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LOTTERY JUNE 2021	
PRIZE	NAME
SPECIAL PRIZE	K AND J THOMAS
1ST PRIZE	TREVOR ROBERTS
2ND PRIZE	MANDY BUSSEY
3RD PRIZE	BRIAN CHESTER

THE HORSE TROUGH

Some people in the village remember when the water pump and a green wooden cover were still there! The horse trough area opposite the Three Cranes has recently been replanted with some insect-friendly perennials. It would be good to place a bug a box there as well. Would you, an adult, child or family, be willing to make one? If you can help, please contact Kevin on 07731890594. Thank you.

PLATINUM JUBILEE

Next year in 2022 there will be Platinum Jubilee celebrations of the reign of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. The Parish Council would welcome any ideas of how the village should mark the occasion.

Platinum Jubilee Official National Celebration Weekend is on the 3rd to the 6th of June 2022.

How should the village celebrate on that weekend?

Every Town and Parish Council in Northamptonshire is invited through The Queen's Green Canopy initiative to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee" as part of a nationwide celebration.

The project will see all counties of the United Kingdom creating a network of individual or specimen trees, avenues, copses and woodlands in honour of The Queen's 70 years of service to the Nation. There is already great interest in this project across the county, and whether your council plants a single specimen tree, a row of trees, an avenue or a copse, the Platinum Jubilee will offer an opportunity for people to unite in celebration of The Queen's lifetime of service, and encourage people to come together with the common purpose of "greening" their local environments.

Please give any ideas for that weekend, what trees should be planted, and where, to any Parish Councillor or the Clerk. Their contact information is on the Parish Council Notice Board and on the website www.greatcransleyparishcouncil.co.uk.

THE POST BOX

Another part of Great Cransley history comes to a close. The post box opposite the Three Cranes has been replaced. The architects, who were based in Church Lane, used that box to post their drawings. Their drawings were large and the architects heroically fought for a post box with a large aperture. They won because the usual village post box was not fit for their purpose.

The architects have since retired - though one still lives in the village, and his twin brother lives in Thrapston.

The new box is situated outside the playing ground near the Village Hall and defunct bus stop. It doesn't look as permanent as the original cast iron post boxes of the last century. The name "Royal Mail" is simply riveted into place on a plate. Also it looks like the monarch's emblem is embossed onto a stick-on plaque. It seems to suggest that mail through the post is declining, and may be consigned to the history books as a quaint thing that people used to do.

From Dave Halfhide on behalf of St Andrew's, Cransley

ST ANDREW'S, CRANSLEY

Our Holy Communion services continue at 9.30 am on the third Sunday of each month. Over the next few months, our services will be:

Sunday 18th July
Sunday 15th August
Sunday 19th September

We have a number of Covid safety measures in place, including hand sanitiser, social distancing and face coverings need to be worn, unless you are exempt. We will let you know of any changes to this as restrictions are updated.

We know that not everyone will be able to join us yet, so our online, postal and telephone resources will continue. The Dial-a-Sermon phonenumber is updated each Sunday and lasts for about 15 minutes. The number is 01536 909797 and costs the same as a call to a landline. Our YouTube Channel is "Churches BMC". If you would like to be added to our email or postal list, please contact Nicki on 01536 799522 or revnicki@familyhobbs.org.uk. We know this is a difficult time for everyone, so if you would like prayer or a listening ear, please get in touch.

It was wonderful to have our first wedding this year in the church in May, and we're looking forward to another in July. We are now taking bookings for weddings and christenings, as well as thanksgiving services for those whose funerals had to take place under coronavirus restrictions. If you would like to make a booking, please do get in touch.

From Nicki and all at St Andrew's

Revd Nicki Hobbs, 15 Loddington Way, Mawsley, Kettering, NN14 1GE, 01536 799522

NHS REMEMBRANCE DAY 5TH JULY 2021

The National Health Services (NHS) in the UK was launched on 5th July 1948, providing free healthcare to all. Since early 2020 it has been put to one of its toughest tests throughout its 73-year history. Health and social care and other frontline services across the world worked relentlessly to help tackle this pandemic, and to ensure that people were cared for, and keep essential services running and supply chains open.

Although this event is UK based, the sentiment can be felt globally and we have the chance to show our gratitude to all health and social care workers and front-line staff with an annual day of thanks and remembrance of those who lost their lives because of this dreadful disease. The first NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers' Day takes place on Monday 5th July 2021, with a series of events involving every aspect of society and raising money for two excellent causes – NHS Charities Together, which supports 250 hospitals and their charitable trusts, and the National Care Association, representing 1.6 million workers caring for some of society's frailest citizens. In other parts of the world, it would also be a great opportunity to show appreciation and remembrance.

UK Nationwide events will take place throughout the day including:

10:00 am	Raising and Displaying the NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers' Day Flag and Banner
11:00 am	Two Minute Silence and Playing of the Last Post and Reveille
1:00 pm	The Nation's Toast to the Heroes of the NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers
1:00 pm	Street, Garden, Village Parties, and Party At Home
4:00 pm	Afternoon Tea
8:00 pm	Clapping Our Heroes and the ringing of church bells

The request from the CCCBR is for bells to be rung or chimed 73 times, once for every year of the NHS.

The ringers at St Andrew will do their best and would welcome any other bell ringer to come and join us.

From Dave Halfhide, on behalf of St Andrew's

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - JULY 2021

July 5th Monday
July 8th Thursday
July 18th Sunday

NHS remembrance day - see text
Parish Council Meeting 7 pm in the Village Hall
Holy Communion 9.30 am at St Andrew's Church

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Stone Bus Shelter Cleaning, Meg Bussey. All helpers please note that this also involves brushing the War Memorial, dealing with the leaves and checking the Village Hall bus shelter.

For more information on Church matters call 01536 799522 or www.churchesbmc.org

REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN GREAT CRANSLEY

All activities are suspended until further notice.

CRANSLEY CHRONICLE DEADLINE

The absolute final date for inclusion in the next month's Cransley Chronicle is at

5pm on the 24th of each month

(though December is often earlier due to Christmas shut down).

Please email your article, if you can, to Thelma Lacy on the following email:

greatcransleyipc@gmail.com or if you can't, please ring her on 790997.

All articles must have a Title, and Posters must be A5 size, Portrait.

CRANSLEY VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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

STREET DOCTOR

Don't forget to use the Street Doctor on telephone number 0300 126 1000 or

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor for any problems with Highways.

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