boats. Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Seasonal Vegetables, Roast and Creamed potatoes. Christmas pudding and Custard. Tea or Coffee. £4.00 All very welcome.

• **Sat 20th Jan** FOG jumble sale and cake stall. Village hall 2.00-4.00pm.

• **Sat 27th Jan** Cranfield Methodist Sunday School January sale-Bargains! Tombla, cakes, nearly new, fancy goods, white ele-

phant. Light lunches, tea and coffee.

### Cranfield Methodist Church

Sunday

10 am Morning Service and Sunday School

6 pm (not 24th or 31st) Evening Worship

Dec 17th 6pm Special Carol Service

Dec 25th 10:30 am

Christmas Morning Worship

**ALL WELCOME**

For further information contact:

**Rev Paul Chesworth 751886**

**or Peter Meadows 750587**

• **Sat Feb 10th** A concert by Woburn Sands Band, organised by the Friends of the Parish Church. In Cranfield Parish Church 7.45pm Tickets £4.00 oap £2.00 children under 14 free, price includes a drink and light snack. Please contact Nicky on 750288 or Gerald 750420.

### Cranfield Catholic Community

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Carol Service at

8.30 pm followed by Holy Mass at 9 pm.

Sunday 31 December, Eucharistic service,

9.15 am.

Services held in the CSA common room,

Building 114, Cranfield University.

Transport available on request: tel 750649/

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## Letters to the Editor

### Feed the Birds

During winter more wild birds come into our gardens looking for food. If you make the effort to put food out then you can enjoy watching them. Some foods you can put out are bread (soak stale bread first), wild bird seed, peanuts, coconut (not desiccated) and fruit. Fresh water should also be put out for them to drink and bathe in. Don't forget to carry on feeding them once you have started because the birds come to rely on your food.

Alex Proctor Graces Close.

### Gilbert on Holiday?

Surprise, surprise. Cranfield Express tells us Gilbert has gone on holiday-but we know different.

What time of year is it? Poacher Dave told me he's sure he saw an overweight whitish grey gull waddling into the thrift from the landfill site late last night.

Dave told me what with mad-cow, swine fever and now an outbreak of

fowl pest that there will be a shortage of birds this Christmas. He said we will have to be like the French and Italians who eat wild birds. It's the only way he will be able to meet the demand. As he said, an overweight gull which has been beheaded, picked, plucked and stuffed you wouldn't be able to tell the difference between a gull and a duck when trussed up.

Many locals and establishments of learning would, I'm told, pay extra if they knew it was Gilbert even though they said it would be tough eating. One suggestion was, if trussed up, a candle and a piece of holly stuffed up its parson's nose and lit it would make an excellent table decoration.

Anyone who may know the whereabouts of that gull should ring Whitehall 1212 and a reward awaits.

PS Make sure you check that bird on the table this Christmas 'cos it could be Gilbert.

MJ

## Grimm's Rumpelstilzkin

The Country Players have chosen a version of Grimm's Rumpelstilzkin for their pantomime this year.

Originally a children's play, this adaption includes lots of lovely well known songs, dancing with golden spiders, plenty of audience participation and hilarious slapstick!

Forming a basis for all this fun, the story tells of Grettle a poor goose girl who is thought to be able to change flax into gold. The wicked Gnome Rumpelstilzkin, offers to help her at a price! Good triumphs in the end, aided by the Prince who loves Grettle, Mother Hubbard (the dame) and her 'beau' Sammy Slowcoach.

Don't miss it! Bring the kids they'll enjoy it too!

Showing at Wootton Village Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 25th, 26th and 27th January 2001 at 7.30pm with a matinee as well on



**Ron Smith as Mother Hubbard**

Saturday 27th at 2.30pm.

Tickets, priced at £5.00 (£3.00 concessions) are available at the Central Box Office 01234 269519 or from Linda Hawkins in Cranfield on 01234 750971.

## RBL Poppy Appeal Cranfield

I would like to thank all those local business premises and volunteer street collectors who raised money for the poppy appeal.

A total of £1067.65 was collected

plus the Church collection of £253.84 this is an increase of £115 on last year. Well done everyone.

Major J Boddinton, Chairman Cranfield Royal British Legion.

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## Parish Council News

### 6th December DIY shelter

The parish council is proposing to replace the bus shelter at the corner of Mill Road and Crane Way after grants from outside sources failed to materialise. "Twelve months ago we were told we would have the new shelters by Christmas last year, but things fell apart," said PC chairman Phil Bates. The council aims to subsequently install another shelter near Portnall Place in Bedford Road.

### 'Mooga' storms on

The long awaited multi-use games area looks set to proceed following an agreement with the Lower School. There will be a meeting in January with Mid Beds council and representatives of sports organisations. Sports clubs are urged to get involved so they can have a say in how the games area is run.

Those wishing to attend the meeting should contact parish council clerk Janet Newman on 01525 404258.

### Chris untangles web

The general purposes committee is recommending that the council proceed with a 'slot' on the Cranfield Express web site. Last month Chris Hartley of Cranfield Express gave a presentation to parish councillors on the potential of a web presence and

the practicalities involved. It is expected that the pages would include names and photos of parish councillors and contacts by phone and e mail for the parish council clerk. Pcllr Bates thanked Mr Hartley for the work he had put in.

### Calming plea

Crawley Road residents Albert and Jacquie Reeve raised issues around traffic calming in the wake of recent serious accidents in the village including one near the football club. Their proposals included 'half-sleeping policemen' which obstruct cars but not emergency vehicles. The council is currently working with the Highway Authority (county council) on a strategy for traffic calming in the village. All decisions by parish council committees are subject to ratification by the full council.

Dates of next PC meetings:  
3rd and 17th January.

### PC Chairman's letter

The report in last months Cranfield Express regarding the two very nasty accidents that have occurred in the village recently, indicated that nothing has been done by the Parish Council with regard to traffic calming measures.

Those of you who read the

Cranfield Express, who read Parish Council minutes, and those who attend Parish Council meetings, will know that road safety and traffic calming have been very high on the Parish Council agenda, not just recently, but for some years.

As a result of years of hard work and discussions by all of our councillors, past & present, Parish, District and County, we are very close to completing plans for a major traffic calming scheme for the whole of Cranfield.

This scheme is linked to the growth and development of the Technology Centre, and I have been informed that any day now, we will be able to finalise plans for the scheme.

We have worked closely with the Highways Department at County Hall, and have requested that any traffic plans should be discussed with the Parish Council before being finalised. Mr Dove of the Highways Department assured the Parish Council that we would be consulted in all highway matters. Normally highway works are completed with little or no consultation.

The Parish Council were against the islands opposite Lincroft, we said that they would cause problems for large vehicles, cyclists and so on. The Highways Department told us that the road was wide enough to accommodate the islands, but I think we would all agree that our reservations have been upheld.

We are now in a situation where we can all influence what happens to our roads in Cranfield. I will ensure that details of the meeting with the Highways Department are publicised in the Cranfield Express and on the Parish Notice Boards.

I would encourage as many of you as possible to attend that meeting, because the more support we have, the more likely we are to get a scheme that suits us all.

Finally, I would like to thank those people who attended the Parish Council Surgery on the 13th December. We had a large contingent from the Crawley Rd area, and I know that they were encouraged to hear of the progress we have made with the Highways Department.

On a personal note, I would like to wish all those injured in the recent accidents a speedy recovery, and on behalf of the Parish Council would

like to wish all of our parishioners a very Happy Christmas.

Philip J Bates  
Chairman Cranfield Parish Council

### 13th December Surgery

This was a surgery meeting open to all Cranfield residents. It was a very lively meeting dealing mainly with traffic calming. The calming measures in the High Street, which have not produced the desired effect and the lack of traffic calming measures elsewhere, mainly in Crawley Road were discussed at length. A petition with nearly 100 signatures was handed in re the traffic problems in Crawley Road.

A new traffic survey has been asked for and plans are being put together. The Highways Agency's representative, Mr Dove will be putting forward plans and an open meeting will be arranged. Should you wish to make your opinion known, please try to attend this meeting. The date and time will be promulgated in this paper as soon as we know.

Although the traffic calming was the main area of discussion it was also stated that the bus shelter in Mill road would be replaced, paid for by the PC and will be ratified at next weeks meeting. Also the condition of Lodge Road was mentioned.

The fact that there is a police book in the Co-op was highlighted and we were encouraged to use it, to note traffic speeding etc. The more entries in the book the more likelihood that something may be done. So now over to you! You do not have to identify yourself, and should you so desire you could put your complaint in a sealed envelope.

The mince pies were quite good too.  
J Reeve

### Annas Kids Column

The Annas will be back next month. The answer to last month's quiz was that there are *seven continents*. As there were no correct answers the Annas ate the prize themselves!

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## Happy Christmas and a very Merry New Year from Gilbert and his shy but good looking friend, Peter.

"Baubles, Peter."  
 "What?"  
 "I said baubles ... that's what I've brought back from Scotland."  
 "Oh, you mean your Christmas shopping trip to Dounreay?"  
 "This is the Christmas fairy that I bought in Dounreay!"  
 "It seems to be glowing, Gilbert."  
 "It's to put on top of the tree as a sort of focal point to our Christmas."  
 "It's glowing, Gilbert."  
 "It was made by a man who'd worked at the nuclear processing plant all of his life. He wanted to pass on this fairy, which he had lovingly made out of the hair that kept falling off his head every morning ..."  
 "Hmm, well, I suppose such an example of devotion to duty should be recognised, I suppose."  
 "Yes, and seeing as we are hoping to be twinned with Dounreay ..."  
 "We?"  
 "Okay so it was my idea. I can see it now on a sign by the roadside 'Cranfield twinned with Dounreay' and the motto could be in latin, 'Post Nubes Leachate' which means ..."  
 "ENOUGH!"  
 "No, Peter, it means ..."

"You are doing my head in. Just shut up about Doun - flipping - reay."  
 "Oooeee, moodeey Petey."  
 "I just want to get this report done, gull and surely you want to get some serious Christmassing underway."  
 "Shirley?"  
 "Gilbert, I ain't gonna fall for that 'Stop calling me Shirley' stuff."  
 "Spoilsport. What's the matter, is the wintertime getting to you?"  
 "No, Gilbert, it's the heat. It's so hot in the Uni workplaces."  
 "Heat through working, Peter?"  
 "No, it's the heating system in those 1930's buildings. Secretaries are resorting to opening windows, turning on the air conditioning, and, some of the men are even threatening to do typing in the nude and ..."  
 "I was nearly painted in the nude once, Peter."  
 "... and the heat in the ... What! What do you mean you were nearly painted in the nude?"  
 "Well there was an artist up by Holcote Woods one day, painting the picturesque views of the landfill site and I asked him several times if he would paint me in the nude."  
 "And?"  
 "Well he eventually told me to go and get plucked but I changed my mind 'cos I need my wing feathers for flying."  
 "Hmm, he was probably going to barbecue you over an open fire and eat you for supper ... yeuk!"  
 "So, what's the answer to the Uni bakehouses ..."

"I don't think it will ever be resolved, Gilby. The Uni turns on the heat machine on the 1st of October and off again the 1st of May. Apparently, some members of the Estates Dept were going round asking people to close the outside doors 'cos it was melting the tarmac."

"Have you ever done any typing in the nude, Peter?"  
 "Peter?"  
 "You have, you little rascal you, haven't you?"  
 "Peter?"

## Canzonetta Singers

Friday night, 15th December, once again saw the annual visit from the Canzonetta Singers. This choir gives of their own time to entertain the residents of Cranfield, making an excellent start to the Christmas Celebrations. The concert is held in the parish church and the small entrance charge is donated to the church restoration fund.  
 The conductor Sharon Hardacre led the choir in well known and lesser known carols, and there were carols

in which the audience joined.  
 The Lovett Quintet entertained us with pieces by Dvorak, Scott Joplin and an English folk tune arranged by Percy Grainger. Superb listening!  
 The choir meets for practice at the Queensway Methodist Hall, Bletchley, on Thursdays between 8.00 and 9.30 p.m., and new recruits are always welcome.  
 Make a date to come next year! We will remind you in November.  
 J Reeve

## Christingle

The orange represents the world. The candle represents the light that Jesus brings to the world. The red band represents the blood that Christ shed for us. The four cocktail sticks represent the four seasons and the nuts and fruit represent the fruits of the earth.  
 On Saturday 2nd December a working party gathered at Ivy Lodge to produce some 100 Christingle oranges to be distributed to the young people of Cranfield.

The church on Sunday was full of eager children awaiting the distribution of the Christingles, and when they had received their Christingle they stood beside the Christmas tree, carefully holding their lighted candles and sang 'Away in a Manger'.  
 I wonder how many christingles arrived home without the sweets being eaten!  
 J Reeve



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Cranfield Lower School's Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, 2nd December was very well attended and a great success, raising well over £1,000 for the School. There was a super feeling of Christmas spirit and goodwill in the crowded school hall.

to Carol Burgess for arranging Baby Bear's visit. 'Spin the Arrow' was a popular new game (good idea, Sara), along with old favourites like Tin Can Alley and Hook-a-Duck, and the Lucky Dip sold out after 45 minutes again!

were Shanks & McEwan, Palmers Solicitors, Nissan, Milton Keynes Theatre and Crayola. We also held 'Guess the Sweets in the Jar' with sweets donated by Cranfield Newsagent, The Paper Shop, The Chemist and Costcutter.

ticular THANK YOU TO MRS JOAN REES (who is retiring at the end of the term). We are going to miss you at our committee meetings and events, and hope that you will come back and visit us often. Enjoy your retirement!



**Jack and Jessica Butterwick with Santa**

The bazaar included lots of stalls and games for the children as well as visits from Santa and Baby Bear from Milton Keynes Theatre's Pantomime 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. Special thanks are due to Ayse & Paul Furlonger for their beautiful Grotto and hard work on the day and

The PTFA would like to thank everyone for coming along and supporting the event, and for donating cakes, raffle prizes and mugs and general tombola prizes. We could not have had such a fun afternoon without you! Our sponsors for the raffle

Also, the PTFA would like to thank our hard working volunteer list of committee members and partners, parents, Staff and extended families who helped out on the stalls and games. We would like to add a par-

Ursula Cox  
Cranfield Lower School  
PTFA Chair



**"Goodbye Mrs Rees and Thank you"**

## Lower school Stars are born

The Lower School has been celebrating Christmas through the children's Christmas productions. There were three productions again this year. The reception classes performed 'Fishing for Stars' to which the older children from Acorn and Cranes pre-school groups were invited. This brought a lump to the throat as the leading Star took everyone to the stable for the final scene. Mums and

oughly enjoyed themselves, as did their audiences.

Years 3 and 4 were led by 'The Bossy Christmas Fairy' in a musical which proved that things are not always the shiniest, biggest and most perfect items. The Nativity scene, as always, completed the tableau - showing the real reason for Christmas celebrations is the birth of Jesus. The children took an encore and sang the



dads were entranced by this beautiful performance.

Years 1 and 2 sang their hearts out with 'Whoops-a- Daisy' - a musical in which this messy and disorganised accident prone angel is given the job of telling the shepherds and kings of the birth of Jesus. The narrators were very professional and Whoops-a-Daisy herself gave a very convincing performance of a well meaning but unlucky angel. The singing was very enthusiastic and all the children thor-

last song again with tremendous gusto and feeling. The audiences were left with the feeling that the children understood the true meaning and had enjoyed bringing this message through their polished performances.

A retiring collection realised £274.86 which was shared equally between the British Allergy Foundation, the NSPCC and the School Fund. Many thanks to everyone for giving so generously.

## Hopes rise for Cross Keys crossing

A pedestrian crossing at the Cross Keys is back in the frame after December's development control committee meeting at the county council. There is also likely to be an accelerated safety audit of the village in the wake of two serious accidents. As part of the Budgen's development there was a proposal to build the pedestrian crossing near the new store. But the parish council objected because it was felt this was not the best location for the village. County council safety officers also felt that the Cross Keys would be a better location. The development committee decided the site near Budgen's was not a satisfactory one for the community and is recommending to the highways portfolio holder that a crossing should go ahead at the Cross Keys. The original planning applica-

tion to Mid Beds from Budgen's included a '106 agreement' to build the pedestrian crossing outside the store. This legally prevented any relocation to a more suitable site. It required the developer to provide Mid Beds with £20,000 to ensure that the county council carried out a survey to assess the need for the crossing and establish its location. But two proposed sites at the Western end of the High Street have produced objections and calls for construction at the Cross Keys. Committee chair Cllr John Hawksby, said that the best estimate, if the committee's recommendations are accepted, for work to go ahead would be 'early spring'. But he pointed out that a site at the Cross Keys would require further public consultation and this would take time.

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## Cranfield Scout Group

The Scout Group in Cranfield would like to express an enormous 'Thank you' to Glenda and Harry of the Swan Pub. Together with their customers and friends, they have run yet another successful charity bike ride this year in aid of children's groups in the village.

Despite the really lousy weather and, I am told, a disappointingly low turn out, they have still managed to raise enough money to be able to give the amazing sum of £285 to each of the groups. Fantastic!

Thank you very much from each and every Beaver, Cub and Scout, as well as from the leaders and committee members, to all who participated in the bike ride itself and to all those who sponsored the cyclists. We would like you to know that your dedication and generosity are very much appreciated. We are still deciding what to spend the money on. Once we have reached a decision, we will let you know.

Cleone Kouch-Percival  
Executive Committee Chair.



## Announcements

**Evans** Chris, Kim, Nathan and Lewis would like to announce the arrival of Callum William born on the 20th of November 2000 weight 8lbs 13 oz.

**Congratulations** to Kim, Chris, Nathan and Lewis on the safe arrival of Callum William Evans born 20th November 2000 Love from both Grand Parents.

**Dean** congratulations on becoming British champion and Gold Medalist at the traditional Kung Fu Martial Arts British Championships 2000 B.C.C.M.A.  
From Mum, Dad and Andrew.



**Shirley** Happy 50th Birthday 14th January. Love from Chris, Maxine, Jeff, Mum and family.

**Jolly** Diane and Richard Congratulations and best wishes on the birth of your daughter Lauren Katie on the 25th of November. Love Dad, Mum, Teresa, Kevin, Zara, Liana and Nicole.

## Stephanie King



**Happy fifteenth birthday** on the 17th of December to this little cutie who is pictured shortly after she had crayoned on every wall of her auntie's house in America.  
Lots of love from PP XX

## In Memoriam

**Luck** Jack. Loving memories of a dear husband and father who died 20th of December 1997. Sadly missed by wife Olwen and all the family.

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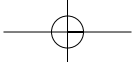
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## Lindsay ... one of the boys



Cranfield Airport's Fire and Rescue Service latest staff addition Lindsay Marchant, who hails from Kempston, beat six male applicants to get the job. No mean feat for most nineteen year olds but, Senior Airport Fire Officer, Andy Bambridge, said ... "We just couldn't fault her. Lindsay produced the best results, physically as well as mentally, for the job."

But fire fighting has always been the future for Lindsay. Her father, now retired, was a fire fighter with Hendon Fire Services where Lindsay gained her first taste of the service on a two week work experience course from Wooton Upper School.

Later, after leaving school, she went on to learn the trade with the Vauxhall Fire Service where she was just waiting for the opportunity to get into aviation - her other love.

Of course it's all courses for Lindsay now ... January will see her at the International Fire Training School at Teeside Airport for three weeks basic aviation fire training - followed by a breathing apparatus (BA) course and so on and on.

It is good to see Cranfield is still a centre of equal opportunity even though, according to her work mates, Lindsay is one of the boys.

## Chris' IT Clinic

Here are a few pointers to make life easier using Microsoft Word on the PC.

As you know, if you need to format text, you have to select the text before you can apply the formatting. If you want to select all of the text in your document, the quick key combination is Ctrl-A. This means that, if you hold down the Control key (the one marked Ctrl at the bottom left on your keyboard) and simultaneously press the letter A key once, all text will be selected.

If you just want to select one paragraph, move your mouse anywhere into that paragraph and click the left mouse button three times rapidly (triple-clicking). To select just one word, move your mouse pointer onto the word and double-click.

Most Word users will be familiar with the technique of selecting text by holding down the left mouse button and dragging across the text you want to select. This is fine, but is sometimes difficult to control, particularly over large distances. For

better control, place your mouse pointer at the start of the text you want to select, and click the left mouse button once to position the insertion point. To select the text, hold down the Control and Shift keys together with the left hand, and press the right arrow key as many times as you need (the arrow keys are the group of four keys between the main keyboard and the numeric keypad on the right with arrows pointing up, down, left and right). This selects a word at a time. Control and Shift plus the down arrow selects a line at a time downwards. Similarly, the left and up arrows select text leftwards and upwards respectively. This is also extremely useful if you want to select just one character.

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Chris Walker.

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## Sport Extra ... Cranfield United

The reserves second win on the trot lifts them five places, having two matches in hand two more wins could put the min the top four.

United go to the top Div 2 after a win at Bromham.

Boss Cross must be proud of his ex Colts players Brightman, Brandon and Freeman. Brandon scored a brace against Woburn, Freeman kept Moggerhanger at bay for eighty minutes and Matt Terrell continues to make progress after his knee operation. With no matches due to bad weather, this weekend, Crawley Road was a quiet club.

### Cranfield 5 Royal Oak 1

United continue on their winning way as the visitors unbeaten record was put to bed. Poor finishing and good goalkeeping kept the score to just Randells goal at the interval.

Within ten minutes of the restart the match was over for the visitors with a brace of goals from Windsor and a solo from Weir. Even a gifted goal didn't help the visitors. The game's best goal, a diving header, from Brewer finished what was a good all round team performance.

### Bromham 2 Cranfield 4

In atrocious conditions with the wind and driving rain at their backs the home side took an early lead then missed a penalty before United's romeo scored first with a volley and then a twenty yard drive. Bromham

equalised with the last kick of the first half. Within one minute of the restart the home side were down to ten men and Drew put United back in front via the penalty spot. From that point the weather and match deteriorated with Cranfield giving a below par performance. With five minutes remaining Steele scored from forty yards sending their supporters home very wet but knowing that United were top.

### Cran Res 4 Woburn 3

Of groundsmen Kennett and Brandon it's thanks to their hard work to the pitch that the game was played at all. Against a strong Woburn side on a heavy and wet pitch the home team had to battle the whole game to get two points. Mansell scored first, the visitors equalised then a brace from young Brandon only to see Woburn draw level again. Cross scored the winner in a really good match between two even teams.

### Res 3 Moggerhanger 1

Another good team performance with Freeman in excellent form in United's goal. Smith hit a 30yd shot giving the home keeper no chance.

In the 80th minute, Moggerhanger's hard work paid off only to see Cranfield's sub put the game out of the home side's reach. Could this begin the climb to a top four place? Boss Cross thinks so but, he also questioned some of the teams fitness.

## An interview with...

Cranfield Express is looking to start a series of interviews with Political, Religious and Community leaders of Cranfield. We will be starting off with our own Rector, Hugh Symes-Thompson, who has graciously had his arm twisted to appear in our February edition. Jonathan Sayeed MP, your representative in Parliament, has agreed to appear in the March edition.

We feel that this is an opportunity for you to get to know these worthies, and if you have a question you want to ask your MP, suitable for publication, please drop it in one of the boxes. We would also welcome any suggestions for further candidates.

## University Challenge ?



After Cranfield Uni's poor showing in the University Challenge - as reported in the Nov edition - I'm sure the answer can be found here. This team went all the way in the 19?? Mastermind competition held in the village. No, it's not the WI calendar ladies or page 3 girlies of old. It's our own village beauties (allegedly) but who are they? Mens' features and good looks remain but ladies seem to need a lot more attention, over the years, which makes identification very difficult. MJ



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**TKD - A Bronze for Paul in Brit Championship**



The end of Nov and beginning of Dec was a hectic period for the Tae Kwon-do clubs, with a grading and competition all in a week. The grading on 27 Nov. proved a success with some good performances and seven 'A' grades. Cranfield Express' roving reporter and snapper Pete Hinson again rolled back the years and proved a credit to his tender years by passing his grading and proving that age is no barrier in Tae Kwon Do. Peter always gives 100% and is an inspiration to all. I would also like to thank Peter for writing last month's article while I had to endure two weeks of blue sky, sunshine and lager in Florida. Seems a long while ago now. The British Open held at Kettering on Dec 2 attracted a large

number of competitors and spectators from many countries. The competition was extremely well run and included international matches between Great Britain, Holland, Ireland and Poland. The actual competition was contested by many associations and the TAGB again proved their superiority by winning most of the medals. Also their professionalism shone through in running the event and the quality of the officials ( I was one). Our own squad performed and fought extremely well and Cranfield's Steve Pinder and John Hamilton both reached the last eight in both

patterns and sparring and were unlucky not to get in the medals. Newport club won its first medal with Paul Warren winning a bronze medal in light weight sparring. Well done to all who competed. We are still looking for a club sponsor. Also anyone who is interested in joining our highly successful and friendly club please ring me or just turn up on training nights. The kids club is still running on Sunday evenings and is now well attended. Anyone wishing for more information about our club and what we do please ring me and I will be pleased to answer any questions. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all my students and readers.  
David Rawle 01234 750716

**Cranfield Colts U8's**

**Colts 3 Two Mile Ash 0**

A strong first half, in which the team played some of the best football of the season, was rounded off with three very well taken goals by top scorer Andy Stannage. The play in the second half was just as good and despite some close attempts there was no finished product due to some excellent saves by opposition keeper, Nathan Rothery. Although all squad members continue to improve with the experience gained through their first full season, a special mention must be given to Eddie Smith, Matthew Kent, Michael Green and Josh Smith who played a big part in this performance and continue to increase their contribution match by match ... Man of the match was Andy Stannage.

**Colts 4 Woodside Wanderer 1**

The most notable thing about this game was how well the midfield were getting forward rather than leaving Andy and Michael to struggle on their own. Midfield is the position where the boys have to work their hardest for long periods and for this reason the midfield players were rotated at regular intervals to keep them fresh. So, well done Jack, Aaron, Alex & Jess for all your efforts with proof coming with goals from Aaron and Jess ... The first half began with Cranfield camped inside Woodside's half but also aware that the other team were fast on the break and had one strong forward. Finally, however, we got our breakthrough Andy Stannage's goal from a breakaway and, one against one, he slotted the ball nicely past their keeper - his second goal coming just before half time. In the 2nd half Woodside pulled one back and there followed a few anxious minutes before Aaron Whitaker

forced an error from the keeper for our third. Excellent efforts followed with Matthew Cooper's free kick and Jack Sharp hitting the outside of the post before Jess Clarke sealed the victory with his first for the club. Again, good defensive performances from Josh, Matthew, Eddie and one important save in the first half from James now gives us three victories for the season.

Man of the match ... Matthew Kent. If there are any more boys in year 3 who are interested in football and available on Saturday mornings then please contact Rob (751593) or Andy (751759). *Reports from Rob Mayfield and Andy Cooper*

**Cranfield Colts U10's**

**Colts 0 Brackley 5**

After a very long journey starting in Beds travelling through Bucks, Oxon and Northants (a few boys didn't travel very well), to Brackley who are top of Division 1. It rained from start to finish along with a very strong wind. The boys played so well with Sam making three great saves that David Seaman would have been proud of. Ruudi and Dominic didn't get caught out of position, Ryan and Miles passing the ball through the middle of the field and Jake closing their defenders. James Lake had a perfect clearance at the end with Stefan and Henry supporting in Midfield. Brackley have beaten other teams in Division One 7-1 and 4-1 so as you can see, through teamwork it was a great achievement and being in Division Four, we need not fear any team in any division ... A very big thank you to all the support from the touch line.

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Man of the Match: James Rawlings



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