



CHURCH & VILLAGE

OUR COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

CRAWLEY DOWN



INFORMATION ABOUT GROUPS, CLUBS, EVENTS
AND BUSINESSES IN AND AROUND OUR VILLAGE

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The Parish of All Saints Crawley Down no longer has pastoral oversight of St Leonard's Turners Hill. The Community Magazine has therefore changed its name to *Church & Village* and is only hand delivered to Crawley Down homes & businesses.

Christmas
Christmas services at All Saints'
Crawley Down are detailed on page 7

ALADDIN
8-10th January 2026
at The Haven, Crawley Down
See page 3 for details

**Breakfast
with Santa**
Sat 6th Dec 2025
from 8.30-11.30am
See page 3
for details

**SANTA CLAUS
IS COMING TO
CRAWLEY DOWN**
Thu 18th Dec
from 4pm
Look out for maps
around the village for
when I will be going
past your road
Santa Claus X
www.CDRA.info



LONGING FOR LIGHT

This issue embraces the bleak midwinter and the Winter Solstice, the shortest day, is fast approaching. From here on the days lengthen and spring beckons. Hooray!

The Christian seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany also straddle this issue. Individually these seasons are distinct but flow seamlessly bringing messages of hope, joy peace and light. Advent brings a hope filled longing which anticipates the coming of a Saviour – God's everlasting light.

Christmas celebrates the arrival of a Saviour - Emmanuel – God with us, who brings joy, light and peace to a dark and distracted world.

And at Epiphany, the visit of the Magi, the Saviour who is light for the whole world is revealed.

Reflecting on this, I wonder if the darkness to light themes of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany mimic a desire to move from the short dark days of winter to the longer days of spring.

Without light we're literally lost. Light not only helps us to see what's really there but it also shows us the way to go.

The Bible tells us that Jesus is a trustworthy and powerful light:

"In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" John 1:4-5

Spiritually, the light of hope can dispel the darkness of despair even in the toughest situations and we can trust that, because of the first Christmas 2000 years ago, God's light and love are always with us.

We will be exploring these themes at our Advent and Christmas services - information are on page 7 - and details of our Church Lighting Fundraiser are on page 15.

Rev Sandra, Associate Vicar



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Christmas

Celebrate this Christmas at The Haven

Join us for a festive season full of fun, music, and celebrations!
 See our Facebook page for opening times and full event details.

🎁 Festive Highlights 🎁

🎵 **Crawley Down Ladies Choir Christmas Concert - Saturday 13th 2-4pm**

🎨 **Festive Paint & Sip - Monday 15th December • 7-9pm**

🎮 **Christmas Quiz with Michael Mancey - Tuesday 16th December • 8pm**

🎉 **End of School Christmas Celebration - Friday 19th December**
 🎵 Live music straight from school to get you in the Christmas spirit!

🌟 **Christmas Eve Kids Disco with Terry Sumner 2-4pm**
 A fun afternoon for the little ones before Santa arrives!

🌟 **New Year's Eve Celebrations**
 🕒 **Kids Disco • 4-6pm**
 🎉 **Evening Party with disco and live music 8pm - 1am**

🍽️ **Festive Dining**
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🌟 **Come make magical memories this Christmas – only at The Haven!**

For further information, please call 01342 716791
THE HAVEN, HOPHURST LANE, CRAWLEY DOWN, RH10 4LJ

CAKE & COMPANY Christmas

ON TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2025

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 RH10 4JJ



CRAWLEY DOWN LADIES CHOIR

With Autumn bringing chillier weather and darker evenings, the Crawley Down Ladies Choir continue to practise on Monday evenings in the Birch Room at The Haven, Crawley Down in readiness for their matinée concert which will be held in the Dorothy Hatswell Hall at **THE HAVEN ON SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER**.

We will be singing a selection of both carols and Christmas Songs, offering a cheerful start to the Christmas period with some “guest acts” too.

After a short break we return in January 2026 to learn a new set of songs, working towards our Summer concert next June.

We are a group of amateur singers who sing purely for the joy of it. Singing is good for both mental and physical wellbeing and joining a choir can provide a wonderful social outlet.

COME AND JOIN US - NEW MEMBERS WILL BE WARMLY WELCOMED WHETHER AN ALTO OR A SOPRANO VOICE

For more information please see our website
crawleydownladieschoir.co.uk

Crawley Down Ladies Choir



Christmas Concert

Saturday 13th December 2-4pm

The Haven Centre

Tickets £6.00 U/16 free

Guest acts

Musical Director Kathleen Shuster
 Accompanist Jennifer Kirk





**Breakfast
with Santa**
Sat 6th December 2025
8.30am to 11.30am

Bacon Rolls, Croissants, Cereal,
Pain au Chocolat, Tea, Coffee, Squash

Crafts • Visit with Santa
Raffle • Tombola

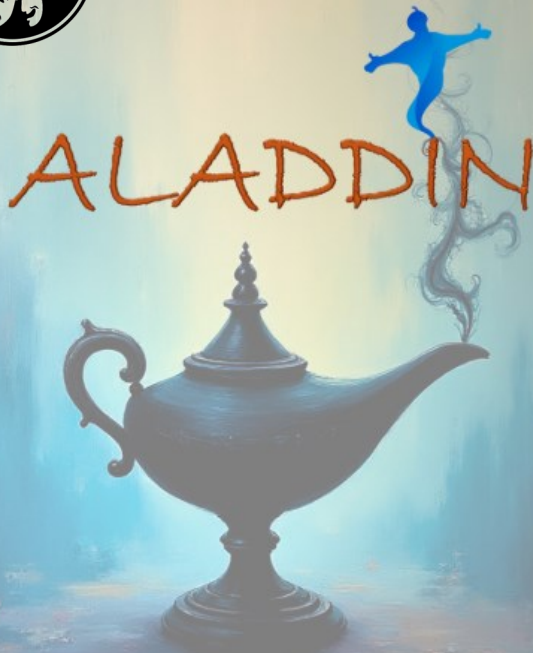
The Glebe Centre
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Crawley Down RH10 4JJ

 @GlebeCentreCD

PRICES
Breakfast suggested donation
£3 adults / Over 2s £2
Tombola 20p / Raffle 20p
Santa Visit 50p (inc small gift)

**NO NEED TO BOOK,
JUST TURN UP !**

www.allsaintscrawleydown.org

ALADDIN

8-10th January 2026
at The Haven, Crawley Down

Scan QR code for ticket information
or go to www.ticketsource.co.uk/haventheatre



**All Saints' Crawley Down
Christmas Eve
Crib Service at 4pm**

Children are invited to come to
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SHOE BOX APPEAL UPDATE

A HUGE THANK YOU

to all those who donated items, money,
shoe boxes and helped with this year's

Link to Hope Shoe Box Appeal

We received an overwhelming number of donations and, along with many local residents of all ages, enjoyed a wonderful "packing" morning on 4th October when we carefully chose items to fill the boxes for both families and the elderly who are most in need in Ukraine, Romania, Bulgaria & Moldova.

A record-breaking **105 SHOE BOXES** were filled and have since been delivered to the *Link to Hope* hub in Ferring for onward transportation to Eastern Europe.



KNIT & NATTER DROP-IN

**EVERY THURSDAY MORNING
FROM 10AM TO 12NOON
IN THE HAVEN CAFÉ LOUNGE & BAR
All welcome - just turn up!**

REPAIR CAFÉ Forest Row

December 2025

Our busy and dedicated team will be taking a break in December – so there will be **no Forest Row Repair Café** this month.

We wish you a wonderful and happy Christmas and look forward to helping you with all your repairs in the New Year.

Saturday 17th January 2025

A new year and a new start for your broken items. Bring them to us to see if we can give them a happy new year too!

**Find us in the Forest Row
Community Centre, RH18 5DZ
from 10am-1pm
Last orders at 12.30pm**

**REPAIR
CAFÉ** Forest Row



THE ARTS SOCIETY TURNERS HILL

We are pleased to offer two more excellent talks in December and January:

On **TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER**, we have **"Food & Art through the Ages - from Renaissance Sugar Sculpture to 3D Printing"** with food historian Tasha Marks.

Topics covered include: the origins of dessert, the crossover between sugar and art, architecture and dessert (including Renaissance banqueting houses), sugar and spectacle, food as an artistic medium and the future of food.

On **TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY**, we hear about **"The Art of Captain Cook's Voyages"** with Prasannajit de Silva. These artists played a critical role in recording the places visited and the people and flora and fauna encountered on the three expeditions to the Pacific that Cook led in the 1760s and 1770s.

We continue to meet in the Dunlop Hall at The Ark in Turners Hill. Visitors are welcome for a small fee of £10, and **WE ARE TAKING NEW MEMBERS.**

The meetings commence with coffee from 10.15am with talks at 10.50am and we finish, if you wish to stay after the talk, with a buffet lunch & glass of wine in the Dove Suite for £10.

For more details look at our website

[HTTPS://THEARTSOCIETYTURNERSHILL.ORG.UK/](https://theartsocietyturnershill.org.uk/)

We would love you to join us so do contact me if you would like to attend!

Lesley Croucher (Chairman)
01342 716831 / lccroucher@btinternet.com

INTERESTED IN CHESS?



EAST GRINSTEAD CHESS CLUB plays at Glen Vue Community Centre Railway Approach East Grinstead on **MONDAYS AT 7.30PM** from September through to April.

We are a small friendly club with spacious quiet facilities. All levels welcome as training can be given (juniors must be accompanied by an adult). We play in the Mid Sussex League and other competitions.

You are welcome to join us for a friendly game before deciding if it is for you.

**For more information contact Bob Dyke (Chairman)
on 01342 822058 or email : robertdyke4@aol.com**



THE GROUP

FOR UNATTACHED PEOPLE IN SUSSEX AGED 55+

The club offers an opportunity to make new friends doing the things you enjoy. Activities include theatre trips, walks, lunches and dinners, golf, dancing, quizzes, pub evenings, gallery visits and holidays and just about anything our members choose to organise.

Joining **The Group** is a great way to meet new friends and start enjoying a good social life. All events are organised by our members, so we get a good variety in the things we do; with several hundred members, there are bound to be people who want to do the same things as you.

www.thegroup.org.uk

TURNERS HILL CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Saturday 13th December
from 10am to 5pm
at St Leonard's Church Turners Hill

ENTRY IS FREE - EVERYONE IS WARMLY WELCOME



What better way to begin the festive season than with a celebration of lights, colour and community spirit. Join us for a joyful tradition that brings us all together.

This year's Christmas Tree Festival is proudly supported by over 20 local businesses and organisations each contributing their own beautifully decorated real Christmas tree.

St Leonard's Church will be transformed into a sparkling forest of creativity – every tree a unique display of Christmas cheer.

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helping to support our parish and an organisation that provides vital care in our community.

Mince pies, tea & cakes will be on sale in the Church Hall throughout the Festival.

St Leonard's Church, Church Road, Turners Hill RH10 4PB



FREE ENTRY

11-4pm

EAST GRINSTEAD Christmas Market

Sunday 7th December



**East Court Mansion and Meridian Hall,
College Lane, East Grinstead, RH19 3LT**



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MID SUSSEX PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

CQC REPORT

We're delighted that the CQC Report rated Modality Mid Sussex as "Good Overall" during the recent audit. We have been working hard with Modality throughout this period to ensure that there is constructive patient input. Through our unique position as the official representatives for all patients across all four practices, we are continuing to work with, and challenge the Practice, to deliver more appointments and services.

AGM

Last month, we held our AGM at the Glen Vue Centre on Railway Approach in East Grinstead. The AGM was open to the public and saw the Chair, Glynn Roche step down after 7 years leading the Committee. We are all grateful for the time and effort Glynn put into the PPG and we wish him well.

Stepping down too was Julie Cooper, our Treasurer and Secretary. Julie has dedicated a lot of time and effort into supporting the PPG and we wish her well too.

Taking over from Glynn as Chair is Eddie Vermeer. Eddie had been with the PPG for a number of years and brings a wealth of experience from across the NHS as well as adult social care. Joining Eddie will be a Michael Mancey as Vice Chair. Since joining the PPG, Michael has worked tirelessly promoting its benefits and attending many meetings on behalf of the PPG to ensure we truly represent Modality Mid Sussex patients.

DIGITAL INCLUSION

In our last newsletter, we talked about a long-term goal of the PPG - to help support those patients struggling with technology to access new online services, from Rapid Health to the NHS App. We are partnering with other organisations, including Age UK, to help deliver training across all of the Practices. We will be running out first trial soon in Turners Hill before we look to roll this out further across the full MMS patient area.

If you would like to know more, or would like to get involved, please email us at digitalinclusion@modalitymidsussexppg.org and we will be in contact. Whether it's you, or someone you know that needs support using technology, or if you've got a few hours to help, please do get in contact with us.

LOOKING FORWARD

Over the coming months, we are looking to expand into new areas of social media and enhance our website. If you have any experience in these areas and would like to help, please email chair@modalitymidsussexppg.org.

The PPG Committee are keen to help and represent our patients, collectively, in any way we can. However, please that we are also MMS patients and volunteers. We cannot become involved with patient's individual cases.



1ST CRAWLEY DOWN AND TURNERS HILL SCOUT GROUP

The Group were honoured to receive *The Edward Cooper Award* - a District Award presented annually in memory of a former District Commissioner.

The certificate citation reads as follows:

"For proving to the sceptics that Squirrels really work and is the answer for growth. For capitalising on Group fundraising opportunities and revitalising their presence in both villages, for persistence in working with the new Treasurer in opening new bank accounts and securing 106 monies to improve the Headquarters. Offering a camping experience opportunity to four of the District's Cub Scout Packs".

All of the above, and so much more, could not have been achieved without our dedicated Group Trustee Board members and our Volunteer Section Adult Team Members who continue to plan and run the weekly meetings. These meetings have included Diwali, filling shoe boxes for the Link to Hope Appeal, making flaming torches, making racing cars from plastic bottles, firework art, PCSO visits, Remembrance including collecting for the Poppy Appeal, Curry and Chinese cooking, Aeronautics and of course some Scouting (maps and compass, knots and lashings, toasted marshmallows etc)

**ALL OF THIS CANNOT HAPPEN WITHOUT
THE AFOREMENTIONED ADULT
VOLUNTEERS SO WHY NOT CONTACT US
TO SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP?**

We have been fortunate to get two more helpers so can offer membership to some new Cubs who wish to join our Friday evening Cub Pack.

The Group is currently on the list of local charities who will receive a donation from the Co-op Community Fund. The amount received by us (and other nominated charities) is governed by the number of nominations given by Co-op members.



**Please choose us as your
local cause on the Co-op
App or at coop.co.uk/membership**

By the time you read this you will hopefully have seen us at the Remembrance Parades and the Crawley Down Christmas Lights Event.

**THE GROUP WISH YOU ALL
A HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

Contact :

vicky.teasdale@egscouts.org.uk
or rha23haw@btinternet.com

CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK FC

GIRLS' FOOTBALL is a major part of the provision at Crawley Down Gatwick Football Club, with girls able to play for the club from the age of four up to 18.



The success of the England Lionesses in recent years has brought women's and girls' football into the spotlight, but Crawley Down Gatwick has been providing football opportunities for girls for many years now.

The girls' section of the club has grown organically, with the first team to come through progressing from under-16s to form a new under-18s team this season. The Mini Anvils, who train on a Saturday morning at Crawley Down School, is for girls in school years 1 to 4, while the mixed U5s group offers a first point of entry into the club for both girls and boys.

In addition to having girls-only teams at all age groups, girls have always been able to – and many have – played alongside boys in the club's other junior teams and for this reason Crawley Down Gatwick make a point of calling those groups mixed teams rather than boys' teams.

If you would like to know more about the club or would like to get involved, email cdgfcjuniorcoordinator@gmail.com

CRAWLEY DOWN VILLAGE C OF E SCHOOL



This term, the children have been learning about **THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON**, and Year 2 recently took their learning to London for the day!



We met at Three Bridges station where all the children were very excited to be travelling by train. A little while later, we disembarked and began our journey to the Tower of London. We crossed London Bridge before walking along the River Thames to the Tower of London. We were amazed to see how dirty the water was but how beautifully Tower Bridge stood in the distance.

On our arrival we walked past "Traitors Gate". During the day, both classes were able to visit the ravens, crown jewels, look at information about beasts at the Tower as well as have a workshop about the "The Great Fire of London". The ravens were a firm favourite with us all because they had funny names like : Jubilee, Chaos and Edgar!



The crown jewels were something a lot of us won't forget in a while - the vast doors they are kept behind, the way they sparkle and shine in the lights and the Tower holds the world's largest diamond!

During our workshop, the children were able to reenact how the fire started and think about which building in London they would go to in order to keep safe from the fire - the Tower of London was of course the correct answer.

As the day drew to a close, we made our way back along the river to the station.

Our trip has inspired our writing in English. A wonderful day out for all - staff and children alike!





Christmas



Christmas Services at All Saints' Crawley Down

Sunday 7th December
10am : Christingle

Sunday 14th December
6pm : Carol Service
followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Sunday 21st December
10am : First Light of Christmas
with Worship Together Communion

Christmas Eve
4pm : Crib/Nativity Service
Children are invited to come dressed-up as a nativity character

Christmas Eve
11pm : Midnight Communion

Christmas Day
10am : Parish Communion

All Saints' Church, Vicarage Road, Crawley Down, RH10 4JJ

www.allsaintscrawleydown.org



WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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WORTH PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

While we tend to think of the winter season as a less active time than the summer, there's still plenty going on in the Parish. Crawley Down and Coptthorne play host to a number of highly enjoyable activities in this period and, as always, we wish all the very best to those who volunteer their time and effort to make our communities better places in which to live.

One of the most popular is the **Christmas Lights Switch-On in Crawley Down which takes place on Sat 29th November in the Village Centre**. Highlights include live entertainment and Santa's Grotto. Good luck to everyone involved in the organisation of this wonderful event.

Of course, November is also a time of remembrance. On Sunday 9th November, Crawley Down commemorated those who lost their lives in service to their country. As always, everyone at Worth Parish Council remembered them.

We are here to listen and engage with our residents. Councillors, including myself, can be contacted if you wish to discuss any local issues. You can find links to our details at the end of this newsletter.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. See you again in 2026!

Tony Dorey, Chairman, Worth Parish Council

A BIG THANK YOU!

It's always nice for us to highlight people who make an effort on behalf of the local community, and two Crawley Down residents deserve a special mention at this time.

Les Flanagan has worked tirelessly to attempt to tidy the area around Crawley Down shops including the car park, frontage and residential areas. His persistence is paying off with the removal of seven fridges from the car park, and plans in place to clear the remainder. Thank you so much Les.

Also, a big thank you to young resident **Oliver Burke**, who has planted a tree in Crawley Down. Oliver had written in his journal earlier this year that he wanted to do this and, in October, along with his Dad, he turned his wish into a reality. What a wonderful thing to have done. Thank you both for giving the village a gift that will last for many, many years!

CCTV CAMERAS

Work has been taking place to draft legal wayleave agreements for CCTV to be installed and then serviced/maintained at **two village shops on Station Road in Crawley Down**. We hope to have these agreements finalised and signed by early November, at which point installation dates will be confirmed. All being well it is envisaged that this work should be completed by the end of 2025.



Following the completion of this first phase of the project, we will be carrying out a project review with a view to informing decisions about possible future phases of the project. Thank you for those who took the time to let us know their thoughts on whether or not additional CCTV should be installed in the Parish and, if so, why and where that should be. This information will also be included in the review. In the meantime, if you have any questions about CCTV, head to our CCTV project page where you will find our CCTV Policy and Frequently Asked Questions

https://www.worth-pc.gov.uk/Progress_Reports_and_Key_Projects_47690.aspx

BOWERS PLACE CAR PARKING

As part of our plans to improve the village, we are intending to create **18 new parking spaces on Bowers Place**, east of the Village Green. This is a project that has been ongoing for several years, so you have most likely seen details before.

Following ongoing discussions with West Sussex County Council about the technical details of our proposal, we have made some necessary changes and are now reapplying for planning permission. Whilst we await a decision on the planning application, we are applying to Highways for approval for the scheme to take place and preparing to contact contractors for quotes for the construction. We hope that work will be taking place in the New Year and will provide an update when dates have been set.

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS PLAN

Worth Parish Council is currently developing a business plan to guide our work over the next three years. To ensure this plan reflects the needs and priorities of our community, we will soon be launching a survey to gather your views. Your input will help shape the projects and initiatives we focus on - please keep a look-out and take part!



DEFIBRILLATOR

The defibrillator at Crawley Down shops has now been replaced and is working normally once again.

SAFER STREETS

An important message from Sussex Alerts - **HELP US TO TACKLE ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR.**

We are actively patrolling hotspot areas, but we need your eyes and ears. **If you witness anti-social behaviour you can report it here - <https://www.sussex.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/>**



Reports help us to target areas and discourage behaviour that makes communities feel unsafe. By reporting issues as and when they occur, you'll be helping the Police to build a greater understanding of potential hot spots, and this can then assist with allocating resources in the future. Remember: posting details of an incident on Facebook or other social media platform is not the same as reporting via the correct channels.

ALLOTMENTS

Congratulations go to the winners in our annual Allotment Awards:

Overall Winner : **Mrs Renata Adamczyk**

Highly Commended : **Mr R Cook**

Overall Runner-Up : **Mr Neil Johnstone**

Highly Commended : **Barry & Margaret Riley**

Worth Parish Council still has a handful of available allotments in Crawley Down, just off Station Road. If you're interested in renting one, please contact us on 01342 713 407 or via email at astclerk@worth-pc.gov.uk. Plots in various sizes are available.

We welcome organised visits to the view the allotments, but we politely request that we are notified of such visits in advance.

YOUTH CLUBS

Worth Parish Council's Youth Team is working together to provide excellent Youth Club sessions for children in the Parish. If you'd like to find out more, please contact the office on 01342 713407 or via email to enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk

The WPC Youth Club in Crawley Down is now open to Year 4 children as well those in Years 5 and upwards.

Our Youth Clubs run:

MON 3.30-5.30PM AT THE HAVEN CENTRE IN CRAWLEY DOWN

and

WED 4-6PM AT THE PAVILION IN COPTHORNE

**** for Years 4 and up. They are completely FREE! ****

Please book your children into the club using the IPAL booking system so we can take registers and sign the children in and out. Please ensure your child also has a drink and any snacks provided must be nut-free. <https://worthparishyouth.ipalbookings.com/>

Please note, we have a limit on numbers at each Youth Club due to adult/child ratios. **So please check there is space for your child before leaving.**

You can keep up to date with everything Youth related by following us on Instagram or Facebook.



FORTHCOMING MEETING DATES

You can view future meetings and agendas for all forthcoming meetings and the minutes of meetings that have already been held on our website at www.worth-pc.gov.uk and click on Council Meetings.

PARISH COUNCILLOR CONTACT DETAILS

Please see https://www.worth-pc.gov.uk/Councillors__and__CouncilOfficers_20107.aspx for a list of Parish Councillors. To assist compliance with data protection, any email contact regarding Council matters should be made via the email addresses given on the website.

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS

Please see https://www.worth-pc.gov.uk/Councillors__and__CouncilOfficers_20107.aspx for a list of Parish Council Officers.

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

The Council Offices are open to the public between 9.30am and 12noon from Monday to Friday

Worth Parish Council, First Floor, The Parish Hub,
Borers Arms Road, Copthorne, West Sussex RH10 3ZQ
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EAST GRINSTEAD RSPB

LOCAL GROUP

We are a friendly group of folks who enjoy bird watching and nature in general, and provide a programme of indoor and outdoor meetings.

Indoor lectures are held on the last Wednesday of each month at East Court, East Grinstead, RH19 3LT where we have a guest speaker, raffle, refreshments and a chat.

We take a break from lectures in December but our **Christmas Social is on Thu 18th December at 7.30pm** - please join us for a light supper, quiz, raffle and general get-together - **it's free and all are welcome**.

2025 starts off with a lecture on **"Hungary, Birding in the Heart of Europe"** by Simon Ginnaw.

Meetings start at 7.30pm for an 8pm lecture

There are several Outdoor Walks organised, all on the Group Website along with full details of everything else and contact numbers if you want to chat.

We hope to introduce some more half day trips – watch the website for details.

Come join us, you are most welcome!



giving
nature
a home

www.rspb.org.uk/groups/egrinstead

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Crawley Down Camera Club

**We meet every 2nd and 4th
Thursday of the month**

We are your friendly local camera club - you can find us on our website www.cdclub.org and on our recently launched Facebook page [@CrawleyDownCameraClub](https://www.facebook.com/CrawleyDownCameraClub).

Why not pop along at 8pm to the Birch Room, The Haven, Crawley Down for a **FREE TASTER** session.

Reach out via our Facebook page or email us at membership@cdclub.org

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Anthony Smith was our speaker at our September meeting. His subject was "Witchcraft", appropriate for this time of the year! Anthony is the custodian of The Priest House in West Hoathly. There are many signs in the house of ways to ward off witches - a lead doorstep and early anti-witch scratches and symbols around the fireplaces. Anthony also maintains a lovely cottage garden at the house. He told us that witches were known to use a variety of herbs, including poisonous and hallucinogenic plants. There were an estimated 110,000 witchcraft trials in Europe between 1450 and 1750, with half of the cases being executed. Witch hunts began to increase during the 14th and 15th centuries. Witch hunts and witchcraft trials rose in the 16th century, peaking between 1560 and 1660. The peak years of witch-hunts were from 1561 to 1670. The last person to be executed for witchcraft in Great Britain was Janet Home in Scotland in 1727. Hope you had a good Halloween!

We had another appropriate talk in October when Ian Everest returned to speak to us, this time Ian spoke about "The Commonwealth War Graves Commission". Ian told us that the Commission is a global organisation, caring for war graves in 23,000 locations in over 150 countries. The commission was founded by Sir Fabian Ware when he found that he was too old, at age 45, to join the British Army. He travelled to France in September 1914 and was struck by the lack of any official way for documenting or marking the location of graves of those who had been killed, and he felt compelled to create an organisation for this purpose. In March 1915 Fabian Ware's work was given official recognition and support by the Imperial War Office. The new Graves Registration Commission had thousands of graves of British and Imperial soldiers registered by October 1915. The original casualties only had wooden crosses placed where they fell, the wood soon rotted and was replaced by concrete in the graveyards. When municipal graveyards began to overfill, Ware began negotiations with various local authorities to acquire land for further cemeteries and memorials (Thiepval Memorial). Original gravestones used to take a long time to carve and there were many to be made, now it is a much quicker process. It was interesting to hear that the headstones have a rounded top to stop the bad weather from running down over the face of the stone. Rudyard Kipling wrote several phrases used on gravestones, most notably for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission where he served as the literary advisor. His contributions include "A soldier of the Great War, known unto God" for unidentified soldiers and "Their name liveth for evermore" for Stones of Remembrance. He also selected "Their glory shall not be blotted out" for graves that had been destroyed.

Thank you to our speakers for the informative and interesting talks.

At the Autumn Show in Ardingly, our craft group made a lot of items for the WI tent. The theme was "Alice in Wonderland". All entries were excellent and Ann Luxford (a WI member) won a first for her floral arrangement in a teacup. Well done ladies!

We meet at The Glebe Centre on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 2pm.

You are very welcome to visit us to find out more about our friendly WI group. For further information, please contact Kay Webb 07415 829997 or Jean Wakeling 01342 712834.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas 2025 and Best Wishes for 2026

Jackie Kaldenberg, CD Afternoon WI

On Thursday 2nd October, Frances Farrer-Brown entertained us with her light-hearted talk "Families, Friends and Foreigners". Frances had been a nurse for many years and she met her husband when both were working at St Thomas's Hospital in London. They have two children and five grandchildren. For 41 years, Frances and her husband have opened their home, and two acre garden near Littlehampton, to Bed & Breakfast guests; many people have returned numerous times over the years which shows how welcoming Frances and her family are. She was a great storyteller and a polished speaker with a wealth of anecdotes and funny stories to relate to us which were very amusing.

Helen Poole was our speaker on 6th November with a talk entitled "Anne of Cleves, The Lady behind the Portrait". Prior to taking us through Anne's journey after arriving in England, she gave us the background story to Henry VIII's five other wives. Anne was born in the Netherlands in 1515 and, as the fourth wife of Henry VIII, she followed Jane Seymour who had died from complications soon after the birth of Edward VI. After hearing about her, Henry thought that she would make a suitable wife, so discussions followed and she travelled to England in 1540 to marry Henry and become Queen of England. Unfortunately, the marriage did not last and in a very short time it was annulled. Anne was gifted a number of properties and is known to be diplomatic, kind and level headed. She wisely avoided court intrigues and accepted the King's decision. Anne was able to preserve her own freedom, safety and prosperity, ultimately securing her long-term social and financial security as the so-called "King's Sister". She died in Chelsea in 1557 aged 42.

Please contact our President, Anne Horrell on 01342 719632 if you would like any further information; we are very happy to welcome new members. We meet at The Glebe Centre on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7.30pm.



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Jean Ford, CD Evening WI

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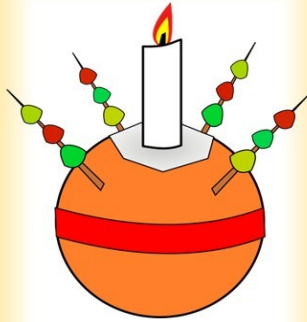
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28-Dec	Turners Hill Road and Rufwood	Crawley Down Health Centre – doctors and staff and patients	Scripture Union
04-Jan	Underwood Close	Crawley Down Dentists	Link to Hope Shoe Box Appeal
11-Jan	Vicarage Road	Haven Centre Café & Bar	Torch Trust
18-Jan	Wallage Lane	The Future of the Royal Oak Pub	Bible Society
25-Jan	West Park Road and Chapel Lane	Crawley Down shops	Care for the Family

COPTHORNE CHAPEL

With all the lovely autumn colours around at the moment, we are turning our thoughts to Christmas and all the joy it brings. Our shoe bags are on their way to Sierra Leone to cheer up the children there who are desperately in need of basic essentials and look forward so much to receiving them.

Our December services at the chapel are as follows:

7 th Dec	10.30am	Advent service with Carol Watson
14 th Dec	10.30am	Communion service with David Ansell
	10.30am	Service with Gordon Hamilton
21 st Dec	4pm	Carol service with Gordon Hamilton
Christmas Day	10.30am	<i>To be confirmed</i>
28 th Dec	10.30am	<i>To be confirmed</i>

We welcome everyone to our services which are held each Sunday at 10.30am followed by tea/coffee.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all "Church & Village" readers a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Celia Smart, Secretary, 01343 713172

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December 2025 - January 2026

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Fri 26th Dec : **5.30pm** - Concelebrated Mass

Sat 27th Dec : **9am** - Community Mass, 5pm Vigil Mass

Sun 28th Dec : **9.30am** - Concelebrated Sunday Mass followed by refreshments in the Narthex

Mon 29th Dec to Thu 1st Jan : **5.30pm** Concelebrated Mass

From Fri 2nd Jan : the normal timetable is resumed

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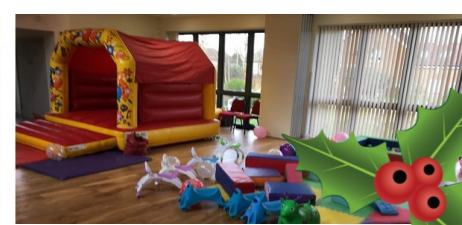
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