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



FAMILY & ELDERLY SHOEBOX APPEAL

Ukraine • Moldova • Romania • Bulgaria

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at the Glebe Centre Crawley Down



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As we head into the summer holidays, perhaps it is a good time of the year to take a moment and reflect on life's journey, seeking God's guidance and peace. And perhaps as life's busy routine returns in September, we can look to take that time of reflection and peace with us into the days ahead as we seek to work in bringing Christ's hope to the wider world.

May God's grace, peace and hope be with you in these days of the summer season.

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INTERESTED IN CHESS?



**We are a small friendly club which meets every
Monday from September to April at 7.30pm at Glen
Vue Centre, Railway Approach, East Grinstead.**



The club is for over
16s but experienced youngsters
are welcome (and must be
accompanied at all times by a
responsible adult).

We currently run three teams in the Mid Sussex league together
with internal competitions to keep everyone involved. We are
fortunate to have an England senior player as a member of the
club but also plenty of other players to help improve your skills.

Our premises in East Grinstead offers an ideal space to play chess
in a comfortable and quiet location; tea and biscuits available.
Anyone thinking of joining us, please see our website for further
details or just turn up on a Monday evening to see how you get on -
you would be very welcome!

Bob Dyke, Chairman, East Grinstead Chess Club

<https://sites.google.com/site/egchessclub/>

GRATTONS (CRAWLEY) INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Established 1983



Grattons welcomes new members to play bowls throughout the
year. We offer a Taster Session and four weeks FREE coaching.

OPEN DAY
Sat 16th August 2025 : 10am-3.30pm
JUST COME ALONG AND TRY BOWLS!

Organised games or rinks available for casual play. Regular social
events, including **Ladies Monday Afternoon Club**.

We are a friendly, sociable club so why not improve your mental
wellbeing with exercise by joining us?

**For more information email janicealan@btinternet.com or
telephone 01293 889361**

CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK FC

These are exciting times for Crawley Down Gatwick
Football Club with so many positive things
happening, the latest being the addition of a
women's first team and a girls' under 18s side for the
coming season.

**The Club now offers football for boys and girls at
every level from under 5s up to under 18s, with first
teams for men and women too. For the coming
season, there will be a remarkable 29 teams in the
club, making **Crawley Down Gatwick one of the
biggest clubs in Sussex.****

Since Dave Connor took over as chairman last
summer, he has delivered on an aim to be more
involved in the community, including running holiday
camps for children, delivering leaflets and collecting
Christmas trees for St Catherine's Hospice,
supporting the CDRA Santa float and running a
barbecue stall at the VE Day celebration.

He also wanted to bring the junior and senior
sections closer, and an initiative to have one of the
junior teams as matchday mascots for every Saturday
home game has helped to more than double the
average home attendance.

**Anyone interested in joining the club
as players or volunteers should
contact Junior Coordinator Howard
Griggs at cdgfcu5s@gmail.com**



**DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN
NOW PLAY TOADS
AT THE HAVEN LOUNGE & BAR**

**Toad in the Hole is a popular Pub game,
mainly played in Sussex.**

**It's a simple game that everyone can
enjoy but still requires a good level of
skill. The objective is to land your
toads (brass coins) flat on the surface
of the table or in the hole.**

Why not pop in and give it a go !



SHOE BOX APPEAL 2025

All Saints Crawley Down & St Leonard's Turners Hill, working with both our village schools, will be contributing to the **2025 Link to Hope Christmas Shoe Box Appeal** with boxes sent to the poorest families - including the elderly - in the Ukraine, Moldova, Romania and Bulgaria.



Since 1992 over 1million shoe boxes have been delivered to hundreds of locations by the Link to Hope charity who have personal relationships with individuals in Eastern Europe. Sending shoe boxes shows love from British people to those in war-torn or poverty-stricken circumstances.

Please [click here](#) to see families opening their boxes or go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vim9PvhOgWE

FAMILIES often have to choose between buying food or fuel, their homes often lack running water or are cold, damp and dark because they have no electricity.

Many **ELDERLY PEOPLE** are left alone because their families had to flee or fight, or because they are in communities where employment is scarce, forcing their family members to move away to look for work. Many elderly people are left with no-one.



Sat 4th October
from 10am-12noon
at the Glebe Centre
ALL WELCOME to help
fill shoe boxes

Tea/coffee/cake available, Harvest crafts and a Harvest Mouse hunt

CONTRIBUTING ITEMS FOR SHOE BOXES

If you would like to contribute items from the lists below, please leave at your child's village school in September (**BEFORE Fri 26th Sep**), either church (when open & **LATEST Sun 28th Sep**) or bring to the Glebe Centre on a **Wednesday or Thursday morning in September BETWEEN 9.30-10.30AM**

SHOE BOX CRAFTING - Perhaps you can knit or crochet? eg, knee blankets, hats, gloves, scarves, headbands, slippers. Please avoid light/pastel colours as they are impractical and please **DO NOT** knit items of clothing such as jumpers, baby matinee jackets or anything for under 3s.

<https://linktohope.co.uk/shoobox-appeal-2025/#shooboxcrafting>



Items can also be purchased via [amazon wishlist](#). To send these directly to [Link to Hope](#), please **add their address to "Your addresses" in "Your Account"** and select that when checking out.
<https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1COBIQRT0BH0Q>

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Perhaps you would just like to make a donation towards postage? It costs £3 to ship each shoe box so all donations are gratefully received. **BACS or cheque payments can be sent All Saints - CLEARLY referenced for us to pass on.**

Donate directly to Link to Hope here : <https://linktohope.co.uk/shoobox-donation/>

Cheques : please make payable to ALL SAINTS' CRAWLEY DOWN PCC and **mark on the back LINK TO HOPE**

BACS : All Saints' Crawley Down PCC / Sort Code 40-52-40 / A/C No. 00027772. **Please use LINKTOHOPE as your payment reference**

Typical contents for a FAMILY box

Soap and flannel	Toothbrush and toothpaste
Shampoo	Hairbrush
Playing cards	Soft toy (with CEE label)
Chocolate (BBE June 2026)	Sweets (BBE June 2026)
Candle and holder	Tape measure
Solar-powered Calculator	Knitted hat

Typical contents for an ELDERLY box

Hot water bottle	Reading glasses
Pen and paper	Cutlery
Gloves	Socks
Soap and flannel	Toothbrush and toothpaste
Boiled sweets (BBE June 2026)	Candle and holder

PLEASE DO NOT DONATE

Underwear, Sanitary items, UNDER 3s items (*due to custom regulations*), Food (ONLY chocolate/sweets), Clothing OTHER THAN Hats/Gloves/Scarves, Paracetamol or any other medicine, Tea/Coffee, Books, Out of Date items

Any queries, please email office@allsaintscrawleydown.org or phone 01342 718741





TURNERS HILL C of E SCHOOL

SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENTS

We are pleased to announce that works to install the new trim trail in the playground and extended outside play area for Maple class children are now completed, and the children love them!



VE DAY CELEBRATION ON THE GREEN

KS2 children visited the green to mark VE day, where they sang songs and recited prayers with Canon David. The Year 6 children also danced around the May Pole.



At school, the KS1 children also held a Remembrance Assembly.

YEAR 5 - HURST OUTDOOR DAY



Our Y5 children were invited to a morning of outdoor fun activities, including wall climbing, learning woodland skills and team challenges. They had a fantastic time!

MAY DAY CELEBRATION

We held our May Day celebration, the children put on a great performance. Thank you to everyone who celebrated May Day with us.



KS2 BLACKLAND FARM VISITS

All our KS2 children had an absolute blast on their visits to Blackland Farm. They embraced their inner Vikings while canoeing, navigated the great outdoors with orienteering and bounced into action with aeroball. The weather did not stop the fantastic time had by all – full of teamwork, laughter and great memories



CRAWLEY DOWN VILLAGE C of E SCHOOL



On Monday 16th June, Year 3 stepped back in time during an unforgettable visit to Butser Ancient Farm, where we explored what life was like in Britain during the Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age and Roman periods.



Our day began inside a Celtic roundhouse, where we gathered around a smoky fire and learned how ancient people kept warm. Surprisingly, there were no chimneys – the

smoke escaped slowly through the thatched roof. We found out that to make the walls, they used traditional materials like chalk, straw, and water. We discovered that the walls were built using traditional materials such as chalk, straw, and water. To our amazement, cow poo was also added to the mixture to help bind it all together. This natural ingredient made the walls stronger, helped waterproof them, provided insulation, and even deterred pests.

Our next activity was a hands-on archaeological dig. Acting as young archaeologists, we carefully uncovered replica artefacts buried in the sand. We discovered bones, pottery, and even ancient metal axe heads. We learned that metal tools survive through time, while wooden ones often rot away.



We then explored a reconstructed Roman villa, where we discovered just how different Roman life was.



From underfloor heating, to communal toilets (where they even played games while sitting side by side!), it was full of fascinating details. We were especially impressed by the stunning mosaics on the floors, carefully made from tiny coloured tiles.

Later, we helped build a flint wall, just like Roman soldiers would have done when setting up camp. Our guide explained how these temporary walls were used for protection and even put them to the test! He stood on top and jumped up and down on each one to see which team had built the most stable wall. It was brilliant fun and full of teamwork.

To finish our fantastic day, we crafted our own clay pots by hand using local clay and ancient techniques. We each took our pot home as a special reminder of the day.

The trip brought our history learning to life and gave us a deeper understanding of how people lived, built, and survived through the ages. We can't wait to learn more about the Romans this term!

ARE YOU A STALLHOLDER ?

The Donkey Field Pre-School are now
taking stall holder bookings
for their Christmas Market



If you are interested,
please complete this form

<https://forms.gle/Ng8arDh4pCGxLMcY6>

Crawley Down Christmas Market

Festive Market Stalls, Santa's Grotto
Raffle, Refreshments
£1 entry for adults. Kids go free.

Sunday 30th November 2025

1 PM - 4 PM

Haven Centre, Crawley Down

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE
DONKEY FIELD PRE-SCHOOL



1ST CRAWLEY DOWN & TURNERS HILL SCOUT GROUP

As usual, at our Group Annual General Meeting for all members and parents, we look back on the previous 12 months of Scouting and this year has proved to be a good year for us with an increase of membership and so many various activities.

Our sections have had meetings covering the following:

- Visits from the PCSOs with a car (plus siren)
- St George's Day meeting on Crawley Down Village Green
- Camps, sleepovers and activity days for all sections including our 75th anniversary activity/camping weekend
- Community projects such as litter picking and poppy selling for the Royal British Legion
- Remembrance Sunday Parades
- Supporting the Haven Theatre Panto
- The Green Cross Code
- Bi-monthly hand deliveries of over 150 copies of *Two Villages* magazine
- Food and related Health & Safety issues were covered by the cooking and consumption of pancakes, curries, sausage sizzles, toasted marshmallows, twists, biscuit decorating and Chinese food for their New Year
- Scouting and environmental activities were covered by pond dipping, star gazing, air activities, gardening, hiking, art, tent pitching, firelighting and tracking were all subjects (with others) covered in the relevant age groups

We have also had other fun activities such as : Bowling, Footgolf, "Deal or no Deal" - where one Scout won £10,000 (if only it was real!) and Karaoke.

On the badge front it is encouraging to see that our young people still enjoy being presented with badges denoting their achievements. Over this last year, **over 500 badges have been awarded in our Group**. This is only achieved by the hard work put in by the young people and the dedicated small group of Team Volunteers and the many "guests" who help with their specialist knowledge.

The highest award that can be gained by our members is the Chief Scouts Award in each section. We had a total of 16 this year - 4 Acorn Awards (Squirrels), 4 Bronze Awards (Beavers), 5 Silver Awards (Cub Scouts) and 3 Gold Awards (Scouts). Congratulations to all.

A heartfelt thanks to all who have enabled us to grow into the second largest Group in the East Grinstead District. But with that success comes new challenges and **we must recruit more Team Volunteers to help plan and run our activities. We also need members to join our Group Trustee Board** so that we can continue offering high quality, adventurous and stimulating programmes.

If you are interested in joining as an adult - or you know a young person who may be interested - please email THCD@egscouts.org.uk or call 07450 480708

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 short break over the summer months but will return on **Wed 24th September** with a very short AGM meeting followed by *"Adventures of the 30 minute Birder"* with Amanda Tuke. **The meeting starts 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!

www.rspb.org.uk/groups/egrinstead



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Crawley Down Camera Club

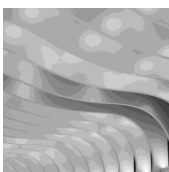
We are now on our summer break but watch for updates in August.

You can find us at www.cdcamclub.org and on our recently launched Facebook page @Crawley Down Camera Club.

We return on Thu 11th Sep at 8pm in the Birch Room at The Haven, Crawley Down. Why not pop along the for a **FREE TASTER** session?

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please reach out via our FB page or email membership@cdcamclub.org

YOU WILL RECEIVE A WARM WELCOME



www.cdcamclub.org



EAST GRINSTEAD BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

TASTER DAY : Sun 14th Sep 2025 at The Haven, Crawley Down

Discover the Fascinating World of Beekeeping

On 14th September, the Association is hosting its annual Taster Day, offering a unique opportunity for anyone interested in keeping bees to delve into the captivating world of beekeeping.



Whether you're a novice with an interest in sustainable living or a seasoned gardener considering beehives for your own space, this event promises to be both educational and inspiring.

Held at The Haven in Crawley Down, the day includes talks on the life of bees, the essential role they play in pollination, the equipment you would need to keep bees, the challenges honeybees face and how to manage them throughout the year.

Participants will have the chance to don a beekeeper suit and experience the buzzing excitement of inspecting a live hive under expert guidance.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to connect with nature and learn about the indispensable work of these remarkable pollinators.



Scan the QR code to book

www.egbka.org/education.php

REPAIR CAFÉ Forest Row

Saturday 16th August 2025

Make sure your fans are fully functioning for the warm weather, and your punctured lilos are patched up for the holidays.

Saturday 20th September 2025

After a hectic summer with the kids – bring anything in need of repair to us that didn't survive the holidays intact.

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

**REPAIR
CAFÉ** Forest Row



MODALITY MID SUSSEX PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

NEWSLETTER NO.3

We published our previous Newsletter in February 2025; here is a brief update on what has happened since then.

In the previous Newsletter we announced "Rapid Health went live on 23 October 2024". Initially, patients were very sceptical, but it quickly became apparent that the new booking system was a massive improvement on the previous system. Negative comments and abuse on social media dropped dramatically. Many patients made positive comments. Some patients even praised Modality!

We have continued to carefully monitor the service being provide by Modality. There has been a noticeable, steady improvement, but there is still a long way to go. Complaints in social media, and submitted to the PPG committee, have virtually disappeared, but we acknowledge that is not the way to judge how satisfied patients are.

As a PPG we are privy to data relating to the work carried out by the MMS health centres. From this we can see that some aspects have improved, but not to the extent that we want, or expect.

We continue to meet regularly with various representatives from Modality, both locally and with their operations centre. Our discussions are very frank! Members of the PPG committee are also patients and are thus just as frustrated at times as other patients.

We were hoping that the CQC would speedily carry out their re-assessment of the performance of MMS and publish their report so that we could gauge the extent of the improvement. Disappointingly, this has not been the case.

Now that the situation is improving, members of our committee are able to devote more of their time to carrying out tasks that other PPGs routinely do as an ancillary service to their patients.

With the ever-increasing use of modern technology, eg. smart phones, tablets and laptops, being utilised by the NHS, we recognise that there are a significant number of patients that are effectively being excluded from communication. With this in mind, your PPG is about to embark on a project to ensure that those patients are not ignored. We call it "DIGITAL INCLUSION".

In the next few months, we will communicate in any way we can, with both new and old, details of how **we will be reaching out to those vulnerable patients** to ensure that are included in all necessary information with regards their personal health.

CRAWLEY DOWN LADIES CHOIR

Our Summer concert took place at The Haven Crawley Down on Sat 14th June with a programme that included a broad variety of songs - from musicals to folk to contemporary rock. The evening was complemented by our two guest acts, Jonna Klebom who sang "Hallelujah" written by Leonard Cohen, and Emily Fuller singing "Until I found You" written by Stephen Sanchez. These were much enjoyed by choir and audience alike. The audience was also encouraged to sing-along to three songs, one of which "The White Cliffs of Dover" was chosen especially to celebrate this year's 80th anniversary of VE Day.

The following Monday saw us enjoying our usual post-concert social evening which took the form of a 'Dutch Supper' which involved everyone bringing along food to share with everyone else and offered us a variety of choices. Entertainment was by way of two lighthearted quizzes which always prove popular and encourage chit-chat - not that we really need much encouragement when it comes using our voices being singers!

We are now on our Summer break returning for the new term on 8th September which will also be our "Come and Sing" evening. **OPEN TO ANYONE WHO LOVES SINGING to come and sing with us. Come along at 7.15pm to the Birch**

Room at The Haven, Crawley Down, try us out and perhaps even join us. You will be warmly welcomed whether alto or soprano voice and, although useful, you do not need to read music - several of our members do not. There is no formal audition, the main qualification is a love of singing. Come along for a sing-song and make new friends at the same time.

You will also find **our stall at the Crawley Down Village Fayre on Saturday 6th September**. We will have examples of our sheet music, information about us and it will offer you the opportunity to ask questions and meet some of us. We do hope to see you there.

In the meantime, let's hope for a pleasant summer before we return with a certain December festivity in mind for **our next concert in the afternoon of Saturday 13th December**.

www.crawleydownladieschoir.co.uk



Whilst writing this in late June, it is extremely hot so we are hoping it continues into late July and August, when this is published.

We met at Kingscote Vineyard for a walk and coffee in early June but unfortunately this was before the nice weather made an appearance and it was too wet to walk; it is a nice venue so we will try again at a later date. Our June meeting was very interesting - we were so impressed with Claire Fecher's talent in making flowers from ribbons and we may well ask her back to do a workshop.

Hopefully, some of you will have visited us on our cake stall at the Turners Hill Fête in July where we will also have had a stand with some entertainment for the children to have fun.

Our quiz team of Sue, Dawn and Val are competing in the West Sussex Federation annual quiz - we wish them well!

On 20th August, we are looking forward to a social meeting with our usual array of lovely food to share and on 17th September we are going back in time with speaker, Colin Turner, with "Memories of the 50s and 60s".

Do check out our website www.turnershillwi.co.uk where you can see our full programme for 2025 and photos of recent events. **We would love to welcome new members so if you have any interest in finding out what this local WI is about, please come along and give us a try - you will be given a very warm welcome!**

We meet in the Dove Suite at The Ark on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.

Mary Deacon, Secretary, Hilltop WI
01342 715303 / mail@marydeacon.co.uk

theWI | **CRAWLEY DOWN AFTERNOON WI**
INSPIRING WOMEN

In May it was time to vote for the 2025 National Federation WI Resolution. This year's Resolution is 'Bystanders can be lifesavers' calling on increasing public confidence and training in the delivery of CPR. Working with local organisations, to improve access to defibrillators, to give the best chance of surviving a cardiac arrest. In April 2026 Sam Ford, a first responder, will be visiting us to demonstrate CPR. **All are welcome to the meeting so put it in your diaries, or watch the Village Noticeboard.** We were pleased to be joined by Ros Williams, Vice-Chair of the West Sussex Federation Board of Trustees. We then enjoyed a Cream Tea and a demonstration by Ann Luxford, a local florist, on planting a hanging basket and a floral garden pot. Ann gave us some useful tips and regaled us with an amusing commentary.

Our speaker for June was unable to talk to us so instead we played a game - 'Getting to know you!' Members had to take a question from a basket, read it out and give us her answer. We found out about members' hobbies, previous jobs, travel etc. We had fun and there were some interesting answers.

Anne Horrell, president of the Evening WI, attended the zoom broadcast of the National AGM. Anne was our delegate and have us a synopsis of the AGM.

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

You will find a warm welcome at Crawley Down WI, so if you would like further information, please contact Kay Webb 07415 829997 or Jean Wakeling 01342 712834.

Jackie Kaldenberg, CD Afternoon WI

theWI | **CRAWLEY DOWN EVENING WI**
INSPIRING WOMEN

We were entertained on 5th June by a very inspiring speaker, Gill Thompson. Gill has written four historical novels and she is now working on her fifth. They are all based around World War II and each one has been inspired by true life stories. Gill's background is in teaching; however, from a young age, she had always wanted to be a writer. She succeeded in achieving her goal at the age of 60 when her first novel, "The Oceans Between Us", was published. Through her research, Gill discovered that a great number of children, who had been separated from their parents during the war, were living in orphanages. Some of these were then shipped to Australia to start a new life and it is about this situation that Gill based her novel. It's a gripping and heart wrenching story of a mother's endeavour to find her son. Gill had brought along a selection of her novels which a number of our members purchased. It was a most enjoyable and informative evening.

Our groups continue to flourish - in June the Walking Group drove to the Kingscote Estate and Vineyard. From there, they walked through the Gravetye Estate which comprises 637 acres of woodland, farmland and waterways in the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. A coffee or a cool drink was very welcome on their return to the Vineyard.

Please contact our President, Anne Horrell on 01342 719632 if you would like any further information; our 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

THE ARTS SOCIETY TURNERS HILL

The Arts Society are currently on our usual summer break, but will be back on

**TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER WHEN BRIAN SLATER TALKS ON
"THE STIRLING PRIZE"**

The Stirling Prize has celebrated the very best contemporary buildings since 1996. This entertaining lecture looks at some of the hits, some of the misses and several buildings that arguably should have won, but didn't!

The talks start at 10.50am but coffee is served from 10.15am. We continue to meet at the Dunlop Hall in the Ark at Turners Hill. The meetings commence with coffee and finish, if you wish to stay after the talk, with a buffet lunch and glass of wine in the Dove Suite for an extra £10.

Visitors are welcome to the talk for a small fee of £7, and **WE ARE TAKING NEW MEMBERS.**

For more details look at our website

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



THE ARTS
SOCIETY
TURNERS HILL

Contact me - we would love you to join us!

Lesley Croucher (Chairman)

01342 716831 / lccroucher@btinternet.com

TURNERS HILL PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

It has been a fairly quiet time here at the park since the last issue of *Two Villages*, and we have welcomed several new residents to our lovely park.



One extra new resident - shown here - was welcomed by Barrie and Rosemary after tumbling into their pond in Linnet Close, whilst waiting for mum to come and find him.

Whilst driving out of the park with friends recently, we were treated to a view of a lovely deer enjoying his lunch in a resident's garden!

We are currently arranging **OUR NEXT COFFEE MORNING FOR AUGUST** when we will welcome our local Fire Service again to provide Fire Safety advice and to meet our new residents.

CRAWLEY DOWN MONDAY CLUB

a weekly social club
for the over 60s!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare a few hours once a month on a Monday?

- ! Male / Female Mini Bus Driver
Required from September 2025
- ! Male Jockey (to assist our
members on and off the bus)

We meet each Monday from
10:30-2:00pm at the Haven Centre
in Crawley Down.

Please complete the transport application
on our website: crawleydownmonday.club
or just pop in on a Monday for a chat!

We are a friendly bunch of local volunteers whose main aim is to give our Monday Club members a chance to socialise with others, a cooked 2 course meal & entertainment weekly. To some members it is the only time they get out. That could be any of us in years to come!

Any help gratefully received. Thank you.



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your App Store, or using the QR code.

Then follow East Grinstead Foodbank and get
regular updates of items we need.

Why do we need a Foodbank in East Grinstead?

Today in the UK there are families struggling to put food
on the table. For people on low incomes a sudden crisis
- illness, benefit delay or an unexpected bill - can push
their finances over the edge, meaning there is nothing left
to pay for groceries. Cupboards are bare and people are
going hungry in your neighbourhood today.

We can't sit by and let that happen.

"I wouldn't be here
if it wasn't for
the food bank."

Adam



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network of foodbanks,
supported by
The Trussell Trust, working to
combat poverty and hunger
across the UK.
Learn more:
www.trussell.org.uk

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WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter - Summer 2025



WORTH PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

With the summer season well under way now, this is a good time to reflect on all the wonderful events that take place in our villages during the warmer months. Crawley Down's Gig on the Green and the Copthorne Carnival both feature prominently in the social calendar, of course, but there are many more to enjoy.

These events are organised and run by volunteers, and in early June we had the opportunity to celebrate these individuals and many more at our wonderful Parish Awards evening at the Haven Centre. It was fantastic to see all the recognition their efforts deserved, and the large turnout for the evening stands as testament to everyone who was nominated. On behalf of the Parish, I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to you all.

I'm delighted to say that our Youth Team will be holding a number of events for local children to enjoy during the summer holidays. Please check our Facebook page for the latest information.

In addition, it's so pleasing to see that we now have CCTV provisions in place in Copthorne and, very soon, in Crawley Down as well. We will be keeping tabs on the situation in the coming months, to see whether more cameras would be helpful in preventing and detecting crime, reducing antisocial behaviour and improving public safety

Enjoy the sunshine!

Tony Dorey, Chairman, Worth Parish Council

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 hundreds of followers in Crawley Down and Copthorne already, so why not come and join us?

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

COUNCIL SURGERIES

Would you like to come and meet your local Council Officers? Worth Parish Council is holding two surgeries in the coming weeks, and we'd love to see you there. We'll be at Oliver's in Copthorne on Tuesday July 22nd (10:30-12:30) and outside the shops in Crawley Down on Wednesday August 27th (10:30-12:30). Why not come along and say hello?

CCTV

We are currently awaiting confirmation of installation dates for the new CCTV column and 3 cameras (1 pan tilt zoom and 2 fixed cameras) to be installed on Station Road in Crawley Down and for the CCTV signs to be put up. For more information and the latest news please see our website, where you can also see our CCTV FAQs

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

SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE

Speedwatch are still in desperate need of volunteers and are appealing for more to come forward. Being a volunteer can involve as little as one hour every two or three weeks, although if you'd like to do more that would of course be welcomed. For more information, please go to <https://communityspeedwatch.org/> and click on Register/Join an Existing Group. Alternatively, you can email Steve O'Connell of Sussex Police at stephen.oconnell@sussex.police.uk

They now have 2,500 volunteers across Sussex, with 190 Parish Councils and 15 Wardens carrying out Community Speedwatch initiatives. They issue 5,000 letters per month to drivers for speeding; from this they only have a repeat offender rate of less than 5% out of the 60,000 or so letters sent over the year, which means drivers really do take notice.

If you witness speeding in and around the village, you can report it via Operation Crackdown <https://operationcrackdown.org/>

ALLOTMENTS

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.

PARISH AWARDS



Our very first Parish Awards took place at The Haven Crawley Down on Friday 6th June. The evening was a big success, and we're grateful to everyone who came along and joined in the fun. The evening was hosted by Councillor Trevor Hodson, and prizes and certificates were awarded to our wonderful nominees by Councillors Phillip Coote and Lauraine Stewart. To top off a fabulous occasion, there was music from some of the finalists in the "*Crawley Down Has the X Factor*" competition.

And the winners on the night were:

Crawley Down : Winner - Dan Terry, Runner Up - Andrew Metcalfe

Copthorne : Winner - Bob Golds, Runner Up - Gwyn and Christine Cheesmur

Special Award : Anabelle Munday

Also, a big thank you to our sponsors: **Branding Box, Olive Branch Hypnotherapy** and **Tulleys Tea Room**.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEWS

We'd like to thank everyone who completed the recent Neighbourhood Plan Surveys. **We received several hundred responses from both Crawley Down and Copthorne**, and we're very grateful to everyone who took the time to take part.

Neighbourhood plans are important because they empower local communities to directly influence the future development of their areas. These plans allow residents to shape where new housing, businesses and community facilities are located, as well as how new developments look and feel. By actively participating in the planning process, communities can ensure that development aligns with their vision and needs, ultimately creating more desirable and sustainable places to live.

You can find out more about the previous neighbourhood plan by clicking here https://www.worth-pc.gov.uk/Crawley_Down_Neighbourhood_Plan_29488.aspx and the works of Worth Parish Council at <https://www.worth-pc.gov.uk/>

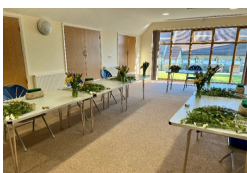
KERBSIDE DRAINS

Kerbside drains in the road should only have clean water or snowmelt enter them - **anything else contaminates the local stream and pond**. Over the years the pond and stream have been white or cloudy on numerous occasions due to substances being put down the drains. On walks around the village there are plenty of drains where there is evidence of something being poured down the drain that should not have been, so please look after the local environment as it's here for all to enjoy.

Our shared green open spaces are a much-valued part of our community. However, there is an increase of local garden waste being fly-tipped in these areas. Examples include by the stream in Brookside, Rowan Walk and Hazel Way.

Lawn cuttings, moss, shrub cuttings and soil are detrimental to the natural fauna and can upset the soil balance by killing native plants; they can also introduce non-native plant species that disrupt habitats, potentially endangering wildlife. In addition, **it is illegal, antisocial and costs the council money to remove the debris**. Most residents want to live in areas that have green spaces so please look after what we have.

SOUTH ROOM, THE PARISH HUB, COPTHORNE



Our bright and spacious South Room is available to hire for one-off events or for longer term/regular bookings. The room is suitable for a wide range of uses, including art classes, business meetings, activity sessions, workshops and so much more. It has free Internet access, excellent audio-visual equipment, access to a small kitchen and plenty of chairs and tables.

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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.

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WORTH PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

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

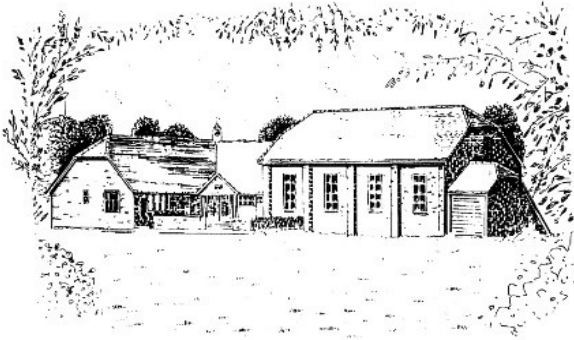
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TURNERS HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter - August/September 2025



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The Parish Council Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 10am and 2pm, but a message can be left at any time or an email sent to the above address. Before visiting, we encourage you to phone ahead to ensure we are available because meetings during office hours are sometimes unavoidable.

Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month starting at 7.30pm, with 15 minutes for public participation. You are very welcome to join us for part or all of any meeting.

The agenda is displayed in advance on the village notice board and on our website. Our next meetings are on Tuesdays 5th August and 2nd September 2025.

Charlotte Jim, Clerk to the Council

VE DAY – THURSDAY 8TH MAY

The Chairman of the Parish Council along with Canon David Tickner and Turners Hill Primary School hosted The VE Day event which took place on the Village Green on 8th May and was well attended.

The Chairman also commended the Primary School for their exceptional maypole dancing, which was a highlight of the occasion.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

This was held on Wednesday 28th May was well attended; the Chairman expressed thanks to Stuart Beare for his presentation on “*The History of Tulleys Farm*”.

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

Turners Hill Parish Council is made up of eight Parish Councillors, the Clerk – **Charlotte Jim** and the Assistant Clerk **Elaine Norman**

Bruce Forbes - (Chairman) - Neighbourhood Plan, The Ark Community Executive (ACE) Committee, Finance Committee, Staffing Committee

Sue Hughesdon (Vice Chairman) - Allotment, The Ark Community Executive (ACE) Committee, Finance Committee

Chris Jarvis - Neighbourhood Plan, The Ark Community Executive (ACE) Committee, Finance Committee

Ian Gibson - Neighbourhood Plan, Mid and West Sussex Associations of Local Councils representative, Staffing Committee

Jennie Forbes - Neighbourhood Plan, Roads and Vehicle Working Group, Staffing Committee, Pond Working Group

Gary Marsh - Roads and Vehicle Working Group, Staffing Committee, Pond

Francesca Lutman - Neighbourhood Plan, Pond working group

Phillip Coote - Currently not serving on any specific working groups or committees

The Parish Council manage the following in Turners Hill:

- The Ark
- Village Green and flagpole
- Withypitts Pond
- Allotments
- Grit bins
- Bus shelters
- Street lights
- Bookings for hire of the recreation ground

Please contact the Clerk or the Assistant Clerk regarding any issues with these managed assets.

RECREATION GROUND - Mid Sussex District Council are responsible for the recreation ground and play area. To report any issues such as broken equipment, contact parksopenspaces@midsussex.gov.uk / 01444 458166

FLY TIPPING AND WASTE/RECYCLING related issues - contact **MSDC Waste Management Team** on 01444 477440 or email wastematters@midsussex.gov.uk

ROADS - West Sussex County Council Highways are responsible for the roads (excluding of Motorways and Dual carriageways, which are the responsibility of Highways England). If a pothole is an immediate risk to public safety, phone 01243 642105. Report an emergency with a road or pavement via www.westsussex.gov.uk

OUTREACH POST OFFICE AT THE ARK

The Outreach Post Office is at The Ark on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 10am to 12noon.

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"OPEN DOOR" GROUP

"MEET AND GREET" THURSDAY AFTERNOONS

Next on 21st August & 18th September 2025

For anyone who would enjoy some company - all are welcome to join us in the Lounge Bar at The Haven Crawley Down on the **third Thursday of each month from 2-4pm** - sit down, relax and enjoy a drink whilst chatting to friends. We can also take advantage of a collection of Board Games.

Any questions, please phone 01342 715015. We look forward to seeing you!



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WHEN: SUNDAYS 10AM

For more information and the latest updates
please go to <https://thfchurch.org/>

Turners Hill Free Church are on social media,
so if you are interested in keeping up with
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Contact: admin@thfchurch.org

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At St Leonard's on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and at All Saints' on 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month (months with a 5th Sunday will also alternate).

Please see www.allsaintscrawleydown.org for full details of all services at our parish churches

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All Saints



St Leonards

During August and September, please remember the following in your prayers :

	Parish Church	Roads in Village	Organisations in Village	Charities supported by church
3 Aug	All Saints	Huntsland, Hazelwood Close and Wynlea Close	Crawley Down businesses	Family Support Work
	St Leonard's	Lark Rise, THP	Turners Hill Cricket Club	St Catherine's Hospice
10 Aug	All Saints	Kiln Road and Kiln Close	Members of Parliament	Happy Home Orphanage, India
	St Leonard's	Linnett Close, THP	Turners Hill Marbles Team - The Tolleymen	Family Support Work
17 Aug	All Saints	Larches Way	Crawley Down Residents' Association (CDRA)	Mothers' Union
	St Leonard's	Nightingale Lane, THP	Turners Hill Park Residents' Association	Crawley Open House
24 Aug	All Saints	Old Station Close	Local police officers, Neighbourhood Watch and emergency services	Scripture Union
	St Leonard's	Nuthatch Way, THP	Turners Hill Shops	St Catherine's Hospice
31 Aug	All Saints	Pondside Close	1st Crawley Down & Turners Hill Scouts Group	Link to Hope Shoe Box Appeal
	St Leonard's	Partridge Place, THP	St Leonard's Church	Family Support Work
7 Sep	All Saints	Rowan Walk	Girlguiding in Crawley Down	Torch Trust
	St Leonard's	Pigeon Pass, THP	Turners Hill Free Church	Crawley Open House
14 Sep	All Saints	Sandhill Lane	The Friends of Crawley Down Royal British Legion	Bible Society
	St Leonard's	Puffin Hill, THP	Worth Abbey	St Catherine's Hospice
21 Sep	All Saints	Sandy Lane, Badger Close, Longacre & Gardner Lane	St Catherine's Hospice	Care for the Family
	St Leonard's	Raven Close, THP	Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC)	Family Support Work
28 Sep	All Saints	Snow Hill & Green Lane	Crawley Down Monday Club	Christian Aid
	St Leonard's	Robin Row, THP	West Sussex County Council (WSCC)	Crawley Open House

COPTHORNE CHAPEL

We are enjoying our services throughout the summer at 10.30am each Sunday with various speakers always bringing a fresh message from the Bible.

On Sunday 20th July we celebrated our 203rd Anniversary with a Communion service taken by Gordon Hamilton.

On Saturday 16th August at 3.30pm we are hosting a "Music for a Summers Afternoon" event with music from local harpist Margaret Watson, followed by a fish and chip supper. Tickets are £8 and available from Jenny on 01342 713128.

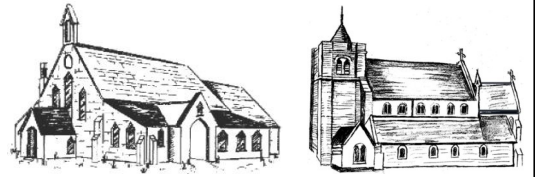
Bible Study takes place at the Chapel on Tuesday evenings at 6.30pm until further notice. **ALL WELCOME.**

Celia Smart, Secretary, 01343 713172

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Vicar : Rev Christine Keyte

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Any member of the Ministry Team may be contacted directly on 01342 704449

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WORTH ABBEY NEWS

August - September 2025

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sacrament of Reconciliation : Sundays from 8.45am-9.15am (or by appointment with Fr Paul)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament : Sundays at 6.30pm after Vespers (*Wednesdays are temporarily suspended*)

Rosary Group : 7.10-8pm on Mondays in the Church after Vespers. Please contact Rachel Davies on 07801 696354

Lectio Divina : 8pm on Tuesday evenings via Zoom. Please email jenny_chapman@sky.com

Christian Meditation : in the Unity Room from 6.30-8pm. Please email Richard at rbrownd1@gmail.com

Vigil for Vocations : Every 1st Friday of the month from 8.30-9pm after Compline

Bible Study : 11am on Mondays at St Benedict's (Parish Office). Please contact the Parish Office

Fr Paul is away for two weeks from **28th July – 10th August**. We will do our best to pick up all messages, but our response may not be as quick as we would like. Please be patient.

If there is an emergency while Fr Paul is away please get in touch with your nearest neighbouring parish:

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PARISH CONTACTS

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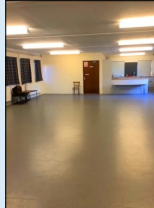
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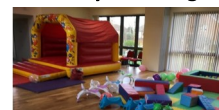
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