

Village Magazine

Your Free Community Magazine and Local Business Directory

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SEASONS COME AND SEASONS GO — NEW BEGINNINGS

"For everything there is a season" says the writer of the book of Ecclesiastes.

My season serving the church in this village as a Church of England priest has begun and, at my licensing service in July, Archdeacon Fiona suggested that I will not yet know what I've come here to do! I suppose because I've arrived in the relatively quiet summer months, and because I work too in a secular role for a local charity, my new beginnings have seen a gentle settling in period. It's been a time for me of trying to get to know people and to learn to find my way around the village.

While seasons welcome in new beginnings they also acknowledge endings and letting go and sometimes it's these changes that can cause us anxiety.

As I write there are signs that the summer season is waning. The morning light is changing, the green leaves are just beginning to develop their colourful hues. Autumn is dawning. For some, the end of summer may be met with unease as the colder months and long dark evenings advance. For others the anticipation of donning wellies and stomping through the crisp fallen leaves is just so exciting.

Whatever we feel about them, the cycle of the seasons continues. We can't stop them! And in them we can look for signs of God's creative mastery, both dramatic and subtle.

During our own changing seasons in life, and in the Church, maybe it's the way that we look for and stay connected to God that helps us as we journey through them. Acknowledging God's time breaking into our time we can then begin to trust that we are not alone and live in hope that with God all things are possible.

As my season here continues and what I am here to do becomes clearer, do say hello - and, if I'm looking lost, point me in the right direction!

Rev Sandra, Associate Vicar

Link to Hope 2019 SHOE BOX APPEAL

The LINK TO HOPE Charity run the Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal every year before Christmas. People are invited to fill a shoebox with items for a whole family. In 2018 nearly 44,000 shoeboxes were delivered to families in need.

Those of you with children at Crawley Down Village C of E School will receive a letter and form from school but we are also keen to open the appeal up to the rest of the village.

If you do NOT have connections with either All Saints' Church or Crawley Down Village C of E School and would like to contribute please leave donations in King & Chasemore or at the School from Fri 11th to Sat 19th October. A list of required items can be found on the website (www.linktohope.co.uk) or their leaflet obtainable at King & Chasemore or from All Saints' Church.

www.allsaintscrawleydown.org / 01342 718741



You are invited to join the Crawley Down Village

BIG AUTUMN LITTER PICK

The Litter Pick will take place in November because much of the undergrowth beside the pathways will have died back revealing the litter thrown there throughout the summer.

Cox's Skips will be leaving large waste disposal containers in strategic positions throughout the heart of the village

**FROM FRIDAY 8th TO
MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER**

How successful this litter pick will be is in the hands of us residents. All that is required is for us ALL to spend a short time collecting the litter near our homes in refuse sacks, then depositing the sacks in one of the waste containers.

*** MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK ***




Crawley Down
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Thursdays during term time

from 9.30-11am in The Glebe Centre

Contact : Tracey Bennett on 07974 087046
or Lindsey Carey on 07941 967722



YOUTH CLUB

We had a very busy start to the new school year and welcomed lots of new Youth Club members. The power cuts experienced during the first evening didn't dampen the atmosphere but seemed to add to the excitement!

The Youth Club is for the children of Crawley Down who are in Year 6, 7 and 8 and meets on Fridays during term time from 6.45pm to 8.15pm in The Glebe Centre at All Saints' Church on the following dates:



Friday 4th October

Friday 18th October

Friday 1st November

Friday 15th November

Friday 29th November

Friday 13th December



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE LEADER TEAM OR AN EMERGENCY HELPER, please ask a Youth Club leader or phone Sarah Hamilton on 01342 718632 or email nancy.covill@btinternet.com.

Crawley Down Village C of E School INVASION : Years 3 and 4

This term, Years 3 and 4 children at Crawley Down School are learning all about the Celts and Romans.

To launch our topic, we put on our gloves, grabbed our sieves & trowels and became archaeologists for the afternoon. We found so many ancient artefacts, which we then examined carefully. We discussed what we thought the artefacts were and what they would have been used for.



The children thoroughly enjoyed being archaeologists. Here are some of the things they said:

"We went outside and we were pretending to be archaeologists. We were digging and sieving for old treasure," *Willow B.*

"We found a horse skull I also found a claw. I liked doing it because I like looking at things from ages ago. It was really interesting," *Phoebe G*

"We found a tooth and some coins." *Lewis P*

"I found the cattle horns really interesting, they were really swirly, rough and pointy," *Jude Y*

"We found lots of copper wire and we thought they might have been necklaces," *Ruby G-B*

"We had to dig really carefully so we didn't damage anything that was buried," *Jake C*

"Every time we found something we drew it on a map to remember where we found it," *Jacob H*

"I liked being an archaeologist because I liked seeing what was buried in the soil," *Amelia G*

"I enjoyed discovering things that I hadn't seen before," *Chloe H*

"I liked looking at the sea shells, they were bumpy and they had lots of different colours on them," *Jack C*

"I really enjoyed being an archaeologist because the digging was fun and I found loads of things," *Texas R*



We are going to be doing lots more learning about the Celts and Romans over the rest of the term.



DO YOU SHOP IN ALDI?

ALDI'S KIT FOR SCHOOLS

If you shop **between NOW and 3rd November**, please collect the Team GB Stickers. Every time you spend over £30 you will receive a Team GB sticker.

Please take your stickers to Crawley Down School (or to All Saints' Church who will pass them on to help complete their poster.

Once complete with 300 stickers, the School will send off the poster to receive an exclusive sports kit and to be in with a chance to win £20,000.

Aldi's Kit for Schools campaign supports their Get Set to Eat Fresh program.

To find out more visit www.getseteatfresh.co.uk/kitforschools



Dates for your Diary!



Little Lily Craft Co Presents

West Sussex Handmade Christmas Market

Saturday 9th November
10am - 1.30pm
The Glebe Centre, All Saints Church,
Vicarage Road, Crawley Down, RH10-4JJ

Gifts, foods and products crafted by small local businesses

Products for sale include handmade cards, frames, wax melts, candles, jewellery, decorative items and more

Entry is FREE!
Parking is available in the Church car park and on Vicarage Road.



West Sussex Handmade Christmas Market

Information about the businesses attending will be shared in the Facebook event.

COFFEE MORNING

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
AT THE GLEBE CENTRE, CRAWLEY DOWN

FAMILIES WELCOME

10am to 12 noon
starting
Saturday 5th October 2019

CRAFTS & COLOURINGS PROVIDED

The Glebe Centre
All Saints' Church
Vicarage Road
Crawley Down RH10 4JJ

www.allsaintscrawleydown.org | [@GlebeCentreCD](https://www.facebook.com/GlebeCentreCD)
01342 718741



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CRAWLEY DOWN CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON



FEATURING
SANTA'S GROTTO
HAVEN BAR
CAROL SINGING
AND MORE!



SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
3PM-6PM
CRAWLEY DOWN



Crawley Down Village C of E School

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 30th November
11am - 2pm

VISIT SANTA IN HIS GROTTO
GRAND RAFFLE *HOT DOGS* *TOMBOLAS*
MULLED WINE *CAKE STALL*
GAMES, STALLS & CRAFT
and much more

Hophurst Drive, Crawley Down, RH10 4XA

CRAWLEY DOWN & TURNERS HILL
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
ANNUAL DINNER

Friday 23rd November 2019
The Ark, Turners Hill

A served, 3 course dinner with wine followed by tea/coffee

Tickets : £25 per head

For tickets and further information contact:
Kay Webb (Secretary) 07415 829997

www.britishlegion.org.uk

HALF TERM FAMILY CRAFT ACTIVITY DAY

at The Glebe Centre, All Saints' Church
Vicarage Road, Crawley Down RH10 4JJ

Wednesday 30th October
10am - 2pm

FREE lunch provided

Fun craft activities with play workers

FREE TO ATTEND!

www.allsaintscrawleydown.org | 01342 718741

[Find us on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com)

[Family Support Work](https://www.familysupportwork.co.uk)



www.turnershilltrinning.org.uk

WINE TASTING EVENING

with CHARLES METCALFE

"One of the best-known, most spontaneous and amusing wine critics in Britain"

in the Dove Suite, The Ark, Turners Hill

FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER 2019
7pm for 7.30pm

£20 pp with continental sharing platter mid evening

To book or request more information
please phone Thelma Mason on 01342 714858

Open to Non-Members

YOUR VILLAGE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS', CRAWLEY DOWN



YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO JOIN US AT ALL SAINTS'

The 10am Sunday Service is followed by Refreshments in the Glebe Centre.

During term time "Smilers" Sunday School runs crafts/activities alongside the 10am service for younger members of the congregation to share with us later in the service.

All Saints' Church is located at the Turners Hill Road end of Vicarage Road, RH10 4JJ.

Services for October and November are :	Morning	Morning / Afternoon	Afternoon / Evening
Sunday 6 th Oct <i>Harvest Thanksgiving</i>	8am Holy Communion	11am Worship Together Harvest Service <i>(Please note later time than usual)</i>	6pm - Choral Evensong
Sunday 13 th Oct <i>17th Sunday after Trinity</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Parish Communion <i>(traditional Holy Communion)</i>	-
Sunday 20 th Oct <i>18th Sunday after Trinity</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Worship Together with Communion <i>(contemporary Holy Communion)</i>	-
Sunday 27 th Oct <i>Last Sunday after Trinity</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Parish Communion <i>(traditional Holy Communion)</i>	-
Sunday 3 rd Nov <i>All Saints' Day</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Worship Together <i>(a shorter, family service)</i>	4pm - Annual Memorial Service
Sunday 10 th Nov <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Remembrance Sunday service followed by procession to the War Memorial with 2 minute silence at 11am	-
Sunday 17 th November <i>2nd Sunday before Advent</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Worship Together with Communion <i>(contemporary Holy Communion)</i>	-
Sunday 24 th November <i>Christ the King</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Parish Communion <i>(traditional Holy Communion)</i>	-

	Please pray for:		
	Roads in Crawley Down	Organisations in and around Crawley Down	All Saints' Tithe Organisations
6 th Oct	Pondside Close	Girl Guiding in Crawley Down	Mothers' Union
13 th Oct	Rowan Walk	Crawley Down Allotments & Gardens Assoc	Scripture Union
20 th Oct	Sandhill Lane	Crawley Down Royal British Legion	Link to Hope - Shoe Box Appeal
27 th Oct	Sandy Lane, Badger Close, Longacre & Gardner Lane	St Catherine's Hospice and its support groups	Torch Trust
3 rd Nov	Snow Hill & Green Lane	Crawley Down Book Club	Bible Society
10 th Nov	Spinney Close	Crawley Down Monday Club	Care for the Family
17 th Nov	Squires Close	Former residents of Crawley Down	Christian Aid
24 th Nov	Station Road & Sunnymead	Local environmental groups	Family Support Work (Chichester Diocese)

CRAWLEY DOWN OPEN DOOR GROUP

As we arrive in the Autumn and feel the crunch of leaves under our feet, if you are feeling lonely, please do come and join us at the following gatherings of the "Open Door Group". You will be very welcome, and transport can be provided.

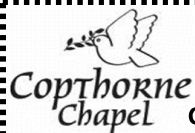
On **Thursday 10th October**, we have a return visit from Ian Gledhill who is going to give us an illustrated, musical talk on "**Pink Champagne - The World Viennese Operetta**". This will take place in the Oak Room at the Haven Centre at 2.30pm.

Friday 29th November brings us to our **Christmas Lunch at Sweetwoods Park Golf Club, Holtye**. If you would like further information, please contact Janet and John Longhurst on 01342 714402.

On **Thursday 5th December**, the East Grinstead Handbells Group will be providing us with a lively afternoon of Christmas Music. This will take place in the Oak Room at the Haven Centre at 2.30pm.

Chairman - Brian Moore (01342 714359 / brianjmoore@binternet.com) Secretary - Sue Pearson (01342 715105 / suepearson64@yahoo.co.uk)





COPTHORNE CHAPEL

Chapel Lane, Cophorne, West Sussex, RH10 3ET

We have been busy over the past two weeks cleaning out the schoolroom and having a very good local decorator repainting the whole room, after chasing out one very large spider which had been lurking in the curtains for some time with its friends! It is now all bright and shiny ready for our harvest on the 22nd September when we celebrate with lunch in the schoolroom after the morning service. All donated produce goes to local charities.

Our services are at 10.30 every Sunday with communion twice a month, followed by tea and biscuits. All are most welcome.

For more details, please phone 01342 713172 or visit our website www.cophornechapel.org.uk.

Celia Smart, Secretary

WORTH ABBEY NEWS CRAWLEY DOWN COMMUNITY OCT - NOV 2019



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Baptism preparation course begins on 6th October. If you would like to be included, please contact the Parish Office by that date.

SPECIAL FEASTS

October : 4th St Francis of Assisi, 28th SS Simon & Jude

November : 1st All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation), 2nd All Souls, 24th Christ the King

MASS TIMES

Weekday Masses are at 8am and 5.30pm, a concelebrated Mass. On Saturday morning Mass is at 9am. Sunday Masses, First Mass of Sunday (Vigil Mass), Saturday at 5pm, Sunday 9.30am (concelebrated) & 11.30am at St Dunstan's, West Hoathly. Holidays of Obligation: 8am, 5.30pm, 7.30pm (Vigil Mass).

WORTH ABBEY CONTACT POINTS

Priest : Fr. Paul Fleetwood (01342 710313) Secretary : Maria Stribbling
Email address : parish@worth.org.uk Web : www.worthabbey.org.uk
Parish Website : www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk

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may be contacted on 01342 704449**

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Associate Vicar: The Revd Liz Logan

Associate Vicar: The Revd Sandra Bale

Chair of the Parochial Church Council:

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Honorary Glebe Centre Treasurer:

Gill Crook

CRAWLEY DOWN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



AFTERNOON WI

Our July speaker had to cancel so as we hadn't had a quiz yet this year it was a good chance to have some fun. The questions were varied and taken from "The Essential Pub Quiz Book" (compiled by a member's friend). There were a couple of surprise extra questions at the end; the winning table received a packet of shortbread biscuits each.

In August, 21 of us enjoyed Afternoon Tea at the Camelia Botnar Garden Centre. Before the tea we had a browse around the shop and plants. The Foundation was established in 1979 by Octav & Marcela Botnar in memory of their daughter who was killed in a car accident aged 20. The Foundation provides residential training and work experience for disadvantaged or problematic youngsters aged 16 to 19.

We have just had the Crawley Down Fayre - the weather was kind this year and a big thank you to all who visited our stall. See you again next year!

We meet at 2pm on the 4th Wednesday in every month at Crawley Down Village Hall. You are welcome to join us for an interesting and friendly afternoon. For more information contact Kay Webb on 01342 719029 or Jean Wakeling on 01342 712834.

Jackie Kaldenberg, CD Afternoon WI

EVENING WI

In August, Sally Botwright talked to us about "City of London Gardens". Sally is a Blue Badge Guide and a Member of the Institute of Tourist Guides. She was awarded the Freedom of the City of London in 2015 so is eminently qualified to lead tourists around the Capital. Gardens are very important for our wellbeing, health and relaxation as well as for the wild life they support. Sally gave us a comprehensive history of London gardens through the centuries and took us on a whistle-stop tour of large, well known outdoor spaces as well as those lesser known hidden gems which London workers can enjoy in their breaks or tourists passing through.

With few academic achievements, Hilary Strong, our guest speaker on 5th September, had carved out a successful career in the theatre. Her first post was as a dresser in a theatre moving on to train in stage management. She enjoyed her time at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival before moving to the Greenwich Theatre. She is now Director of "Making Theatre Gaining Skills". This is a new approach to solving long term unemployment that helps jobless people build confidence and learn new skills. The young people learn "transferrable employment skills" on a structured course before helping to set up productions in schools, shopping centres, etc.

We meet at 7.30pm on the 1st Thursday of the month in the Glebe Centre and visitors will be made very welcome.

For further information, please contact Jan Albury on 01342 713926.

Jean Ford, CD Evening WI

Elaine Anscomb, Chair of Worth Parish Council, talks to the Village Magazine

This article is part of a series that will be published by the Village Magazine over the next few editions giving insights from both long term residents of the Village, newcomers and other personalities as to their impressions of life here, now and in the past, along with their hopes for the future.

For the second in the series, we were delighted to have the chance to chat recently to Elaine Anscomb whom many of you will instantly recognise from her photograph at the foot of the page.



Where we live, whenever Crawley Down Village comes up in conversation, people ask "Do you know Elaine Anscomb"? Do you recognise the alluring and mysterious young person pictured here as the person who has become so well known and loved in our Village.

So how has Elaine come to be known so well? The reason is that she has made it her personal mission to help the community here in every way she can. She is passionate about it and she has devoted the last 20 years to the task.

Elaine first came here in 1997; she and her husband brought up their 4 children in Sussex, in Cuckfield and later in Crawley. She was looking to move to a village, saw her cottage in Station Road, fell in love with it and told her husband they had to buy it. At the time she was working as a traffic warden in Crawley; not a traffic warden as you know them now, but someone whose job was to help drivers and other road users navigate their way through busy streets. She hated giving out Parking Tickets and in those days the wardens were employed by the police and the priority was keeping traffic moving not making money. When that changed a few years later and Crawley Council took over the responsibility, Elaine became one of the first Police Community Support Officers in Crawley. She, and the very few others recruited at that time, pioneered the role as there were no manuals or precedents for what they should do.

A vacancy came up for a PCSO in Crawley Down and Elaine got the job; on her last day in Crawley the Chief Inspector found out she was moving and tried very hard to keep her in his area as she had developed such a great reputation in Crawley. Elaine nearly stayed but we are so grateful she didn't because, over the years, she has made such a difference to life in the Village.

Do you remember the problems we had, about the time of the Millennium, with anti-social behaviour by a group of adolescents nicknamed the "Crawley Down Massive". Elaine was living in the Village but working in Crawley in the time before she moved here as the PCSO. She spoke to residents who were somewhat fearful about confronting the boys and convinced them it was necessary for their own peace of mind as well as to try to prevent the ASB turning into more serious crime and those responsible ending up in custody. She reported the issues to the police in East Grinstead who were responsible for policing the Village but they seemed incapable of getting on top of the problems. So she organised a meeting between the community and the police at the Village Hall, then followed up with the boys and, sometimes their parents, made them aware of the impact of their behaviour and, over time, solved the problem. She told me that one of her greatest satisfactions has been seeing these

boys turn into responsible adults with some of them now thanking her for turning round their lives.

Well, Elaine eventually retired but was not content to sit on her laurels which, by the way, she has many of. Elaine stood for election to the Parish Council. Whilst talking, I persuaded her to show me some of the commendations and awards she had received for her work over the years. Amongst the many tributes are some from the Chief Constable of Sussex, the Chair of Mid Sussex District Council and Hazel Blears who was the Minister of State at the Home Office at the time of her retirement.

The Police service in East Grinstead were quite concerned that she had been elected as a Councillor whilst working in the villages and so she resigned because she was given the choice of being a councillor or working in another area. Possible conflicts of interest were raised but Elaine was determined and when she retired she got re-elected. She now proudly serves as Chair of Worth Parish Council and in that capacity gives countless hours serving the Communities of Crawley Down and Copthorne.

Why does she do it? She does it because she loves the Village, she can see that a lot needs to be done to protect its rural ambience and it needs to move forward in a sensible way that serves the needs of both new residents looking for houses and those who have lived here for many years who find the changes disturbing.

When Elaine starts talking about local issues you realise how passionate she is about making the Village the best place it can be. She wanted to go on record to thank all those in the Village who give their time as volunteers to this end. In particular she mentioned the Parish Councillors who are not remunerated, can spend tens of hours each month on Planning issues trying to ensure that developments recognise the special nature of where we live, and other Councillors who ensure that funds are available and maintenance is undertaken for our open spaces and play areas.

Just recently she, along with other councillors and the Clerk, have been instrumental in setting up an Infrastructure Working Party at Council level to promote development of the necessary facilities and services to support our ever-growing populations. How often do you hear that *"it is not the new houses we object to but rather the absence of better roads, health centres, schools etc to accommodate the growth in our numbers"*? Well, under the leadership of Elaine, your Parish Council is trying to do something! Watch out for the consultations that will be started in the coming months.

You might ask how Elaine maintains her enthusiasm and commitment; its because she receives the support of residents in our Village. She lives right in the heart of it and meets lots of us as she goes around. When you meet her, say "HELLO!" and tell her your hopes for the future; she will listen and she will respond but don't expect a short and cosy conversation. She will want to engage with you, she will want to help, she will want you to go away feeling a bit better about the world.

CRAWLEY DOWN SPORTS NEWS

Haven Snooker Club CRAWLEY DOWN



Membership Rates for 2019

Full Membership £16.00
Senior & Youth £8.00

To find out more or request an application for membership, please call 01342 716791 or email mail@cdhavencentre.co.uk



CRAWLEY DOWN GOLF SOCIETY

On Friday 28th August we played at Rookwood Golf Club. For the first time we combined our monthly match with a competition with St Edwards Golf Society when we played for the Calver Cup. It was a great opportunity to get to know members of STEG and we had an enjoyable day followed by a late lunch together.

Andrew Little was the winner with 48 points and won the Stroke Index Trophy. The Calver Cup was won by STEG: Scores CDGS 2, STEG 5.

Our Society is open to male and female members. All you need is enthusiasm for golf (whatever your standard of play) and a desire for a fun day out in friendly company.

NO JOINING FEE FOR NEW MEMBERS!

For more information about joining our Society please contact Paul Sagoo on 01342 713063 or email rps.sagoo@googlemail.com.

Crawley Down Gatwick FC Girls Section

Free taster sessions for Years 2-5

Saturday mornings 09:30-10:30
Haven sports field, Crawley Down

For more info: cdgfc.girls@gmail.com



Play4Today

East Grinstead Meridian Rotary - Radio Play Competition

Do you have a story to tell and a vivid imagination? If the answer is "Yes" then our radio/audio play writing competition is for you!

Our play writing competition is open to people living, working or studying within the 107 Meridian FM radio broadcast area includes Crawley Down, Copthorne, Felbridge, East Grinstead, Dormansland, Blindley Heath, Lingfield & Turners Hill.

The winning entries will be broadcast on our "Rotary on the Radio" programme on 107 Meridian FM, East Grinstead's

community radio station. The winners will be invited to attend the recording of their play and to visit the radio studio when it is broadcast.

For competition details and guidelines on format, visit our website www.meridianrotary.co.uk Scroll down the Home page and click on the links to the rules and entry form.

Closing date is 31st December 2019 Entry is FREE

 Club of East Grinstead Meridian

SHELLEY COPTHORNE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Small grants towards the expenses of college or university courses are available to students, under 25, who are resident in or around the civil and ecclesiastical parishes of Worth.

Applications for grants should only be made for courses where a confirmed offer of a place has been accepted.

Application should be by letter, giving brief details of yourself, including date of birth, your education and the course you will be undertaking, and addressed to:

The Honorary Secretary, The Shelley Copthorne Educational Foundation, 3 Saxon Road, Worth, RH10 7SA

Applications for consideration in the current year must be received by Friday 1st November.

Registered Charity No. 306408

CRAWLEY DOWN CAMERA CLUB



Meetings are held on 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 8-10pm in the Oak Room at the Haven Centre in Crawley Down.

Meeting dates until the end of 2019 are:

10th and 24th October

14th and 28th November

12th December

All welcome – come along for a taster.

See our website for further detailed information.

www.cdcamclub.org

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN 2019



Chairman's Report

By the time you read this, the Crawley Down Fayre will be behind us, but we look forward to the switching on of the Christmas lights in the Village on 30th November.

It is lovely to see the whole village coming together for such events – thanks to the Crawley Down Residents Association who organise these. A huge amount of effort goes into both events. If you are not yet a member, why not join? Further details can be found at www.cdra.info or via help@cdra.info. Worth thinking about, as if there are no volunteers to run them, these popular events will not take place which will be a great shame.

As you know, the Parish Council is only involved in local affairs, and is not politically biased. However, you cannot avoid the national situation with the possibility of a general election in the pipeline. Ensure that you are registered to vote by contacting Mid Sussex District Council via its website midsussex.gov.uk. There is a tab on the front page "Elections & Voting" that will take you to where to register, and where to apply for a postal vote if required.

We continue to work on our long-term projects. The Clerk is

working with a contractor to find suitable locations for CCTV cameras in both our villages. We are also looking at the possibility of restricting parking times in both our central village car parks. These car parks are always busy, and we would prefer them to be used by shoppers etc for short stays, rather than for overnight parking. Not as easy as it seems however, as we battle with the requirements of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984!

This is the time of year that we look at our budget for 2020/2021. See the article below for more information.

If you have any issue that you would like the Council to address, please contact one of the Councillors below, or our Clerk.

At the time of writing, we have two vacancies on the Parish Council, both for the Cophorne Ward. These will be filled however at our September meeting. However, if you are interested in joining us on the Parish council in the future, please get in touch with the Clerk on 01342 713407 for an information pack.

Elaine Anscomb, Chairman

Budget 2019/2020

The Council is starting to look at its budget for the next financial year. We hold Earmarked Reserves, which are pots of money that we are building up for larger projects; the CCTV project is a case in point. This will cost tens of thousands of pounds, so we are phasing implementation over a period of years. The budgetary process looks at adding to those Reserves, plus considers any other projects that the Council thinks would be beneficial to the community.

It does receive a little income from hiring out the South Room at the Parish Hub in Cophorne and from allotment rents.

However, the difference between our anticipated expenditure and income is provided via the precept. Part of the Council tax

that you pay is allocated to Worth Parish Council – this is called the precept.

Although Worth Parish is the largest parish in Mid Sussex, we have one of the lowest Band D council tax. Your Councillors try to ensure that any increase is kept to a minimum, whilst making sure that there is money available to fund our projects.

If you have an idea for a project, please contact one of your Councillors or the Clerk so that we can consider this during our budget discussions. After all, this is what we are here for, improving our community.

Repair Café

Our work is to improve the quality of life for our residents and that it's a simple idea; once a month the Repair Café brings together local people who can repair things with local people who have stuff that needs repairing.

Things that can be repaired don't need to be thrown away. Did you know that West Sussex County Council sends 400,000 tons to landfill every year? That's half a ton for each of us!!

Repairing things is good for the planet. It helps combat climate change because it avoids the CO2 emissions generated from manufacturing new products and recycling old ones.

Repair Café is free. There's no charge for entry or repairs, although donations are welcome. Repair Café is run by local volunteers, it's not commercial and it's not competing with local businesses.

Can you repair things and enjoy sharing your knowledge?

Cllr Ian Gibson is setting up a local Repair Café and is looking for local residents with repair skills to volunteer as experts at meetings on the fourth Saturday of the month. He is especially looking for people who are experienced in making minor repairs to: small electrical appliances, computers, wooden objects, toys, clothing.

Please contact Ian via repair.cafe@kilnwood.com

Do you have items that need repairing and want to learn how?

**Meetings are held at The Haven Centre
on the 4th Saturday of the month from 10.30am to 1pm**



The Royal Oak Pub Proposals

The proposals to build 8 flats as extensions to the Royal Oak Pub were discussed at a Council meeting on 29th July held at the Haven Centre in order to accommodate the large number of residents that we were expecting. We estimate around 180 people attended, all of whom made their views felt. Guided by our residents, the Council lodged an objection to the proposals. Residents will be aware that the planning application involves

some areas situated on land owned by the Parish Council. To date, the Council has not been approached for use of its land in this manner but will remain open minded during any such discussions. Earlier in the year, the Council applied to MSDC to re-register the pub as an Asset of Community Value. We understand that the owner has challenged this re-registration, so the matter is on going.

Council Meetings

Meetings take place every other week. See our website for further details. Agendas are published on the Council's notice boards and website, with at least three working days' notice.

Unless otherwise stated all meetings are open to the public and are held at 7.30pm at the at the Parish Council Offices, 1st Floor, The Parish Hub, Borers Arms Road, Copthorne.

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CRAWLEY DOWN VILLAGE WEBSITE GRANTS 2019

Summer is over and now we are heading into Autumn and the Crawley Down Village Website would again like to give some grants to the local community.

At the end of 2019, the Crawley Down Village website (www.crawleydownvillage.co.uk) will have been in existence for 14 years. Readers of this Village Magazine (formerly "Church and Village") will recall that when the website was first planned we pledged that we would use monies received from sponsors to donate to "worthy causes" in Crawley Down. During October and November we invite local groups and organisations to make an application for a grant. **We have now given grants totalling £22,205**, a splendid piece of recycling of other people's money!

If your organisation or group could benefit from a small injection of funds this Winter, you can apply for a grant at the end of 2019.

The eligibility criteria are simple - your group must be located in Crawley Down and must be specifically setup for the benefit of some or all of Crawley Down. Your organisation must be run on charitable lines and predominately by volunteers. Previous applicants, whether successful or not, may apply again this year.

As in previous years, a small committee will meet in early December to review the applications and decide on the recipients and the amounts to be awarded.

The grants panel consists of different people each year. Their decision will then be kept secret until a presentation evening which will be held in January 2020. We will again be making payments by bank transfer and this will mean that your group, if successful, will have the grant in the bank the day following the presentation evening.

If your group would like to apply for a grant from us please phone or email for a form which should be completed and returned to: The Crawley Down Village Website Association, Unit 6, Grange Farm, Turners Hill Road, Crawley Down, RH10 4EY.

We will acknowledge all received applications by email and/or by phone. **Please ensure that your application gets to us by Saturday 30th November - late entries will not be accepted.**

If you have not received an acknowledgement of receipt of your application within 7 days of sending it to us, please contact us.

Finally, we are delighted to announce that we have completed a rewrite of the website to make it fully mobile-friendly. We have also taken this opportunity to update and correct much of the information on the site. Visit www.crawleydownvillage.co.uk

For all queries about eligibility and applications etc, please contact us by email (admin@crawleydownvillage.co.uk), phone 01342 716971 or write to the address above.



CRAWLEY DOWN POND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP



The Crawley Down Pond Environment Group (CDPEG) have been taking care of Crawley Down Pond for over 19 years.

We meet for a couple of hours every month on a Sunday morning and carry out practical conservation work, usually with the help of West Sussex County Council Ranger Sara Piggott. Safety equipment tools and training are all provided, as is a welcome cup of tea mid morning.

If you would like to join our friendly group, here is a list of the tasks we will be carrying out this Autumn/Winter.

13 th October	Next boxes and coppicing
8 th November	Leaf litter and fences
13 th December	Leaf litter and mince pies
13 th January	Fence repairs and coppicing

Meet by the pond at 10am and we finish by 12noon.

Further information is available from Sue Kipps on 01342 718289 or the Countryside Ranger, Sara Piggott, on 01293 542088.



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Spooky Halloween sessions during the October half term include Gracie Grooves Workshops, Twinkle Tots Art & Crafts sessions and a Kids disco in the bar.

Dates for your Diary :

Sat 5 th Oct	Quiz Night (pre-booking required)
Sat 13 th Oct	Craft Fayre
Sat 1 st Nov	Kids Disco in the Bar from 5-7pm
Sat 9 th Nov	First Aid for Dogs (pre-booking required)
Sat 13 th Nov	NHS Blood Donor Session
Sat 24 th Nov	Donkey Field Pre-School Christmas Market

For further information on what's on, pop into the Haven Centre or see our Facebook page @cdhavencentre.



Haven Theatre has been running for 30 years bringing a pantomime every year and as many other productions as we can manage. This year our panto is **ROBIN HOOD** - written by Richie Fenwick who wrote last year's Aladdin as well as others.

Casting has been done and rehearsals are underway.

Show dates will be
Thursday 9th, Friday 10th and Saturday 11th January 2020



For further information and ticket prices see our website www.haventheatre.co.uk

Linda Dixon, HTC Chairman

CRAWLEY DOWN ALLOTMENTS AND GARDEN ASSOCIATION

As we start to approach Autumn allotment holders and gardeners alike look back at a busy summer and some challenging weather.

The allotment shop has been busy and continues to open from 10am to 12 midday on Saturday and Sunday and offers discounts to members. If you are not a member why not come along and join, at only £3 a year it is great value.

We recently enjoyed the Annual Village Fayre and held a social evening at the end of September with Alison Marsden (Garden Designer) giving a talk on More Garden Impact for Less Effort.

The Association Committee has recently set up a WhatsApp group for members to use and share advice, ideas and more.

The Association AGM is scheduled for Friday 29th November at 8pm in the Oak Room, Haven Centre. **At the moment the committee is small and consists of only five members. We would like to increase this to 8 or possibly more. If any member of the association has the time and would like to join us please contact Gerry Baker on 01342 712666.**

Kind Regards and Happy Gardening.

Gerry



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If you have material for publication or an enquiry about distribution, advertisements or flyer inserts, please contact the Parish Administrator in the Church Office on: 01342 718741 or email office@allsaintscrawleydown.org.

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