

CRAWLEY DOWN Village Magazine

December 2019 / January



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Crawley Down Village Magazine is produced & published by All Saints' Church, Crawley Down. We are looking forward to serving the Village in the next decade, now nearly upon us, and are delighted to welcome our new sponsor, King and Chasemore.

Crawley Down Residents Association (CDRA)

Annual General Meeting and Gala Award Evening Saturday 1st February 2020 at The Haven Centre

More details to follow. CDRA Members will be emailed with priority ticket booking information.

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at www.cdra.info



CELEBRATING MYSTERY

The Word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us. We saw his glory, the glory which he received as the Father's only Son.

John 1:14

Human beings can achieve a degree of world notoriety, such as when a person performs an outstanding deed, an altruistic act, or makes a significant financial contribution to a worthy cause. Or perhaps, when a person makes some astounding discovery that makes the world a better place, they will then receive honour, admiration, and appreciation.

In these verses from John Chapter 1, which are often read at carol services, St John writes of the glory of God in Jesus Christ. He reminds us that no one has ever seen God and he also declares that, in Jesus, we have the full revelation of God. No longer is God a faraway, mysterious Being, awesome and unapproachable in his glory and majesty. Rather Jesus is the Immanuel, 'God with us' who communicated the love of God through his being with us as a human being, his teachings and his compassion. Indeed, Jesus is to the world the eternal revelation of who God is. This is a mystery that the Church throughout the world celebrates at Christmas time.

Mystery is one of our English words that has multiple meanings. There are many kinds of mysteries. In the realm of literature, we encounter mystery novels. We speak of the mystery of space and the knowledge being gained from observing the vast unknown. Yet the greatest of all mysteries is that of the Incarnation of the Son of God - that moment in time and eternity when God chose, in Jesus Christ, to become a human being. That is, of course, the greatest Christmas mystery and one that is very definitely worth celebrating!

Here at All Saints, we wish everyone a blessed Christmas and New year.

Rev'd Christine (Vicar)

REMEMBRANCE 2019



Earlier this year I had the idea of creating a poppy display for Remembrancetide, to mark 100 years since the first year of peace after the First World War.

I asked the ladies of the village to knit or crochet a few poppies each to help with my plan. Little did I know how many I would receive! Together with my great friends, Linda Furzer and Ann Luxford, we have created the display that was placed on our War Memorial.

I couldn't have done it without their help (and Roger Webb's too), and a HUGE thank you goes to every lady and group that supplied me with poppies: Knit and Natter, the Monday Club, Cake and Company, both Crawley Down WI groups and Auchinleck Court to name just a few; you are all stars!! The blue flowers are cornflowers which is the French flower of Remembrance, and the purple ones are to remember the animals that gave their lives.

Kay Webb

Hon Secretary, CD & TH Royal British Legion



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1st Turners Hill & Crawley Down Scout Group

As we enter the last couple of months of our 70th birthday year, we would like to let you know of our activities.

The year started with a Launch Party Family Quiz attended by 120 members and families. During the evening the design of our new Group Badge was unveiled. **All members had been given the opportunity to enter the competition to design the badge and this was won by Philippa, one of our Beaver Scouts.** This badge will be worn in perpetuity on our scarlet scarves which form part of our uniform.



In June, 130 people took part in JOTT 2019 (Jamboree on the Trail). This is a worldwide activity when all Scouts are asked to go on a walk. Our family walk was a 70 hectometre walk using the footpaths through both villages followed by a BBQ at our headquarters.

All the members were challenged to complete 70 challenges in the year. No one has so far completed this, but there is still time! All sections have continued to hold their weekly meetings and have had Nights Away experiences.

Our actual 70th birthday is on 1st December and this will be celebrated with a Birthday Barn Dance for all members and family members when we will have a large cake in the design of our new Group Badge.

The Group would like to thank all business people and individuals who have supported us throughout this year with their grants, donations and time, and we look forward to the Group being able to continue helping the young people of Turners Hill and Crawley Down to enjoy Scouting.



YOUTH CLUB

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

Friday 13th December Friday 24th January

Friday 10th January Friday 7th February

Friday 28th February



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.

Is your daughter interested in joining one of the Girl Guiding units in Crawley Down?



Register at www.girlguiding.org.uk

Crawley Down Village C of E School An Island Adventure - Years 5 and 6

Just before half term, the Year 5 and 6 children at headed off for a week's residential at PGL Little Canada on the Isle of Wight.



On arrival the children were warmly welcomed by Harry and Holly, their leaders for the week. Once settled into their cabins, the children took part in a week of adventurous activities, including: archery, zip-wiring, abseiling, tunnelling, orienteering, giant

swing and sensory trail. The children really developed their team work and problem solving skills during the week. They challenged themselves and showed great resilience.

The children's independence and organisational skills also really increased during the week as they got used to sorting out their own belongings away from home!



The children all had an absolutely fantastic week and the staff were incredibly proud of what they learnt and achieved. They had the following to say about the experience:

"I was scared of the Giant Swing but it turned out to be really great fun. It was nerve-racking but I was with someone who felt scared like me. In the end it was all ok and really good fun." *Charlotte O*

"I thought abseiling would be a piece of cake but it was a lot higher than I thought and I didn't do it. It made me realise how brave and courageous the people who did it were."

Cillian N

"I liked the respect in our groups, nobody put anyone down. Our group cheered and encouraged everybody. During vertical challenge our group even cheered on the teachers!"

Lucas M

"Everyone in my cabin used teamwork. We all helped each other all of the time. Orienteering was great fun as we explored the whole camp." *Ellie C*

"The whole week was great fun and I enjoyed every single activity. I didn't think I could do the giant swing as it was really high but I got to the top." *Tom F*

"Aeroball was my favourite activity. You had to throw the ball through the hoop on a trampoline. Even though my partner and I lost every game we had a brilliant time."

Dates for your Diary!

Christmas Quiz

Friday 13 December

Licensed Bar **7.30 pm** Great Prizes

THE HAVEN CENTRE
Hophurst Lane, Crawley Down

Max 8 per team **£8 per person**
Price includes Festive Snacks & Mince Pies

All proceeds go towards improving the life of local people with Parkinson's

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CHRISTMAS MARKET

4 December
4:30pm-7:30pm

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WHAT'S ON AT THE HAVEN CENTRE IN DECEMBER

SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS MARKET
12.00 to 4.00pm

FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER
PARKINSON'S CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT
7.30pm

MONDAY 16th DECEMBER
CRAWLEY DOWN LADIES CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT
from 7.30pm

FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS SWOOVE
7.00 to 8.00pm

MONDAY 23rd DECEMBER
GRACE GROOVES CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP FOR AGES 4-11yrs
9.30am to 12.30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE IN THE HAVEN BAR
KIDS DISCO 5.00pm to 7.00pm
EVENING DISCO 8.00pm to 11pm

NEW YEARS EVE IN THE HAVEN BAR
KIDS DISCO 5.00pm to 7.00pm
EVENING DISCO 8.00pm to 1.00am

AND DON'T FORGET
The Haven Theatre Village Panto **ROBIN HOOD**
is on **11th, 12th and 13th January**

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Christmas FAMILY WORSHIP

Sunday 1st December at 10am
Worship Together with Christingle

Sunday 15th December at 6pm
Carol Service by Candlelight

Christmas Eve at 3.30pm
Crib Service / Walk-On Nativity Play
Children are invited to dress-up

Christmas Eve at 6pm
"Hanging of the Christmas Green"
An informal service of carol singing and decorating the Church with Christmas wreaths and simple decorations

Vicarage Road, Crawley Down, West Sussex RH10 4JJ
www.allsaintscrawleydown.org

COFFEE MORNING

AT THE GLEBE CENTRE, CRAWLEY DOWN

On the First Saturday of Every Month

FAMILIES WELCOME

from 10am to 12 noon

CRAFTS & COLOURINGS PROVIDED

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

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All Saints' Church invites you for the

Hanging of the Christmas Greens

AN INFORMAL SERVICE OF CAROL SINGING AND DECORATING THE CHURCH WITH CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND SIMPLE DECORATIONS

CHRISTMAS EVE 2019 AT 6PM

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VICARAGE ROAD, CRAWLEY DOWN, WEST SUSSEX, RH10 4JJ

Haven Center Cafe

Knit and Natter

Every Thursday 10 - 12 noon

Crawley Down Village

Haven Theatre Company
Pantomime

ROBIN HOOD

Tickets www.haventheatre.co.uk/tickets
The Haven Centre
January 9th to 11th 2020

YOUR VILLAGE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS', CRAWLEY DOWN



Farewell to the Reverend Liz Logan

On Sunday 24th November Liz conducted her final Service at All Saints'. Afterwards, we celebrated her Ministry with a simple lunch when we made a presentation from the Church as a token of our love and gratitude for all she has done to live and promote Jesus' Gospel in Crawley Down and the wider community.

Liz has suffered from some ill-health over recent months; we hope she is now on a positive path to recovery and that stepping back from her pastoral duties will bring her to full health in the very near future.

Liz has been an inspiration to us all, a comforter to those in need and a ready shoulder to lean on whenever the way forward looked bleak. We will miss her.

Liz leaves with our heartfelt thanks and best wishes for the future.



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 December and January are :	Morning	Morning / Afternoon	Afternoon / Evening
Sunday 1 st December <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Worship Together and Christingle	6pm Choral Evensong
Sunday 8 th December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Parish Communion <i>(traditional Holy Communion)</i>	-
Sunday 15 th December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Worship Together with Communion <i>(a family service with Holy Communion)</i>	6pm Candlelit Carol Service
Sunday 22 nd December <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Parish Communion <i>(traditional Holy Communion)</i>	-
Tuesday 24 th December <i>Christmas Eve</i>	-	3.30pm Crib Service - children may come dressed in their Nativity costumes 6pm "Hanging of the Christmas Greens" - an informal carol service & decorating of the Church with Christmas Wreaths	11pm Midnight Communion
Wednesday 25 th December <i>Christmas Day</i>	-	10am Worship Together with Communion <i>(a family service with Holy Communion)</i>	-
Sunday 29 th December <i>1st Sunday of Christmas</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Parish Communion <i>(traditional Holy Communion)</i>	-
Sunday 5 th January <i>Epiphany</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Worship Together <i>(a shorter, family service)</i>	6pm - Choral Evensong
Sunday 12 th January <i>Baptism of Christ</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Parish Communion <i>(traditional Holy Communion)</i>	-
Sunday 19 th December <i>3rd Sunday of Epiphany</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Worship Together with Communion <i>(a family service with Holy Communion)</i>	-
Sunday 26 th January <i>4th Sunday of Epiphany</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Parish Communion <i>(traditional Holy Communion)</i>	-

CRAWLEY DOWN OPEN DOOR GROUP

Season's Greetings! Please do come to our lively afternoon of Christmas Music, provided by the East Grinstead Handbells Group, in the Oak Room at the Haven Centre on Thursday 5th December at 2.30pm.

In January we have no meeting but on Thursday 20th February we are having a social get-together on the balcony at the Haven Centre from 2-4pm. A time to have a chat and catch up with news. On Thursday 19th March, Brian Moore will give us an interesting review of the activities of the Open Door during the past year at 2.30pm in the Haven Centre Oak Room. Transport will be gladly provided to all events if required.

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



WORTH ABBEY NEWS
CRAWLEY DOWN COMMUNITY
DECEMBER 2019 - JANUARY 2020

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 1st December at 7.30pm : Worth Choral Society & Worth School Orchestra. Jongen Mass – Messe en l'honneur du Saint-Sacrement for Organ & Brass (*In aid of Outreach Peru*)

Sunday 15th December at 7.30pm : Advent & Christmas Music from "Messiah"

The performance, by the Worth Abbey Consort and soloists, will feature some of the favourite moments from this perennial masterpiece by George Frideric Handel. The perfect music for Advent, as we begin our journey towards the Nativity

Sunday 22nd December at 4pm : Family Carol Service

Escape the turmoil and celebrate the coming of Christmas in the peace and tranquillity of Worth Abbey. Bring your family, friends and neighbours, and with the Singers of Worth Abbey and D'Arcy Trinkwon, enjoy an hour of prayer, music, carols and readings.

CHRISTMAS LITURGY TIMES

Tuesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

6.45pm Evening Prayer (First Vespers of Christmas)

10.30pm Carols and Organ Music in preparation for 11pm Concelebrated Midnight Mass

All are welcome to drinks in the Narthex after Mass

Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day, The Nativity of the Lord

10am Concelebrated Christmas Day Mass

11.30am Christmas Parish Mass at St Dunstan's West Hoathly

6pm Pontifical Vespers of Christmas

Thursday 26th - Friday 27th December - Christmas Octave

8am Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

5.30pm Concelebrated Mass

Saturday 28th December

9am Concelebrated Mass

5pm Parish Vigil Mass of Sunday (Holy Family)

Sunday 29th December

9.30am Concelebrated Sunday Mass (Holy Family)

11.30am Parish Mass at St Dunstan's West Hoathly

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 - previous evening (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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Kerry Scott

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Jane Summers

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Honorary Glebe Centre Treasurer:

Gill Crook

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.worthabbeyparish.co.uk

**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



COPTHORNE CHAPEL

Chapel Lane, Copthorne, West Sussex, RH10 3ET

With the evenings drawing in, we have turned our attention to Christmas and decided this year to have a traditional tea party in the schoolroom on Saturday 7th December. Carol and Margaret Watson will be providing the entertainment with piano and harp for an old fashioned sing/song. On the 15th December we will be holding our usual Carol Service at 2pm with Gordon Hamilton officiating and Carol Watson playing for us, followed by festive fayre.

Gordon will also be taking our services on Christmas Day and 29th December, with collections over Christmas going to St. Catherine's hospice. All welcome.

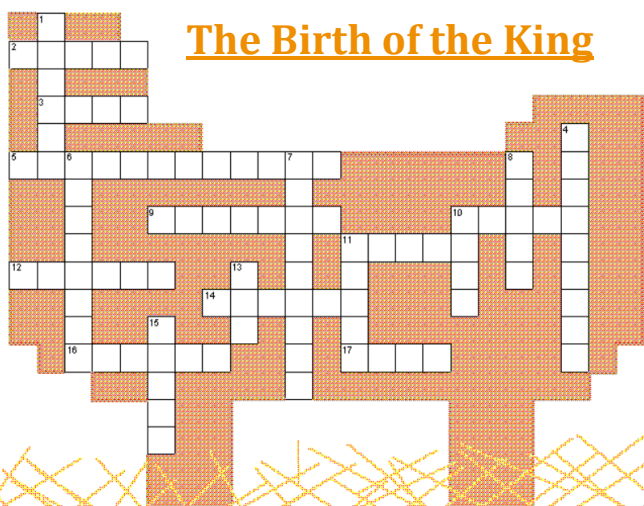
We wish our readers a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

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

Celia Smart, Secretary

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

The Birth of the King



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Across

2. Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem to pay these
3. A previous metal: one of the gifts from the 3 Kings
5. A fragrant gum used to make incense: one of the gifts from the Wisemen
9. The Three Kings from the East
10. A pungent tasting herb: a gift from the Wisemen
11. Bethlehem is here
12. Mary's husband
14. These appeared to shepherds and told them about the birth of Christ
16. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a _____, which is Christ the Lord
17. This led the Wisemen to Jesus

Down

1. An open box to hold food for livestock: Mary laid Jesus in one
4. The City of His birth
6. The Roman Emperor who taxed everyone
7. Angels told these guys about His birth whilst they were watching their flocks
8. The King of Judea when Jesus was born
10. His mother
11. And she shall bring forth a son, and you shall call His name _____
13. He was born in a stable because there was no room here
15. We celebrate His _____ at Christmas

CAKE & COMPANY Crawley Down

Would you like to meet socially for an afternoon?

Then this is for you if you are getting on in years and would enjoy some company over a cup of tea with jigsaws, board games, knitting, newspapers & magazines and lots of cake & chat!

Cake & Company is a partnership between Age UK East Grinstead and All Saints' Church, Crawley Down.

It is held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Glebe Centre, All Saints' Church, Vicarage Road, RH10 4JJ.

**No need to book – just turn up on the day.
£2 entrance to cover costs.**

**THE NEXT SESSION IS
at 2pm on Tuesday 10th
December 2019**



If you would like more information, please phone 01342 718741



Get into the Festive Spirit at the Haven Café & Bar

Christmas Opening Times

HAVEN BAR

Xmas Eve	Midday to 11.00pm
Xmas Day	Midday to 2.00pm
Boxing Day	Midday to 3.00pm
New Year's Eve	Midday to 1.00am
New Year's Day	Midday to 3.00pm

All other dates as usual opening times

HAVEN CAFÉ

The Café Bar will be open 9.30 to 2.30pm Monday to Friday throughout December, offering a range of festive treats (Closed Xmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day)

Christmas Eve

Kid's Disco in Bar 5 - 7pm
Evening Disco in Bar 8 - 11pm

New Year's Eve

Kid's Disco in Bar 5 - 7pm
New Year's Eve Party in Bar 8 - 1am with Live Band - Euphoria

For further information and to see what's on, please see our Facebook page or visit our website www.cdhavencentre.co.uk

CHRISTMAS LUNCHES & DINNERS

Pick up a menu in the Café Bar or email mail@cdhavencentre.co.uk (pre-booking only)

For groups up to 12

FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA 2.30pm to 4.00pm (pre booking only)

Sandwich, Cake, Cream Scone, Tea/coffee
£ 7.50 pp

VILLAGE MAGAZINE : SERIES OF INTERVIEWS

As this is the packed Christmas edition of the Village Magazine space has not allowed for our third interview in the series we are running with local residents and personalities, so the next account will appear in the February/March 2020 issue.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to feature in a future interview, please contact All Saints' Church Office on 01342 718741 or email office@allsaintscrawleydown.org. We are looking to obtain insights from long term residents, newcomers and local personalities alike.





CRAWLEY DOWN CAMERA CLUB

We are now three months into our current year. In October we brought along our cameras and had a practical session on Macro and Close-up photography. At the end of October we had an interesting information session entitled "Choosing a Camera". November saw us welcoming Marilyn Taylor, a highly qualified photographer, who gave us a talk on the Calgary Stampede. The month concluded with our second competition of the year.

We will have only the one session in December, which is a social evening, and will meet again on the 9th January with a competition. We have an external judge, Martin Faiers, coming in to give his opinion on our photographic skills. These competitions are always instructional and interesting.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays on the Month from 8-10pm at the Haven Centre.

All are welcome, come along for a taster evening.

For further information see our website
www.cdclub.org or email to
membership@cdclub.org.

CRAWLEY DOWN LADIES CHOIR

The choir continue to celebrate their 50th year with a concert at The Haven Centre on Monday 16th December at 8pm.

Accompanied by Sylvia Trench the choir will sing a wide variety of Christmas songs and carols, some with audience participation. So come and sing along with us and get in the Christmas spirit.

As always there will be an excellent raffle and light refreshments.



TURNERS HILL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Our Association was formed over 25 years ago and many of our members are from Crawley Down.

We hold monthly socials, but the main purpose is to continue our links with our Twinning Town, Saint-Léger-en-Yvelines. Many long standing friendships have been formed and continue to be made.

We visit each other yearly in May, alternating between France and England, staying in the homes of members.

Our November "Beaujolais dinner" social is on Thursday 21st November at The Crown, Turners Hill. Our Christmas "Posh Frock" dinner then follows on 14th December also at The Crown, where we will have sole use of the dining area.

New members are very welcome, for more information contact our website
www.turnershilltwinning.org.uk



CRAWLEY DOWN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

AFTERNOON WI

Some of you may have noticed the new copper beech tree that has been planted at the top on the village green by our WI group.



The tree is celebrate the one hundred year anniversary of the West Sussex Federation WI. Despite a rather wet morning, the planting was done by Kay Webb (President Crawley Down Afternoon WI), and Yvonne Price (Chairman West Sussex Federation).

Also present were Yvonne Bee (Member of the W.Sussex Board of Trustees), and members of our WI. We look forward to watching it grow.



Another Sussex WI venture took place in the village. About ninety people sat down to a "Pot Luck Lunch" at The Haven Centre. They were served a delicious three course lunch made by The Real Junk Food Project Brighton, who intercept food waste destined for land fill and use it to feed people who need it, on a 'pay as you feel' basis.

Melanie Gibson-Barton was our September speaker - "Eva Braun-Contriver or Victim?". The story of the woman who devoted her life to Hitler. Melanie's talk was very well presented, and gave us something to think about.

Our October speaker was John Bowers. John's talk was entitled "If only I knew then". John spoke about his life-changing experience of spending 15 years in prison for robbery and burglary. How easy it had been for him to turn to a life of crime, and how he managed to turn his life around. John now speaks to pupils in schools, some of them being the most eloquent schools in the country. John may have changed some of our preconceived ideas.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us!

We meet at 2pm on the 4th Wednesday in every month at Crawley Down Village Hall. For more information please contact Kay Webb on 01342 719029 or Jean Wakeling on 01342 712834.

Jackie Kaldenberg, CD Afternoon WI

EVENING WI



In Dr Helena Griffiths, a geologist, was our guest speaker in October. Helena had worked for the oil and gas industry for a number of years. Her final posting was to Australia from where she embarked on a solo, 80 day trip from Perth through the outback. Helena said she felt like an "explorer" as she drove 20,000km in a Land Cruiser on mainly dirt roads. She was well equipped with a good supply of water, food and a tent attached to the roof so that she could sleep well away from everything that crawled on the ground, and only stayed at recognised camp sites. Helena also gave us a brief history of the indigenous population who lived in the outback, the developing communications systems since 1872 and the "School in the Air". Through her slides and presentation we were transported to places away from the main tourist areas.

Our meeting on 7th November was divided into two halves. Our guest speaker, Rosalind Phipps, spoke on behalf of Crawley Hospital's "League of Friends", followed by our Annual Meeting. Rosalind was a microbiologist by profession who had worked at the hospital for 35 years. After her recent retirement, she joined the League of Friends and is now Chair of the Executive Committee. Rosalind explained that there is a dedicated and hard-working team of fundraisers who organise events such as Christmas and Easter Fayres, quiz nights, street and venue collections and regular sales tables in the foyer of the hospital. All funds raised are spent on the purchase of equipment that "benefit patient care and outcomes" and for which the Hospital Trust does not have the funds to provide.

After a short break for tea and cake, the Annual Meeting began. President Jan Albury took us through the agenda which included Committee and Financial reports, and confirmation of the committee and officers for 2020. Sincere thanks were extended to the committee and officers for all their hard work as well as to the organisers of the various groups.

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

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER - CHRISTMAS 2019



Chairman's Report

It seems that this year has flown by, but don't we say that every year?

During the past year we have continued to work on both our Neighbourhood Plans, for Copthorne, as well as for Crawley Down – see the article below on "Village Centre Regeneration".

Consultation has just closed on the Mid Sussex District Council Site Allocations document, in which it identifies potential additional sites. In Crawley Down, this included a site to the north of Burleigh Lane for a potential 50 homes. The Parish Council objected to this, querying the residual housing allocation figure for Crawley Down, which it believes to be zero.

Allotment rents were due at the end of October; some residents did not renew their tenancies, so we have a few vacant plots. You must be a resident of the parish, and only one plot per household is allowed. If you are interested in having an allotment in the village, contact the Assistant Clerk for further information.

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

In the meantime, I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Elaine Ancomb, Chairman

The Royal Oak Pub

The proposals to build 8 flats as extensions to the Royal Oak pub are still ongoing. A viability report is currently awaited from the developer; it is not anticipated that the application will be considered before January 2020.

In the meantime, it has been confirmed by the District Council that the Royal Oak has been re-listed as an Asset of Community Value, which will be taken into consideration when the application is considered.

Grants

Did you know that you can apply to the Parish Council for a grant? Grants of up to £500 are given to village organisations during the year. The money must be spent within six months of

receipt and a report must be given to the Annual Parish Meeting in April. Please contact the Clerk for an application form and guidance notes.

Village Centre Regeneration

The Review of the Crawley Down Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) is now well under way. The NHP Sub-Committee decided not to assess or recommend sites for development (new housing or business premises) and the Review will rely instead on the recent District-wide site selection exercise undertaken by Mid-Sussex. The Sub Committee is looking to address a number of limitations in the village centre such as parking and traffic problems which compromise pedestrian safety. In an era when the focus is on sustainable communities, too many basic commodities and services are not available in the village, due to the current range and scale of commercial premises.

During the Summer, Worth Parish Council invited Mid Sussex to undertake "Village Centre Health Checks" for both Crawley

Down and Copthorne as part of their Economic Strategy. Alongside this the Council has agreed to undertake a local consultation exercise to test support for the different opportunities that have been identified and to invite alternative or additional suggestions. Many of the options would represent significant change such that it should be thought of as a "Crawley Down Village Centre Regeneration Plan".

Please look out for this consultation which will be delivered to every household in the village and ensure that you complete and return this to us with either using the reply-paid envelope or via drop off boxes around the village. All responses will be evaluated before any action is implemented and residents will be kept informed at every stage.

New WSCC "Road Safety" Facebook Page

The Road Safety Team at West Sussex County Council have set up a new Facebook page to help deliver important Road Safety messages to its residents, as well as the wider public who also use the roads of West Sussex.

By creating this Facebook page, the Road Safety team will be able to support their partner's campaigns happening throughout the country, write specifically about seasonally related topics, provide advice to support all modes of transport and much more – essentially delivering a whole wealth of important and much

needed Road Safety information. Ultimately, the aim is to help reduce the Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI's) statistics on the roads of West Sussex, by delivering as much information and advice as possible.

If you are interested in keeping up to date with Road Safety issues, or have any questions you wish to ask, please go to www.facebook.com/RoadSafetyWSCC and follow this page. Thank you for your support.

Keep safe on the roads!

Love West Sussex

A reminder that you can report you can report potholes, damage to inspection covers, overhanging vegetation and much more via love.westsussex.gov.uk

Repair Café

A new local initiative, the Repair Café, brings together local people who can repair things with local people who have stuff that needs repairing.

At the first meeting the Café repaired 3 upright vacuum cleaners, an antique carriage clock, a glass swan and (best of all) a Buzz Lightyear toy.

The Repair Café is still looking for local residents with repair skills to volunteer their time - current needs include sewing and

costume jewelry repairs.

Please contact Ian Gibson via repair.cafe@kilnwood.com for more information.

Repair Café is free. There is 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.

The next meeting is at The Ark on Sat 25th January 2020.

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, Bowers Arms Road, Copthorne.

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The Council Offices are open 9.30am-12 noon Monday – Friday.



It's a simple idea - once a month the Repair Café brings together local people who can repair things with local people who have things that need repairing. The Repairers are all volunteers. Owners stay with their broken items so they can see how it's repaired and make their own repairs in future.

The Repair Café is International. It started in Holland in 2007 and there are over 200 in the UK. Repairing things rather than throwing them away is good for the planet. It reduces both the amount of raw materials we consume and the CO2 emissions in making replacements.

The Repair Café meets on the 4th Saturday of the month between 10.30am and 1pm at either the Crawley Down Haven Centre or The Ark, Turners Hill. There's no charge for entry or repairs, but we welcome donations to a nominated charity. We are still building a team of volunteers but can already repair:

Bicycles	Clothing	Furniture	Leather items	Small Electricals	Toys
Cameras	Computers	Jewellery	Ornaments	Textiles	Vacuum Cleaners
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The last Repair Café of 2019 is on **23th November at The Haven Centre**. There is no Repair Café in December but we'll be at **The Ark on 25th January 2020** to repair all those broken Christmas toys, and at The Haven Centre on **22nd February**.

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CRAWLEY DOWN POND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

The Crawley Down Pond Environment Group was set up by Mrs Jean Riley 20 years ago. Sadly she has now decided that it is time to retire from the group and to "chill out".

Sue Kipps has been chairperson of the group for a few years and organises the volunteers to help keep the Crawley Down Pond area clean and tidy. We clear back the undergrowth & overgrown areas and try to attract wildlife.

The Group members would like to say a very big "Thank You" to Jean for her time and energy over the years since starting this group.

It has not been easy and trying to get volunteers is a battle but Jean was not deterred by this and it's amazing that it has been going for as long as it has.

We meet at 10am for a couple of hours every month on a Sunday morning. Safety Equipment, tools and training are all provided, as is a welcome cup of tea mid morning. We next meet on:

8 th December	Leaf litter & Mince Pies
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More details from Sue Kipps on 01342 718289 or Countryside Ranger Sara Piggott on 01293 542088.

A HISTORY OF WORTH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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The Society has managed to survive for 137 years in spite of huge changes in our gardening habits and is today committed to staging a Spring Show at the Haven Centre and a Summer Show at The Ark each year - all the time there is sufficient support.

If you would like to join this historic Society please contact Shirley Donaldson on 01342 713423 or visit www.whsociety.co.uk.



CRAWLEY DOWN VILLAGE MAGAZINE

Crawley Down Village Magazine is published six times per year by All Saints' Church and is distributed free to all homes in the Crawley Down Ecclesiastical Parish.

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.

**** The print deadline for the Dec 2019/Jan 2020 issue is Friday 10th January****

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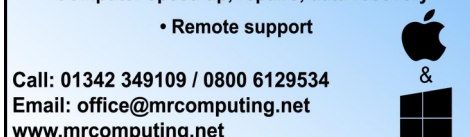
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