

CRAWLEY DOWN Village Magazine

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Crawley Down Residents Association (CDRA)

**THE EASTER EGG HUNT and VILLAGE FAYRES
MAY BE CANCELLED THIS YEAR**

URGENTLY NEEDED are a Chairperson, Secretary,
Treasurer and new Team Members
to enable the CDRA to continue its work in the community

CAN YOU HELP? Please contact help@cdra.info

LOVED AS WE ARE

We're one month into 2020 and I wonder how our New Year's Resolutions are going?

Starting afresh is something that can be encouraging as we put the past behind us and bring in a new way. But often it's hard to change old habits and we find ourselves struggling to maintain the desired change.

I read recently that we shouldn't be so hard on ourselves if we miss the mark in the early days of a new venture. Rather than label ourselves as 'failures' we should keep on trying! However, success and failure are words that we do sometimes seem to measure ourselves by.

At the end of February, we enter the pre-Easter period of Lent. Some people will give something up for this period or take on a new thing. In doing this we remember what scripture tells us about Jesus' 40 days in the desert where he faced challenges and temptation before he began his ministry.

However the important thing about Lent is not only the discipline, but that we remember why Jesus came to be with us. His coming was part of God's plan that anyone who chooses can have a closer relationship with Him.

Whatever feelings we may have about ourselves at various times, in Jesus we find God's love and care for each one of us.

So this Lent let's look beyond what we perceive to be our failures and place ourselves in the gaze of God's love knowing that in him we are completely loved and find hope for the future.

Rev Sandra, Associate Vicar

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We are a non-profit organisation using proceeds of your membership and organised events to financially support groups and clubs within the village, by way of grants*.

A committee, of varying ages and walks of life, volunteer as a team for the benefit of all who live in the village. We strive to keep a sense of community and identity whilst acting as the village voice.



Join Us!

Visit:

www.cdra.info/membership

For only £5 per household per annum you can enable CDRA to continue to support local groups & clubs, receive regular CDRA updates on local events and issues and receive discount at CDRA events

If you require any further information about CDRA, please do contact us via email: help@cdra.info or through our Facebook page @crawleydownra or website at www.cdra.info
Follow us on Instagram @cdra_1 and Twitter @CrawleyDownRA

Annual Village Fayre • Christmas Event • Easter Egg Hunt

*subject to conditions

YOUTH CLUB



The Youth Club had a very busy end of 2019. We made garlands for the "Hanging of the Christmas Greens" service at All Saints' Church on Christmas Eve and then finished the year off with a very exhausting Dance Mats evening!

On 10th January, our first meeting of 2020, we used some recycled sweet wrappers to make a stain glass picture which is displayed on the link door between the Church and Glebe Centre.

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 24th January Friday 7th February

Friday 28th February Friday 6th March

Friday 20th March

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 GIRLGUIDING NEEDS YOU

Girlguiding provides a fun, safe environment for girls to try new things and make new friends.

Alongside these adventures, there is a full programme designed to be varied and support girls in the skills and challenges whilst gaining badges to celebrate their achievements.

1st Crawley Down Rainbows are in need of adult volunteers to help at our weekly meetings. We are also looking for girls aged 5-7 years to join our Rainbow Unit.

We meet on a Monday evening for ten weeks each term.

If you would like the chance to join in the fun with 1st Crawley Down Rainbows please contact me.

Louise McGrath

01342 716226 / Email : louise.earl7@googlemail.com

Crawley Down Village C of E School



Just before the Christmas break Reception performed their version of "Nursery Rhyme Nativity".

We re-told the story of the first Christmas to the tunes of favourite nursery rhymes, making it a very musical performance.

"There's no room in the Inn!"



"Jesus is special because he is the Son of God".

Lily W

"Angel Gabriel told Mary she was going to have a baby".

Charlie P

All children in Classes 1 and 2 had a role to play in the production. Lots of fun was had learning the songs to the tunes of well-known nursery rhymes, rehearsing our parts and most importantly, having the opportunity to show off our confidence to our parents during three performances.

"Let's go and see the baby"



"Baby Jesus was born in Bethlehem".

Henry W

"It's Jesus' birthday on Christmas Day".

Samuel B

All children in Reception did an amazing job re-telling the story of the birth of Jesus, ending their first term at Crawley Down School with great confidence and pride.



Crawley Down TKD is a Taekwon-Do Class for students aged 5 and above

Junior Classes : Mondays (term time) from 5.30-6.30pm at Crawley Down School, Hophurst Drive, Crawley Down, RH10 4XA

Senior Junior Classes : Thursdays from 7-8.30pm at the Haven Centre, Hophurst Lane, Crawley Down, RH10 4LJ

Adult and Senior Grade Classes : Mondays from 7.30-9.30pm and **Thursdays** from 7-9pm at the Haven Centre, Hophurst Lane, Crawley Down, RH10 4LJ

Further information at www.sussextaekwon-do.co.uk or see our Facebook page @CrawleyDownTKD.

All instructors DBS checked. Crawley Down Taekwon-Do is affiliated with the International Taekwon-Do Federation and the UK Taekwon-Do Association, which are the original founding bodies for Taekwon-Do, both internationally and the UK.

Have you considered sponsoring your Local Cricket Club?



This is a great opportunity to gain company exposure to players, members, supporters, children and parents of Crawley Down Village.

Crawley Down Cricket Club plays a competitive, yet enjoyable brand of cricket. We cater for all playing ages with the club consisting of two senior Saturday league sides in the Sussex Cricket League, and a Sunday side which plays traditional friendly matches.

Our junior section consists of training and matches for children aged 5-14 years, together with Friday night fun filled activity based "All Star" cricket introduction sessions for U7s.

*** Sponsorship packages now available for the 2020 season ***

If you are interested in obtaining sponsorship package information or want to enquire about joining the club, as a playing or non-playing member for the 2020 season, please email Dan White at danieljwhite123@hotmail.co.uk or phone 07792 069063.



Over 6,000 blood donations are needed **every day** to treat patients in need across

England which is why there's always a need for people to give blood.

You can give blood at The Haven Centre on:

Wednesday 11th March 2020

PLEASE BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT at www.blood.co.uk or call 0300 123 23 23

CRAWLEY DOWN GOLF SOCIETY

Unfortunately, our match at Bletchingley Golf Club on Friday 25th October 2019 was cancelled due to bad weather. On Friday 22nd November 2019 we played our final match of the decade at Westerham Golf Club. The Winner was Paul Sagoo (36 points) who won the Les Hudson Trophy.

Our AGM was held at the Haven Centre on Wednesday 18th December 2019 where the following Officers were elected: Secretary (Paul Sagoo), Treasurer & Event Organiser (Graham Casella), Events Co-ordinator (Abbas Mabrook) and Captain (Ian Ward).

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 please contact Paul Sagoo on 01342 713063 or email rps.sagoo@googlemail.com.



Music for Passiontide

The Seven Last Words
Joseph Haydn

Stabat Mater (excerpts)
Giovanni Battista Pergolesi
and
Anthems for Men's Voices

Musical Director:
Richard Jenkinson

with
Meridian Ensemble
(leader George Clifford)

Saturday 28th March 2020, 7pm

St Swithun's Church,
East Grinstead RH19 3BB

Tickets: Adult, £15.
Students in full time education £8.
Tel: 01342 325774 or
Bullfrog Music, Ship Street,
East Grinstead, RH19 3EG
or online at www.egcs.co.uk

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COFFEE MORNING

AT THE GLEBE CENTRE, CRAWLEY DOWN

On the First Saturday of Every Month

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SPRING SHOW AND TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday 28th March 2020
at the Haven Centre

Exhibitors 9-10.30am /
Public Entry 2pm

FREE ENTRY

Visit the show to see the wonderful displays of fragrant Spring flowers on exhibition. There are also table top sales as well as refreshments available to keep you going during the afternoon.

For further information or to hire a table (£6) please contact Martyn Mason (WHS Chairman) on 01342 714858 or email martynmason@aol.com stating "WHS" in subject line



On behalf of All Saints' Parish Church we would like to express our condolences; our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by events in Hazel Way on Sunday 22nd December 2019.

Since that day, the Church has remained open during daylight hours for prayer and contemplation. Last December's events have had a significant impact on our community, and it was evident in the outpouring of feeling at the vigil held on Friday 27th December. It was a reflection of how much this has affected the village and how the whole community has pulled together at this time. Our vicar, Revd Christine, spoke at the vigil of how throughout the ages candles have been lit as a sign of light and prayer and that scripture speaks of the coming of Jesus as light of the world offering peace and hope. She read prayers and both she and the Associate Vicar, Revd Sandra, were there to offer support as the village came together to reflect and pray together for all affected. We held our usual services across the Christmas period and invited people to come and light a candle and record a message in a Book of Condolence made available in the church.

*We continue to pray for the victims' families, friends and colleagues of Amy Appleton and Sandy Seagrove. The church remains open every day from *9.30am to 3pm for people who want to pay their respects in some way (*times subject to change, please see our Facebook page @AllSaintsChurchCD for updates).*

We pay tribute to the work of the emergency services both in response to recent events and for their continued work throughout our local community, and give thanks for all the many people who have shown such love and care in expressing messages of condolence and support expressed in so many ways throughout this time.

We include the prayer said by the Vicar at the Candlelight Vigil on the 27th December:

Lord, during this difficult time we look to you in hope and trust, acknowledging that there is much in life beyond our present understanding. We pray in compassion for all those affected by recent events in Crawley Down, and especially the families mourning the loss of their loved ones. We give you thanks for all who have shown care and support at this time, especially the emergency services, and pray that you will guide and strengthen them in their work at this time of year. Almighty God, we know that your reign extends far beyond the limits of this life, in our grief and shock hold and comfort us; embrace us with your love. Lord, we come into your presence to remember those who have died and to seek your comfort, for we know that nothing can separate us from your love. It is our faith that life extends beyond death and that nothing can harm them, they are at peace, in that place where every tear is wiped away and all things are made new; Lord, be with us and watch over us in our community at this time, our only helper and maker. Amen.

YOUR VILLAGE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS', CRAWLEY DOWN

Services for February and March 2020 are :	Morning	Morning / Afternoon	Afternoon / Evening
Sunday 2 nd February <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Worship Together <i>(a shorter, family service without communion)</i>	6pm - Choral Evensong
Sunday 9 th February <i>5th Sunday after Epiphany</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Parish Communion <i>(traditional Holy Communion)</i>	-
Sunday 16 th February <i>6th Sunday after Epiphany</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Worship Together with Communion <i>(a family service with Holy Communion)</i>	-
Sunday 23 rd February <i>Last Sunday after Epiphany</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Parish Communion <i>(traditional Holy Communion)</i>	-
Wednesday 26 th February <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	-	-	7pm Ash Wednesday Communion with Ashing
Sunday 1 st March <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Worship Together <i>(a shorter, family service without communion)</i>	6pm - Choral Evensong
Sunday 8 th March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Parish Communion <i>(traditional Holy Communion)</i>	-
Sunday 15 th March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Worship Together with Communion <i>(a family service with Holy Communion)</i>	-
Sunday 22 nd March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Parish Communion <i>(traditional Holy Communion)</i>	-
Sunday 29 th March <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	8am Holy Communion	10am Parish Communion <i>(traditional Holy Communion)</i>	-

In February and March, please pray for the following roads and organisations:

	Roads in Crawley Down	Organisations in and around Crawley Down	Charities supported by All Saints' Church
2 nd Feb	Turners Hill Road and Rufwood	The Donkey Field Pre-School and all pre-schools	Happy Home Orphanage, India
9 th Feb	Underwood Close	Crawley Down Health Centre – doctors staff patients	Mothers' Union
16 th Feb	Vicarage Road	Crawley Down Dentist	Scripture Union
23 rd Feb	Wallage Lane	Crawley Down Haven Centre	Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal
1 st Mar	West Park Road & Chapel Lane	Haven Centre Social Club	Torch Trust
8 th Mar	Woodlands Drive & Woodlands Close	The Future of the Royal Oak Pub	Bible Society
15 th Mar	Wychwood Place	Crawley Down shops	Care for the Family
22 nd Mar	Acorn Avenue	Crawley Down businesses	Christian Aid
29 th Mar	Ash Close	Crawley Down Village Hall	Family Support Work

"OPEN DOOR" GROUP

Very best wishes for the New Year!

On first event in 2020 will be on **Thursday 20th February** on the Balcony at the Haven Centre at 2.30pm, where there will be chance to have a good old 'chin wag' with friends old and new.



At 2.30pm on **Thursday 19th March** in the Oak Room at the Haven Centre, there will be a chance to see yourselves again, as Brian Moore will show with photos our activities during the past year, and perhaps before that!

Lunch is arranged at High Beeches Tea Room on **Wednesday 22nd April**. For more details and to make menu choices, please phone Janet or John Longhurst on 01342 714402. Transport is available if needed.

Chairman : Brian Moore 01342 714359 / brianjmoore@binternet.com

Secretary : Sue Pearson 01342 715105 / suepearson64@yahoo.co.uk

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Kerry Scott

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Honorary Glebe Centre Treasurer:
Gill Crook

WORTH ABBEY NEWS FEBRUARY - MARCH 2020



SPECIAL FEASTS

February : 25th Ash Wednesday **March** : 1st St David, 17th St Patrick

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



COPTHORNE CHAPEL

Chapel Lane, Copthorne, West Sussex, RH10 3ET

We very much enjoyed our Christmas celebrations, especially our 'sing-along' party. It was so lovely to have Margaret Watson back in good health and playing for us so beautifully on the harp together with Carol on piano. During the Christmas services we collected nearly £500 for St. Catherine's Hospice. We now have our list of preachers for the new year on our website, all from different churches and backgrounds so our services are always fresh and varied. Why not come along and see for yourselves - you can be sure of a warm welcome.

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

Celia Smart, Secretary



DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION OF CRAWLEY DOWN VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee has put forward a plan (DM/19/2671) to relocate the Village Hall to a site adjacent to the Havens Sportsfield car park, because the lack of car parking at the existing site on Turners Hill Road makes the Hall unviable there. These plans were discussed at an open meeting of Worth Parish Council Planning Committee at the Haven Centre at the end of July 2019. Mid Sussex District Council approved the planning application, despite objections raised by the Parish Council and many residents.

Local benefactors donated the existing hall, and the land it is built on, to village residents over 100 years ago, making it a genuine community asset.

A further planning application (DM/19/4414) to demolish the existing Hall on the Turners Hill Road and sell the land for residential development has just been approved. The money raised from this is to be used to fund the construction of the new hall.

Worth Parish Council had requested that the hall be designated as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) but the 8 week deadline for MSDC's response had already passed by the time the permission to demolish the hall was granted.

Worth Parish Council also asked that a condition be placed whereby the Village Hall could not be demolished until the new one is built. However, MSDC responded that "it is not possible to condition this requirement as part of a planning permission as contracts between third parties are outside the remit of the planning system".

Comments on the proposals can be found on the Mid Sussex District Council website at www.midsussex.gov.uk/planning-building/view-and-comment-on-planning-applications under DM/19/2671 and DM/19/4414. If you are not online, a copy can be requested from the Planning Department, Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 1SS.

There is concern in some quarters that the Village Hall Committee has not publicised their proposals sufficiently widely in the Village, although the Worth Parish Council planning meetings that discussed both the planning applications were open to the public. **The Village Hall Committee is elected each year at the Annual General Meeting (this year to be held in March) and is open to all residents of the Village.**

Anyone wishing to comment on these plans can contact the relevant parties directly or complete a survey organised by some of the village residents at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JDSKVSY. The views expressed in this survey will be shared with the Village Hall Committee.

This is your hall, and your views are important.

CRAWLEY DOWN VILLAGE WEBSITE ASSOCIATION (CDVWA)

On Tuesday 28th January, the Crawley Down Village Website Association held their 14th 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 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 £23,705 including this year's grants. This year grants, totalling £1,500, were awarded as follows:

1st Crawley Down Rainbows - £350 as a contribution towards their running costs

Crawley Down Christmas Lights Association - £500 towards cost of maintaining and improving the lights

Crawley Down Evening WI - £50 to help with costs of their 60th Jubilee celebrations

Crawley Down Pond Environmental Group - £200 to purchase water plants and materials to make extra nesting boxes

The Haven Centre - £200 towards the cost of outdoor play equipment for the bar and café

The Haven Theatre Company - £200 to purchase a refurbished laptop PC to control lighting and sound

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 as without them we would have no funds to donate.

In October/November of each year we publish an invitation in the Crawley Down Village Magazine to any eligible group to apply for a grant. In early January, some of our committee met in the offices of King and 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.

I would finish by extending our thanks to everyone who has made this possible over the years.

John Plank, CDVWA

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AFTERNOON WI

Here we are in a New Year, and a New Decade! We are looking forward to another year of friendly meetings, interesting speakers, and fun outings.

In November we finished the year with our AGM, and a 'A soup & Sandwich' lunch. Our officers and committee members were happy to stand again, and everyone voted for them to remain. Kay Webb (President), Jean Wakeling (Secretary), and Jean Cole (Treasurer). We are sure that they will continue with the great job that they are already doing. Thank you all. After business we took part in a "Lateral Thinking Quiz". A very quiet room for a while!

Christmas lunch was enjoyed at The Regency Hotel, Worth. We had a large room to ourselves, and the staff looked after us in style. All agreed that the food had been superb. This year we enjoyed some entertainment, provided by George Yates. George is a member of the Magic Circle, and regaled us with interactive magic, mind reading and comedy. A fun way to end our year.

We have put together our programme for 2020, and it is looking good! We would be very happy for anyone to join us, and you are welcome to come along to a meeting and find out more about our friendly group.

We meet at 2pm on the 4th Wednesday of the 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



On Thursday 5th December, members of the Crawley Down Evening WI were delighted to celebrate our Diamond Jubilee.

We were joined by guests from local WIs as well as our WI Advisor, Yvonne Bee.

Our longest serving member, Daphne Bond and our newest member, Elaine Marshall, were asked to cut our celebratory cake while our President, Jan Albury, proposed the toast. There was a delicious supper followed by lively entertainment provided by the ACE Theatre Company who gave us a light-hearted view of the past 60 years of the WI. It was a fun packed occasion and a wonderful start to our 60th year.

Our first meeting of the New Year was on 9th January when a social and activity evening had been organised. We sat in small groups around a number of tables and our brief was to produce a collage of a garden scene. We were all up for the challenge and so the sticking of bits of magazine pages to a template began. An enjoyable time was had by all, before a clear winner was identified. Following tea and cake, Belinda Watson presented the proposed 2020 Resolutions for discussion and vote.

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



TURNERS HILL TWINNING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at The Ark, Turners Hill

7.30pm on FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2020

Come along and join us with a glass of wine!

Our "French Dinner" is planned for Saturday 28th March at The Ark. Tables of 8 available. Full details will be posted on the notice board by the Crawley Down village shops and at the Haven Centre.

www.turnershilltwinning.org.uk

CRAWLEY DOWN & TURNERS HILL



Bin it? No way!

**The Crawley Down & Turners Hill
Repair Café meets on the 4th Saturday
of the month 10.30am-12.30pm.**

Meetings alternate between The Haven Centre, Hophurst Lane, Crawley Down RH10 4LJ and The Ark, Mount Lane, Turners Hill, RH10 4RA.

Haven Centre

22nd February

25th April

The Ark

28th March

23rd May

For further details email ian.gibson@kilnwood.com or phone 01342 716790

Crawley Down Village Market

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22 nd March	11 th April	17 th May
21 st June	27 th September	18 th October
15 th November	13 th December	

**Open from 10am until 2pm
Entry is Free and Everyone is Welcome!**

The market is a community event with up to 28 food and craft stalls.

Some of our stallholders sell products ranging from hand made jewellery, bath bombs and soaps, handmade gifts, home accessories, homemade jam & chutney, knitted items, stationery & toys and a lot more.

The kitchen is open offering Caribbean food as well as burgers, macaroni cheese etc. so if anyone fancies something different for lunch, they should definitely try this out.

Join our Facebook family to keep updated on our event dates and interact with our stall holders directly by following this link:

www.facebook.com/groups/137729170412986/

The Haven Centre, Hophurst Lane, Crawley Down, RH10 4LJ

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER - NEW YEAR 2020



Chairman's Report

Our Christmases in Crawley Down were overshadowed by the terrible incident on 22nd December, in which two local ladies lost their lives; our thoughts continue to be with all the families involved.

Thanks must go to emergency services personnel who attended the scene. We are especially grateful to Inspector Pete Dommett, Sussex Police Mid Sussex Prevention Officer, who has kept the Council updated and continues to offer advice and assistance at this very sad time.

Many villagers met to hold a candle-lit vigil on Friday 27th December; a very moving ceremony.

The decision was made by the Council to collect the flowers laid in tribute to the ladies in the village centre on Wednesday

8th January, as it was felt to let these deteriorate would be disrespectful. This was carried out by me as Chairman together with the Clerk, and accompanied by Rev Christine Keyte who said a prayer entrusting the messages and expressions of caring to God's keeping. All cards were retained to be passed on to the families should they so wish.

At no point did the Council or Sussex Police receive any complaints about the flowers or the candles; all are sensitive towards the village's desire to commemorate lost friends.

Personally, I have been heartened by the way that the community has supported one another over the Christmas period. I hope that this continues over the weeks to come.

Elaine Anscomb, 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. In our last newsletter it was anticipated that the

application would not be considered before January 2020. However, as the viability report is yet to be received by MSDC, this timetable will have to be revised.

Grants

Did you know that you can apply to the Parish Council for a grant? Grants of up to £500 may be 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. Contact the Clerk for an application form and guidance notes.

Dog Waste Bins

Dog bins are emptied by MSDC on Mondays; some well-used bins are emptied on Thursdays too. If you need to report an overflowing bin, please email wastematters@midsussex.gov.uk, including the bin reference number painted on the front.

The Council has been in discussion with MSDC in relation to providing more bins in the village; however, there is no more

capacity on the rounds so this is not possible. Well-wrapped dog poo bags can be disposed of in your household waste if you cannot find space in a nearby dog bin.

Village Centre Defibrillator

The Council purchased a Defibrillator unit some years ago; this is situated in McColls. However, it has been thought for some time that this location is not very accessible in an emergency.

We are currently investigating purchasing a cabinet to house the unit on an outside wall at the shops. This will be tamperproof to discourage damage, but easy to get into when the need arises.

Water Main Replacement : B2028 West Park Road

SES Water is giving advance warning of works taking place on West Park Road to accommodate the redevelopment of the Haskins Snowhill Garden Centre. This will involve the laying of 3.7km of new main along the B2028 between the roundabout at the junction with B2037 and the A22. Work is due to commence

early February 2020, to finish by June 2021. Traffic will be managed via temporary lights, followed by a road closure in the spring, once the M23 have been completed. More information can be found via www.seswater.co.uk/westparkroad.

Repair Café

The Crawley Down and Turners Hill Repair held its first meeting in September 2019 and followed this with further meetings in October and November. Unusually for a Repair Café the meetings were held alternately in the Haven Centre in Crawley Down and The Ark in Turners Hill. Both of these venues offer excellent facilities and the close proximity of the two villages means that residents of one have not been deterred from attending meetings in the other.

The three meetings in 2019 resulted in 23 items being repaired, a success rate of 60%, and a total of £170 being raised in donations to the Royal Marsden, the British Legion, and the Crawley Down Christmas Lights. Just over half the items brought in for repair were small electrical items with vacuum cleaners leading the way. Other items brought in in smaller numbers included clocks, ornaments, computers, smartphones, jewellery, clothing and bicycles.

One of the great things about the Repair Café is that a successful repair creates a positive feeling for the Repairer as well as the Owner. The team of volunteers is now in double figures but

there is plenty of opportunity for more to join.

A full programme of meetings has been booked for 2020 (meetings are on the 4th Saturday of every month except August and December) and will again alternate between the Haven Centre and The Ark, starting in The Ark on 25th January. The Café is open to everyone, not just residents of Crawley Down and Turners Hill. There's no charge for repairs and the coffee is free, but donations are welcome.

Finally, even if you've nothing to repair, come and see what it's all about – the coffee is free! If you've got a box of spare springs, washers, old vacuum clear parts, etc. bring them along; they will be put to good use.

Email Ian Gibson at repair.cafe@kilnwood.com for more information.



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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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 in February and March.

We meet by the pond at 10am and finish by 12noon.

9 th February	Coppicing and bank clearance
8 th March	Coppicing and fences

More details from Sue Kipps on 01342 718289 or Countryside Ranger Sara Piggott on 01293 542088.



Happy New Year to all from the Crawley Down Allotments and Gardens Association (CDAGA)



The growing season for 2019 ended as it had started, wet, very wet! However, allotment holders and gardeners alike made the best of the fine periods of weather and crops were fairly good.

The new committee completed it's first year in office at the AGM in November; it has been a challenging year to keep the allotment shop open, arrange social events and man the stall at the Village Fayre.

We need more members to support these events to make them viable and we more members. You do not need to have an allotment plot to become a member, it is open to anyone who enjoys gardening. Membership is only £3 per year and you can join by visiting the allotment shop. Membership renewals are due now and to ease administration now run from January to January.

From 1st February the shop is open on Saturdays & Sundays from 10am to 12noon. Seed potatoes, onion sets etc will be available.

We are always looking for new ideas and one we have discussed is for Crawley Down Village C of E School to have an allotment plot. After successful discussion with Mr Ollie Burcombe (Headmaster), and with the co-operation and generosity of Worth Parish Council who have allocated plot number 1, we hope this project will soon be up and running. Perhaps some of the parents may also wish to be involved?

Hoping 2020 will be a successful year for all.

Gerry Baker (CDAGA Chairman)



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