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Saturday 14th December 2024
from 7-9pm

at The Glebe Centre, Crawley Down

Raising funds for
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LIGHT AND HOPE



"While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them". Luke 2:6-7

As we approach Christmas, there is a familiar sense of anticipation for the season—the decorations going up and lights all around our village communities. In church each week, we light Advent candles that remind us of light and hope even in the darkest days of winter.

Advent and Christmas bring a blend of cherished traditions and new beginnings because at the centre of this season is the story of Jesus' birth. Though often told in many different ways, it is, at its core, a quiet, humble story: a young couple seeking shelter, a stable, and a child born in the simplest of surroundings. That scene in Bethlehem reminds us that God often meets us in the most unexpected

places— and often in moments of stillness. The account of the nativity in the Gospels show us that, light, peace, and hope in Christ are to be found in sometimes unexpected times and places. That is one of the reasons perhaps, that the Advent and Christmas season is also a time to pause and reflect on the gift of momentary stillness. Life can pull us in many directions, especially during this time

of year but perhaps some of the greatest gifts come in moments of simplicity—a quiet walk, or a simple moment of rest in the midst of the busyness of the day.

We warmly invite everyone to join us for our Christmas services as we celebrate the story of light of Christ that gives us hope in eternity.

Wishing everyone a blessed and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

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TURNERS HILL C of E SCHOOL

HINDLEAP WARREN

We had a fantastic time at Hindleap Warren for our residential trip. The children were able to experience a wide range of activities, including archery, rock climbing, abseiling, shelter building and the very thrilling "Forest Adventure". The children were able to face their fears, develop their team building skills, take on new responsibilities and progress existing skills. We are so proud of every one of the children in terms of behaviour, attitude and positive mindset.



TAG RUGBY AND NETBALL FESTIVAL

We have had a busy half term full of sporting events. Two groups of children took part in a rugby festival at East Grinstead Rugby Club, they learnt various rugby skills before taking part in mini games against other local primary schools. Another group took part in a netball festival at East Grinstead Sports Club. They were taught various netball skills including: passing, shooting and defending before playing a series of short games against other local primary schools.



ORIENTEERING EVENT

Children in Years 3-6 took part in an orienteering competition at Holy Trinity Primary School in Cuckfield. It was a fantastic event where the children needed to find points marked on a map of the school grounds. **Our Y5/6 Group came SECOND!**



HEVER CASTLE AND WAKEHURST VISITS

Our younger children went to visit Hever Castle (Y1 and Y2) and Wakehurst (YR) to support their learning on the theme "Turrets and Tiaras". They all had a fantastic time.



CRAWLEY DOWN VILLAGE C of E SCHOOL



Year 6 Residential Trip to Little Canada

Before half term, the Year 6 children went on their residential trip to Little Canada, the PGL site on the Isle of Wight. Travelling by coach and ferry, it was the first time a number of our children had ever experienced over-sea travel. This was one of many memories created on the trip.

On arrival, the children were allocated cabins and began to make themselves feel at home. The trip helps to develop independence and resilience, with making their own beds being one of the first challenges of the week. To add a competitive element, Mr Burcombe and Miss Rawlings conducted cabin inspections, with the general standards of tidiness blowing them away.

A familiar routine was established during our trip, whereby each day followed a similar pattern: a tasty breakfast to set us up for the day, two adventurous activities in the morning, lunch to refuel us for the afternoon, two further exciting activities in the afternoon, a delicious dinner and, finally, an evening activity that the entire year group took part in together.

The activities during the day were completed in small groups, with children from both classes mixed together to help to develop new relationships and strengthen pre-existing ones. Some of the activities the children loved most were: giant swing, rock climbing, Jacob's ladder, vertical challenge and the sensory trail.

We were immensely proud of the bravery and teamwork shown by all of our Year 6s during the week away. It was inspiring to watch their determination and drive to overcome their own personal fears and challenges, safe in the knowledge that their peers were there to cheer them on and offer encouragement.

"Even though the challenges seem scary, they aren't because they are safe and lots of fun. It is such a brilliant trip! Zip wire was awesome. I loved helping my friends by working together and pulling the ropes. Overall, I had such an amazing time." Jack M

"I was so nervous for all the high activities. However, I loved it so much, I have now been climbing at the weekend. The trip made me so confident and fearless!" Mia N



14
DECEMBER
7-9pm

Christmas
MASSAOKE
CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG
Bar available
£10 ADULTS £5 CHILDREN UNDER 16
Glebe Centre, Crawley Down, RH10 4JJ
Contact Donna 07925544312

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National Childbirth Trust




Breakfast
with Santa
Sat 7th December 2024
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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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 !**

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**SANTA CLAUS
IS COMING TO
CRAWLEY DOWN!**

19th December
from 4pm

Look out for maps
around the village for
when I will be going
past your road

Santa Claus X

 www.CDRA.info

TOY COLLECTION

From 18th November to 1st December 2024

DONATE A NEW OR GENTLY USED TOY FOR A CHLD 16 YEARS OR UNDER

Working with the **FAMILY SUPPORT WORK** team, All Saints Crawley Down & St Leonard's Turners Hill are collecting toys to gift to children this Christmas

Please avoid Soft Toys and toys for very young children
For older teenagers, Gift Cards are always gratefully received

Please bring your donation of a new or gently used toy, or gift card, to:

Crawley Down Village C of E School (during school hours)
Turners Hill C of E School (during school hours)
The Glebe Centre Crawley Down (on Tue, Wed or Thu before 11am)
All Saints' Church Crawley Down (open 9.30-11.30am on alternate Sundays – see website)
St Leonard's Church Turners Hill (open 9.30-11.30am on alternate Sundays – see website)

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CHRISTMAS MARKET

1ST DECEMBER 2024
1-4pm

Haven Centre, Crawley Down.
£1 entry for adults. Kids go free.

Festive market stalls
Refreshments, Raffle
Santa's Grotto

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE DONKEY FIELD
PRE SCHOOL





CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO YOU ALL

While there is no Café in December,
we send warmest seasonal wishes to
all our customers and volunteers
and we look forward to seeing
you in the New Year on

18th January 2025

**REPAIR
CAFE** Forest Row





Ready, Set, Recycle!

At Crawley Down School

Help the environment and raise some money
for the school by donating to the clothing bank

Did you know that we raised £806 last year through the clothing bank
donations! Can we beat that this school year!?





- Clothing
- Shoes
- Soft toys
- Linen
- Towels
- Accessories

The clothing bank bin is situated at the front of the main
school gates on the right hand side





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presents

Sleeping Beauty

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Thursday 9th January – 6:30pm
Friday 10th January – 7:30pm
Saturday 11th January – 2pm and 7pm

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Adults (16 and over) - £12*
Children (15 and under) - £10*
Family (2 Adults & 2 Children or 1 Adult & 3 Children) - £40*

* Tickets are subject to a Transaction Fee



1ST TURNERS HILL AND CRAWLEY DOWN SCOUT GROUP

As we approach the end of the year in which we celebrated our 75th
anniversary, a lot of people have reminisced nostalgically over the
events of those years and it was so great to meet up with previous
members of all ages. During the past year we have seen a
membership growth of 29% mainly due to the opening of the
Squirrel Scout Drey.

Many thanks and a big welcome to all who became new Volunteer
Team Members in the Group. **As we approach the new year we
are still DESPERATELY SHORT OF VOLUNTEER TEAM MEMBERS at
both Cub Scout Packs and The Scout Troop.** If you are in the habit
of making new year resolutions, why not add Scout Group
Volunteer Member to your list & contact us for details?

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

Apart from being a Volunteer Team Member there is the Group
Trustee Board which manages the finances, the HQ, fundraising
and safety aspects. One of our major projects will be the
replacement of the fencing on our southern and eastern
boundaries. **Any advice from LOCAL FENCING CONTRACTORS
would be most welcome.**

What a great year of celebration, growth and achievements. Happy
Christmas and New Year to all from your local Scout Group.

Contacts : vicky.teasdale@egscouts or rha23haw@btinternet.com
Bob Atkins (Group Secretary)

TURNERS HILL PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Our September coffee Morning was very successful, with a very informative talk from the Cyber Crime Unit Protect Officer from Surrey and Sussex Police, Daniel Sykes. Daniel gave advice on Scams and Fraud, and also advised on how to deal with those very frightening unsolicited telephone calls, which I am sure we have all experienced, as well as advice on researching Google, which even some of our more IT experienced members were not aware of. Daniel has agreed to return next year with more advice and we look forward to seeing him again. We were also joined by our local Fire Officers, who met new residents and were able to arrange to visit them to provide Fire Safety advice.

At our December coffee morning we look forward to being entertained by Andy Thomas, who will give a talk about the origins of Christmas through time.

Our RESIDENTS' CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION is on during December and the winners will be announced in January.

We have been fortunate in recently being approached by

Anne, who has volunteered to take over as Secretary; we are all extremely grateful and relieved to now have such an able recruit to our committee.

FROM THE RESIDENTS COUNTRY CLUB

The Residents Country Club December celebrations will start with Father Christmas arriving to meet the children followed by the Affinity Choir who will entertain us with Carols around our Christmas Tree (which was provided by very generous residents) along with mince pies and mulled wine.

Our Christmas dinner will be held on Sunday 15th December, followed by live entertainment and finally, on Saturday 21st December, we look forward to a musical Cinema night.

Hayley will entertain us at our New Year's Eve party.

WE WISH EVERYONE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!



Did you know that recycling your MILK BOTTLE TOPS and Miscellaneous Bottle Tops raises funds for charity?

They are sent to TWO separate companies (and must be SEPARATELY bagged):

Milk bottle tops ONLY

These go to a central collector in East Grinstead who arranges for GHS Recycling Ltd <https://ghsrecycling.co.uk> to collect them. They pay £30 for every 500kgs and have recycled over 30 tonnes since the scheme began. The tops are granulated to make hard plastic toys for children, such as slides and other garden toys, and they also go to make more bottle tops!

The money received is sent directly to Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. <https://www.gosh.org>

Other Miscellaneous Bottle Tops

These are collected in Crawley Down and taken on to a school in East Grinstead where they are collected by <https://mygroupltd.com/schoolcycled>

The school earns 250 tokens for every kilogram collected which can be exchanged for items of furniture, play equipment, signage or other recycled plastic items in the SchoolCycled catalogue.

Please do NOT MIX milk bottle tops with miscellaneous tops. If they are mixed, the milk tops will be sent off with the miscellaneous ones (to SchoolCycled) and GOSH will not receive any funds.

Bottle tops can be left clean and **SEPARATELY bagged** at the following locations:

- The Glebe Centre, Crawley Down
- Crawley Down Village School
- The Haven Centre, Crawley Down
- Tulley's Farm Tea Room, Turners Hill
- St Leonard's Church, Turners Hill (NOT The Vicarage)
- All Saints' Church, Crawley Down (NOT The Vicarage)

ALL milk and miscellaneous bottle tops collected at various locations in Turners Hill and Crawley Down **go to the same central collection points.**



**GREAT ORMOND STREET
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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 8pm at East Court, East Grinstead 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 18th December at 7.30pm – please join us for a light supper, quiz, raffle and general get together – its free and all are welcome.

2025 starts off with a lecture on **“Hungary, Birding in the heart of Europe”** by Simon Ginnaw at the normal time of 7.45 for 8 pm.

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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ARTS SOCIETY TURNERS HILL

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

Our December talk is earlier in the month on **Tuesday 10th December with “A Bit of a Carry On” from Tyler Butterworth**. Tyler tells the remarkable story of his parents the **CARRY ON** actor Peter Butterworth, and his wife, Britain’s first female TV impressionist Janet Brown, best known for her impression of Mrs Thatcher.

We return in January on our usual fourth Tuesday of the month, **Tuesday 28th January 2025, “The Art of the Cartoonist” with Harry Venning**. A professional cartoonist for 30 years, Harry will be drawing live, showing the tricks of the trade.

Coffee is served from 10.15am and talks start at 10.50am. 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.

Visitors are welcome for a small fee of £7, and we are taking new members.



THE ARTS
SOCIETY
TURNERS HILL

For more details look at our website
<https://theartsocietyturnershill.org.uk/>
or contact me and I will forward any links. We would love you to join us!

Lesley Croucher (Chairman)

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Do you love to Sing? Come and join us!

Did you know Singing is good for your mental and physical health? Singing not only exercises the brain as well as the body, but it is particularly beneficial for improving breathing, posture and muscle tension. Singing as part of a choir also builds social bonds & connection & gives you a sense of belonging!

So if you love belting out pop bangers, gospel vibes and iconic musical hits then come and join us for a free trial session at Affinity Choir! We're a fun and friendly, high-energy, feel-good, dynamic contemporary choir and we're always happy to welcome new members.

Contact Lisa Lake for your free trial session
email: affinity.choir.info@gmail.com

Turners Hill Free Church | Mondays 7:30-9pm



Affinity CHOIR

Christmas

DEC 09 2024

TIME 7:30PM

TICKETS £16, CONCESSIONS £15

CHEQUER MEAD THEATRE, EAST GRINSTEAD
<https://www.chequermead.co.uk/whats-on/>

Come and join us for an evening of beautiful Christmas arrangements and uplifting pop favourites, as Affinity Choir fill the air with the spirit of the season.

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter - Winter 2024



WORTH PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Everyone at Worth Parish Council is delighted with the appointment of Leanne Bannister to the new role of Chief Officer. Leanne has worked for WPC as Accounts Clerk in recent times, and we look forward to her taking on this new appointment in January.

In the interim, Hannah Smith is doing a splendid job as Acting Proper Officer, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her and the team for all their efforts.

Thanks also go to Councillor Thérèse Wilson and others for their sterling efforts in completing the new notice board project in Crawley Down. The boards look extremely impressive and will prove to be a very useful asset to the village.

This is the time of year for a number of excellent community events and initiatives, including the **Cophorne Scouts Bonfire and Fireworks**, the **Christmas Lights Switch-On** in

Crawley Down and Cophorne, Santa's Grotto in Crawley Down and more. No doubt the children of both villages are also eagerly awaiting Santa's journey through the local streets in December.

And of course there were Remembrance Day Services in both villages on 10th November; it makes me proud to know that we never forget those who gave so much for us.

As always, we are here to listen and engage with our residents. Councillors, including myself, can be contacted if you wish to discuss any local issues.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

See you again in 2025!

*Councillor Tony Dorey
Chairman, Worth Parish Council*

CCTV : STATION ROAD

We are in the process of seeking agreement for an Section 50 licence from West Sussex County Council in order to excavate and install CCTV apparatus on Station Road, directly in front of the Memorial Car Park. This is a change in location from the

originally identified position on the corner of Burleigh Way, due to high voltage underground cables located there. Once the S50 licence has been granted, we will be able to finalise dates with our preferred supplier for the installation to take place.

BOWERS PLACE

Following changes in legislation earlier this year, it has proved necessary to carry out a Biodiversity Assessment of the site as part of the Planning Application process. This work has now been completed; however, negotiations are ongoing to reach a

mutually acceptable means of complying with the findings of the Assessment. We now hope to have all the required approvals by January so that we can go out to tender then for the construction work.

ALLOTMENTS

Worth Parish Council has a number 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.

NOTICE BOARDS



Worth Parish Council is delighted to announce that the **new notice boards in Crawley Down** are now in place. As you can see from these before and after photos, the new boards are a vast improvement.

The boards are a welcome addition to the village centre, and we are planting a wildflower mix in the Memorial Car Park flower beds to further improve the surroundings.

We're also pleased to note that the **Village Brew Coffee Shop** will be opening soon to add some welcome vibrancy to the area. We wish them all good luck in this venture.

WORTH PARISH YOUTH CLUBS

Our Youth Clubs in both Crawley Down and Copthorne continue on a weekly basis, and there were several extra activities to enjoy during the school half term holiday. These included Play on the Green sessions in both villages. Drew from the Youth Team also attended a Play Day event run by Mid Sussex District Council in East Grinstead.

Our Youth Clubs run:

Monday 3.30-5.30pm at The Haven Centre in Crawley Down

Wednesday 4-6pm at The Pavilion in Copthorne

Worth Parish Youth Clubs are for children in Year 5 and up. They are completely FREE!

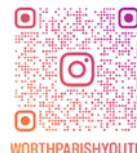
Please book your children into the club using the [IPAL booking system](https://worthparishyouth.ipalbookings.com/) so Drew can take registers and sign the children in and out. Please ensure your child also has a drink and any snacks provided must be nut free.

<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.



SPEEDING IN CRAWLEY DOWN

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 be welcomed.

Please go to communityspeedwatch.org for more information and click on Register/Join an Existing Group. Alternatively, you can email Steve O'Connell of Sussex Police at stephen.oconnell@sussex.pnn.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 at operationcrackdown.org

CRAWLEY DOWN COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Have you ever thought about getting more involved in your local community, and taking part in an activity that makes a genuine difference to life in Crawley Down?

Many people already come along and take part in litter-picks, and we would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in becoming one of the co-ordinators of future Community Clean-Ups in the village, which are currently held approximately 4-6 times per year.

Volunteer duties would include collecting and returning equipment (you would need a car for this), providing guidance

and support to other litter-pickers and making sure safety and admin requirements are met.

Litter-picking events are great fun. They're held at weekends and are supported by individuals, couples and families. They offer a chance to get out and about in the village and provide a vital service to the local community.

If you're interested in becoming a co-ordinator, or indeed if you'd like to be added to our expanding list of volunteer litter-pickers, please message us at enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk or call 01342 713 407.

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

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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

Worth Parish Council, First Floor, The Parish Hub,
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THE HAVEN CENTRE NEEDS YOU

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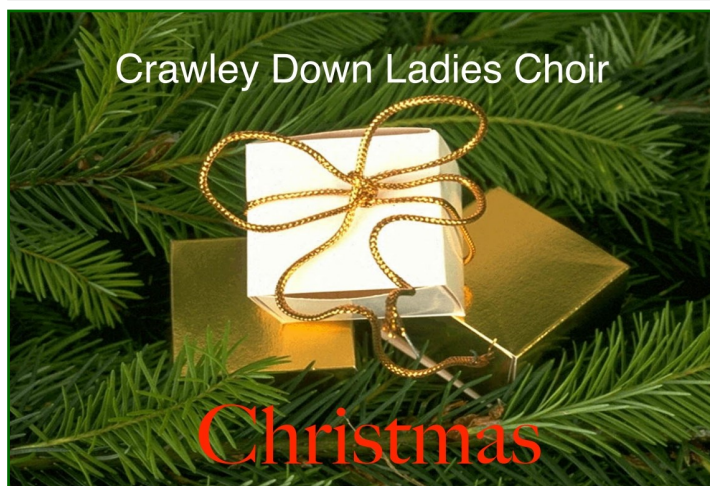
We have been carrying out a public consultation programme to learn how local residents would like our community centre to develop and flourish into the 2030s. We are currently processing your feedback and encourage you to look on our website and village noticeboards for the results. Your insights and opinions will play a crucial role in shaping a facility that meets the future needs of Crawley Down.

WE DESPERATELY NEED YOUR HELP NOW : The Centre is managed by a dedicated committee of volunteers. Some of our team have relocated and we need urgently to find new volunteers. We are seeking an honorary "Minutes Secretary" whose role is to organise monthly

Trustee meetings, take minutes, manage all related paperwork and organise our Annual General Meeting. Additionally we are looking for individuals with technical skills, marketing expertise or simply those who can spare some time to help our small team with daily tasks and maintenance.

If you can help us reinvigorate the Haven and enhance its future, please drop into the Haven office or email chairmanhavencentre@gmail.com

Frances Lancaster
Chairman, CDCCA Management Committee



Crawley Down Ladies Choir

Christmas

Concert 2024

Musical Director Kathleen Shuster
Accompanist Jennifer Kirk

Haven Centre

14th December 2-4 pm
Doors open 1.30 pm

Cost £5.00

Tickets available in advance
Contact Jan 07799 064023

Cash Raffle



CAKE & COMPANY Christmas

ON TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2024

ALL "Two Villages" RESIDENTS WELCOME

AT THE GLEBE CENTRE FROM 2-4PM

* Making Christmas table decorations *
Small Raffle * Christmas music * Mince pies & festive treats

Why not join us for lots of cake & chat
... and don't forget your Christmas jumper or hat!

NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST TURN UP!

For more information, phone 01342 718741
or email glebecentre@allsaintscrawleydown.org

£2 entry
to cover costs

The Glebe Centre
Vicarage Road
Crawley Down
RH10 4JJ



The Parish Churches of
All Saints' Crawley Down & St Leonard's Turners Hill



Christmas



Two Villages Christmas Services

Sunday 15th December at 6.30pm

All Saints' Crawley Down : Carol Service

Sunday 22nd December

10am : Christingle at All Saints' Crawley Down

6.30pm : Carol Service at St Leonard's Turners Hill

Christmas Eve at 2.30pm

Crib/Nativity Service at **St Leonard's Turners Hill**

Children are invited to come dressed-up as a nativity character

Christmas Eve at 4pm

Crib/Nativity Service at **All Saints' Crawley Down**

Children are invited to come dressed-up as a nativity character

Christmas Eve at 11.30pm

Midnight Communion at All Saints' Crawley Down

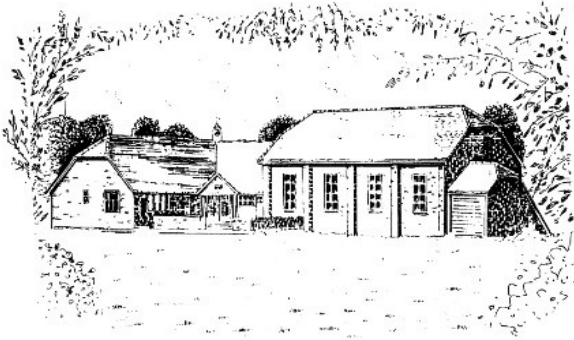
Christmas Day at 10am

Parish Communion at St Leonard's Turners Hill

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

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

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TURNERS HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter - December 2024 / January 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 3rd December 2024 and 14th January 2025.

Leanne Bannister, Clerk to the Council

PARISH COUNCIL : NEW PARISH CLERK

Charlotte Jim will be the Parish Clerk from 1st January 2025. Charlotte has worked as Deputy Clerk to the Parish Council for over two years, and also works as Clerk to Balcombe Parish Council. Please get in touch with any questions or concerns you may have, or even just to say hello – Charlotte will be pleased to speak to you!

WITHYPITTS POND



With big thanks to Matthews, who undertook this work free of charge, many of the reeds from the Pond have now been removed.

The Pond is now in need of dredging to fully remove the reeds and stop them from returning.

This will obviously come at an additional cost to the parish and so a public consultation will be held to find out if the community is willing to bear the cost of this, or if the Parish Council should consider returning the Pond to its landowner, Paddockhurst Estate.

Please look out for the survey – details will be published on the Facebook page, the Parish Council website and on posters in the notice boards.

CIVIC AWARD

Thank you to those of you that took the time to make a nomination, Turners Hill clearly has a lot of community-minded people as the list of nominations was very strong!

This year's Civic Award goes to Stuart Beare. Most of you will know that Stuart owns Tulleys Farm, but most of you won't be aware of the help and support that Stuart offers to both the Parish Council and organisations throughout the village as he undertakes this quietly and without fanfare. Stuart has always been a great supporter of the village, including the Church and School. When help is needed he and his team are always there. This year he has provided and sited the new notice boards as well as assisting with the clearance of the Withypitts Pond.

SENIOR RAIL CARDS

The Parish Council has a batch of discount codes. If you are looking to purchase or renew a senior railcard, please contact the Parish Council (details above) to obtain a promotional code. The rail cards can be applied for online or over the telephone (**but NOT at a train station**). www.senior-railcard.co.uk or 0345 3000 250.

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www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/make-an-enquiry-or-report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/

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ENTERTAINMENT

Fri 20th Dec : Live Music with "Graffiti"
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Christmas Eve : Kids Disco
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in the Haven Bar from 3-5pm

New Years Eve Party : Live Music with "Euphoria"
in the Haven Bar from 8pm-1am

CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

HAVEN BAR

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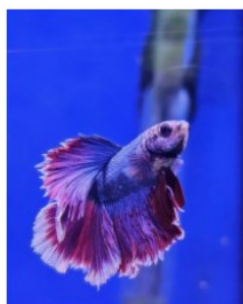


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It is difficult to believe that another year is nearly over. Hilltop WI have had another successful year with some very interesting speakers and fun events. Nine ladies enjoyed "Crazy Golf" at the Kings Golf Centre, East Grinstead in November; lots of laughter and no one is likely to be signed up to the next Open any time soon!

We are lucky to have the Affinity Choir led by local lady, Lisa Lake, entertaining us at our Christmas meeting on 11th December. This has been booked for a year as they are so popular, so we are very much looking forward to it. With Christmas teas, jumpers and a Christmas candle as the competition, it will really put us in the mood for the festive season.

In January we will have a social evening with quiz/games and our annual meal at The Crown where we are made very welcome by Phil and Lindsay. The 2025 programme will appear on our website www.turnershillwi.co.uk once everything is booked so keep an eye out for it!

We would love to welcome some 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.

All our ladies wish you a very happy Christmas and peaceful 2025.

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



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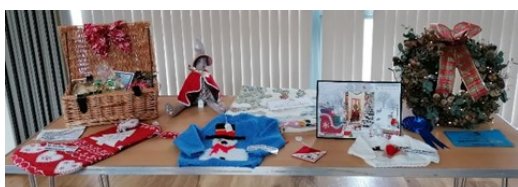
There are usually 8-12 of us at The Haven Centre and we are a "user friendly" group. We can teach newbies how to knit or crochet, and help you choose patterns and yarn.



**So do come along, get
a coffee from the
Haven Café and join
in the fun!**

Sue Dickenson

Parham House was the subject of our September speaker. Lesley Chamberlain gave us a very informative talk on the history of Parham House - originally owned by the Monastery of Westminster & granted to Robert Palmer by Henry VIII in 1540. The foundation stone was laid in 1577 by 2 year old Thomas Palmer, and Parham has been a family home ever since. Mr & Mrs Pearson, followed by their daughter Veronica Mary Tritton (died 1993), spent over 60 years restoring Parham and filling it with a collection of period furniture, paintings and textiles, also acquiring items that had originally belonged to the house. There is a particularly important collection of early needlework, including bed hangings supposed to have been worked by Mary Queen of Scots. During WWII, the house was home to evacuees from Peckham, London. In June 1942, the War Department requisitioned the house and estate, relocating the evacuees to make way for Canadian Infantry Divisions. After WWII, the house was opened to the public.



We entered most classes for the Ardingly Autumn Show where the theme was Christmas; we won a second for our Christmas Wreath and a

Highly Commended for our quilt. Congratulations to the clever winners.

Six of us attended the West Sussex WI Federation meeting in Horsham. The guest speakers were The Duchess of Norfolk who spoke about the work of the NSPCC, and David Hamilton. Diddy David was a very good speaker and extremely funny!

At our October meeting we enjoyed a fish & chip lunch and a Halloween cake pudding made by one of our members to celebrate her "special" birthday. Thank you Ann it was delicious! We followed this with some poetry and an 80/90s quiz; a nice change to our normal routine.

We continue to grow as the village afternoon WI. A warm welcome to the members who have joined us recently.

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

If you would like further information, please contact Kay Webb 07415 829997 or Jean Wakeling 01342 712834.

May we take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2025.

Jackie Kaldenberg, CD Afternoon WI

Frankie Goodall, a member of St Catherine's Hospice Fundraising Team, spoke to us on 3rd October about its relocation to Pease Pottage, Crawley. She explained that the land and buildings had very kindly been donated to them by Billy Bridges, but unfortunately there was now insufficient funding to be able to offer its full range of facilities. At the present time, only 12 out of the 24 available beds are being used and this is very sad. Frankie explained that everything has been so well thought out in order to make the end of life experience so much more bearable for patients and their families. However, on the plus side, the layout of the new hospice is so much better. There is also an excellent coffee shop which is open to the general public, a gift shop and beautiful gardens. The Crawley building is now up for sale and the funds from that will be very welcome. They are also very grateful to those who fundraise in the name of the hospice by running marathons, organising sales, singing in shopping malls at Christmas and many other types of events. It was good to hear the St Catherine's story and learning all about its new premises.

Twenty two of our members went to see *Sister Act* at Chequer Mead on 17th October. It was a wonderful show with excellent singing and acting. We thoroughly enjoyed it and look forward to seeing the next show by COS Musical Theatre.

On 7th November, our Committee organised a tasting of chutney, mince pies and shortbread. We were presented with three samples of each and were asked to rate them in order of quality - (A) Basic, (B) Better, (C) Best. It was not always easy to decide, but it was good fun trying. To round off the evening, we also had a Christmas quiz which took us up to tea, cakes and the raffle.

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Thursday 5th December at The Glebe Centre where we will have a Christmas social evening and a quiz.

Find us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/CrawleyDownEveWI) @CrawleyDownEveWI

Jean Ford, CD Evening WI



YOUR PARISH CHURCHES of ALL SAINTS' CRAWLEY DOWN and ST LEONARD'S TURNERS HILL



10am services are held on alternate Sundays between the two parish churches.

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 go to www.allsaintscrawleydown.org for full details of all services between our two village churches



**Please see page 11 for details of all Christmas services
at All Saints' Crawley Down and St Leonard's Turners Hill**

During December and January, please remember the following in your prayers :

	Parish Church	Roads in Village	Organisations in Village	Charities supported by church
1 Dec	All Saints	Wychwood Place	Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC)	Happy Home Orphanage, India
	St Leonard's	Lark Rise, THP	Members of Parliament	Family Support Work
8 Dec	All Saints	Acorn Avenue	West Sussex County Council (WSCC)	Mothers' Union
	St Leonard's	Linnett Close, THP	The Ark	Crawley Open House
15 Dec	All Saints	Ash Close	Crawley Down Village CofE School	Scripture Union
	St Leonard's	Nightingale Lane, THP	The Crown pub	St Catherine's Hospice
22 Dec	All Saints	Aviary Way	The Donkey Field Pre-School	Link to Hope Shoe Box Appeal
	St Leonard's	Nuthatch Way, THP	The Red Lion pub	Family Support Work
29 Dec	All Saints	Beech Gardens	Crawley Down Health Centre - doctors and staff and patients	Torch Trust
	St Leonard's	Partridge Place, THP	Turners Hill Allotments	Crawley Open House
5 Jan	All Saints	Beech Holme	Crawley Down Dentists	Bible Society
	St Leonard's	Pigeon Pass, THP	Turners Hill Badminton Club	St Catherine's Hospice
12 Jan	All Saints	Birch Close	Haven Centre Café & Bar	Care for the Family
	St Leonard's	Puffin Hill, THP	Turners Hill businesses	Family Support Work
19 Jan	All Saints	Bowers Place and Brickyard Lane	The Future of the Royal Oak Pub	Christian Aid
	St Leonard's	Raven Close, THP	Turners Hill Cricket Club	Crawley Open House
26 Jan	All Saints	Bramble Way	Crawley Down shops	Family Support Work
	St Leonard's	Robin Row, THP	Turners Hill Marbles Team - The Tolleymen	St Catherine's Hospice

COPTHORNE CHAPEL

With Christmas just around the corner, listed below are details of our Christmas services.

1 st Dec	10.30am	Advent Communion	David Ansell
8 th Dec	10.30am	Carols	Carol Watson
15 th Dec	10.30am		Brendon Cerff
22 nd Dec	10.30am	Communion	Gordon Hamilton
22 nd Dec	6.30pm	Carol Service	Gordon Hamilton
25 th Dec	10.30am	Christmas Day short service	Gordon Hamilton
29 th Dec	No service		

Christmas services collections will go to St Catherine's Hospice.

ALL WELCOME TO JOIN ANY OF OUR SERVICES. WE WISH ALL READERS A HAPPY AND HEALTHY CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.

Celia Smart, Secretary, 01343 713172.

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WORTH ABBEY NEWS

December 2024 - January 2025



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 7th December at 10.30am : **Advent Talk**

Sunday 15th December at 3.30pm : **Carol Service**

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Tuesday 24th December at 3pm : **Children's Crib Mass**

Tuesday 24th December at 11pm : **Midnight Mass**

Wednesday 25th December at 10am : **Christmas Day Mass**

EPIPHANY

Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated on Sunday 5th January 2025

REGULAR EVENTS

Mass Times : Saturday 9am (Concelebrated) and 5pm (First Mass of Sunday), Sunday 9.30am, Daily Mass 5.30pm (Concelebrated), Feast Day : 5.30pm, Holy Days of Obligation : 7.30pm

Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation) : in the Church on Sundays from 8.45am- 9.15am (or please make an appointment with Fr Paul)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament : Every Sunday at 6.30pm in the Church after Vespers and on Weds from 2.30-3.30pm

Rosary Group : 7.10-8pm on Mondays in the Church after Vespers

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

Christian Meditation Group : 7pm in the Unity Room. Please email Richard at rbrownd1@gmail.com

Vigil for Vocations : 1st Friday, after Compline, 8.30pm – 9pm

Bible Study : 11am on Mondays in St Benedict's (Parish Office)

Please check on the parish website or with the Parish Office for further details.

PARISH CONTACTS

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Parish Office Email : parish@worth.org.uk

Parish Website : www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk

Secretary : Maria Stribbling

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Nighttime Emergencies Only : 01342 710331

"OPEN DOOR" GROUP

Season's Greetings Everyone!



Now coming to the end of our 20th Year, we have just enjoyed a great Christmas Lunch at the Haven Centre, cooked by the wonderful Kirsti.

Towards the end of September, Jeremy Hodgkinson gave us his talk on the History of the Crawley Down Area. More old houses have now come to light. It is well worth hearing the talk somewhere, if you have not already!

Now onto our pre-Christmas entertainment - on **Thursday 19th December**, in the large hall at the Haven Centre, ladies from the **Crawley Down Ladies Choir** will be entertaining us with **Christmas music and Carols**. They hope we will join in some of the singing, it will be a very enjoyable afternoon! All welcome - please arrive at 2pm for refreshments including mince pies, the ladies will sing from 2.45pm.

We do not meet in January, because of inclement weather, so we look forward to meeting and greeting you again towards the end of February!

For further information about the Group please contact

Sue Pearson on 01342 715105 or email suepearson64@yahoo.co.uk



TURNERS HILL FREE CHURCH



SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

We welcome you to our Sunday morning service which starts at 10am. Everyone is welcome, all ages, and Sunday school is available for primary school aged children.

Our Christmas Day services starts at 10am.

COMMUNITY LUNCH - CHRISTMAS MEAL

Friday 13th December at 12.30pm will be our Christmas Community Lunch.

Please contact Sheila on 07786 159853 if you would like to join us.

LITTLE ANGELS PARENT, BABY & TODDLER GROUP

If you have a baby or toddler, why not join us on a **Tuesday from 10-11.30am**.

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CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

We warmly invite you to our Christmas Carol service on **Sunday 15th December at 6pm**, followed by refreshments.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

We warmly invite all primary school aged children to this year's Christmas Party on **Friday 20th December** at THFC.

Please see our social media channels for the sign-up link.

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

Turners Hill Free Church are on social media. If you are interested in keeping up with what we do, or see pictures of events, then head over to Turners Hill Free Church page on **Facebook, X (formerly Twitter) or Instagram**.



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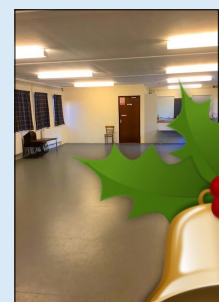
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