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HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Chairman of Cransley Parish Council, Cllr. Richard Barnwell, all the Councillors and the Clerk wish everyone a happy and healthy year ahead.

The Parish Councillors would also like to thank all those people who support the Parish Council in any way and those who help in the production, formulating, editing, printing and delivering the Cransley Chronicle to every house in the Parish each month throughout the year.

LOTTERY DECEMBER 2016

PRIZE	NAME
SPECIAL PRIZE	J PRENTICE
1 ST PRIZE	M KNIGHT
2 ND PRIZE	C VEEVERS
3 RD PRIZE	G SMART

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO
YOU ALL!**

FROM CRANSLEY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

LOTTERY FOR 2017

Please don't forget to send in your Lottery Form for 2017.

CAROLS AT THE THREE CRANES

A big thank you to Danielle and James at the Three Cranes for letting St Andrew's Church and friends sing carols in the warm on December 13th. We had loads of requests and sang them all – some with harmonies! Mulled wine, warm mince pies and cakes were on tap for free and a jolly good time was had by all. Thanks to all the villagers who helped us raise the roof and let's hope this becomes a new village tradition.

ACRE(ACTION WITH COMMUNITIES IN RURAL ENGLAND) HAS ASKED THE PARISH COUNCIL TO PUBLICISE THIS INFORMATION

I am pleased to announce that Northamptonshire ACRE and our partners in the ACRE Network are working with Smart Energy GB to raise awareness about the benefits of smart meters.

Did you know that even though you are off mains gas you can get a smart meter for your electricity supply?

A smart meter will enable you to see exactly how much energy you're using, as you use it, and what it is costing in pounds and pence. Once you have a smart meter, you'll only get accurate bills from your energy supplier, just as you do with your phone bill. This means the end of estimated bills. No more strangers coming into your home for meter readings. No more having to read the meter or trying to work out your bill.

Smart meters will replace the traditional meters we currently have in our homes; they take regular meter readings and share these wirelessly, through a secure network, with your energy supplier. You don't need Wi-Fi in your home for it to work and it won't use your Wi-Fi if you have it, and even rural locations will be covered by the network, which covers 99.25 per cent of Great Britain.

Everyone in Britain will be offered a smart meter by their energy supplier by 2020 as part of a national upgrade to our energy system. In the future, smart meters will make switching between suppliers, or between credit and prepay, quicker and easier. If you are a prepay customer, you will also be able to top up online or via mobile phone.

If you would like any further details, feel free to contact here us on 01604 765888.

Dawn Howard

THE ANGEL FESTIVAL AT ST ANDREWS CHURCH

This year's Angel Festival was opened on Friday December 5th by a performance from Mawsley Choir. They sang a selection of festive songs and carols, old and new. A delicious supper was provided during the interval, complete with Pimms. It was a rousing way to begin the Festival, and our heartfelt thanks go to them and all their efforts. Thanks everyone, and to all of you who attended on the evening.

The church looked lovely with an array of all sorts of angels. Two fiendishly difficult quizzes were written for us by Gordon, and Jane and Angie provided crafts. There was a particularly stunning angel who twirled gently high above the altar. She was designed by Jane Coleman, who took first prize. The whole event raised about £300 for much needed church funds. To all who contributed, both by exhibiting, by providing cakes and refreshments and for turning up on the day, many thanks.

STREET DOCTOR

For highway advice or to report a fault:

Go online at: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor

Or call: 0300 126 1000.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - JANUARY 2017

Sunday 1 st Jan	8.00 am Spoken Holy Communion in St Andrews Church
Sunday 8 th Jan	10.30 am Holy Communion with hymns in St Andrews Church, followed by refreshments.
Tuesday 10 th Jan	Cransley Mobile Library, Village Hall 3.45 pm - 4.10 pm
Thursday 12 th Jan	Great Cransley Parish Council meeting 7 pm Village Hall
Sunday 15 th Jan	8.00 am Spoken Holy Communion in St Andrews Church
Saturday 21 st Jan	Andy's Café 10.00 - 11.30 am in the Village Hall with bacon rolls, real coffee and newspapers, all free.
Sunday 22 nd Jan	10.30 am Family service in St Andrews, Church followed by refreshments.
Sunday 29 th Jan	8.00 am Spoken Holy Communion in St Andrews Church
December 2016	Street cleaning by Kettering Borough Council will give priority to leaf collection probably until Christmas.
December 2016	Bus Shelter Cleaning Mr Michael Wilkinson. All volunteers please note that this also involves checking the War Memorial and the bus shelter outside the Village Hall.

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, 2 nd and 4 th 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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