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No Swan Song For The Swan Inn



It's all change at The Swan Inn at Cranfield.

The pub will close on July 4th for refurbishment, and will re-open under new management on Saturday July 16th.

New landlord Tom Reynolds said that customers will notice quite a few changes after the revamp.

"We'll be moving the bar area to the existing lounge, and we will also be opening a new Italian restaurant on the premises," said Tom, "We'll be serving a good selection of freshly prepared delicious pizzas, pasta

dishes, steaks and salads every lunchtime and evening seven days a week. On Sunday's we'll also have traditional roast dinners on the menu."

Tom previously owned an Italian restaurant in Belgium and a similar establishment in France.

Tom and partner Julie, who live in Cranfield, would like to encourage more families to use The Swan Inn, and are planning to add new play equipment in the large beer garden. There are also children's dishes on the restaurant menu.

Tom added, "We hope that lots of people will come along and see the changes we are making. We promise a warm welcome to past customers and to new visitors too."

**Cranfield Express readers have a chance to buy one meal at The Swan and get another absolutely free from July 16-31. See the advert inside for detail*

Village Poll

A village poll on the question of the use of Recreation Ground land as a Lower School playing field will be held on Thursday 7th July 4pm - 9pm

There will be one polling station, at the Village Hall.

Please see the leaflet enclosed with this copy of Cranfield Express

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Please act responsibly!

Dennis Johnson
Mill Road

To the Villagers of Cranfield

Your recreation ground is for sale and once it has gone it will be gone forever. There will never be another opportunity for the village to have a recreation area in the centre of the village. Purchase of the recreation ground in 1951 took 16 years of hard work and fund raising; don't let this be thrown away.

The recreation ground is being sold to the developers to increase the play area at the Lower School, to cope with the additional children from the Home Farm development.

Before you vote, ask yourself the following questions:

* Do we have sufficient assurance that the developers will not be able to develop this land in the future?

* How will the Parish Council spend the money received for the land?

* Where will the new football pitches be sited? Can we be sure that they will not be sited on the parkland of the former Cranfield Court, further eroding the rural feel of the area? Furthermore, sales of the recreation ground will result in additional housing being built on Home Farm, up to 450 in total.

You have the opportunity to directly influence this decision as the Parish Council is bound by the result of this poll.

SAY NO

There is still time to raise your objections both to large-scale development and the development of Home Farm a Greenfield site. Write to Mid Beds District Council and your local MP before 20th July.

Roy Phillips
4 Cranfield

A New Magazine

Dear Editor

I edit a new, free, quarterly local arts review magazine called 'art'icle' which aims to promote the very lively local arts scene. It is run by volunteers and sponsored by

Autoglass under the auspices of the Bedford Arts Forum. I am currently trying to raise awareness of its existence in Mid Beds and wonder if you would mention it in your publication.

1000 copies are distributed via libraries, schools, museums, arts groups so something to the effect of **'Pick up your copy now - free of charge - Read all about all the 'Local Arts Events'** or even your own personal view of the June issue which will be in Cranfield library by about 18th June would be very useful.

Sandra Dudley
Editor

Is This a Taste of Things to Come?

For the last six months safe passage along Court Road has been seriously compromised by vehicles related to the Bloor Homes building site and it's getting worse.

A host of vehicles badly parked on both sides of the road have reduced traffic to a single lane; large lorries and skip deliveries have frequently blocked traffic completely; the school bus has been stuck on many occasions and inconsiderate parking on the pavements have forced children on their way to school to walk in the middle of the road on a bend with construction vehicles and other hazards all around them.

Avoiding the disruption is forcing more vehicles up Lodge Road including much of the heavy construction traffic. That road is not

built for such traffic and accidents will surely follow. Let's hope none of them are serious. Meanwhile the road is often thick with mud and the drivers drop litter around their vehicles where they sit to eat their lunches.

All of this mess, chaos and disruption has been caused by the building of just two houses. With four more planned for the site this is likely to continue for many more weeks. How bad is it going to be when work starts on the hundreds of houses planned for Home Farm?

Complaints by angry residents to Bloor Homes have resulted in no noticeable action. "We can't control the actions of our sub contractors" was one memorable quote.

Complaints to the drivers themselves have been met with disdain. "Where do you expect us to park?"

Surely planning permission for developments like this should be dependent upon the submission of an acceptable management plan which ought to include parking and delivery arrangements that minimise impact on the local community and avoid the creation of an unsafe environment?

If Bloor Homes can't control the situation then what are the Council or the Health & Safety Inspectors doing? How can they ignore the safety of children travelling to School? And how can we avoid this becoming a nightmare issue when Home Farm work begins?

Martin Pickard
Ailwyns Acre

Thomas Johnson Lower School Proudly Presents Champagne Ball and Auction of Promises



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Patricia Haynes

Coach to NEC

Cranfield Crafters have some spaces on their coach to The Knit, Stitch and Creative Craft Show At the NEC Birmingham Saturday 17th September Leaving from Cranfield ... Tickets £16.00 each including entrance to show. Ring 750267 or 751336 to book your place.



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What's on

Saturday 9th July. Songs of Praise in the Parish Church at 7pm. A chance to join with singing some well loved hymns chosen by all the Cranfield churches. Sounds Familiar will co-ordinate and lead the singing. No admission charge, light refreshments will be available.

Saturday 9th July Cranfield United Fun day at Cranfield United FC's Crawley Road ground. Fun and entertainment for all the family. Pig Roast, races, sporting events, displays, white elephant, Sumo Wrestling and Bunjee Racing, Golf, Cricket and Bowls. All the facilities of the Clubhouse will be available. The event will start at 1.30pm and is expected to finish around 5.00pm.

Tuesday 12th July 7.30pm Wharley End W.I. Stafford Cripps Building Cranfield University - **The World of Roses in Colour** - Mr Bill Blossom... Visitors Welcome

Every Thursday 7.00 pm onwards Interested in joining a small group of Badminton players? if so please call Haydn on 751451

What's on at The Cross Keys Sunday evenings 7.30, fortnightly (on green bin weeks!) in the lounge bar... Acoustic music evening. Bring along your instrument or just come and enjoy. Food served daily 12.00 - 1.30 Opening hours 12pm to 2pm and 5 to close. Beer Garden, Play Area Sunday Lunches 01234 750213 to book.

Every Tuesday 'Sounds Familiar' meets @ 7:30. Where? Cranfield Baptist Church, Bedford Road. Four part harmony choir, SATB, singing wide range of mostly sacred music, but some secular too. Fun, relaxing and rewarding. Come along and give it a try.

Gardening Club We meet the 1st Wednesday (8pm) in each month. For further information please contact Joan Last (750738)

Every Friday 9.30am to 1.00pm. Citizens Advice Bureau at Doctor's Surgery, Marston. By Appointment Only. Open to all Cranfield residents. Phone: 01234 766551.

Cranfield WI Programme Meetings are in the Cranfield Village Hall. 3rd Monday in the month at 8pm. Everybody welcome to any meeting.

Bingo every Tuesday at Portnall Place Lounge 7pm. Everyone welcome

Phyllis Garner
£294 went to Steppingley Hospital in memory of Phyllis Garner from family, friends and neighbours. Many thanks to everyone.

Cranfield Critters Club

The Critters meet every week in the Village Hall.

On the first and third Tuesdays we meet at 10am, one hour before clinic, then on all other Tuesdays it is 1.30pm.

There is no charge to attend just a small donation of twenty-five pence for tea and coffee.

The group is for children aged from birth to one.

Contact the Cranfield Surgery Health Visitor on 01234 751013

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Samaritans is available 24 hours a day to provide confidential emotional support for people who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those which may lead to suicide

Notice from Methodist Chapel 'Be Still'

An opportunity to pause from the busyness of life, to be still, to reflect or to pray. Open to people of any faith or none. Cranfield Methodist Chapel will be open on Monday 25th July from 7-11 p.m.

Advance Notice for Singers

Music at St Andrew's Church Centre, Kimbolton Road, Bedford
'Come and Sing' The Faure Requiem

Saturday 15 October 2005

Conductor - Ian Smith, Head of Music and Performing Arts at Wootton School Organist - Joseph Middleton, Director Music at St Andrew's. 4.00 pm Rehearsal 6.00 pm Light Refreshment 7.30 pm Public Performance Tickets £5 and further information (from July) from the Church Centre Office 01234 216881 the Central Box Office 01234 269519

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Cranfield Methodist Church

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10.30am Morning Service
2nd & 4th - Holy Communion
3rd Sunday - Family Service

10.00am Prayer
10.45am Praise & Worship Service
Last Sunday of Month, Rock Solid (ages 10-16)
7.00 - 8.30pm

Weekdays

Thursday 6pm Sunshine Corner (Children up to 8) 7.15pm Thursday Club (Children 8-12 years)

Wednesday 7.30 CYFA meet in church
Thursday 7.30pm Bellingring Practice

Tuesday 7.30pm Sounds familiar Choir
Wednesday 7.45 Home Group
Thursday 7.30-9.30 Cyber Café (ages 10-16)

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Rev Hugh Symes-Thompson 01234 750214
Carol Rubini 752204
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Steve Lloyd 01234 751495
www.baptist.org

All Welcome

www.cranfieldchurches.org

'Harvey' By Mary Chase

Mary Chase was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for her endearing comedy play 'Harvey'. Coming as it did in November 1944, just before the end of World War II, it was the very thing needed to brighten people's lives and turned out to be one of the longest running comedies on Broadway and in the West End. Later, James Stewart played the part in a well-loved film.

It was first presented in the UK in 1949 directed by Anthony Quayle.

In the play, Veta Louise Simmons and her daughter,

Myrtle Mae, make valiant attempts to become part of polite society, their main ambition being to find a suitable husband for Myrtle Mae. They are thwarted in their efforts when Elwood P Dowd, Veta's brother, insists upon introducing everyone to his best friend Harvey - a six feet three inch white rabbit!



Graham A.Pavey

Lower School Talent Show



What talented children we have in Cranfield!. The Lower School PTFA recently held a Talent Show as a part of its fundraising activities to refurbish the school library, and it was a very entertaining evening indeed. A mixture of acts, from joke telling, dancing, magic tricks, singing and playing a variety of musical instruments. The pupils taking part in the show were all from the Lower School, but pupils from Holywell and Wootton provided music during the arrival and interval periods. The evening was well attended and over £150 was raised. Thanks to all who took part and came and supported. We hope to do this as regular event as it was most enjoyable for all concerned.

Cranfield Lower School PTFA

Thank You!

"I would like to thank all my family and friends for making my 65th Birthday Party a most enjoyable evening. I'm sure you will all agree it was a very good night and that the music and food was excellent. I would also like to send you all a special thank you for your generous donations to the Cardiac Rehab Fund - we raised £550.00!"

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Memories of a Cranfield Childhood - the continuing tale...

In the summer we often bathed on top of the 'copper' which was a large semi-spherical container set in brick-work with a space underneath for a fire to heat the ten or so gallons the copper held. The cement rim around the top was wide enough to sit three boys and three pairs of legs could soak in the copper. If the fire underneath wasn't too fierce we would compete to see who could stand up the longest on the bottom. It should be noted that there were only three boys; Bill, who was three years and four months senior to Jim, would no doubt have other arrangements. The copper, of course, served other purposes equally important such as washing all the laundry and Mother would also make her delicious Christmas puddings in it.

Although we didn't have a conventional bath (or bathroom), we managed. When poor Londoners were given baths, some of them were reported as finding them useful for storing their coal. A true story featured a former Bishop of London and baths. Perhaps unaware that most of his East London audience lacked a bath, he was extolling them on the great health benefits to be gained by taking a bath. 'I take a bath regularly' he told his audience 'and when I step out of my bath, I give myself a good rub down, and I feel rosy all over!' At this point a Cockney in the back row called out, 'Who's Rosy?'

In the early thirties many in the north of England were out of work and destitute. Sometimes one, or a couple, would make their way south in the hope of finding employment, and be desperately seeking food and shelter during the journey. Mother, a true Christian, would often give help. On one occasion she put up a young couple and their tiny baby on the living room sofa for the night which was cold and wet. I'm ashamed to say that I found myself counting the number at the table and how many portions had to come out of the pudding. But no doubt I would have accepted a smaller portion in case of need.

We were on the whole a happy family and most disputes were settled without rancour. Father always said: 'There are two sides to every question, so try and see the other chap's point of view as well as your own.' But, if Father, from his armchair pontificated too much, as he sometimes could, Mother would eventually say, 'If you don't be quiet, man, I'll sit on you!' Being a large lady her remark usually had the desired effect, and we all laughed.

Mother's Christian outlook embraced our neighbours: if a neighbour fell ill she would pop round with a small pot of Quince or Crab-apple jelly, a sure aid to recovery. And if one of them felt in need of a sympathetic ear, she would pop in ostensibly to borrow a half-cup of sugar but really to talk her troubles away over a cup of tea. As well as being a Parish councillor,

Father was a lay preacher and I would try to persuade him to take me on the back carrier of his bike when he had an appointment. Finally he agreed ('Before you get too heavy') and we headed towards Bedford. At one point we had to dismount and climb this hill, which he said was the very hill John Bunyan had to climb in *The Pilgrim's Progress*. I had also heard of The Slough of Despond and thought perhaps this would be similar to the pond I had got stuck in the previous week. John Bunyan in fact did once preach in the field opposite the Baptist Chapel.

Father had been an orphan. His mother had died soon after he was born and his father had then remarried when he was not much more than a year old. Mother's father had died before I came along though I believe he had been a coachman for the Harter family at the large mansion known as the Court. Mother's mother I did know and still remember well. As an eight-year-old I was enlisted (a trifle unwillingly) to collect Grandmother's bottle of medicine from Dr. Street's surgery on Saturday mornings and take it to her cottage at the west end of the village. This was quite a long way for a small boy. She was a tiny woman and seemed to me then somewhat 'fierce'. But she always gave me a penny for my trouble. One day Father's aunt and one of his cousins came to visit from London. He was an older man and to us tongue-tied small boys seemed a rather superior chap. We were more used to Mother's relatives and got on well with them. Aunt Nell, who had gone to live in Canada and then returned, lived in Shenley, near St Albans with her pipe-smoking husband, Uncle Harry, and several sons. They would visit from time to time. Aunt 'Gin' (I suppose her name was really Jenny) was something of a character and we saw more of her as she lived in Bedford. Aunt Gin not only enjoyed a smoke but grew her own tobacco! She also kept snuff (which I suppose was in fairly common use at that time) and would sometimes give me a pinch so that I would sneeze. She was fond of me and would call out, 'Come here, you knock-kneed, bandy legged, pin-toed, picky nose wally and give me a kiss.' Aunt Gin's husband, Uncle Fred, was a very nice, gentle man. They had several attractive daughters who, on the rare occasions that I saw them, seemed to regard me with some suspicion. Perhaps they thought (as did their mother) that 'little girls were made of sugar and spice and all things nice' and 'boys were made of slugs and snails and puppy-dog tails'. Mother's brother Uncle Bill had served in the army in India. He and Aunt Kate had three sons and a daughter. Ted, one of the boys who used to call on us, was killed in Italy in 1944. Dick, the eldest now lives

in Canterbury where he conducts tours around the cathedral. As an army family (perhaps with servants in India) they were definitely more worldly than us. And Aunt Kate used to smoke using a long cigarette holder, a habit almost certainly not approved of by Mother.

We had acquired a radio as mentioned earlier - a Cossor, which took a little time to warm up and then had a very distinctive smell of celluloid. It was branded with the names of capitals of strange lands overseas such as Sofia, Luxembourg, Warsaw. Not that we tuned in to these. One of Mother's favourite programmes was a Sunday service in Welsh. She didn't go much on 'agonized' (or 'squawking') operatic sopranos. But she was quite musical and could play a small accordion. Then one day a wind-up gramophone was acquired, price one guinea. It came with ten or twelve records (78 rpm), mainly light classics and operetta, and steel nee-

dles, which were replenished from time to time as the points wore out. Other records were purchased in time and these included one which Mother (to our great annoyance) would put on the gramophone and play at the foot of the stairs when we were failing to get up and get ready for school. This was a song called 'Lazy Mary, won't you get up?' If nobody stopped it, in subsequent verses Mary would repeatedly enquire 'What will you give me for my breakfast...?' and each time be offered a hearty dish which somehow failed to appeal. She would respond emphatically: 'No, Mother I won't get up... I won't get up today'. Finally, in desperation, Mother sings: 'A nice young man with rosy cheeks!' Lazy Mary really takes an interest now.... She sings, 'YES!!! mother, I will get up... I will get up today'.

To be Continued

Don Mariner

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padded area for the babies with a ball pool, baby gym, and various baby toys. We also desperately need more members as we are in danger of closing down, if we do not get more support by the summer holidays we may not be able to return in September.

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If you or someone you know would like to find out more information or share their story with us feel free to give me a call on 0207 013 4576 or email Julia.bird@rdffmedia.com.

Acorn Pre-School Open Day

Cranfield Football Club, Crawley Road Monday 4th July 2005
10am - 12 noon Come and meet the staff and have a play Everyone welcome

For more information or enrolment forms please contact Nicky Billington on 01234 750288



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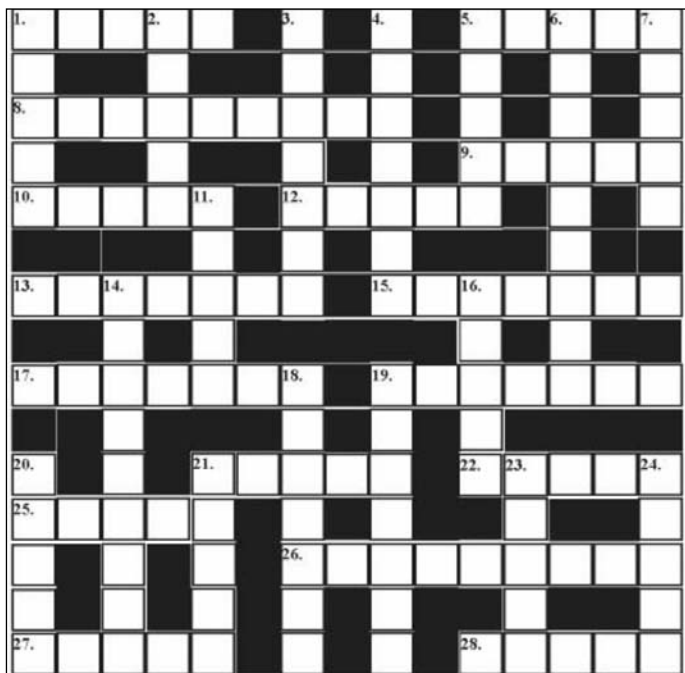
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Instruction (5)
5. (5)
8. Lucky (9)
9. Intestines (edible!) (5)
10. Arthur's table (5)
12. Woods (5)
13. Support (7)
15. Absorbant cleaning cloth (7)
17. Faint light (7)
19. Form of iron (7)
21. Surplus (5)
22. Each (5)
25. Ah, gravy (5)
26. Procedure (9)
27. Threads or tales (5)
28. Happiness (5)

CLUES DOWN

1. Proposal (5)
2. Consumed (5)
3. Cover for a wound or wall (7)
4. Type of yeast (7)
5. Pens (5)
6. Something an elephant does (3&6)
7. Dirties (5)
11. Single item of information (5)
14. Home to Gary Lineker(9)
16. Giant (5)
18. Renovate (7)
19. Avoid (7)
20. Black wood (5)
21. Golf clubs (5)
23. Essential (5)
24. Tugs (5)

Complete the Crossword and leave it in a sealed envelope at any of our collection points - Enoch's Paper Shop, Gail and Phil's Newsagents or the Uni Costcutter and the first correct solution, 'outta the hat' - wins ten pounds

Last month's winner was Mrs M Wildman of Lordsmead, Cranfield. Mrs W was the first successful correct Xword offering 'outta the hat' and £10.00 is on it's way to her.

Answers for last month's Xword ...

Across 1. Wigan 5. Forty 8. Rotherham 9. Earls 10. Henna 12. Moist 13. Tainted 15. Grimace 17. Manacle 19. Reardon 21. Optic 22. Expel 25. Liars 26. Examining 27. Poser 28. Snipe

Down

1. Worth 2. Ashen 3. Ashamed 4. Temping 5. Fleet 6. Rearguard 7. Yeast 11. Antic 14. Innovates 16. Image 18. Entreat 19. Richard 20. Clasp 21. Oscar 23. Xenon 24. Logie

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Friends of St. Peter and St. Paul

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of St. Peter and St. Paul will be held at 12 noon on Sunday 3rd July (after the Morning Service). We are a fairly small but enthusiastic group who work to raise funds to help maintain the Parish Church building. We believe it is important to preserve this historic and lovely church. If anyone would be interested in joining us in our endeavours, please come along to our AGM. It is not necessary to be a member of the Church, just a willingness to work together is all that is required.

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Do any of you readers know the boy on the left? As you can see, we are identical twins and were parted soon after this picture was taken.

I believe He moved to Cranfield some years ago and I would love to find him.

You can see why we always called him Mr. Happy!



Ed

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'Ello, 'ello... Who have we here then?



PC Carter in sunny Bedford taken before he and a colleague used all the sergeant's bottle of bleach and was sent to a new posting in the village of Cranfield

Dear Readers,

July 20th is a very special day because it is Charlie Carter's birthday so will you please join me in wishing him 'Many Happy Returns of the Day'. Yes, today July 20th Charlie is 80 years young.

Charlie was Police constable for Cranfield (see photo) for many years, that is when the villages had a policeman to keep law and order, and he did a very good job from the police house in Merchant Lane and by also going round the village on his very

fine black bicycle.

I first met Charlie many years ago when we were on the Primary School PTFA committee and raising money for a swimming pool. It was during one of our conversations at one of the fund-raising dances in the Memorial Hall that we realised we had served on the same ship, HMS Premier, during WW2. Charlie was in the Royal Navy (see photo) and I was in the Fleet Air Arm so it was no surprise that we became good friends, meeting one another often and reminiscing about Naval life. So, once again Charlie, have a very happy Birthday and may you have many more.

Ray Wills

All the best from me too Charlie ... I'll never forget the day you helped me out of the back of a motor in Aspley Woods where I had been discussing the Einsteins theory of whatever, or was it Darwin's, with a young lady companion.

What memories eh?

Have a great day and don't forget to do those notes for me...

PS ... Just for the record I had nothing to do with your bike being hoisted up the tree in the Recreation Ground, when you were on Bank duty in the High Street, all those years ago. I was far to innocent to be party to such a heinous crime but I do know a man who might know a man who might have done it!

Peter Hinson



AB Charlie Carter - a young matelot served with the Royal Navy during WW2 on the aircraft carrier HMS Premier



This photo which looks like it was taken in the grounds of Cranfield Court came to me marked 'PC Plod' but I dare not put that in or divulge the sender's name.

The days of village policing the way Charlie did it are long gone and, many will say much lamented. I do know that his approaching figure always made us youngsters draw a sharp breath and start to move away even when we hadn't done anything wrong!

Good days, Charlie, and to the best copper Cranfield has ever had ... Happy Birthday! Ed

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David Kendal

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The Home Farm Application

Cranfield's most hotly discussed and debated planning issue took a significant step forward in recent weeks, with the submission by Persimmon of a planning application for almost 400 new homes at Home Farm.

Cranfield Express readers will be aware that debate about the significant impact of such a development in our community has raged for at least ten years (see A Long and Grinding Road, Cranfield Express, August 2004). The debate as to which site should be developed has raged for the last two years, since the Parish Council decided in favour of the Airfield site (see Cranfield University Challenges MBDC, August 2003), but Mid Beds District Council preferred Home Farm (see Housing Site Row Goes Legal, Cranfield Express, October 2003).

A planning application has been submitted to Mid Beds District Council by the developers (Persimmon): it is a hefty document, addressing, inter alia transport, environmental issues and education. As Cranfield Express goes to press, it is being studied by Parish Councillors. A special planning meeting, at which the Parish Councillors will formulate their comments to Mid Beds Council, will be held at Portnall Place on Saturday 2nd July at 11am.

These Parish Council comments will then be considered by the District Councillors as part of their deliberations. A decision is expected to be made by Mid Beds Councillors in July or August. Given that Mid Beds District Council favours the Home Farm site, any objections or conditions raised in connection with this application are likely to be purely on matters of technical detail.

One impact of this development is that there will be a need for more children to attend the Lower School. To facilitate this, the Lower School needs additional land to provide sufficient playing area for the children. One way this could be achieved is to release part of the High Street recreation ground to the developers. This is a sensitive issue and the Parish Council has thought it wise to consult parishioners. A Parish poll is therefore being held on Thursday 7th July between 4pm and 9pm.

Mid Beds District Council has recently given permission for 24 homes to be built on the Central Motors site.

Margaret Rooney

Please Note... The details regarding the Parish Poll are on the front page and all you need to know about it is in the leaflet inside your Cranfield Express. Don't miss it. It's your only chance to influence anything that is happening re the development in your village.

Ed

No Holiday Bible Club

A message to everyone who has shared in Holiday Bible Club in recent years. Sadly we're unable to plan a Club this year because of various changes. One of our helpers now lives abroad; others have changes in their home responsibilities: Brian and Rachel, who have been our leaders in the past, have both made career changes, so neither is free this year.

We have always enjoyed having you with us and have tried our best to find another leader and more helpers, but without success. Rachel is especially sorry she's not able to lead us and all of us will miss the good times we had with you young people at the Club.

That's the bad news - now for some good news! Jesus, about whom we learn at Holiday Bible Club, does not change - He is the same yesterday, today and forever, living, loving, caring and forgiving - longing to be our friend and leader, not just for one week in August but, throughout our lives.

Some of you learn about Jesus from Storytellers who visit your school, and for anyone who is free on Sunday mornings there's a welcome at any of the churches where you can enjoy finding out more.

Hope you will all have a WONDERFUL summer holiday from school, even without Holiday Bible Club

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Unfortunately, at time of going to press all efforts to

find out more about this Fun Run have hit a concrete block - so to speak - and details are skimpy. We do know that it will take place at 7.30pm on the 8th of July at Cranfield University and we also understand these two super fire fighters will be sponsored for (we think) Marie Curie Cancer Care. If you want to sponsor them or know more about the run we suggest a call to the Press Office at the Uni on 01234 750111... See if you can do better than we did!



Charity Bike Ride



On Sunday the 29th of May a bike ride took place to raise money for all the village charities that wished to join in. Everyone enjoyed riding to Marston and back through Route 51 totaling more than fourteen miles. As you can see

by the pictures a wide selection of characters took part...

Bat Man and Robin used their super powers. The Hawaiian girls entertained us with the Hula Hula dance while one St Trinian's girl tried to join in with the Can Can.

Please ensure all sponsor money is collected in and handed to Joe Moore (Acorn Pre-School) so that we may present the relevant charities with their cheques.

Tickets for the Acorn Pre-School Disco, to be held at the Football Club on Friday 1st of July, can be purchased for £4.50 each at either of the Pre School sites (1234 751444 or 750633

Pictures

Top ... Off they go!

Middle ... Bat Man and Robin

Bottom ... A couple of Hawaiian Girls



The Crazy Frog

Has the world gone completely mad?! Clever marketing has persuaded thousands of people, presumably mainly the young, to feel the need to have this latest fashion accessory on their mobile phones. We can be led to believe that we want things that we really don't need and then, once we tire of them, there will be something else to tickle our fancies.

July sees the 60th anniversary commemoration of the end of all second world war hostilities. How things have changed! But are we any wiser, happier or richer in any real sense?

I am too young (just!) to remember living through the war. What I do remember is the end of rationing and being given a shilling to buy sweets. As far as I can remember, that was about the going rate for pocket money- equivalent to 5p. Little luxuries were appreciated and there was a sense of making do and mending.

I suspect that the huge choice and growth in material wealth has done little to make us happy.

Of course we need money to live as comfortably as we need. We need to be able to relax and have holidays. It is when money becomes an end in itself that there can be problems.

Wealth and status have been seen as yardsticks of happiness, but are they all they are cracked up to be. "Much" wants "more" and the temptation is to overstretch and spend "plastic" money and accumulate debt.

I recently read that a new book has been written about the science of happiness! The author, Richard Lanyard, points out that a society based on getting ahead cannot be truly happy. As long as we have the basic necessities, once we start trying to keep up with the Joneses we find that "the effort devoted to it is a total waste in terms of the satisfaction generated." He goes on to say that, "The new science of happiness shows clearly that the main factors affecting our happiness are our relationships with family and friends. Wealth has quite a small effect. It is time we seriously questioned whether we are not sacrificing our relationships too much in the interest of ourselves as consumers."

It is a matter of trying to maintain a balance between the need to earn and to be realistic about allowing time for our families and for ourselves. We also need to programme in a Sabbath, a day of rest, away from work.

For those of us who are Christians, the words of Our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount can point us in the right direction. Matthew Chapter 6 v 19-33: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven-for where your treasure is there your heart will be also. No one can serve two masters-You cannot serve God and wealth." "Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added to you as well."

Jesus shows His followers how man ought to live, not simply according to a set of rules but by an inner revolution of attitude and outlook. The truly happy are those who recognise that man is not sufficient in himself. They learn to depend wholly on God. Men can choose what to set their hearts on. They can go all out for money and material things, or for God and spiritual things but not for both. Those who put God first can rest assured that he knows all their needs and will not fail to supply them.

If you have a crazy frog, enjoy! Perhaps you may realise that true happiness lies not in possessions but in loving, serving and trusting our Creator God.

Dr Marjorie Cotton

Royal British Legion Cranfield Branch



We have begun our marking of the Commemorations for the VE / VJ days celebrations - we had a super visit to the excellent private museum at Thurlleigh. The Museum opens at weekends but the curators and owners gave us a private tour evening last Thursday. Thank you to Ralph, Daphne and Diane for their knowledge and welcome, and thanks to the members who attended. If June had been enjoying its usual warm and balmy evenings, a picnic was to be the order of the

day - this sadly had to be deferred.

Please feel welcome to come along to meetings at Portnall Place every third Thursday at 8pm. If you are interested in any of our outings, please contact the Secretary - Jane Backhouse on 01234 750695

Our future programme includes... A Social evening at the Cross Keys - from about 7.30 - 8pm. on the 21st. July, 15th. August at 8pm. at Portnall Place and then 21st. August from 10 am. This will be a whole day devoted to our local commemorations for VE / VJ days.

Watch out for more information on this exciting event!

15th. September at 8pm. at Portnall Place - our speaker will be Stephen Coleman, County Archivist who will complete our marking of the 60th anniversary commemorations. Stephen will give an illustrated talk on Bedford Wartime Defences and is always a fascinating speaker.

Don't let the muggers get you down

Before you read on I'd just like to say this isn't a plug for Tae Kwon-do or any other of the many martial arts, all of which are effective

in their various approaches to self defence. It's a response to a tale told to me by a work colleague and, in itself, is a very real story of the way things are on the streets of the UK now.

"Speak softly but carry a big stick."

It was four in the afternoon in the town of Wellingborough and seventeen year old Colin (not his real name) was taking the shorter route home from one of the town centre cash points. The route running parallel to the main street was an alley. Colin, strolling along with his mind probably on the holiday he was about to go on, suddenly heard a distinctive click from behind and part turned to end up in a headlock with a knife prodding his rib cage. In response to his attacker's demands he produced his money but as the thief released his hold on Colin he slashed his arm leaving a deep wound requiring stitches.

It's easy to say in hindsight that Colin should have done this or he should have done that. Some people, who like myself, have a wide range of choice from being experienced in a martial art may have dealt with the situation very differently, and probably automatically - as is the case with any form of training. This is not to say I wouldn't have just handed over the cash.

What could Colin have done to protect himself from such a painful and traumatic experience?

Teddy Roosevelt, when pressed to comment on America's foreign policy back in the fifties, quoted an old West African tribal proverb saying simply "Speak softly but carry a big stick." And in terms of self defence that is exactly what all of us should do.

Before you cry out about carrying offensive weapons etc etc - whoa! The stick doesn't have to be a physical one. 'The stick', or rather the bit of 'the stick' you hold on to, can be the first line of your defence against any form of street violence and it's simply called - awareness. You don't have to be a Bruce Lee to apply this

and it's worth thinking about 'thinking' If you check out this imaginary scenario...

You walk to your car carrying shopping. You have just had a good session of retail therapy and you have picked up loads of bargains. You open the boot and put your shopping inside - being careful to place some potted plants on your gardening books where they won't get squashed. You back out of the boot and the next thing you hear is a paramedic asking you your name.

The last thing I want is for readers to get paranoid about any of this and I certainly wouldn't want anyone to feel frightened by my article. But I also feel moved enough by Colin's attack to tell you that you can all defend yourself.

In the above example I gave you - try it again...

You walk to your car not sagging with the baggage. You keep your head up and look around you, checking to see if anyone is watching you or acting suspiciously and you keep looking. You put your stuff in the boot still looking round, maybe also using the glossy finish of your car as a mirror, and, you have probably just defended yourself against an attack. As you shut the boot you continue to look round - there is nobody close to you - apart from a paramedic on an emergency call.

No mugger or violent attacker would want a 'target' who is aware of what's going on around him. He doesn't want a target that is ready for the unexpected - and is possibly going to fight back - he wants an 'easy dozer' who won't even know what hit him.

Not putting yourself in a high risk position might not be the weightiest part of that 'big stick' but it is known to be the more effective than any flash spinning back kicks - though one of those can be quite devastating.

It might also be a good idea to enroll in a self defence course, you don't have to be super fit and these classes are usually available for any age at a Sport Facility or College Further Education evening class.

Looking at the overall incident Colin, in response to the armed attack and regardless of the consequence, had applied the only piece of self-defence that he could... he handed over his money.

Peter Hinson



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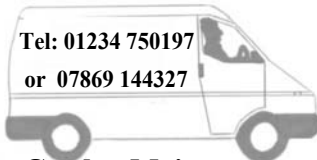
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Studham v Cranfield University

May 28th 2005 Result : Cranfield won by 4 wickets

Following the previous week's wash-out, the College returned to their winning ways with a hard-fought victory at Studham. Debuts were given to MBAs Amol Karnik and Bibhas Roy, with the College fielding a team with 8 overseas players, 2 from Pakistan and 6 from India. Skipper Sathya Babu won the toss and put Studham in on what looked to be a good wicket for batting. The hosts made unspectacular progress against the opening attack of Babu and Roy, the latter enjoying his first bowl in English conditions. In the 5th over a mix up by the opening batsmen resulted in an excellent run out by Umer Shahzad, and four overs later the second wicket fell to Roy (1 for 22) with the score on 28. The hosts then proceeded to build a stand of 47 for the third wicket, which suggested a good score was in the offing. It was then that star all-rounders Asad Kausar and Julian Blackwell took command. With the score on 78 for two, Blackwell removed the stubborn opening batsmen with the first ball after the drinks break, and the carnage had begun. Blackwell (2 for 10) tied the batsmen down, whilst Kausar (6 for 22) did the main damage, including 3 wickets from 4 balls, one being a miraculous caught-and-bowled from an exocet drive by the Studham skipper. The third wicket fell on 75 in the 21st over - by the 30th over the end came, with Studham collapsing to 87 all out, losing 8 wickets for 12 runs in 61 balls.

With a small target of 88 to chase, a quick and easy victory was expected, but it proved to be a hard fight win. College openers Gareth Kingston and Pete McHenry only added 12 runs before McHenry fell lbw during a particularly hostile spell from one of the Studham opening seamers, who finished with match figures of 4 for 9 off 10 overs. Whilst Kingston proved to be his usual gritty, Boycott-like self, wickets fell regularly at the other end until man-of-the-match Kausar entered the arena with the score on a precarious 49 for 6 and the College looking down the barrel. Eight overs later, with Kausar on 31 not out, gained almost entirely from 7 splendid fours in his own inimitable style, the victory was gained. One of the fours was hit with so much power past the bowler that umpire Phil Barham could only just manage to evade serious injury by diving for cover in a non-existent slit trench. Gareth Kingston yet again proved his worth with an invaluable 27 not out, keeping his head whilst most around him were losing theirs.

Studham : 87 all out (29.1 overs - 3 points) Cranfield University : 88 for 6 (26.3 overs - 25 points)

Report Trevor Larder

Life International Christian Fellowship

The Parish Church was filled with about sixty enthusiastic Christians in fine voice for the first visit of Life International Christian Fellowship from Milton Keynes on Sunday 22nd May. Rector Hugh Symes-Thompson welcomed Pastor Leroy Maddix together with the band and choir of LICF. The service was lively and loud with members of the congregation dancing in the pews to the beat of the band.

Pastor Leroy gave a powerful and emotional sermon, delivered with the energy and vigor. His theme was The Holy Spirit in the lives of Believers. His message was clear - if Jesus needed the Holy Spirit to carry out His work how much more do we need to rely on that same divine power. The power of the Holy Spirit is available to us today because Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

The band of four singers, drums, keyboard, bass and acoustic guitar then pumped up the volume again and lead the congregation in song - they were so good that after the farewell message from Hugh to Leroy the service spontaneously continued an extra 10 minutes with popular worship songs. Thank you to all who attended - it was good to see new faces (including uni students, young mums, young kids) and regular members of the churches, with all three churches in the village supporting the event. It was a great way to start the week!

The next evening energetic service will be in September - more news in the next Cranfield Express

Help Needed!!

Is your child in Year 3 at Cranfield Lower School and transferring to Holywell next year? Could you cope with another 8 year old boy? We are looking to move to Cranfield in the next few months, but there are no childminders available - could you be the solution?

We would need to drop off with you around 7.15am and collect after work at 5.30pm during term time, and for this service we would pay 10 pounds per day.

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Announcements

Obituary

Len Salisbury (Lenny)

Passed away suddenly on May 28th.

A dear brother to Tom & Sandra and Rich & Jackie.

The summer sun is fading as the year grows old,
And darker days are drawing near,
Our lives will be forever Autumn,
Now that you're not here.



In Memorium

Stanley William Billington

22nd July 1993... in loving memory of a very dear dad and grandad.

Your presence we miss. Your memory we treasure. Loving you always - forgetting you never.
Love from ... Sandra, Terry, James and Stuart.



Stanley William Billington

In loving memory of a wonderful husband called to rest July 22nd 1993.

July comes with sad regret. The day, the month I will never forget. The loss I had twelve years today. Memories of you will always stay From your ever loving wife May.



Birthdays

Ian Goodman...Happy 40th Birthday on the 10th July. Love always Kate, Sophie and Hannah xxxx

Eloise and Olyver Tomlinson



To two very special people for two special birthdays... Happy 13th Birthday to the lovely Elle on the 12th July and congratulations Olyver on your 18th Birthday on the 13th of July Love from Moo Moos and Steve xx

Stanley Ayre ... Happy First Birthday to my darling Grandson on the 21st July. With lots of love and kisses, Nannie xxx

Stanley Ayre ... Happy Birthday to Stanley Ayre who is one year old on the 21st of July. With lots of love from Uncle Jason and Ryan xxx

Stanley Ayre



Stanley Ayre Wishing our little boy a very happy first birthday on the 21st July. We hope your day is full of fun... With lots of love and kisses Mummy and Daddy xxxxx

Stanley Ayre Sending my baby brother lots of love, hugs and kisses on his first birthday on the 21st July. With lots of love from your big brother Freddie xxxxx

Charlie Carter



Dad, Happy 80th Birthday on the 20th of July. Love from Alan and Jo

Charlie Carter Happy 80th Birthday Dad. You are doing well. Best wishes from Douglas, Anne and Family.

Charlie Carter Lots of Love on your 80th Birthday 20th July. L.Y. Your Alison xx

Happy 80th Birthday to a Special Grandad on the 20th July. Love, Laura, Paul, Nicky and Paul

Message for Paul Carter from Cranfield Express... Sorry Paul your Mum, Dad, Nicky, Laura and Paul sent in a message for your birthday and it got lost in my office. If you could see my office you would know how easy it is for anything to get lost in it. I wish I could have got lost in it when your grandad phoned me and pointed out what a silly boy I had been. Of course he was a bit calmer, I'm pleased to say, than when he stopped me for riding my Royal Enfield Crusader along a footpath one day in 1964.

Ed

The Blue Tits take a Moonwalk...



Lto.r Sharon Taylor, Amanda Sasada, Jenny Peters, Yvonne Champion, Jenny Buxton...together have raised over £1500

And all to raise cash through sponsorship for Breast Cancer the girls set off on a 26 mile Walking Marathon around Central London joined by 15,000 bra clad women and a few men too. Jenny Peters (centre in the photo) was pleased to report the they successfully completed it collecting a few blisters along the way for their efforts. Jenny would like to thank all who sponsored her and is happy to report £300 for the cause.

From the press release...

As the sun rose over London, Walk the Walkers were snaking across the city and striding out and setting the pace along those 26 miles! The day was beautiful and the temperature rose quickly and it was just fantastic to see everyone crossing that finish line feeling the huge sense of personal achievement for completing the challenge as well as pride in doing something so wonderful for others. Those medals were hard earned with walkers training through the winter months to prepare for the challenge of The Moonwalk and we are thrilled that the night was such a success.

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Cranfield Colts U14's French Trip 2005



French Trip - Squad 2004-2005: Ryan, Jamie, John, Keaton, Jordan, James, Stefan, Ruudi, Harry, Charles, Dominic, William, Dylan
Coaches: John, Ron, Lionel

This season, our annual trip to France was an action packed full weekend. On the Saturday we left CUFC (eventually) just after 6.00am and headed towards Dover. From Calais we then had an hours drive to Arneke which is a village about the same size as Cranfield (and they had excellent facilities). The game was very even, in the first half we played against the wind, coming off 1-1 at half time this making Ryan the Colts leading European goal scorer. In the second half I played Harry and Keaton (two of my fastest players) up front and went for route 1 football. In the first 20 minutes we created 4 good scoring chances, but their keeper was quick off his line then with 10 minutes to go the unthinkable happened. One of their players went on a solo run, passed three of our players to score, so there was nothing left to do but to push forward and try and get an equalizer, (it was the least we deserved), only for Arneka to break down the wing and score the goal of the game.

I don't think that the 5 hours travelling and getting up at 5.00am helped as we seemed to run out of steam in the last 15 minutes but it was an enjoyable experience. As with most European teams physical contact is very minimal which gives boys of all builds the opportunity to play the ball. After the game we enjoyed great hospitality in their sports hall after which we travelled onto our holiday village for our nights accommodation.

On the Sunday we went to Bagatelle Theme Park, (highly recommended for all ages, especially adults!). Once we got inside the theme park, the boys

went in one direction and the adults in the opposite to seek out the coffee shop. At the end of the day all the boys arrived at the meeting point on time, only for most of the adults to be missing, so we had to send the boys back into the park to find, Nick, Ron, John, Robert and Paul (you have been named and shamed!!).

It was a fantastic weekend with great football, an excellent theme park and the greatest bunch of lads you could wish to take away for the weekend!!!!

French Trip - Squad 2004-2005:

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Cranfield tae Kwon do Club

This month had been dominated by students training hard for the grading which took place on Mon, 20th June. We had 49 students grading from Cranfield, Newport, Olney and Woburn and had just one failure with many high-grade passes. Several students were grading for the first time including Tracy and Alex Ramsden from Cranfield club who both passed. Nigel Wolford and his family also passed their second grading with Nigel getting an excellent A* pass. The highest belts were Michael Spurr and Andrew Harvey who both passed and will now be training hard over the next 6 - 9 months for their Black Belts. Michael had an excellent grading and I am sure will soon be wearing the coveted Black Belt. Well done to everybody and thanks to all the Black Belts and others who came to officiate and support. There should be some competitions coming up soon so I hope we will have some keen competitors to send and represent the various clubs. We still have some vacancies at our clubs for new members and would welcome anyone irrespective of age sex size or physical ability. We train on a variety of nights and provide something for everybody whether it be fitness flexibility self defence pad work sparring line work or the art side involving pre-set patterns or tules. If anyone would like to know more about us and what we do and the benefits of which there are many then please give me a call of just turn up on one of the training nights.

David Rawle 01234 750716 Mob: 07860831729 Email... david.rawle@bt.com

Cranfield Colts 2005-2006 Season Recruiting

If you are in School Year 9 starting in September and you would like to play football on a Sunday morning in the Milton Keynes league, I would like to hear from you.

There has been quite a bit of interest, to run this age group next season, and if you missed the signing on evening please ring me as soon as possible.

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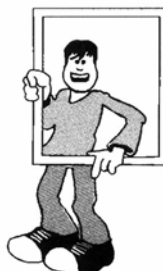
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