

CRANSLEY CHRONICLE

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CRANSLEY LOTTERY

This Lottery brings in vital finance for the improvement, upkeep and repairs for Cransley Village Memorial Hall.

By now, every household in the Parish will have received an application form to participate in the lottery from February 2017 to December 2017.

Many people have already joined and returned the forms with their preferred numbers and payment.

The draw for February will take place at the end of the month, so for those people who have not yet replied or who have not even decided to participate there is still time!

If at all possible please return the forms to Sue Cattell at 57 Loddington Road, telephone 790227. If you are unable to do this, members of the committee will be going round the village to collect them. If you have mislaid your form and wish to join the committee member who calls will have spare forms available.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BEST VILLAGE COMPETITION 2017

It's that time of the year when the parish needs to decide whether to enter the annual Northamptonshire Best Village Competition. The parish has not entered for the last couple of years since being highly commended in 2014. The competition celebrates community spirit and the quality of life in the county's villages.

So does anyone in the village want to take up the mantel and get a working party together to enter this year?

If anyone is interested and needs more details, please contact the parish clerk on 01536 790997 or email The Clerk at greatcransleyipc@gmail.com.

PAYPHONE IN BRIDLE WAY

As this payphone is used hardly at all, British Telecom are offering it to the Parish Council to adopt for £1, after which BT will remove the telephone itself. If the Parish Council does not want it then both the payphone and the telephone box will be removed by British Telecom.

The Councillors voted to keep the Phone Box, subject to favourable answers to a few questions. Other Councils who have adopted their payphone box have put it to various uses, such as a book exchange, home for a defibrillator, or to house notice boards for various clubs in the village.

Should anyone have any bright ideas for its use if the Parish Council obtain ownership, please contact the Clerk, Thelma Lacy by email greatcransleypc@gmail.com or telephone 790997.

PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET FOR 2017-2018

The Councillors discussed the budget for the next financial year, having been given details of the actual cost of running the Parish Council for the last three years. For this present year 2016-2017, and the year 2015-2016, the Council asked for a precept of £5,000 which was just sufficient for obligatory expenses. For the year 2017-2018 some items will have risen in cost, therefore the Councillors decided to ask for a precept of £5,300.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH FACEBOOK PAGE

I have today created a Facebook page and email account for the NHW Community in Great Cransley.

We are hoping to increase the communication in the village by having this page. You can contact us by approaching us direct on the street,

or by the new Facebook page: Krisz NHW GreatCransley

or the email address: nhw.greatcransley@btinternet.com.

I will be posting directly all the communications I receive from the police regarding crime and alerts. Please feel free to contact me or post on the site if you have information that will be relevant to the NHW community. Please pass onto everyone and let's be safe!

Thank you as always for your support and your help. See you about the Village!

Krisz Payne – NHW Co-ordinator.

STREET LIGHTING FAULT REPORTS

I am emailing you in my capacity as Kettering Borough Council's Engineer who is responsible for the maintenance of Kettering Borough Council (K.B.C.) maintained street lights.

We are currently reviewing our existing processes and procedures to continue to improve our performance on responding to faults, and as such we have set up a new email address which all faults should now be reported to. If you are aware of any Street Lighting Faults within your areas, please could these be forwarded to: streetlighting@kettering.gov.uk and provide the following details:

- Town/Parish
- Street Name
- Column Number/Column Location (outside no.xx)/ Description of the area
- Fault (unlit, continuously on etc.)

It is our intention to have the faults repaired within 10 working days unless the fault requires any additional works. K.B.C. will also provide updates as to the columns repair in due course.

In the coming weeks, a night time survey will also be undertaken to assess the lighting conditions of all K.B.C. lights, and during a further daytime inspection columns will be renumbered and plans will be produced and distributed to all Parishes and Towns identifying each column to enable the reporting process to be improved. Please be aware the daytime survey will take some time to undertake.

Should you have any questions regarding the street lighting in your area, please do not hesitate to contact us on the above email address.

Kind Regards

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - FEBRUARY 2017

Sundays 5th, 12th, 19th

and 26th February

Thursday 9th Feb

Sunday 12th Feb

8.00 am Spoken Holy Communion in St Andrews Church

Great Cransley Parish Council meeting 7 pm Village Hall

10.30 am Holy Communion in St Andrews Church, followed by refreshments.

Tuesday 14th Feb

Cransley Mobile Library, Village Hall 3.45 pm - 4.10 pm

Friday 17th Feb

CVMHC committee meeting unless informed otherwise

Saturday 18th Feb

Andy's Café 10.00 - 11.30 am in the Village Hall with bacon rolls, real coffee and newspapers, all free.

Sunday 26th Feb

10.30 am Cransley Praise in St Andrews Church followed by refreshments.

February 2017

Bus Shelter Cleaning Mrs Thelma Lacy. All volunteers please note that this also involves checking the War Memorial and the bus shelter outside the Village Hall.

Future diary date:

March 1st, Ash Wednesday. To mark the beginning of Lent a Service will be held at St Andrews Church at 7.30 pm

REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN GREAT CRANSLEY

The Cransley Bowls Club

Village Hall every Wednesday 2 - 4 pm. If you wish to go bowling, please check with Pat Appleby on 790607.

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides

Meet each Monday in the Village Hall.

Studio A Patchshe Sewing Group Every Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm, 2nd and 4th Thursday 10 am - 1 pm. For information ring 01536 790699.

CRANSLEY CHRONICLE DEADLINE

The absolute final date for inclusion in the next month's Cransley Chronicle is at 5 pm on the 24th of each month (though December is often earlier due to Christmas shut down).

CRANSLEY VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

For information and booking the Village Hall, call Pat Appleby on 01536 790607.

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