



Easter Themed
Coffee & Crafts Morning
with Egg Hunt
at the Glebe Centre, Crawley Down
Sat 4 Apr | 10-12noon
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EASTER EGG HUNT
GOOD FRIDAY
3rd April 2026
See page 3 for Egg Hunt info
The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is brought to you by Crawley Down Residents' Association (CDRA)
See page 14 for details on how you can get involved

A NEW YEAR : HOPE IN REFLECTION

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"
Isaiah 43:19

As a new year begins, it's a chance to pause and review the year just past. At the same time, it is also an opportunity to look ahead with hope and possibility, trusting in God's presence with us each day. In the church we always begin the new year with the season of Epiphany. It is a liturgical season that celebrates the visit of the Magi to Mary, Joseph and the Christ child. It is also a time in which we are encouraged to take time to reflect, to appreciate the moments of the past year and approach the year ahead with perspective and faith.

The season also reminds us that new beginnings don't always require big changes. Often, it's the small things that make the biggest difference - a kind word, taking time to listen or offering help when it's needed. I am always encouraged, as vicar, to hear so often about the small acts of care and kindness quietly taking place around the village and community.

As we move into 2026, we reflect prayerfully on the journey made by the Magi following the light of the star. We look to continuing the pilgrimage in Christ's light, sharing peace, kindness and hope in the everyday moments of our lives. May the year ahead bring opportunities for spiritual growth, friendship, laughter and hope as we seek to step into each day with gratitude, knowing that God walks with us.

Wishing everyone a blessed and peaceful New Year.

Rev Christine, Vicar



MAMMA MIA!!
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7-11pm
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1ST CRAWLEY DOWN AND TURNERS HILL SCOUT GROUP

At the end of November 2025, we welcomed some new Squirrel Scouts and Beaver Scouts into our Group and older members moved up to the next age-related section at the Group Moving-on meeting. This put our current young people membership up to 104.

Most of the December section meetings were used for Christmas craft sessions including making decorations for display on our Group tree at the St Leonards Christmas Tree Festival. Seasonal parties and film nights were also enjoyed including an evening for the Group Trustees and Adult Volunteers to get together and enjoy some quizzes and conversation.

The younger members recently enjoyed The Haven Theatre Panto and weekly meetings have resumed for all. As well as the weekly meetings, we have arranged three activities for our young people.

The first two will be using an indoor accommodation facility at Blackland Farm. Friday 13th February will see 26 Beavers Scouts on their one-night "Nights Away" experience. When they leave, 25 Cub Scouts will take over the accommodation for the night of 14th February. Good luck to all the Volunteers running these events. Lots of excited young people, many indoor and

outdoor activities to enjoy and probably very little sleep!

Starting on 27th February Scout Troop members will be camping. 11 Scouts and some volunteer adults from the Troop will be attending the two night "Frost and Flame" activity weekend camp with 400 other Scouts at Broadstone Warren.

NONE OF THE ABOVE ACTIVITIES WOULD TAKE PLACE WITHOUT OUR VOLUNTEER ADULTS AND THE STAFF AT BLACKLAND FARM AND BROADSTONE WARREN.

If you would like to join our Group team or know of young people aged 8 to 10 who might like to fill a few spare places in our Friday night Cub Scout Pack please contact vicky.teasdale@egscouts.org.uk

We must thank all of you who supported our fundraising BBQ stall at Crawley Down's Christmas Lights event. Profits from that go towards keeping our Headquarters and equipment in good condition.

The Group is currently on the list of local charities to receive a donation from the Co-op Community Fund.



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

Bob Atkins, Group Secretary

CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK FC

Crawley Down Gatwick FC are delighted to have secured a new 24-year lease for continued use of their home ground at The Haven. This is a landmark moment in the club's history and a vital step in safeguarding its long-term future.



This agreement not only provides the stability the club needs to continue investing in its infrastructure and strengthening football operations, but it also aligns with the club's core values of growth, progress and delivering meaningful improvement for the community. Chairman Dave Connor said: "Our ground is more than just a place where we play football – it the heart of our club, a gathering point for our fans and a symbol of our identity. Securing its future is a commitment to everyone who stands behind us."

The club already has a number of projects, for which they have already secured funding, including upgrading the floodlights to modern LED units, installing new dugouts, removing the old diesel generator so the floodlights can run directly from the mains making them much more environmentally friendly, and fitting new ball-stop nets at both ends of the ground.

The long-term lease will also allow the club to explore additional funding streams that were previously out of reach.

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



Year 4s recent topic has been "INSIDE OUT". In October, we travelled to London to visit The Science Museum! Our first stop was The Medicine Galleries where there were lots of fascinating exhibits. We saw a model of the King's Fund hospital as it was in the



1930s, a historic foot x-ray machine and we visited a pharmacy as it would have been in the early 1900s - we were very surprised at the things that were for sale! After lunch, we saw a show called "It Takes Guts!" delivered by one of the Science Museum's explainers. This taught us all about the workings of the human digestive system. We went on an adventure inside the body, following the journey of food from our mouth to the other end! It really brought the subject alive for us in a fun and educational way (although there definitely were some gross parts!) We had a great day and learnt a huge amount.



A few weeks later, we took part in First Aid training session where we learnt lots about how to help people in emergency situations. We found out what to do if someone is unresponsive and we learnt how to put someone in the recovery position. We learnt what to do if someone is choking and got to practise the correct technique on a dummy. We learnt how to properly care for a burn wound and apply bandages. The children showed a lot of understanding of the importance of first aid and said they felt more confident to help others at the end.



In PSHE, we have been learning all about balanced lifestyles. We have explored the importance of balanced diets, exercise and sleep. Linked to this in DT, we have done a project to create our own healthy soup. We evaluated existing products, planned our own recipes, practised cutting skills before creating our finished soups. They tasted delicious!



We have had a great Autumn Term in Year 4!




Crawley Down

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Dates for your calendar in 2026:

- **Easter Egg Hunt** 3rd Apr
- **Gig on the Green** 25th Jul
- **Village Fayre** 5th Sep
- **Christmas Lights** 28th Nov
- **Santa's Visit** (date tbc)

And why not join our team of lovely volunteers too? Lending a hand at events, as little or as much as you like!
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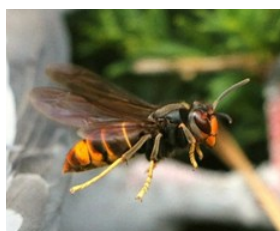
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EAST GRINSTEAD BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Keep your eyes open for Yellow-legged hornet queens this Spring!



They're not common in England yet, but they're a big concern because **THEY EAT LOTS OF LOCAL INSECTS** - like honeybees, wild bees, wasps, flies and butterflies. The queens wake up from hibernation around March, once the weather gets a bit warmer (low teens in Celsius), so early spring is the best time to spot them.

These queens spend winter alone, hiding in wood piles, sheds, attics or tree holes. When it warms up, they come out looking for sugary snacks and a safe place to build a nest. The queen starts with a small nest close to the ground, made from chewed-up wood, and raises the first batch of hornets herself. If the nest survives, you'll see worker hornets from late spring onwards. By late summer, the colony might move to a bigger nest up in a tree or building, and there could be hundreds of hornets - including new queens.

In March, if you spot a queen (they are chocolate brown with yellow legs) or a tiny paper nest, take A PHOTOGRAPH AND REPORT IT using the Asian Hornet Watch app or the link below. Early reports help stop these hornets from spreading across southern England.

You can report sightings on this link

www.ceh.ac.uk/our-science/citizen-science/asian-hornet

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. Meetings start at 7.30pm for an 8pm lecture.

We send best wishes for 2026.

On **Wed 25th February** we **"Meet the Locals"** with Mick White and then on **Wed 25th March** we have a very special lecture from David Plummer, who you may have seen on the BBC programmes with Hamsa **"Owls around the World"** one not to miss.

There are several Outdoor Walks organised, all detailed on the 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!

www.rspb.org.uk/groups/egrinstead



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CRAWLEY ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

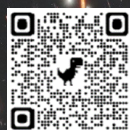
Is your interest Astronomy and would you like to meet fellow enthusiasts? If it is, then come and join us at Crawley Astronomical Society.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of each month, with expert guest speakers, in the Birch Room at The Haven, Hophurst Lane, Crawley Down, RH10 4LJ from 7-10pm.

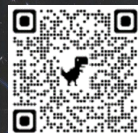
ALL ARE WELCOME!

We also hold regular outreach events at our **"STARLAB" Observatory** and can provide expert and friendly help and advice on all things astronomy.

For more information, please contact Stephen Cookson at crawleyastronomicalsociety@gmail.com or phone 07474 344309



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THE ARTS SOCIETY TURNERS HILL



We are pleased to offer two more excellent talks in February and March:

On Tue 24th February 2026 we have 'WILLIAM MORRIS AT HOME' with Jo Banham. This lecture explores not only the decoration, but also the relationships associated with William Morris' own homes first at Red House in Bexleyheath, and then at Kelmscott House in Hammersmith, and finally at his country home, Kelmscott Manor.

On Tue 24th March 2026 Amy Lim talks on "A VILLAGE IN HEAVEN – STANLEY SPENCER'S COOKHAM" This lecture will look at Cookham's place in Spencer's art, and how it was central to his unique vision of English domestic and spiritual life.

We continue to meet at the Dunlop Hall in the Ark at Turners Hill. Visitors are welcome for a small fee of £10, and **WE ARE TAKING NEW MEMBERS.** The meetings commence with coffee from 10.15 to 10.40am and the talks start at 10.50am. We finish, if you wish to stay after the talk, with a buffet lunch and glass of wine in the Dove Suite at only £10.

For more details look at our website

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

We would love you to join us so do contact me if you want to attend.

Lesley Croucher, Chairman
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For more information email janicealan@btinternet.com or telephone 01293 889361

You can be sure of a most warm welcome

WANT TO PLAY MORE GOLF?

HOW ABOUT JOINING CRAWLEY DOWN GOLF SOCIETY?

Crawley Down Golf Society was formed over 30 years ago for the benefit of local residents. It is a great opportunity for golfers of **all levels**, to play a **variety of courses** and socialise in the company of a group of friendly players.

Each year we play golf once a month from March to October. Typically, the format is Stableford. There are modest prizes for the overall winner, nearest the pin and longest drive. If you put £2 in the 2s pot, the pot is shared between everybody who completes a hole in 2 shots.

The 2026 membership joining fee is £20 per annum and we ask for a £5 voluntary donation to the Captains Charity. We try to keep the cost of each game to £50 although this isn't always possible.

You don't have to live in Crawley Down, many of our members have moved away and still play with us.



So, if you fancy a bit of friendly competitive golf at a variety of courses **PLEASE CONTACT THE CLUB SECRETARY IAN WARD AT WARD.IAN@HOTMAIL.CO.UK OR 07880 220018.**

Cake & Company

Cake & Company is OPEN TO ALL who would like the opportunity of some company and a natter over a cup of tea and cake?

WE MEET ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 2-4PM AT THE GLEBE CENTRE CRAWLEY DOWN

Jigsaws, Board/card games, magazines, knitting, quiz sheets and colourings are all provided for those that would like a bit more!

We also arrange occasional Film Afternoons, Raffles, Bring & Buy tables and lunches/teas out

NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST TURN UP!

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
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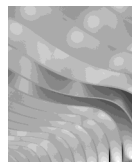
Find us on [@CrawleyDownCameraClub](https://www.facebook.com/CrawleyDownCameraClub)
www.cdcamclub.org

- New Year, new hobby?
- fancy brushing up on skills that are a bit rusty or you have a new camera?
- want to make friends who share the same interest?

Then come along for a **FREE TASTER** session at one of our club evenings here in Crawley Down! We meet at 8pm in the Birch Room, The Haven, Crawley Down

February	March	April	May
12 th & 20 th	12 th & 26 th	9 th & 23 rd	14 th & 28 th

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



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CRAWLEY DOWN LADIES CHOIR

Following our Christmas break, the choir returned on Monday 12th January 2026 for the new term.

This was also our "Come and Sing" evening where we welcomed anyone interested in finding out more about us. An opportunity to do just what it says ... "Come along and Sing with us" and perhaps even become a member of our group of amateur singers, to experience the joys of singing with like-minded people for the pure pleasure of it.

Our next concert will be the Summer one held in June at our usual venue of the Dorothy Hatswell Hall at The Haven Crawley Down. We will be singing a variety of songs from stage musicals and films to pop and more. We hope to see you there.

If you are interested in joining our choir please contact Elaine on 07799 6523032

For more information please visit
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a coffee and join us?



CRAWLEY DOWN AFTERNOON WI

Pete Allen was our speaker in November and he got us in the mood for the festive season by telling us about "The History of Pantomime". Pete is an actor which made the talk especially good. The origins of Pantomime go back to the 16th-17th century in Italy and eventually the storylines were set around Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes. Role reversal is a long standing tradition in Pantomime with the Principal Boy being played by a young woman in men's clothing, and the Panto Dame an older man in drag. It is well known that the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret put on the Pantomime "Aladdin" at Windsor during wartime. Pete told us that famous celebrities appear in Pantomimes because they enjoy the fun of it - Sir Ian McKellen included. "Oh Yes he did!!"

Once again we had our Christmas Lunch at East Grinstead Rugby Club with good food and service as always. We were entertained by music from the sixties, and of course we remembered all the songs and enjoyed a blast from the past!

We already have a very good programme planned for 2026. Visitors will find a very warm welcome.

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

For further information, please contact Kay Webb 07415 829997 or Jean Wakeling 01342 712834.

Jackie Kaldenberg, CD Afternoon WI



CRAWLEY DOWN EVENING WI

Our Christmas Social Evening on 4th December was a great success. A local ukulele band called *The Ukaholics* thoroughly entertained us with a mixture of songs and carols which we were able to join in with. Our committee also provided festive snacks, tea, coffee and cakes. Before the entertainment, there was a Christmas picture quiz to keep us all entertained. Thanks were extended to the band for entertaining us so well. Prior to December's fun evening, our meetings in 2025 hosted speakers whose subjects ranged from the more serious to the light hearted.

Our next meeting is on 5th February when Dee Black's subject is "From Addict to Author".

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

Jean Ford, CD Evening WI



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REPAIR CAFÉ

CRAWLEY DOWN & TURNERS HILL

A full programme of Repair Café meetings is planned for 2026. The Café meets on the 4th Saturday of every month, except August and December.

Our next meetings are: **SAT 28TH FEBRUARY** and **SAT 28TH MARCH**

These meetings are from 10am to 12noon at The Glebe Centre, Vicarage Road, Crawley Down RH10 4JJ.

Please bring any wooden objects in promptly at 10am.

Once a month the Repair Café brings together local people who have things that need repairing with local people who can repair them. **THERE'S NO CHARGE FOR REPAIRS**, any donations are given to local charities and good causes. Donations in cash please. To date we have donated more than £700 to organisations like the Air Ambulance, Crawley Down Christmas Lights and Chailey School.

If you know of a local organisation that would benefit from a donation, please let us know.

Repairing is fun and good for the planet. We increasingly need new volunteers to maintain the current range of repairs that we are able to offer; come and meet the team at one of our events.

Please contact Ian Gibson on 01342 716790 for further details



REPAIR CAFÉ Forest Row

MEET THE MENDERS AT FOREST ROW REPAIR CAFÉ



As part of an ongoing series, Fleur Britten meets the “bike room” volunteers.



Regulars of Forest Row Repair Café will know that if you've been directed to the bike room for a repair, you'll often hear the laughter first. This is where volunteers Renny Leach, Jeremy Paine, John Hayes and Nick Fenner power through not just bike fixes, but also blade-sharpening, and repairs of small furniture items, garden tools, sewing machines, wetsuits, inflatables and, well, anything that can be resurrected with the right glue, nails, patches, or, simply, repair smarts.

Between them, they have a vast bank of knowledge. Renny from Forest Row, a “nearly” retired biotech director, is driven by his scientific interest “to explore how things work and how they can be repaired” (impressively, he's also rebuilt, plumbed and rewired three houses). Jeremy, a retired police officer

from Scaynes Hill, is also self-taught, with a talent for garden tools (thanks to the needs of his son-in-law, a landscape gardener). John, a gardener from Sheffield Park and self-taught “tinkerer”, is motivated by a dislike of “throwing stuff away”. And Nick, who grew up watching his father construct a glasshouse nursery business largely out of war surplus materials, seems “to have inherited his liking of making and fixing things” (even as a boy, Nick was undertaking complex car repairs).

The room buzzes with camaraderie. “We always ask each other's opinion if something's tricky, and often collaborate to make repairs quicker,” says Jeremy. Naturally, the good cheer extends to customers too. “It's rewarding to see people leave with a smile, especially if I've been able to teach something useful,” says Renny. “We have lots of fun,” Jeremy adds, “and always ask the clients about themselves.” Indeed, when chatting to one lady, Jeremy recounts, “she disclosed that she was on her own and this made things difficult. She asked if we also ran a dating service.” Well, the Repair Café is a great place to meet like-minded people.

The next Forest Row Repair Cafés are:

SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2026

Show some love for your broken belongings
and bring them to us for the chance of rekindling their lives

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2026

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MID SUSSEX PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Firstly, we wish a **HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2026** to our readers.

We are a group of volunteer patients working hard, in collaboration with, but independently of, Modality Mid Sussex, to improve the patient experience at the four MMS health centres in East Grinstead, Crawley Down and Burgess Hill. We need more volunteers to join the committee and help us in our mission. Your input is as big or small as you can manage but can have a significant impact!

We're keen to ensure all patients are aware of who we are, and how we actively work to promote better experiences and outcomes for all patients of Modality across Mid Sussex. We're more active in local publications such as the East Grinstead Town Crier, a variety of local newsletters and notice boards in all four health centres. We also have a website*, a Facebook page and are increasing our use of social media to help reach as many people as possible. We would welcome suggestions for additional methods of communication.

We are part of a Sussex wide network of PPGs that meet regularly to exchange ideas on how to improve the service we provide. This is becoming more important as the ongoing cutbacks in the NHS impact on the service they provide.

We also supply support to other local health and social services, eg. Age UK.

We are currently in the early stages of providing practical aid to patients that are challenged by the use of digital communication now used increasingly by the NHS, including health centres; commonly labelled **Digital Inclusion**. This is an ongoing programme which we plan to make available to all of our patients, wherever they live. It commenced as a trial in Turners Hill on 21st January with plans for further programmes in East Grinstead.

We acknowledge criticisms made by patients and actively advise MMS on ways that we believe that they can improve the service they provide to their patient, eg. better communication - post operative care – more appointments.

*<https://modalitymidsussexppg.org>

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Newsletter - New Year 2026

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

2026 promises to be a busy year for Worth Parish Council with several projects progressing closer towards completion. These include the **Bowers Place Parking Solution, CCTV installations in both villages, the Crawley Down Play Area Improvements and the Copthorne Recreation Ground Rejuvenation**. I would like to thank our team for all their hard work in these complex processes. This year promises more of the same; please see the rest of this newsletter for further information.

One of the highlights of the coming year will be our **Parish Awards Evening**, which will be on **Friday 20th March** at The Haven Crawley Down. Last year's event was extremely well-supported and it gave us an opportunity to say thank you to several people who did so much to make our local community such a special one.

Myself and all my fellow Councillors would like to say a big thank you to everyone involved in organising the wonderful Christmas events held in Crawley Down and Copthorne in December. They bring so much pleasure to local residents, both young and old alike. Establishing a last-minute grotto at The Haven when Santa's tour of Crawley Down had to be cancelled because of bad weather was particularly impressive!

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 details at the end of this newsletter.

Tony Dorey, Chairman, Worth Parish Council

PARISH AWARDS

Nominations are now open for the Parish Awards, taking place on Friday 20th March at The Haven Crawley Down, and we'd love to hear from you! These awards are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the people who make our parish such a special place to live—those who give their time, energy, and kindness to support others without ever seeking recognition. If you know an unsung hero, a dedicated volunteer, a young person making a difference, or a group whose efforts brighten our community, please consider putting their name forward.

Your nomination could shine a well-deserved spotlight on someone whose quiet contributions might otherwise go unnoticed. The awards are open to all, and we encourage residents to think about friends, neighbours, colleagues and community groups who help make Crawley Down and Copthorne thrive.

You can nominate via this QR code, or you can call our office on 01342 713407, or drop us an email at enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk – **nominations close on Friday 20th February**.



BUSINESS PLAN

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our recent survey on the Business Plan. The Plan was due to be adopted at our meeting on 19th January – please check our website to see the final version. The Plan sets out the priorities for the Council, which are: **CCTV, Bowers Place Parking Solution, the Crawley Down Play Area Improvements and Copthorne Recreation Ground Rejuvenation Project**. It also shows what we will be working on after these schemes are delivered:

- effective **street lighting** with a reduced carbon footprint
- finding a solution for **The Royal Oak Pub**
- improving the **village centre in Crawley Down**
- expanding the **youth provision**
- establishing a **war memorial in Copthorne**
- opening up **Copthorne Brook**

FACEBOOK

Did you know that Worth Parish Council has a very active Facebook page? It offers information about a wide range of subjects, including roadworks, events, Council meetings, police matters, litter picks, allotments and much, much more. We have over 850 followers in Crawley Down, Copthorne and beyond already, so why not come and join us?

You can find our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/worthparishcouncil>

CCTV

We now have all the necessary permissions in place to install **new CCTV cameras and equipment at the Crawley Down shops on Station Road** and are currently awaiting confirmation of the installation date from our supplier.

BOWERS PLACE PARKING

We're delighted to share that **planning permission for the parking scheme has been granted**, and a contractor has now been appointed to deliver the improvements. Before work can begin, we're waiting for final agreement from West Sussex County Council, which has already been applied for. Once the start date is confirmed, we'll publish the schedule and make sure all residents know where alternative parking will be available during construction. Thank you for your patience and support as we move closer to delivering this scheme.

OPERATION WATERSHED

We have applied for funding from West Sussex County Council to help tackle **the long-standing flooding issue in the north-west corner of the King George V Field** (where Crawley Down Tennis Club is situated). This problem has affected nearby residents and field users for years, and reaching this stage is a significant milestone. Securing this funding will allow us to make real progress towards improving the drainage. This has been possible due to the hard work and persistence of the residents, and we are pleased to be able to work in partnership with them to deliver this solution.

YOUTH CLUBS

Worth Parish Council is currently **looking to recruit a Youth Worker**. This is a part-time role (6 hours per week) and is suitable for age 18 and over. Working hours are on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Please contact Hannah on 01342 713407 or at astclerk@worth-pc.gov.uk

PLANNING

Despite robust objections from Worth Parish Council and a number of local residents, Mid Sussex District Council recently **approved a scheme to construct 48 new homes at Woodland Close in Crawley Down**. Worth Parish Council would like to thank all the members of the public who wrote letters and who came to our meetings to make their feelings known. WPC's Planning Committee meet every month, and these meetings are open to the public.

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.

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CONTACT DETAILS

Please see **<https://midsussex.moderngov.co.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?FN=WARD&VW=LIST&PIC=0>** to find contact details of Crawley Down's Mid Sussex District Councillors.

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR CONTACT DETAILS

The West Sussex County Councillor for Worth Forest Ward (including Copthorne) is **Bruce Forbes, he can be contacted on 01342 719866 or at bruce.forbes@westsussex.gov.uk**

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WORTH PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

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There is also an 8am **Holy Communion** service on the 1st Sunday of each month.

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During February and March, please remember the following in your prayers :

	Roads in Crawley Down	Organisations in Crawley Down	Charities supported by All Saints' Church
1 Feb	Woodlands Close and Woodlands Drive	Crawley Down businesses	Christian Aid
8 Feb	Wychwood Place	Members of Parliament	Family Support Work
15 Feb	Acorn Avenue	Crawley Down Residents' Association (CDRA)	Happy Home Orphanage, India
22 Feb	Ash Close	Local police officers, Neighbourhood Watch and emergency services	Mothers' Union
1 Mar	Aviary Way	1st Crawley Down & Turners Hill Scouts Group	Scripture Union
8 Mar	Beech Gardens	Girlguiding in Crawley Down	Link to Hope Shoe Box Appeal
15 Mar	Beech Holme	The Friends of Crawley Down Royal British Legion	Torch Trust
22 Mar	Birch Close	St Catherine's Hospice	Bible Society
29 Mar	Bowers Place and Brickyard Lane	Crawley Down Monday Club	Care for the Family



EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute to church flowers over the Easter period, arrangements will be made for donations to be collected on the Sundays leading up to Easter during Lent (18th February to 2nd April 2026).

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Christmas was a lovely time for us all at the Chapel. The highlight was Copthorne Silver Band playing for us at our Carol Service on Sunday 21st December. We were expecting half a dozen from the band, but twice that many arrived and squashed into our little chapel filling it with such joyful music. A lovely occasion enjoyed by all which we hope to repeat next Christmas.

We are now moving on to 2026 with preachers booked to take our services during the new year. We have a dedicated team of speakers from various local churches who bring their message from the Bible and are very supportive of the Chapel.

Our services are every Sunday at 10.30am with a communion service once a month. All services are followed by tea/coffee/biscuits and a relaxing chat around the table. Bible study recommenced on Tuesday 13th January at Jenny's house in Crawley Down (please phone 01342 713128 for details).

We welcome everyone to come and join us!

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WORTH ABBEY NEWS

February - March 2026

LENT TALK : Sat 14th Feb at 10.30am

A time of preparation for our hearts and minds as the Lenten season begins. Following the format of our Advent Talks, we turn our attention to the desert season of fasting and repentance.

MONASTIC WISDOM FOR TODAY'S WORLD : Sat 11th April

Join us for a retreat talk at our Retreat Centre. This talk will feature monastic insights shared by Abbot Mark Barrett, Abbot Christopher Jamison, and Fr Luke Jolly, former Abbot of Worth.

COME AND SING : Sat 18th April

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CELEBRATE CORPUS CHRISTI : Sun 7th June

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For other regular items please see the website



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