



CHURCH & VILLAGE CRAWLEY DOWN



APRIL / MAY 2018

FREE TO ALL

The Light of His Love

"He himself was not the light (meaning John the Baptist); he came only as a witness to the light." Acts 1:8

A witness to the light. That's a strange statement. Light needs no witness. It is self-evident. It bears witness to itself. In John 8:12 Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." Without light we would not survive. It would be difficult to see. Light is essential to life. We need light. We can't survive without it.

We need another kind of light, too. Our souls depend on the light of God. In one Gospel, Jesus said He was the light, while in another Gospel He told His followers, "You are the light of the world." Jesus is the true Light, but we can be reflectors of that light. This is the True Light, the Light that came into the world and the Light to whom John the Baptist pointed and said, "He must become greater; I must become less." John was a witness. He came to testify to the Light. We, too, have been called to this task. If we are light to the world, a city on a hill, then we can't be hidden. As Christians we have a testimony to the Light of God.

We will be celebrating that Jesus is the Light of the world at our Family Communion service at 10am on Easter Sunday. Please join us in a special time of worship called the Service of Light, celebrating the Resurrection.

Grace and peace til next time.

Christine

CRAWLEY DOWN MONDAY CLUB

We urgently need someone to drive our minibus - picking up and dropping off members takes approx 1½ hrs at 10am and 2.30pm on **one Monday** each month.

We also need someone to help us put out/away tables & chairs. This takes approx 45mins at 9am and 2.30pm.



We are a friendly group of volunteers and you would be made very welcome. If you could help with either of these tasks please phone Marion Welchman on 01342 458559 or pop along to Monday Club at the Haven Centre and meet us.

NEW RAINBOWS UNIT IN CRAWLEY DOWN

Selsfield District is made up of the villages of West Hoathly, Turners Hill and Crawley Down. We are in the process of opening another Rainbow Unit in Crawley Down & would like to invite all girls aged 5-7 along to a drop-in session. We are also happy to welcome younger girls to the drop-in, with the hope they join our waiting list ready for when they turn 5. **The Drop-In Session is on Tuesday 8th May 2018 at The Glebe Centre in Crawley Down from 5.45pm to 6.45pm.** We ask for £1 per a girl to cover cost of resources, this includes a cupcake to decorate. The session will be focused on Rainbows, with activities for the girls. Parents will have the opportunity to find out about Rainbows, with the uniform and resources on show. We hope this allows parents and girls to get a feel for the organisation with the hope they will register their interest in the new unit or in Girlguiding.

For further information, please contact Philippa Singh on 07763 664769 or email psingh2012@hotmail.co.uk



SECRETARY OF STATE'S

DECISION ON PLANNING APPEAL

On 1st March the Secretary of State (SoS) for Housing, Communities and Local Government issued his decisions in respect of four Planning Applications for a total of 104 new homes in Crawley Down. The applications had been approved by Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) in early 2016, but were challenged by Worth Parish Council (WPC) as they were contrary to the Crawley Down Neighbourhood Plan which was approved by 98% of villagers voting in a local referendum in 2015.

In his judgment, the SoS agreed that the applications were contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan, but gave this 'little weight' as Mid Sussex did not have a District Plan and he considered that there was "great uncertainty" in the progress of that plan. This assessment greatly surprised WPC as several Councillors had attended a briefing by MSDC on the 1st March during which they, and other Parishes, had been told that a positive report on the draft District Plan was expected "within a few days" and that the District Council would then be able to give 'full weight' to the Neighbour Plans when determining planning applications. In fact the draft District Plan was approved just 6 working days later on 12th March. The Parish Council had anticipated this situation and had written to the SoS on 26th February to ask that he delay his decision until the report on the District Plan had been published. The reply from the SoS on 27th February was that he "well aware" of the progress on the District Plan, which suggests that he did not expect it to be approved in the near future, and that his decisions on 1st March reflected that view. WPC held an Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 12th March to discuss the decision in light of the above facts and voted to instruct their barrister to advise whether there are any grounds for a Statutory Challenge.

The Council will meet again to consider his advice and will report the outcome in due course.

Dr Ian Gibson, CDNP



Easter Egg Hunt

on GOOD FRIDAY, 30th MARCH 2018

Registration from 10am

Hunt from 10.30 am to 12 noon

ALL WELCOME

Register at the CDRA start point by the Village Shops

See page 2 for more details

The Editor reserves the right to reduce the length of articles submitted for publication in Church & Village.

The opinions expressed in articles in Church & Village are not necessarily those of the editor.

Crawley Down ANYONE FOR TENNIS? LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Crawley Down Tennis Club welcomes new members to join our friendly, local tennis club to come and play at anytime. The club has four recently cleaned courts in good condition & welcomes members of all abilities - whether you are a beginner or thinking of playing again.

CDLTC is located on Sandy Lane on the King George V Playing Fields.

To join or find out more, please contact us at:

Email : crawleydowntennis@mail.com

Website : www.crawleydowntennis.org.uk

Facebook: @CDtennisclub




ALL STARS
cricket

Big Moments

All Stars Cricket gives children the chance to play, learn great skills and meet new friends!

Crawley Down CC
Sandy Lane, Crawley Down RH10 4HS
6.15-7pm, Fridays (18th May-6th July)
Contact : jim.d.hewitt@btinternet.co.uk
Register at allstarscricket.co.uk

Includes personalised kit!



CRAWLEY DOWN GOLF SOCIETY

CDGS gets together once a month to play at local golf clubs. Our first outing is on 23rd March at Copthorne Golf Club, which starts with a bacon roll and warm drink, then off we go for a friendly competition over 18 holes. Afterwards we will gather for a 2-course meal and discuss the day's events and stories!

Our 2018 programme also includes Tilgate GC, Hassocks GC, Hill Barn GC, Rusper GC, Rookwood GC, Woldingham GC and Westerham GC.

We welcome both male and female members - all you need is enthusiasm for golf (whatever your standard of play) and a wish for a fun day out.

We are looking to encourage new members of this enjoyable monthly event and would be pleased to welcome you. **No joining fee for new members!**

For more information about joining our Society please contact:

Gareth King : 07563 567737 / garethjking@btinternet.com

Paul Sagoo : 01342 713063 / rps.sagoo@googlemail.com



THE HAVEN CENTRE

Special ... Business ... Leisure

Hophurst Lane, Crawley Down, RH10 4LJ
01342 716791 www.cdhavencentre.co.uk



We are delighted how the refurbishment plans at the Haven Centre are moving forward, the first phase has included the redecoration of our meeting rooms, playroom and toilets.

With the final stages of the kitchen and Café refurbishment nearing completion, we are looking forward to being able to share our news for the catering plans in the not too distant future.

It's been almost a year since we took on this new venture, and we would like to thank you for supporting the Bar and Café, and remind those who haven't been in yet, that it is no longer just a members bar... THE BAR IS OPEN TO EVERYONE!



We will continue to work on providing facilities, entertainment and activities for the Crawley Down community, so why not pop along and see what's on at your local Community Centre.

For further information on the facilities and what's on, phone Jackie on 01342 716791, email mail@cdhavencentre.co.uk, Find Us on Facebook @CDHavenCentre or see our website www.cdhavencentre.co.uk



CRAWLEY DOWN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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A new committee was formed at the AGM in January and we are already busy preparing forthcoming events.

The Team comprises: Tim Cornell (Chairman), Hannah Monnier (Treasurer), Holly Hughes (Secretary), Tim Burberry, Amelia Davis, Craig Davis, Danny Murphy, Alan Roberts, Liz Spencer, Debbie Ward, Maria Wathan and Rob Wathan.

Thank you to Alan Roberts for standing as Acting Chair to keep the CDRA running and to all the officers & committee members who have worked solidly serving the CDRA prior to this year.

The CDRA is a non-profit organisation who organise village events such as the Annual Summer Fayre and, where appropriate, we support worthy causes eg. a local teenager was invited to compete at European level in his sport. The CDRA provided a donation towards his costs to enable him to compete. We continue to consider the support of worthy causes where a reasonable case is put forward.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt takes place on Good Friday, 30th March. Registration from 10am outside the shops. £1.50 CDRA members/£2.50 non members. Last year around 250 children took part with enormous success locating the Easter Bunnies around the village and collecting their eggs. We look forward to great participation in this popular day this year.

The 2018 Crawley Down Village Summer Fayre will take place on Saturday 8th September. This is CDRA's flagship event and is always well attended and supported by a wide variety of stalls. The CDRA notice board at the village shops will provide information as we move through the summer.

Our final event this year will be the Christmas celebrations when the Christmas Lights Association switch on the lights in December - details later in the year.

If you would like to join the CDRA, **application forms are available in The Pantry or from the website.** Membership is £5 per household per annum and **all membership fees go back to the Village Community** by way of village events and grants to local clubs or organisations.

Tim Cornell (CDRA Chairman)

www.crawleydownresidentsassociation.org.uk



Find us on
Facebook @CDRA

NEED BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT?

Are you a new mum struggling with breast feeding?

Come along to my new fortnightly drop-in session for helpful and friendly up to date breast feeding advice and information. I am fully trained in breast feeding techniques and postnatal care.

2nd & 4th Mondays of the month - 10-11.30am

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

Donation of £4 includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

Contact Nikki on 07581 153260

www.thebreastfeedinglady.co.uk



YOUTH CLUB



The Youth Club would like to thank the Crawley Down Village Website Association for their generous grant of £350. The Youth Club will be able to replace the worn out football table with a lovely new one for the members to enjoy!

If any parent or volunteer would like to become an emergency helper, please ask any of the Youth Club leaders or phone Sarah Hamilton on 01342 718632.

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



20th April 8th June 20th July

4th May 22nd June

18th May 6th July



Further information from Sarah Hamilton on 01342 712240.



ZUMBA Fitness

Crawley Down Village Hall
Tuesdays 7.15-8.15pm

OVER 50s Dance Fit Classes

Crawley Down Village Hall
Wednesdays 10-11am

Contact : Abi Welford on 07971 966981

www.hotnote-stageacademy.co.uk



KUNDALINI YOGA

... heal, rejuvenate, relax and let go ...

Every Friday 9.30-11am

at The Glebe Centre, Crawley Down



Kundalini Yoga (KY) is the ancient technology suitable for all levels, ages and abilities. The breath is at the heart of KY and one's vitality.

From a physical perspective the benefits of KY are countless and range from stimulating glandular, digestive and immune systems, strengthening nervous and muscular systems, purifying the blood and expanding lung capacity. KY improves posture, respiration and flexibility and eliminating lower back pain, stress and anxiety. Allow your body to heal itself.

To achieve this blissful state, KY combines posture/asana, breathing techniques, vibration of the mantras, focus and/or movement. It helps to generate more energy and free your mind from stress, leaving you vibrant and happy.

KY puts positive pressure on the subconscious mind to allow it to clear limiting beliefs and patterns that are otherwise inaccessible and overcome addictions.

Awaken your fullest potential.

Contact Tej Sangeet Kaur on 07788 561156

"RACE FOR LIFE" HIKE EVENT RETURNS TO SOUTH DOWNS WAY

Following an enthusiastic response to the inaugural event last year, **Race for Life Hike is returning to South Downs Way on Saturday 1st September 2018.**

Hike along the beautiful, unspoilt Sussex coastline and enjoy incredible views over the white cliffs of Seven Sisters Country Park, whilst raising money for a worthwhile cause.

The Hike route is approximately 26 miles, involving a mix of challenging terrains, with an expected walking time of 8-12 hours. The routes are fully planned with maps provided at registration. Participants will also be treated to a hot meal, glass of bubbly and a medal at the finish line.

Cancer Research UK is calling on women to sign up right now at www.raceforlife.org. Money raised will help Cancer Research UK scientists and doctors find new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat the disease, helping save more lives.

The entry fee for Race for Life Hike is £30. Women who sign up will be given a Race for Life Season Pass, offering free entry into unlimited 5k and 10k events to support their training.



**CANCER
RESEARCH UK
RACE FOR LIFE**

To enter Race for Life Hike today go to raceforlife.org or call 0300 123 0770.



WEIGHT OFF WORKSHOP

The Ark, Turners Hill

10am-12noon from Monday 16th April 2018

A 12-week course run by MSDC costing £20 for the course with tips and tricks to lead a healthy lifestyle, followed by an hour of physical activity.

For further information & to book : phone Mid Sussex Wellbeing Team on 01444 77191 or email wellbeing@midsussex.gov.uk

CRAWLEY DOWN HEALTH CENTRE



Can you remember a time when:

- You queued up for an appointment in the front room of the Rosary, Hophurst Lane, sometimes having to sit on the stairs
- Appointments and prescriptions were written in a book
- The doctor on home visits would use your phone or a neighbours to contact the surgery

To celebrate the tenth anniversary of the opening of the current Health Centre, I have written a short article on the changes in Health Provision of a Sussex village after the war to the present. If you would like to read it in full, it can be accessed on the PPG Website, the Surgery website & Crawley Down Village website. It will also be in booklet form at the surgery and various venues around the village. I would love to hear from you with any further anecdotes or comments. My email address is c.custard@btinternet.com. I can be reached on 01342 715181.

Caroline Custard, Friends of CDHC

YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Services for February and March are :	Morning	Morning / Afternoon	Afternoon / Evening
Sunday 1 st April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Worship Together Communion	
Sunday 8 th April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Parish Communion	
Sunday 15 th April <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Worship Together	4pm Messy Church
Sunday 22 nd April <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Parish Communion	
Sunday 29 th April <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Parish Communion	
Sunday 6 th May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Worship Together	6pm Choral Evensong
Thursday 10 th May <i>Ascension Day</i>			6.30pm Parish Communion
Sunday 13 th May <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Parish Communion	
Sunday 20 th May <i>Pentecost</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Worship Together Communion	4pm Messy Church
Sunday 27 th May <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Parish Communion	



The next Messy Church are Sunday 15th April and 20th May from 4-5.30pm. Come and join us for crafts, songs and bible stories. Bring a contribution for a shared tea. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information about Messy Church, have a look at their website www.messychurch.org.uk.

Week beginning	Please pray for:	
1 st April	Fermandy Lane	Auchinleck Court
8 th April	Gage Close	All Saints' Church
15 th April	Hallsland	The Monastery of the Holy Spirit, Crawley Down
22 nd April	Hawarden Close	Copthorne Chapel
29 th April	Hazel Way	Roman Catholic Community
6 th May	Hornbeam Place	Worth Parish Council
13 th May	Kiln Road & Kiln Close	Mid Sussex District Council
20 th May	Haven Gardens	West Sussex District Council
27 th May	Hophurst Drive & Hophurst Close	Crawley Down Village C of E School

The Churchyard at All Saints' Church

During the last few months the Churchyard has gone through significant change. In December a large bough fell off one the trees and landed in adjacent gardens. Significant damage was done, costing around £7,000 but fortunately there were no injuries. The Church is obliged to have a full professional tree inspection every five years and was due in 2019 but in view of the unexpected incident, although there had been no indication of any problems, we commissioned our inspection a year in advance. As a result we have been recommended to fell three trees as a priority. It is always a pity to see trees cut down but safety is the overriding factor and the trees will go very shortly.

The Church organises regular working parties to clear unwanted growth such as self-seeded trees and bushes from the churchyard. Recent work concentrating on some graves has exposed a number of fairly old graves where the level of backfill has dropped considerably. Visitors are always very welcome to the churchyard, but we are taking steps to ensure that the safety of visitors, both through levelling where appropriate, and otherwise marking off problem graves. **It is always a problem to find volunteers for this work and so if anyone wishes to help please contact the Church Office on 01342 718741 / office@allsaintscrawleydown.org**

Of course, all this work costs money and we are fortunate that we receive a small grant from the Parish Council every year and also regular contributions from the Friends of All Saints Church. However the cost of properly maintaining the churchyard as a welcoming and safe place represents a major part of our expenditure. **The Friends were set up a few years ago so that people in the Village, who are not necessarily regular church-goers but who value the presence in the Village of a sacred place of worship, can contribute financially to its upkeep.** If you wish to join the Friends please contact the Church Treasurer, Kerry Scott on 01342 712213, who can explain how it works.



FROM THE REGISTERS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CRAWLEY DOWN

Baptisms : 18.2.18 Tobias METCALF

25.2.18 Noah BISHOP

Weddings : None

Funerals : 26.1.18 Funeral of Kenneth ROCKLIFFE

27.1.18 Burial of ashes of Robert HICKMAN

9.2.18 Funeral followed by burial of Harry Roy NORRIS

There are two major Christian festivals in March. They celebrate people whose response to God was tentative, but consistent. The first commemorates Joseph of Nazareth, the husband of Mary. The second festival celebrates Mary's experience of the annunciation of the birth of Jesus.

Christians of earlier generations found benefit in presenting the story of Easter as the culmination of Christmas when Joseph and Mary were so prominent. They did this through a cycle of mystery plays, the most famous of which are still performed in York, telling the Christian story from creation to judgement at the end of time. These plays were a bridge between ordinary daily life and the drama of heaven come to earth in the Church's liturgical worship.

This year, an early Easter places Holy Week between the festivals of Joseph and of the annunciation. It is one of those periodic occurrences when dates and timing become symbolic.

Mary and Joseph are two ordinary people, from the same working town, who fall in love and get married. In the middle of all that something incredible happens, that transforms their lives. They become players in the divine drama of salvation.

Their festivals stand on either side of Holy Week and they, as it were, invite us to connect with that drama through our experience today of God's call and God's power.

In this Year of Prayer, my hope is that the drama of Holy Week will assume greater importance in your Christian life, and in your diary. I hope that you, like Joseph and Mary, will allow the call of God to draw you into the drama of salvation: not as a spectator, but as a player, or agent, who will attract others to its reality, as you renew your commitment to know, love, follow Jesus.

Bishop Martin, February 2018

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Deputy Churchwarden:

Zenon Wozniakowski

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Kerry Scott

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Honorary Glebe Centre Treasurer:

Gill Crook

BAPTISM AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

**Baptism marks the beginning
of a journey with God**



which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. It is also a chance to celebrate with family and friends. It takes place within the worship of the Church as a part of the family of God, who promise to support and help you discover the love of God.

All Saints' Church welcomes enquiries from young & old

Baptism Enquirers Sessions to be scheduled—usually Thurs evenings

Baptisms usually take place during the

10am Worship Together service on the first Sunday of the month

Please contact the Church Administrator on 01342 718741 or by email at office@allsaintscrawleydown.org, or contact a member of The Ministry Team on 01342 704449 to arrange an appointment.

www.allsaintscrawleydown.org

CAKE & COMPANY



**Cake & Company is held on the
second Tuesday of the month
in the Glebe Centre from 2-4pm**

The next dates are 10th April and 8th May

This is a combined partnership with Age U.K. and is very popular. Age UK East Grinstead are able to share their expertise with us and also provide a diary of enjoyable outings in good company.

The knitting and nattering corner is very productive, but also enjoyed are a range of puzzles, games and quizzes! There is a £2 entry charge to cover costs. We look forward to you joining us!

Please contact Liz Logan on 713338

if you would like to join us either as
a member or as a volunteer.



**All Saints' Church is a Registered Charity
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NEW WEBSITE :

www.allsaintscrawleydown.org

ON FACEBOOK :

@AllSaintsChurchCD

@GlebeCentreCD

@AllSaintsChurchCDMessyChurch

THE CRAWLEY DOWN CHURCHES

**All Saints' Church (Church of England).
See above.**

The Roman Catholic Church

Mass at Worth Abbey and St Dunstan's,
West Hoathly. Priest: Father Paul Fleetwood
Tel : 01342 710313. www.worthabbey.net

**The Community of the Servants of the Will
of God at Crawley Down Monastery**

Copthorne Chapel

Mrs Celia Smart (Secretary) 01342 713172
www.copthornechapel.org.uk

The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have given us, for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us.

Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen

The Parish of All Saints', Crawley Down lies in the Diocese of Chichester. The Bishop of Chichester is The Right Reverend Dr Martin Warner. The Suffragan Bishop of Horsham is The Right Reverend Mark Sowerby.

CRAWLEY DOWN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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INSPIRING WOMEN

EVENING WI

Our guest speaker on 1st February was Gillian Lloyd, a professional photographer from East Grinstead. Her presentation was entitled: "In search of mountain gorillas". Gillian flew to Uganda with her husband to visit the National Park where the gorillas live. En route, they travelled by road through areas of natural beauty, taking photographs of the people, the verdant countryside and local wild life. Gillian explained that in order to enter the forest, you require a special permit as well as arrange a local guide to lead you. The real highlight of the trip was the opportunity to observe and photograph a group of about seventeen gorillas, including a huge silverback, in their natural habitat. Gillian's presentation was particularly interesting and her photographs were stunning.

Due to the adverse weather conditions, our meeting on 1st March was cancelled. Hilary Stirling will talk to us on 5th April about "Josiah Wedgewood - Master Potter". We have an excellent programme of speakers arranged for 2018 and we welcome visitors to come along to our friendly monthly meetings. **We meet at The Glebe Centre, All Saints' Church at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of each month. For further information, please contact Jan Albury on 01342 713926.**

Jean Ford, CD Evening WI

AFTERNOON WI



This January we were very proud to celebrate our 95th Anniversary. Ninety five years of friendship, fun, and more.

During that time our WI, and village, lived through a world war. A very anxious time for everyone, and when the WI came into it's own. There have been many changes since we started in 1923, but the essence of our WI remains the same. The interests, support and friendship still exists to this day. One of our members treated us to one of her special cakes for the occasion - thank you Sandy!

We started the year with our speaker, Heather Waddington of Bodikind. Heather is a local Podiatrist and gave us a very interesting talk on "Good Health for your Feet". She certainly knew a lot about her profession and it was obvious that she loves her career. We heard a lot about our feet that we may not already know and were also given guidance on children's feet - useful for us to pass on to our families. Heather was happy to stay and answer the many questions that were put to her afterwards. It's never too late to learn something new!

A few of our members went on the first outing of our year - a visit to The Hawth to see "The Kite Runner". It was a very intense play leaving us with much to think about.

Unfortunately, our February meeting had to be cancelled due to the inclement weather. Gillian Lloyd had been due to speak to us about how she started a life in photography at the age of fifty. We hope to book Gillian again soon.

In March we look forward to a social afternoon - a Fish & Chip lunch with a game of "Getting to know You".

We have Melanie Gibson-Barton coming to our April meeting to tell us about the life and times of Edith Cavell.

We meet at 2pm on the 4th Wednesday in every month at The Village Hall and you are welcome to attend as a visitor if you would like to know more about our friendly group.

For further information please contact Jean Wakeling 01342 712834, or Sandy Bushaway 01342 712815.

Jackie Kaldenberg, CD Afternoon WI

CRAWLEY DOWN VILLAGE C OF E SCHOOL

During this term the Reception Classes 1 & 2 have been learning about Space

We learnt all about the Moon and planets with help from Bob, the Man on the Moon and those naughty aliens who love underpants! We became Space



researchers by doing some amazing homework about our favourite planets, stars or the Moon.

We designed and made some fantastic, fancy pants for the aliens, so that they wouldn't have to take our own pants back to their planet. We used all kinds of materials to make the pants look amazing!

A visit from the Planetarium

Some Space experts from Herstmonceux Observatory came to visit us. They brought a HUGE, inflatable planetarium. Inside, we saw the whole universe above us... the stars and constellations were beautiful. We visited the Moon, Saturn & Mars and learned about the first astronauts who visited the Moon and talked about Black Holes! Everyone dressed up for the day, even the grown-ups. Year R was full of astronauts, aliens and Buzz Lightyears!



CRAWLEY DOWN VILLAGE WEBSITE ASSOCIATION

On Friday 19th January, the CDVWA held their 12th annual grants awards evening. For those who can remember back to 2006, we launched the website with the two aims of being a source of a great deal of useful information about Crawley Down and also to be in a position to make grants to local groups who would benefit for small grants to assist them with current projects. We believe that we have been very successful with both of these objectives.

The website (www.crawleydownvillage.co.uk) does provide a wealth of information and we have now given grants totalling £20,405 including this year's grants. This year, grants totalling £1,550 were awarded as follows:

- **Crawley Down Christmas Lights Association - £500** which they need to continue their good work
- **Crawley Down Memorial Association - £300** to help with costs of further research and blue plaque installations
- **All Saints' Youth Club - £350** to purchase a football table
- **The Haven Theatre Group - £400** towards the cost of replacing stage lighting

In order to be able to fund these grants we look to local businesses to sponsor the site and for this they have a page on the site to tell about themselves. These businesses are very important to us for without them we would have no funds to donate.

In October/November of each year we publish an invitation to any eligible group to apply for a grant. This invitation is published in the Church & Village.

In December, some of our committee met in the offices of King & Chasemore to discuss grants. We decided on the total amount to be allocated and then, having read through all the applications decided on the individual amounts to be given.

Thank you to all who have made this possible over the years.

John Plank, CDVWA

TURNERS HILL PLANT SALE in aid of St Catherine's Hospice on Saturday 12th May 2018 from 10am - 2pm at The Ark, Turners Hill, RH10 4RA

**Free Entry plus All Day Refreshments,
Stalls and Raffle**



Please bring **PLANT DONATIONS** to The Ark between 9.30am - 3.30pm on **Friday 11th May**. Please contact Marian Gerhold 01342 719792 or Sonia Lee 01342 714710.

ECOBRIK ENTHUSIASTS

I think of myself as a very ordinary person, insofar as I recycle and reuse things where I can, but I'm not much good at refusing to buy things because of the way in which they are packaged. The issue of plastic waste, and especially the amount that is ending up polluting our seas and killing marine life is becoming ever greater and I think we all realise it will be a very long time before the problem is anywhere near to being solved.



In the meantime I have discovered one way in which we can all work together to at least minimise the amount of unnecessary plastic waste that is ending up in landfill and the sea. That way is the ECOBRICK! **Quite simply it's an empty plastic drink bottle (made of PET plastic) that you pack full of**

unrecyclable plastic in order to create a strong building block. These ecobricks can then be joined together in a variety of ways to make things which can be used for both indoors and out.

I am introducing the idea to Crawley Down Village C of E School and have approached several local Cub, Scout, Brownie and Guide packs to help them get started on their own projects. One of the beauties of the ecobrick is that it brings people together in a collaborative way – the greater the amount of ecobricks produced the greater the array and size of items that can be achieved. Obviously you can make your own ecobricks within your household and then do your own things with them or you can donate them to a bigger project. The choice is yours just so long as you make the ecobricks. The word that is constantly used by new ecobrickers is “addictive” – believe me, once you start you just won't be able to stop!

A drop-off / collection point has been set up in the Café Bar at the Haven Centre where you can leave any completed ecobricks or surplus empty bottles you may have, and also pick up empties for filling.



I have set up a Facebook page - Ecobrick Enthusiasts - with the simple aim of spreading the word and encouraging as many people as possible to get involved, as well as sharing information about ways in which the use of plastics can be reduced. It is still very early days and I am just beginning to think about coordinating efforts. I will very soon be organising an “Open Morning” at the Haven Café Bar (and an alternative evening) where anyone can come along to find out more, ask any questions, see examples of ecobricks and generally get involved. I will publicise the dates on Facebook and also on the notice board by the shops.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who is liking my Facebook page, encouraging and supporting this venture.

Together we can start a revolution – one ecobrick at a time!

Caroline Burberry

CRAWLEY DOWN ALLOTMENT & GARDENS ASSOCIATION

We are now approaching the “busy time” in your garden and on the allotment when all the planning must start to come together. Winter digging should be completed and planting commencing.

**The Allotment Hut is open on Saturdays & Sundays
from 10am until Noon**

Available are carrots, onions, leeks, peas (early and late), runner, broad and French beans, tomatoes, cucumbers etc. Garden accessories are also available eg. gardening gloves, watering cans, garden twine, canes (3 ft, 4 ft, 6 ft and 8 ft), netting, plus a range of pesticides and insecticides. Also stocked are grow bags, Growmore, lawn sand, sulphate of potash, lime etc.



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If you would like to become a member of the Association, membership is open to all and costs £3 per year. For full details, call at the Allotment Hut located at the “shops end” of the allotments.

Date for your Diary : Our next social evening is at the Haven Centre on Friday 15th June 2018 at 8pm. Details in our next newsletter.

*Alex Cruickshank
Chairman, CDAGA*



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01342 714858 or email martynmason@aol.com.**



CRAWLEY DOWN POND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

Anyone who would like to come and help us would be made very welcome. We meet by the Crawley Down Pond at 10am on Sunday mornings (once a month) and usually finish by 12noon.

The next task date is the 8th April to do a Spring Clean and any thing else that might be required. The date in May has been changed from the 13th May to the 20th May to complete the OPAL water condition survey

Further details from :

- Sue Kipps on 01342 718289
- Sara Piggott (Countryside Ranger) on 01293 542088
- Our page on the Crawley Down Village website (www.crawleydownvillage.co.uk) under “Services”

C&V JUNE/JULY 2018

The next edition of Church & Village will be the **June/July 2018** issue. **All material for publication should be either emailed to office@allsaintscrawleydown.org by Monday 7th May or posted at The Glebe Centre (NOT the Vicarage) either on paper or on disc/stick.**



OPEN DOOR

In February we had an interesting talk by our new vicar, Rev Christine Keyte and in March Brian gave us his "Year Review" with a projection of pictures.

On **Thursday 19th April** we will be enjoying lunch at The Star Inn, Lingfield. If you miss this, there will be another in July. On **Thursday 17th May**, Jane Oldacre, a care co-ordinator, will give a talk about her local work in the Oak Room at the Haven Centre with the usual tea and biscuits at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Chairman: Brian Moore (714359) / Secretary: Janet Rayner (714882)



COPTHORNE CHAPEL

At last we have got through the cold spell and are looking forward to spring and Easter.

Our services on both Good Friday and Easter Sunday at 10.30am will be taken by our ex Pastor Gordon Hamilton, with the collection going to Tear Fund.

As usual, our normal Sunday services will be taken by visiting preachers, details of which are on our website. You will also find a resumé of the history of the Chapel to date.

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

WORTH ABBEY NEWS CRAWLEY DOWN COMMUNITY APRIL 2018 - MAY 2018



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

April 1st Easter Sunday, 21st Relit Retreat from 1pm onwards, 22nd Parish AGM at 11am

May 9th, Vigil Mass for Ascension 7.30pm, 13th First Holy Communion Mass at 11am, 20th Ecumenical Walk from Worth Abbey to Crawley Down at 3pm

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Adoration, Friday evenings 7.00 - 8.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. **Confessions**, Sunday 9.10 - 9.30am before Mass. **Marian Prayer Group**, 2nd / 4th Monday, 7.30pm, Blessed Sacrament Chapel. **Lectio Divina**, Tuesdays 8.20pm for 30 minutes, Parlour 3 (entry from the Narthex) then Compline. **Sunday Prayers for Healing**, once a month there is a half hour service of prayers for healing in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, after the 9.30am Mass. **Christian Meditation Group**, Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 7.45pm for 8pm start to 8.45pm followed by

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Thank you so much all who supported us in our pantomime in January. Peter Pan went down very well with the audiences both young and old.

We are looking at putting on a Farce this summer. Informal read through of scripts and auditions are on Tuesday 1st May at the Haven Centre at 7.30pm. We are looking for over 18's.

It doesn't matter if you have never acted before, or even stepped on a stage. We are looking for enthusiastic people of any age above 18. Most scripts have approximately 8 actors so bring a friend! We are a happy group at the Haven Theatre and welcome newcomers. We do not charge for rehearsals, just a small fee to cover costumes and script royalties.

If acting does not appeal to you, perhaps you would be interested in backstage. Come along and talk to us on 1st May 2018 at 7.30pm.

Linda Dixon

Chair, Haven Theatre Company

Email : contact@haventheatrecompany.co.uk

Compline. Contact Gabrielle on 01342 326118 or Catrina on 01243 554001. **Bereavement Support**, Marian & Clare are available to meet you either at St. Benedict's or to visit you at home. Contact the team via Parish Office.

SPECIAL FEASTS

April 21st : St Mark

May 10th : Ascension, 26th : Pentecost Sunday, 27th : Holy Trinity, 28th : St Augustine

MASS TIMES (all at the Abbey unless otherwise stated)

Weekday Masses are at 8am and 5.30pm, a concelebrated Mass. On Saturday morning Mass is at 9am.

Sunday Masses, First Mass of Sunday, 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)
Children's Mass : First Saturday of the month at 5pm

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WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2018



Letter from the Chairman

This newsletter marks the end of my first year as Chairman of Worth Parish Council. As I write, the outcome of the Planning inquiry following the call in by the minister, which has so far dominated my term of office has just been released which is a sad blow to the people who have worked so hard for a more positive outcome. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work. The Council has decided to seek legal advice regarding appealing this outcome.

Three burglaries were reported on the last police neighbourhood newsletter. The first in Redgarth Court, East Grinstead on 24 Feb where entry was made via unsecured back door and a TV was stolen. The second in Crossway Avenue, East Grinstead on 23 Feb, where an attempt was made to break in through the back door, and the third in Brookside, Copthorne on 22 Feb where forced entry was made by the patio door, and jewellery and the contents of victim's handbag were stolen.

With these in mind, the council believes that it would like to see an increased police presence in the villages. The council has considered the possibility of paying to achieve this increased presence, but after numerous discussions on this and other matters with the police, this has proved not possible. The Council is now looking at a range of measures to improve security in the Parish, including CCTV, and we have included money in the 2018-19 budget to start work on this. The majority of these projects would be too expensive to complete in both villages in a single year and we have committed to fund them in following years as well.

As the warmer weather should now be with us, a reminder about keeping windows and doors locked seems in order.

If you see or hear anything suspicious, or have any information about any incident please email 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call 101. Alternatively you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111, or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

SEVERE WEATHER

The recent cold spell made me think that this piece on UK Power would be advantageous to you all.

UK Power Networks is the distribution network operator for our electricity. They have provided us with the following information, which may be of use to you during future severe weather.

In times of severe weather, they organise for additional staff in their contact centre and more engineers on the ground to be available to help customers whose electricity supply might be affected by the cold weather.

You will be able to find regular updates on their website www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk and social media @UKPowerNetworks throughout these periods.

Anyone experiencing a power cut should :

- Call 105 to report power cuts and damage to the electricity network, or 0800 3163 105 (from a corded phone or mobile phone if you have no power)
- Visit www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk for the latest updates
- Visit www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/powercut and type in their post code to view our live power cut map
- Tweet @ukpowernetworks to report a power cuts or to receive updates.

People are advised to stay clear of power lines and report damaged power lines immediately by calling 105 free from either a landline or a mobile phone. If they see electricity lines that are down or causing significant risk to the public, they should call 999.

Extra help is available to customers on the **Priority Service Register** during a power cut. You can find out more information about the Priority Service on the website: ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority

The priority register is free and open to people who :

- rely on medical equipment
- have refrigerated medicines
- have a serious or chronic illness
- have a disability
- are living with dementia
- are of pensionable age
- have children under five in the household
- need extra support for a **short time period** (e.g. If you are recovering from medical treatment)

The register will give you :

- A priority number that you can call 24 hours a day
- A dedicated team who will contact you to keep you updated during a power cut
- Tailored support if needed such as home visits, hot meals, advice and keeping your friends and relatives updated.
- They have links with the local water companies and will share your needs if you agree
- Check with your other utility suppliers to see if they have a similar scheme.

ENGAGING WITH THE LOCAL PLANNING SYSTEM

For individuals wishing to carry out modifications to existing properties, the following procedures are necessary : First of all check to see if you need planning permission by following the Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) Guidance. Some alterations to your home might not require planning permission and could be carried out as **permitted development** if they satisfy certain limits and conditions.

These include:

- Extensions & Dormers
- Outbuildings, Hard surfaces/decking
- Boundary treatment
- Other specific works

The planning portal's **interactive guidance** for householders will help establish if planning permission is required.

In some areas, permitted development rights have been removed. This means that you have to submit a planning application for work which normally does not need one. Check to see if your **property is within such an area**. In some cases, your property may be tied to a restriction (such as the location of strategic services and infrastructure) and you will be required to **apply for planning permission**. If you would like an officer's informal decision on whether planning permission is required, complete the MSDC **"Do I need planning permission?" form**. If you don't need planning permission you may still need **building regulation approval**. The important thing to do is obtain an officer's informal advice and decision either by engaging yourself or by employing a professional such as an architect.

There are two main types of application dealing with individual dwellings, these are the **Householder Application** and **Full Planning Application**.

Householder Application for Planning Permission for Works or Extensions to a Dwelling:

The **Householder Application** form should be used for proposals to alter or enlarge a single house, to include works within the curtilage (boundary/garden) of a house.

Once you have established that you need planning permission, the **Householder Application** form should be used for projects such as:

- Extensions & Conservatories
- Loft Conversions & Dormer Windows
- Alterations
- Garages, carports or outbuildings
- Swimming pools, Walls and fences
- Vehicular access including footway crossovers
- Porches & Satellite dishes.

The **Full Planning Permission** form should be used if your project relates to any of the following:

- Any work relating to a flat
- Applications to change the number of dwellings (flat conversions, building a separate house in the garden)
- Change of use to part or all of the property to non-residential (including business) use
- Anything outside the garden of the property (including stables if in a separate paddock)

If you are not sure of what you need to do, speak to an officer at MSDC or engage a professional to do it for you.

Council Meetings

Dates of Council meetings 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 Parish Council Offices, 1st Floor, The Parish Hub, Bowers Arms Road, Copthorne, RH10 3ZQ.

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