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A Last Chance To Say 'No' To Large Scale Housing



The future of Cranfield at the turn of every road?

Large scale development in our villages appears to be top of the government's list of things to do. Wootton has reared up in the shadow of 1000 possible dwellings, whereas several Northamptonshire villages have promised a 'bodies in the path of JCBs' approach to the policy of increasing housing and ignoring the infrastructure.

By now every household will have had a form to fill in and register their opposition via email or direct delivery. Following this leaflet drop we can let you know that we have had just under 500 names register their opposition to large scale housing in Cranfield. This is a sizeable

number but if we are to seriously challenge the might of the planners we need more of you to step forward.

Many of the responses made the point about the current infrastructure being unable to sustain a further increase on the scale put forward. Also, the university's threat to the parish council of taking legal action has dismayed many of you who perhaps thought the university was acting in the best interests of the village.

What next? We will send the names to the parish council and the district planning committee. However, we must stand up and be counted now.

If anyone has yet to respond, please ensure that you do so by no later than the 5th Sept. This is your last chance - do not rely on someone else standing up for you! You will find the form on page 5 of this edition

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FOG

Friends of Guiding in Cranfield (FOG) would like to thank Cranfield United Football Club and Acorn Pre-school for the generous donation of over £200 to their funds, following the Sponsored Bike Ride held in May. Particular thanks go to Derek Dodd, Jasmine Eeles and Sarah DaCosta who nominated FOG as their chosen recipient. Many thanks to you all.

Unbalanced Report?

SIR - May I be allowed to comment on the report (Cranfield Express, August 2003) of the extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council's Planning Committee held on 25th June? I was present at that meeting and although I do not dispute the voting figures (and names) of those voting for the respective sites, I do feel the report was unbalanced. For example, most of the meeting time was taken up by considering what would be desirable in terms of planning gain (i.e. new or improved/enhanced facilities) should any development take place. Unlike the detail provided in respect of who said what and the way in

which councillors voted, there is absolutely no information about the Parish Council's "wish list" of community benefits. Are the residents of Cranfield not entitled to know what the Parish Council's list consists of?

As for the University preparing to take legal action against the District Council should it proceed to ratify the Executive's rejection of the Airfield site in favour of Home Farm, given the millions of pounds at stake by way of enhanced land values this is by no means surprising. Indeed, and for the same reason, the proponents of the Home Farm site are likely to mount their own legal challenge should the Airfield site be adopted. A case of damned if we do, damned if we don't!

Reference was made to the "audacity" of the District Council in rejecting the Planning Inspector's recommendation. It should be remembered, of course, that if the Parish Council had its way (having previously come out in favour of neither site) then there would be the prospect of two legal challenges to defend, one from each site. What about taxpayers' money in that event? And with regard to the reported comments extolling the virtues of the Airfield site it could be argued that they were for reasons having little validity in planning terms.

Finally, and as stated in the report, the matter will be considered again

by the District Council's Executive and ultimately by full Council, with both meetings open to the public.

Ken Matthews
District Councillor

Large Scale Housing

I was born in Cranfield and have lived here all my life. My daughter now goes to the Primary school which I once attended. The number of pupils in her class seems very high to me and if more housing is built in Cranfield then I am sure that the School would be unable to cope. I can also see many other problems occurring if any large scale development were to go ahead, as the village is only just coping now with its current population.

Mrs Heidi Hansford, High Street

Flower Festival

All are welcome to our Flower Festival at Cranfield Parish Church on the weekend of September 26th, 27th and 28th. The chosen theme is "The Messiah" and we have received donations and sponsorship from a variety of local groups for over fifty flower arrangements to transform the church. Once again our principal organiser is Maurice Rust and the festival is to be held under the auspices of 'The Friends of the Church'. The church will be open from 10.00am each day with refreshments and programs available for visitors. On the Friday there will be a Cheese and Wine evening with musical accompaniment from an excellent brass quartet. Saturday features a concert evening with the Bedford based Concord singers. Adult Tickets £4.00 for each evening. The Sunday will also include our Harvest Thanksgiving Services at 10.30am and 6.00pm. We hope the whole weekend will prove a village attraction for locals and visitors alike. All who have participated on previous occasions will know the high standards achieved and pleasure afforded to so many. This Flower Festival is part of our strategy to improve our historic village church. We have just completed important stonework repairs to the chancel windows and elsewhere and will now aim to improve the facilities further for church users and visitors. Please put the Flower Festival dates in your diary - and we warmly invite you to come along to enjoy the displays in person.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. Hugh Symes-Thompson,
Rector.
Carol Rubini and Andrew Pearson,
Churchwardens.

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Youth Club

I wonder how many people in Cranfield remember the youth club? This was held regularly on a Friday evening at the village hall, but sadly it closed through lack of interest and parental support. It is now proposed to get the youth club up and running again. Mrs Maureen Gibbs who originally ran the club has agreed to run it again if support is given by the parents of children joining and anyone else interested in helping out. The youth club will be open to children aged from 7 to 13 and will cost approx £1 a week.

Parents would be expected to give between one and two evenings a term to help out for each of their children attending and a variety of activities will be offered to the children. If you are interested in helping out, or you would like your child to attend, please contact Mrs Gibbs on 01234 750 223

Sallie Stubbs

Acknowledgement

Stan Burgess

Mary, Susan and Ian would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming amount of sympathy cards and messages they received on the death of Stan, which has been a great source of comfort to us.

We would like to thank all who attended his funeral on the 31st July and for donations to the Macmillan Nurses, which will go towards a syringe driver, which made Stan's last few hours comfortable after so many months of pain.

Our special thanks to Carol Rubini, our Macmillan Nurse, and Chris and Manjit our District Nurses, also our thanks to Sylvia. From the first day we moved to Cranfield, nearly 38 years ago, Stan loved it here. He loved the people, the village friendliness and the activities such as the Old Peoples' Tote (many years ago) the scouts, The Carpenters Arms Domino nights and the Moulsoe Gardening Club.

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What's on

Monday 1st September - Acorn Pre-School is holding a photo session by H Tempest. There will be 2 sessions at the Methodist Hall... 10.00am to 12.00pm and then in the afternoon from 1.00pm to 3.30pm. To book an appointment please call Joe Moore on 752075.

Saturday 6th September 10.30am - 4.00 pm A Charity Day on behalf of "The Yoga for Health Foundation" by Bill Feeny, Assistant Director of "Yoga for Health Foundation" In the morning a session of Hatha Yoga for all levels, beginners are welcome. A break for lunch and Raffle - Continuing in the afternoon with some interesting aspects of the breath and explanations of your personal constitutions, i.e. Kapha, Pitta or Vatha A shared lunch is required (vegetarian) bring a dish to share. An exercise mat or blanket, cushion will be required for the day. For more information call Pat Baker (01234) 391254/751580

Tuesday 9th September - Wharley End WI 7.30 Stafford Cripps Building, Cranfield University. 'Idle Women' Mr R Davis. Visitors welcome.

Sunday 14th September - Cranfield Chrysanthemum and Dahlia society are holding their early flower show at the Scout Hut, Merchant Lane at 2pm. Entrance free.

20th September (please note date) 12.30 - 1.30pm. Cranfield Methodist Church Lunch. Menu: Grapefruit & orange cocktail. Roast beef & Yorkshire. Seasonal veg. Lemon meringue pie. Tea or coffee. £4.50. All most welcome.

Monday 22nd September ...Meeting of the **Cranfield Community Safety Group** when we will be discussing possible initiatives that could be undertaken and setting targets for the forthcoming year. New members and anyone interested are welcome to attend as your input would be instrumental in shaping what we do at the Methodist Church starting at 7:30 p.m

26-28th September - St Peter and St Paul Flower Festival on the theme of the Messiah will take place at the Parish church. The church will be open from 10am - 7pm on Friday and Saturday. There will be a cheese and wine evening on Friday and a Musical concert on Saturday evening. On Sunday special Harvest services will be held at 10.30am and 6pm, and the church will be open throughout the afternoon. Plans are currently being finalised, please look out for further details in next month, s Cranfield Express.

Saturday 18th October - 'Stress Buster Day' By Pat Baker & Margaret Eyres Millennium Hall, Moulsoe Village 10pm - 4pm Once again in October time to de-stress and enjoy a complete relaxation, in the morning after tea we will have a morning of gentle Yoga, suitable for all, beginners especially, in the afternoon a back massage & interactive talk. Lunch will be shared, bring a vegetarian dish to share with others for more information call Beryl or Pat (01234) 751580/391254

8th November 'Paddling through the Paranormal' by Keith & June Paul Millennium Hall, Moulsoe Village We welcome back Keith & June Paul with a interactive talk, this is one not to be missed, after Keith's talk on

the crop circles last year this is a follow up and expansion of the exciting fields of the Paranormal. Call Beryl or Pat on (01234) 751580/391254

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

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

Village Hall

Cranfield Village Hall is looking for more of the people of the village to use the hall for functions and various other activities. To this end they would like it to be known that the Village Hall is available on a Saturday afternoon at a special rate of £5 per hour for children's parties.

The hall has a large number of tables and chairs that are included in the price of hiring, and there are kitchen facilities. The hall has its own car park, which prevents problems when dropping off and collecting children. To book the village hall please speak to Pam on 750023. This village hall belongs to the people of Cranfield. Please support it. Sallie Stubbs

Hot Foot for Charity!

If you think you can take the heat and want to prove it, why not join the staff and drinkers at The Swan, 2 Wavendon Road, Salford, Milton Keynes and walk barefoot on fire!! The firewalk, on Saturday 6th December is raising money for Milton Keynes General Hospital Coronary Care Unit and Cardiac

Rehabilitation. Any brave walkers with a burning desire to take up this challenge can do so for free by raising just £150 in sponsorship for the charity. With two hours of expert 'learn or burn' training to warm walkers up for the main event, everyone taking part will be in safe hands with a team of experts leading the event.

"I am delighted to be holding this firewalk to support the C.C.U. and cardiac rehab." says Swan landlord Paul Schaverien, a regular himself in the Coronary Care Unit. "By walking on fire this night you can truly help to save lives by raising money for this very worthwhile unit. Even if you just want to watch the walk it will be a fantastic evening."

For further information on the firewalk please contact Paul on 01908 583254 or preferably by Email: swansalford@bopenworld.com Further details are also available on the Swan's website... www.theswanatsalford.co.uk (You never know, there may be somebody from Cranfield Express doing the firewalk).

Not a chance! Ed

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For further information contact:

Rev Gordon Sollis 751886

or Nora Salisbury 750279

Cranfield Parish Church St Peter & St Paul, (C of E)

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Life in Cyprus

by Fiona Griffiths

Although the Cypriots supposedly drive on the left they have no road sense. They have their right arm hanging out the window and their left hand has a mobile phone permanently attached to their ear. (A law has just been brought out that it is an offence to drive whilst using a mobile phone and the police love it!) They must steer with their knees! Obviously they don't have a hand free to operate indicators. In Paphos they have loads of traffic lights. Experience has taught me that traffic lights merely indicate that there might be traffic coming from either left or right so proceed with caution. They tend not to stop for a red light. I haven't quite got the hang of this yet and still stop at red traffic lights. If they do stop they gradually inch forward and when the light changes to green they don't move. I have used my horn here more than I ever did in the UK. At the moment there are so many roads up in the town. Some of them for the third time in as many months. Road

closed signs are there to be ignored. If there is nothing blocking the way you just manoeuvre around the cones and proceed along a road that's not much different from any other, the pot holes might just be bigger. They only seem to put an inch thick layer of tarmac (presumably because they will be digging it up again in a couple of weeks) And the first heavy rain fall opens all the pot holes again. Zebra crossings are another hazard for both pedestrians and drivers. Everybody ignores the zigzag markings either side and cars are always parked, more often than not across the crossing. Pedestrians use these crossings at their peril. In fact the only drivers who stop at them are either expats or holiday makers - who are easy to spot as hire cars have red number plates. Much as I hate to admit it, the women are far worse than the men. They pull out of side streets without looking, stop suddenly, drive at an incredibly slow speed and generally dither about. Motor cyclists are much the same as in the UK. By law they have to wear crash helmets, sadly the law does not state where these helmets



A picture of a village bus! (or To leoforio in Greek).

must be worn. Some wear them over their arms and some over the handlebars. School kids ride little motorcycles and I have yet to see one of them wearing a helmet. There are usually two of them on a bike for one, and occasionally three! The police drive around in pairs in Range Rovers with their blue lights permanently flashing. They have loud hailers so that if they spot a traffic

offence the registration number and the offence is announced over the loud hailer as they are driving along and presumably written down. They also have little motor bikes with a blue flashing light on a pole at the back. As long as you are aware of the foibles of the Cypriot motorist it's quite easy driving here - I have yet to see any instances of road rage.

Cranfield 57 years ago...

As one grows older I think it is important to remind people of the past and to me, the memories of Cranfield of fifty years ago are still fresh and need to be recorded. I wonder if the newcomers will appreciate how a village modern enough to have a cinema could in some respects be so primitive and lack essential services even though so close to the airfield which had all the facilities. Incidentally, my grandson has just gained his degree and will be coming to study at Cranfield University in October for a further year therefore he is coming back to where it all started fifty plus years ago. It's a small world!

It is now fifty seven years since I was first 'sent' to Cranfield being stationed there whilst in the RAF and it proved more important to me than to most airmen as I met and married my wife there. Her name was Pam Ward who lived in a cottage on the High Street near to the top of Merchant Lane with her family. Unfortunately she died earlier this year, but her surviving sister, Rosemary is still in the village.

Coming from the outskirts of Sheffield, it always astonished me that the village, although next door to a modern airfield, was so primitive and lacked essential facilities. Although there was electricity in most of the houses, there wasn't a sewerage scheme and outside earth closets had to be used. These were emptied at intervals by men who used a large pipe to suck the contents into a tank which was then driven away for disposal but, if they were delayed at all, after a Bank Holiday for instance, the owner had to empty the buckets themselves. Some said that the gardens were better in those days!

The five cottages where Pam lived didn't have water laid on and the owners shared a stand pipe in the yard at the front of the row. In winter this froze up and, unless someone had been wise enough to keep

a full kettle in the house which had been kept warm and could be used to defrost the tap, people had to wait for their morning cuppa. Of course, bath night was difficult when the long tin bath, which was usually kept hanging on a nail outside the house, was dragged inside and filled with water which had been heated on the fire in the kettle and pans. Afterwards the dirty water had to be emptied away outside, after getting rid of most of it by lading it into a bucket, the bath was dragged to the door. It was impossible to do this without creating waves on the water that was left in, most of which slopped over the sides soaking the floor and the legs of whoever was doing the job. Gas had not reached the village and most of the cooking was done on small, coal fired ranges in a tiny oven. In the Summer, when presumably it wasn't necessary to have a fire in the house, women could be seen taking the Sunday joint to be cooked at the baker's who charged a copper or two for the facility.

I lived for a while in the village before marriage and remember seeing a body being taken for burial in the Churchyard on a BIER which was similar to a long stretcher on wheels on which the coffin rested, the mourners following on foot.

It was a long time before street lighting was introduced and I believe it started with six lamps which were all on Main Street with a large distance between them.

For a time I was involved with the Scouts and remember camping at Heath and Reach in the grounds of what had been a large house, which I believe had burned down. We had to walk a long way to fetch water, this was the first and only time I have seen Glowworms, I wonder if they are still in the area or have they succumbed to the modernisation and Milton Keynes?

Ray Helliwell (Sheffield)

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The play will be performed at Wootton Village Hall on 9th - 11th October 2003 at 7.45pm and tickets can be obtained from the Central Box Office in Bedford on 01234 269519 (including credit card bookings) or locally on 01234 315391.

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National Leukaemia Awareness Week

National Leukaemia Awareness Week takes place Saturday September 6th and finishes Saturday September 14th, 2003. During the week floral emblems will be on sale at various locations around the village including the Surgery, the Pet Shop, Post Office, Cranfield Newsagents and Budgens. A comprehensive range of information booklets and newsletters are available from the Leukaemia Research Fund, Head Office, 43 Great Ormond Street, London WC. Tel. 0207 4500101 www.irf.org.uk Irene McMenamin

Arson Update

Residents confidence was boosted five days after the attack when two PC's and a WPC actually walked about in the village for nearly one hour.

In a telephone call to the *Cranfield Express* one local resident has pointed out that the police did not attend the fire which totally destroyed the Colts changing facility in the recreation ground. Police were called along with the fire brigade but it would appear never appeared - ringing her a week later saying the call wasn't logged (how did they know who to call then?). She has also said that the possible perpetrators remained close to the scene on the nearby bridgeway and were still there at approximately 0445hrs.

There are people out there who know who carried out this senseless act and the only way to stop them is to bring them to justice with a vengeance.

Acorn Pre School Photos

Christmas is coming

Acorn Pre-School is holding a photo session by H Tempest on 1st September. This is an ideal opportunity to get a head start on those awkward Christmas presents for Aunties and Uncles who may not necessarily look forward to receiving yet another pair of socks or an Eva Cassidy CD. No offence Eva! There will be 2 sessions at the Methodist Hall the first being from 10.00am to 12.00pm and then in the afternoon from 1.00pm to 3.30pm. To book an appointment please call Joe Moore on 752075. There may be an opening to those who just turn up on the day but obviously those who have booked will get priority and will know just how long they have to keep their little darlings clean and presentable for! In a nutshell, book early to avoid disappointment.

Bell Ringing In September



St Peter and St Pauls

Wedding bells are a standard of village life and when the daughter of the Tower Captain - herself an accomplished ringer - gets married, then she is entitled to expect something special. Cara Ewen and her fiancé, Nick Butterworth will be getting married at St. Peter & St. Paul's church on

Saturday 6th September and a quarter peal, lasting approximately 50 minutes, will be attempted during Friday 5th September as a tribute to the happy couple. Ringing will also take place for the service and, despite the dress and veil, Cara has insisted that she will be climbing up the ladder to

ring for her own wedding ! The church will also be holding its flower festival during the last weekend in September and the bell ringers have been asked to ring prior to both the musical Cheese and Wine at 7.30pm, Friday the 26th September and the Concord Singers concert at 7.30pm, Saturday 27th. Then, apart from ringing for the usual 10.30am service on the Sunday, they will also ring for the Harvest Festival service at 6.00pm
 Following their success in the Luton District's striking competition, Cranfield's bell ringers will be travelling to Henlow to compete in the Bedfordshire County competition on September 20th. Nerves are already jangling but let's hope the band can strike with confidence. No doubt they will do their best on the day.
 For anyone who is interested in taking up bell ringing, or just curious to see what goes on in the tower, you don't have to be a church goer and weekly practice is held every Thursday between 7.30 pm and 9.00 pm. Visitors and newcomers are always welcome and should contact either the Tower Captain, Jim Ewen, on 750117, or the Rector on 750214
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Paul and Nicola. Have a lovely wedding day September 13th. Hope the sun shines for you. Nan and Grandad.

Paul and Nicky. Best wishes for your forthcoming wedding. We hope you have a fab day. Love, Laura and Paul.

Paul and Nicky. Best of luck on your special day. Love Mum and Dad.

Matthew Jolly



Matthew Jolly. Happy 5th Birthday on 16th September. With lots of love & kisses from Daddy, Mummy and Lauren xxxxxxxx

Lewis Seamark Happy 3rd Birthday Sweetheart. Lots of love always Nanny Janet xxx

Lewis Seamark Happy 3rd Birthday Love as Always Mummy & Daddy xxxx

Lewis Seamark Happy Birthday to my big Bruv Love Liam xxx

Helen King Happy Birthday mum on the 7th Sept. Hope you have a great day. Love ya loads ... Steph XX

Helen King Happy Birthday on the 7th from The Pirate XXX

Happy 30th Birthday Edward Wright 11 September. Love, Mum and Dad and all the family.

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Sport Extra Extra... Netball Club News ...

Colts Changing Room Fund

Firstly, thank you to Shiner Plant Hire for removing the metal from the park and for the many volunteers who came along to help.

The village generosity has been overwhelming which goes to show how much the club is needed. So far we have had over £300 donated to replace the wooden portacabin with a steel cabin.

We need to raise £2,400 for the steel cabin, and we are hopeful that Mid Beds Council will be able to give us 50% of the cost. We have also applied to Cranfield Parish Council, but we still need many more donations before we reach the target. If you would like to make a personal donation, or perhaps your company would be interested in making a donation, we have collection points at Cranfield United Football Club, and Cranes Estate Agents or you could drop it through my door at 51 Mill Road.

Cranfield Colts Committee would like to express their sincere gratitude to all those who have donated already.
Lionel Cooper
Chairman



Cranfield Netball Club Goes From Strength To Strength...

No apologies for starting this report with the same headline as last year, Cranfield Netball Club just keeps on growing.

It does not seem possible that only three years ago we had one team of girls who wanted to play netball, they were of various ages and abilities and from that, this is what we have grown to :

2 teams at school year 6
1 team year 7
1 team year 8
1 team year 9
1 team year 10

1 Adult team

All teams playing in competitive league netball.

We have now formed a committee and are working towards getting ourselves accredited by England Netball. England netball run a scheme where clubs have to work to a minimum operating standard, and can achieve Club awards from Bronze to Gold, we are working towards our bronze award and hopefully will have attained this by Christmas.

Thanks must go to the committee who have worked hard to help set the club up officially and for fund raising activities that have been run mainly in order to buy the huge amount of netball kit required for this number of teams.

Cranfield netball club are now easily recognisable in their smart black & red kit, with Cranfield Netball club proudly emblazoned in big letters on the back of our sweatshirts.

We have also been very lucky in attracting sponsors and thanks must go to J.R.Trolleys, Cranfield University, Bedford Modern School, Kentucky Chicken & Gerald Bygraves of Mavars Neville Russell - Chartered Accountants.

We have had lots of success this year, as you will see from the reports, plus there are a few individual successes which I would like to acknowledge : Natalie Carter & Samantha Brightman were selected for the Under 14 Bedfordshire County squad, well done both of you.

Alison Brightman, Cathie Carter & Natalie Sanders were successful in passing their Level 2 Club coach award, to have three Level 2 coaches in one club is a great achievement.

In September we will hopefully be starting another new team from girls & boys who have just left lower school & are moving up to Holywell, it is great to start new teams but with

each new team you need another set of willing volunteers to assist. We have been very fortunate that two young girls from the village have offered to help with the new team, they are Lizzie Cheung & Laura Henson, they will be actively supported by the more experienced coaches.

Many thanks Laura & Lizzie.

At the end of this season we held a fun afternoon on the

green at the University, there was a great atmosphere with more than 100 people attending, I felt very proud to see the amount of people now actively taking part in our club, we have achieved so much in a very short time, but lets not stop there, funds/grants are needed to build a court on which we can play, currently we have to go out of the village to play & train.

In a village with a thriving netball and football club it would make sense to have a facility in the village which could be used by both clubs, and the community as a whole, lets work together to try and make this happen. If anybody feels able to sponsor a netball team or would like to make any kind of contribution to the club please contact me on 01234 750615

Alison Brightman

Chairperson Cranfield Netball Club

Cranfield Tigers

Tigers entered the Bedford & District league this year as one of the younger teams in their age group. The league is mixed School yr 7 & 8, and as Tigers are all Year 7's we knew that it was going to be hard work.

In the first week of the League the teams play a tournament to decide which league they go into, we did extremely well to finish in the top half and find ourselves in the 1st division.

As one of the younger teams this was a great opportunity for us to play against the older (& bigger in some cases) teams, it would only strengthen our game and next year when we are the older team we should stand a good chance of doing very well.

Before the league started I stressed to the girls that I would rather them finish near the bottom of this 1st division than play in the 2nd division as I did not feel that standard of netball would do anything to improve their game.

The first few games were an eye opener, netball is one of those games where it definitely helps to be tall, as some of our team are yet to have their growth spurt we did look slightly over shadowed (literally) sometimes, but true to character Tigers battled on, did not become despondent and ended up 4th in the league, which was a remarkable achievement and a very positive message for next year.

The netball league also ran a charity tournament this year in aid of McMillan Nurses, this particular week we were short of players and

asked Sarah Marshall to come along, Sarah is not a regular but was very keen to come along and get involved, before the start when the girls were warming up, Sarah threw herself rather too enthusiastically into it and hurt her thumb, all was not lost though, we applied ice and she wriggled it and all was fine, she played for the whole day. It turned out she had broken it and was consequently in plaster, what an initiation to Cranfield netball club, thanks for being so brave Sarah.

It was a fun day, and we managed to raise £600.00 for the charity, which was amazing considering we had a couple of downpours that resulted in the person on the BBQ (Mick Brightman) standing up to his ankles in water, but he still carried on cooking, that's dedication for you.

Tigers also entered a Tournament at Pontins in Brean Sands as we did last year, this has become a "Tigers on tour" annual event. The standard of netball there is some of the best in the Country with teams coming from Birmingham, Durham, Wales, Newcastle to name a few. In our age group there were approx 40 teams, which is on average 8 girls in a team & three age groups, so there must have been approx 1000 children plus parents etc etc. It is a massive event and very well organised. We finished 2nd in our group and on that day played some of the best netball I have ever seen to play. On the next day we went through to the top group and came up against some of the best in the Country, we played our last game against Parkside from Birmingham, (who we have played many times before when we travel to Birmingham to play in their indoor winter league,) the match was to decide who went through to the semi finals and we lost by 2 goals. The girls held their heads high and were deservedly proud of themselves. People on the touch line were asking "who are Cranfield" ? "where do they come from" ?, we are making a name for ourselves in the world of Junior netball, and that makes me very proud. Many thanks to all the parents for their support on on the Pontins trip, and also to Loren's brothers friends who came as supporters, can you imagine 1000 girls and 4 boys !!!, they did arrive home in one piece and were not eaten alive.

I am proud of all of the girls, and they should also be very proud of themselves. Although we didn't win anything this year they have shown great determination and worked extremely hard against some very tough opposition. Keep it up girls

The Tigers parents are outstanding with their support and my thanks go to them, we couldn't do all of this without you. Special thanks to Jenny Peters who arranged for a video to be produced with clips of Pontins and various games, set to music. All the girls received a copy and were thrilled, this was a great idea of Jenny's and a brilliant keep sake.

So here's to next season girls, training starts on 21st September at a new venue this year, Marston Vale School see you there.

Alison Brightman

Cricket

Match Report : Wolverton Town III v Cranfield University II 21/7/03

The 2nd XI finally managed to put a team out against Wolverton Town, who had inflicted a heavy defeat on the College early in the season. A lost toss saw Town decided to bat, despite the wicket being still damp and drying, and the opening bowlers Joe Clough (2 for 25) and Taff Evans (1 for 21) immediately applied the screw. Clough broke through early, and both openers were soon in the hutch. The Town were finding runs hard to come by, and this continued against Mark Tanous and Trevor Larder. Wickets fell quickly and cheaply, with Tanous finishing on 4 for 8 and Larder on 3 for 9, and the Town innings closed on 72 all out after only 34 overs. The fielding by the College was excellent, with good catches falling to Kannan, Joe Clough, Mark Tanous (2) and Gareth Kingston. So the College were left with 58 overs to get 73.

Opening batsmen Gareth Kingston and Alex O'Neill battled hard against two very effective opening bowlers and, despite a couple of scares, managed to weather the storm. The following bowlers were also of good quality, but heads were beginning to drop when Kingston and O'Neill saw the College home to a 10 wicket win and a 25 point haul.

Result : Cranfield University II won by 10 wickets.

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Sport Extra... Netball Club News ...



Pictured left to right: Maria Riley, Melissa Bygraves, Kirsty Veitch, Clare Jones, Sophie Brome, Hannah Carter, Victoria Huckle, Isabel Stephenson, Natalie Moore, Alice Esson, Victoria Cochrane.

This year the AENA launched a new initiative into schools and clubs and introduced 'High Fives' for years 5 and 6. For those of you new to the concept the game has 5 team members, (no WA or WD) who rotate positions for each of the 4 quarters - thus all members get the opportunity to attack, defend and shoot. Cranfield Netball Club were able to enter two teams into the Year Five section of the Bedford Junior League.

The teams Swallows and Magpies were coached by Cathie Carter and after 5 months of hard training and a few friendly matches both teams were ready to take on the opposition. Eight teams played in the High 5 section and Magpies did amazingly well after a slow start to finish in 4th position. They also managed 4th place in the Cup competition. Magpies Team members: Tori Cochrane, Alice Esson, Vicky Huckle, Natalie Moore, Isabel Stephenson and Kirsty Veitch. When the Club enters teams into the junior league it is a requirement that each team has its own 'Buddy/coach' to accompany them. Whilst it was great to be able to enter two teams in to the same section, thus giving more girls the opportunity to play on a regular basis, without the help of Margaret Huckle we would not have been able to do this - so a big thank you must be passed on!!

Our other team 'Swallows' played well above the Clubs expectations

League Champions, Macmillan Charity Tournament Winners and Runners up of the League Cup Competition.



Pictured Left to right (back row) Melissa Bygraves and Clare Jones Front Row: L to R, Sophie Brome, Maria Riley and Hannah Carter

and came away as undefeated League Champions, and also managed to be winners of the Macmillan Fun Charity Tournament and lost their only game to become runners-up in the cup competition. Team members of Swallows: Sophie Brome, Melissa Bygraves, Hannah Carter, Clare Jones and Maria Riley

During the league Swallows managed to score more goals than the 2nd and 3rd placed teams added together, and allowed only 25 goals to go past them in 12 games - this is no mean feat when you consider the girls change positions after every quarter. Well done girls, we look forward to next season with great interest. (Cathie Carter - Team Manager, Coach).

Nomads

Nomads (year 8 girls) - this is their 3rd year together and all but 2 of them have been with their coach Cathie Carter since the team was formed. Nomads are a highly successful team within their age group and have always shown real commitment with their training and match play. The girls have an element of fun within their game and are a joy to coach and manage. Whilst the team have been together for 3 years, it seems that the number 3 is destined to follow them - Nomads finished 3rd in the Junior league (out of 15 teams - a real achievement), they finished 3rd in the Cup competition and you guessed it 3rd in the Charity Tournament. They did however have the record for the best defence at this tournament which was well deserved.

Nomads entered only one tournament this season in High Wycombe on what was a pretty horrendous rainy day - and finished 3rd

Nomads are moving up into the Youth League in September which is something all the girls are looking forward to and Cathie hopes to be able to shake off the number 3 and move onwards and upwards! Well done girls!

Cathie Carter - Team Manager, Coach

Nomads With Coach Cathie Carter



Left to right: ... Natalie Carter, Emma Kraus, Brooke Hamshere, Stacy Bonner, Drew McIntosh, Emma Thompson, Victoria Syson, Stacey Beddoe and coach Cathie Carter

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Netball Club News ...



From left to right - Rachel Lane, Eleanor Terrell, Katrina Brooks, Katie Sanders, George Rawle, Robin Lewyn, Masha Cherezova, Lara Wood, Sarah Ball, Emma Henson. Team sponsored by J R Trolleys Ltd.

Cranfield Strollers entered the Junior League as a newly formed year 6 squad with only a few months training behind them. They came across some very tough opposition in the form of teams from Maulden and Westoning, who have been training and playing together for some three years, but undeterred they finished a credible third out of seven teams. The team gained valuable tournament experience at Turnford and we are hoping to join Tigers for a week-end of netball at Pontins next year. As you can see from the picture they are a mad, lively crowd who enjoyed their first season of competitive netball and are looking forward to a successful second season. Sadly, Rachel Lane has had to leave us due to moving to Dorchester, we wish her well in her new home and welcome Katie Allen into our squad. Many of the girls recently attended a skills award day, a demanding scheme run by Active Sports, where the majority achieved their bronze level award, WELL DONE GIRLS! Thanks to everyone for an enjoyable year, Natalie Sanders (coach)

Cougars Win the Cup

After quite a difficult Youth League the Cougars finished in 4th position, this put the girls into the cup rounds. They played a number of games which were handicapped and did exceptionally well finishing top with 37 points and a place in the cup final. The cup final was held on 11th June, indoors at the Bunyan Centre. The

Cougars were both nervous and excited we had lots of support from families and school friends, the atmosphere was fantastic. After a quick warm up it was time to go on, the Cougars were playing the Griffin and the Griffin were given a 1 goal head start as they finished below us in the league, this handicap was to be given at the start of each quarter. The whistle starts play everybody is cheering, the Cougars get off to a bad start, nerves getting the better of them - they lose the 1st quarter 5-1. Time for a team chat and to calm things down, the 2nd quarter is much better and the crowd get right behind us we win it 6-4. Now we start to believe we can win this final, the 3rd quarter was really tough the heat was getting to both teams and all the girls were playing well, resulting in a 5 all draw. It was all down to the final quarter - whoever won this quarter would win the cup. The 4th quarter was also really close and saw the most goals from both teams, the Cougars held it together as a team and played some fantastic netball the final result was 9-7 to the Cougars! The team was presented with the cup and each individual player received a trophy which was engraved with Youth League Cup Winners 2003! This really was a fantastic effort and as the coach/buddy I felt so proud of each and every one of them. The Cougars are now back in the ladies Summer League and will be entering the Youth League for the final year this September. But it doesn't end there, we will then go into the 4th division of the Ladies League, so watch this space!
 Paula Beddoe ... Cougars Coach/Buddy

Cranfield Tae Kwon-do Club

It was a very sad occasion on Wednesday 6th August as we trained for the very last time in the Old Gym. I have trained there for nearly ten years and it felt nostalgic leaving the gym for the last time. It is being flattened early next week. Such a waste of a large and practical building. We will be training for the next few weeks at the institute at North Crawley and thereafter at the Lower School subject to agreements. We have a grading coming up soon so students are training hard for this. We welcome some new members to our club and wish them every success. The kids club will resume in September though I am thinking of moving it to a Wednesday evening especially if we move to the Lower School hall. If anyone is interested in joining us or would like more info please give me a call. We welcome all age groups and abilities. Tae Kwon-do can make a difference to your life enhancing it for the better. We train on Sunday and Wednesday at present and on Mondays at Newport Pagnell and Tuesday at Olney. For info for any of these clubs give me a call
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