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GREAT CRANSLEY MILLENNIUM SCULPTURE NOTICE

The Chairman of Great Cransley Parish Council, Councillor Richard Barnwell, wishes to thank those people who sent comments or suggestions for the wording of the proposed information notice for the Millennium Sculpture. These have now been considered and/or incorporated into the notice. The Parish Council is now in a position to order the notice from the foundry.

POLICE INFORMATION

Police officers attending the Parish Council meeting reported that there had been one crime in January in Great Cransley. This had been a theft from a motor vehicle.

They wished to remind people that for non-emergency problems, the telephone number to ring is 101, and they would be able to speak to a police officer. Otherwise for emergency calls the number is 999.

STREET DOCTOR

Northamptonshire County Council says

CAN YOU CLICK IT? YES YOU CAN ...

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www.northamptonshire.gov.uk

Go to the home page and enter the key words *street doctor* and search.

OUR STREET DOCTOR REPORTING SYSTEM IS:

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Very simple and straightforward to use

5 easy steps to follow and your problem is reported

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You can even report problems online using your mobile phone

Of course if you prefer you may telephone 0300 126 1000 - option 4

COULD YOU OPEN YOUR HOME TO A FOSTER CHILD IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE?

Families in Northamptonshire are being asked to consider whether they could offer a loving, safe home to a foster child.

There are currently almost 1,000 children in care in the county, and Northamptonshire County Council is asking people to get in touch to find out more about fostering.

There are children of all ages waiting for a family to give them a home where they can learn, grow and progress. In Northamptonshire there is a particular need to find more families for older children and sibling groups.

People who apply to become a foster carer will receive full training and support from a designated social worker, as well as financial support through a weekly allowance.

Clr Matthew Golby, county council cabinet member for learning and families, said: “For children in care, it’s the little things that make a difference – having dinner together as a family, going to the park or simply having someone to talk to.

“We are asking people across Northamptonshire if they would consider fostering a child. By becoming a foster carer you can make a huge difference to a child and give them the life they deserve.

“There are many different types of fostering and we will work with you to find the type that suits you, whether it be short-term, permanent, emergency foster care or short respite breaks.

“Foster carers are paid, and we provide full training and support to get people ready for the role. We are there for our carers every step of the way and help them grow into their foster carer role.”

To become a short or long-term foster carer, people must:

- Have space and time in their life to care for a child
- Have a spare bedroom
- Be able to work as part of a team
- Be physically and mentally fit
- Have patience, flexibility, time and energy

Information about becoming a foster carer with Northamptonshire County Council is available by calling 0300 126 1009 or by visiting www.fosterme.co.uk. Here you can watch a short film where our fantastic foster carers share their experiences, as well as find information and read our foster carers’ stories.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Please note the mobile library will visit Great Cransley on the second Sunday of each month at the Village Hall from 4 pm to 4.25 pm until further notice.

Just to remind everyone that the Mobile Library is not just for standard books for adults and children, the personnel can deal with Audio Books and Large Print books too.

The Library is also an information point for local enquiries and can deal with Council enquiries, bus pass applications etc.

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LibraryShops
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PRESSURES CONTINUE AT NORTHAMPTON'S HOSPITALS

Kettering General Hospital and Northampton General Hospital continue to experience extremely high numbers of attendees at their Accident and Emergency departments. People reporting to the A&E department with minor injuries and ailments are being warned they face longer waits than normal as more serious cases are prioritised, and are being urged to use alternative NHS services where appropriate such as NHS 111, pharmacies, alongside seeing their GP in the normal way. The Corby Urgent Care should only be used if their condition cannot be seen by a GP or pharmacist and is clearly very serious.

Both hospitals continue to see large numbers of people who are acutely ill and need high priority hospital care. As a result, teams across the counties hospitals are under significant pressure in meeting this demand.

Plans are being put in place and staff are working really hard to ensure that all those people coming into hospital who need help get the care they need in a timely way.

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HAVE YOU FOUND YOUR PARISH CHURCH?

Arthur did! Arthur Mee was born in 1875 and died in 1843. He was a writer, journalist and educator. Some of us will remember his Children's encyclopaedia and perhaps his Children's Newspaper which ran from 1919 to 1965 reaching 500,000 copies weekly at its height.

His series of books, The Kings England, ran to 41 volumes and covered all of the counties of England, a guide to 10,000 towns and villages of our country. Each county guide gave archaeological, ecclesiastical and topographical information about its subject, together with references to some past residents.

The earliest editions came out in the late 1930's and Northamptonshire in 1945. Newer and revised editions have been published in the intervening years. The 1945 version begins – Cransley Industry has found it out, but it keeps its rural charms in spite of all. Fine trees line the wayside and on the wide bank by the church are clipped box trees of many shapes. The church is 700 years old, lovingly cared for. The tower and spire are 15th century and the corner buttresses, crowned with pinnacles are linked by battlements. The interior is charming and there are fine arches to the tower and chancel.

Reg Baker
Mawsley Resident and Great Cransley Church goer

RURAL CRIME

Making Northamptonshire the safest place in England requires us to recognise and understand the differing needs and challenges of our urban and rural communities. I have therefore, along with the Chief Constable of Northamptonshire Police, introduced a Rural Action Strategy, which outlines my aspirations to tackle rural crime. This is important as Northamptonshire is well above the national average of 17% of people living in rural locations, with almost a third of our population living in and around rural towns.

Our Rural Action Vision centres on the key points of communication, prevention, performance, training & equipment, community engagement, victims and witnesses. We will maximise our capacity and ability to communicate effectively, in a timely and accurate way with rural communities. We will improve and use police and partnership tactics to prevent and detect crime in rural areas. We have developed a modern definition of 'rural crime' in order to measure performance, which identifies those crimes of concerns to rural communities. We are developing a clear command structure, governance regime, and stake holder map, to ensure that formal bodies such as NPCC, NFU and 'Watch' bodies are involved along with local arrangements such as Rural Forums and community groups. We will review and improve training and equipment provided to rural officers, staff and volunteers. We will plan engagement with rural communities to create a County-wide rural calendar of events and key seasonal crime types. We will be victim focused in our response and investigation efforts, and this will include Voice as well as an improved general response.

If you would like to find out more about our Rural Action Strategy, please visit the website at <http://www.northamptonshireruralaction.co.uk/>.

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire

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 often earlier in the month due to Christmas shut down). It is very much appreciated, if articles could be submitted as early as possible please, rather than right on the deadline, in order to avoid a last minute rush. You can send in your articles to Thelma Lacy, Parish Clerk, at greatcransleypc@gmail.com.

ROAD HARM

In the summer of 2015 the Police and Crime Commissioner, Adam Simmonds, visited 100 different villages and parishes across Northamptonshire and the number one concern raised throughout conversations with residents was road related problems.

To help tackle this issue, Adam has recently announced the launch of a brand new service for victims; Voice: Road Harm.

The new service offers support for victims of serious road traffic collisions, an area which the Victims Code until recently did not support. Voice; Road Harm will give support to both victims and their families who have suffered distressing road-related trauma, such as face-to-face therapy, and a telephone helpline offering emotional and practical support.

Talking about the new service, Adam said: *“Putting victims at the heart of the criminal justice system has been one of my main aims since being voted in to office and I’m delighted that we can offer further specialist support to victims with the launch of Voice: Road Harm. With the creation of the Voice: Road Harm service we have significantly improved the support we are able to offer victims, witnesses and those affected by crime, and Voice: Road Harm is another strand to this that will see people receive a better standard of care when they need it. Too often road victims have been ignored and this service aims to address this imbalance”*

The key objectives of Voice; Road Harm is to ensure that all victims and witnesses of serious road traffic collisions receive a service that is tailored to their needs and preferences; that they receive appropriate information, advice and support to enable them to cope, recover and thrive; are treated in a respectful, sensitive, professional and non-discriminatory manner; and are supported, where appropriate, through their participation in criminal proceedings.

Further information regarding this service can be found on the Voice website:

www.voicenorthants.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - MARCH 2016

Sunday 6 th March	8.00 am. Spoken Holy Communion in St Andrews Church
Monday 7 th March	Quiz Night at The Three Cranes
Thursday 8 th March	Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm in the Village Hall
Sunday 13 th March	10.30 am sung Holy Communion in St Andrews Church followed by refreshments.
Sunday 13 th March	Cransley Mobile Library, Village Hall 4 pm-4.25 pm
Friday 18 th March	CVMHC Meeting 7.00 pm in the Village Hall
Saturday 19 th March	Andy's Café 10.00 - 11.30 am in the Village Hall
Saturday 19 th March	Little Andy's Messy Church 2 pm -3.30 pm in the Village Hall
Sunday 20 th March	Palm Sunday 8.00 am spoken Holy Communion in St. Andrews Church
Tuesday 22 nd March	Street cleaning by Kettering Borough Council
Friday 25 th March	Good Friday, Procession of Witness, starts at Cransley Church at 10 am, then to Broughton.
Sunday 27 th March	Easter Sunday, 10.30 am Cransley Easter Praise in St Andrews Church, followed by refreshments
March 2016	Bus Shelter Cleaning Mr Kevin Burton. 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

Keep Fit	KFA Moves every Tuesday 6.30 - 7.30 pm. For information ring Pat Heed on 01933 674263. No meeting 29 th March.
The Cransley Bowls Club	Village Hall every Wednesday 2 - 4 pm. If you wish to go bowling, please check with Pat Appleby on 790607.
Church Opening	The Church will be open on 2 nd , 4 th and 5 th Saturdays of each month between 10 am and 3 pm.
Rainbows, Brownies, Guides	Meet each Monday in the Village Hall. No meetings 28 th March and 4 th April.
Studio A Patchshe Sewing Group	Every Tuesday and Thursday 10 am - 4 pm. For information ring 01536 790699.

CRANSLEY VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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

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