

Minutes UHCA September 5th 2017 at 7.30pm in Croft House.

Roger welcomed everyone back after the summer break during which we have still been busy.

It is with great sadness that we have to tell you of the sudden death of David, who was a great benefactor to UHCA, assisting with the Village Fete, donating chairs, organizing banners and offering support whenever it was needed. He and Jennie spent a lovely day at the Fete and really enjoying sitting by the Preschool Marquee and meeting and chatting to people.

He will be very sadly missed by his family and the many organizations in which he played such an integral and active part.

2 Minutes of the last meeting July 4th 2017 Proposed by Joan and seconded by

3 Matters arising from the minutes.

Ongoing investigation into the handing over of the Recreation Field in Upper Hopton in 1949 to Mirfield Urban Council along with a gift of £150 towards the improvement of facilities. We visited the West Yorkshire Archive in Wakefield to search their records and copied lots of information which he now needs to correlate

4 Correspondence.

From Ian Heaton- Cricket Club - email 4 Sept 2017

*Please can you pass on thanks from the cricket club to Roger Leedham for his help in providing chairs for a League Final that we hosted recently. The chairs were a great help in providing seating for the 250 that turned up. We have received fantastic feedback and it was as great way to showcase the cricket club and the village. We even had the WI running a cake stall which went down a bomb!!*

*On another matter, where do you stand on a bottle bin at the Cricket Club? We would like to try and arrange one with the council but we didn't want to proceed without seeking your support.*

The meeting decided that they were not too enthusiastic about the proposed bottle bank, particularly as there is no access for vehicles into the car park as the gate is locked.

From Mark Priestley - email 4 Sept 2017

*I noticed today that there appear to be at least 4 dead trees at the Rec. They are just at the far end of the graveyard by the broken wall.*

*I thought you should know as I am unsure who owns these. Chris Warren Tree Surgeon was looking at some work for me and he certainly thought they should be removed. Happy to show them to you if required.*

Kath has also noticed the trees in question. Action Chris to write to Kirklees.

5 Website. Update on website [www.upperhoptonvillage.co.uk](http://www.upperhoptonvillage.co.uk).

The webmasters are continually adding information to the site. Recently a photo gallery for the 2017 Fete and several Club activities have been added. The Village Diary and Croft House Calendar on the website are also continually updated.

7 Maintenance Team.

Croft House floor has been deep cleaned and polished and all the chairs have been cleaned.

8 Plans and reports for fund raising events.

A Murder Mystery Evening will be held on Saturday September 23rd at 7 pm in Croft House. The Emley Players will take the lead roles. Tickets are £15, to include two course buffet supper, available from Chris or Roger. There will be a licensed bar. Donations of raffles prizes welcome please.

9 Plans and Reports for Community Projects.

The Book Group meets on Monday 2017 at Croft House 3.30pm to 5.00pm. The next dates are the 11th and 25th September.

Report on the very successful 2017 Village Fete and Heritage Event held on the Saturday 29th July:

The number of events at the Fete was increased this year, the number of public attending and also the income. We intend to purchase some gazebos and additional equipment whilst the remaining income will be used for Croft House refurbishment. Toni and Darren put together the Heritage Exhibition which was exhibited in the Club. Thanks to everyone who gave their time to ensure that the Fete went smoothly. We held a Fete review meeting on the 29th August to discuss how we can improve and what events might be staged next year. Please send any ideas you may

have for the Fete to rogerleedham11@gmail.com. Several of the key events such as the Punch & Judy, Falconry, Charlottes Ice Cream, Katie Philpott School of Dance and the Brass Band have been booked already for 2018. Malcolm suggested that in 2018 we place cones on the road to ease the traffic congestion on Jackroyd Lane. Thanks to all the sponsors who made the Fete possible. The date of the next Fete will be Saturday 28th July 2018.

Net Profit £3600.

Chris thanked Roger on behalf of everyone and said how much we all enjoyed the day.

What do you think about staging a play followed by a supper in Croft House in November? We have been in contact with the "Library Theatre" who performs in small venues such as Croft House. Performing plays by Alan Bennett, John Godber and Geraldine Aron. We have a list of available dates from the theatre company (Nov 25th, Dec 1st, Dec 2nd, Dec 9th with lots of available dates in 2018). Feedback please to Roger!

Autumn Fair November 18th 10am till 2pm. Help needed please on the day and donations of cakes welcome

Christmas Party Friday 8th December at **3pm**.

Carols Round the Tree Saturday December 16th 6pm. Roger has booked the Clifton & Lightcliffe band.

10 Hopton in Bloom. The Garden Trail was held on Saturday July 8th 10 am till 4pm. It was a fantastically successful event on a wonderful sunny day when some 500 people toured the village and enjoyed our gardens. Thanks to Alison for organising it and Kath and her helpers for the refreshments in Croft House. Alison has written to everyone who opened their gardens. We raised about £4500 which will be spent on plants and projects for around the village. Calendar Photos have been chosen with the theme *Views from Walks in Hopton and Mirfield*. The calendars will be available soon.

HIB and UHCA wish to jointly purchase an A3 colour printer for the promotional work that we do.

Chris proposed, and Helen seconded that the printer be bought and all were in favour.

It was suggested that we contact Copy Mark.

#### 11 News and reports from the Club.

Harvest Festival - October 1st 7.00pm with auction starting at 7.30pm

Fashion Show - October 7th 2-5pm

Friday October 13th Tom and James 7.30 onwards.

Race Night. Saturday October 14th 7.30 onwards in aid of Air Ambulance and Spinal Research, which is a charity Alan Goodall is promoting.

First Aid Course October 21st is to be held at the Club with morning and afternoon courses if there are enough numbers. The cost is £25 which includes lunch. Certificate issued on satisfactory completion.

#### 12 Croft House Cookies

Next meeting is Tuesday September 26<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Skin Care and Make Up

#### 13 News from the Cricket Club

Next week is the last match of the season. The pitch has undergone extensive drainage work funded by a grant from Sports England.

14 News from Preschool. Ruth reported that we are deeply saddened by the sudden death of David, Secretary of Preschool. He was a very generous benefactor devoting both his time and his money to ensuring that Preschool was run on a professional basis. We are now in need of a new secretary.

New term started September 4th

Handbag Auction Friday September 29th at 7pm. We need an auctioneer for the event

In July 9 children left at the end of last term to start school. 14 children have started at Preschool which means we are in a much better position than this time last year

AGM will be in October when we need to elect new officers.

Donations of clothes for the Firefighters charity will be gratefully received and Ruth is willing to collect if necessary.

#### 15 News and reports from St John's Church and Team Parish.

Next Weekend, September 9th and 10th September, St Mary's and the Castle Hill Community Heritage site are open for tours, including walks up the tower, talks and exhibitions. This is a free event

St John's Quiz with Pie and Pea Supper on October 7th in 7.30 Croft House.

The Autumn Fair will be on November 18th in Croft House (joint event between St John's and the UHCA). This will be held between 10 till 2 pm with a few stalls at £10 a stall. Tickets will be £2.50 to include tea or coffee and a cake. There will be light lunches e.g. soup.

Harvest Festival at St John's will be on October 1st at 11.15 am followed by a Harvest Songs of Praise at 6 pm and then we go to Club for the Harvest Auction. Anyone wishing to include their favourite Hymn please contact Chris Dedication Service at 11.15 in St John's followed by lunch in Croft House Sunday October 29th Guest Preacher will be Rev Simon Cash from Dewsbury Minister and David and Denise Alderson are attending as our guests.

Family services 9.45am at St Mary's on the following dates September 10th, October 1st (Harvest Festival), and November 5. These are short, family friendly services.

Children's workshops: crafts and activities with a religious theme in St Mary's Community Centre 2pm-4pm on September 17th, and November 19th (Christmas workshop/party). No need to book just turn up on the day.

2018 Churches together in Mirfield Lent Course- 2018 based on the film 'The Theory of Everything' to be shown at St Paul's on Shrove Tuesday evening (13/02/18) after a Pancake Supper.

A five week course will take place in Churches in Mirfield

16 AOB.

A new hairdresser Loretta Challis, will be opening her shop in Upper Hopton on the 18th September.

Foot path through Carr Mount:

James and John are involved in maintaining the footpath as a right of way. James attended the meeting and explained that several people have been aggressively challenged by a resident for walking along a path which has been used for many years as a route from the Freemasons to Kirkheaton, Whitely Willows and Houses Hill.

James Lee spoke about this and is willing to collect any forms which were circulated with the Agenda.

It is not listed as a footpath but it has been used for many years without let or hindrance. He needs proof of this use and requests anyone who used the path regularly to contact him please on jameslee004@aol.com. They may not have used it for twenty years but if they have used it regularly for many years prior to that, he would like to hear about it. It is shown on the Ordnance Survey maps as a road.

The application process will probably take a year to complete

Helen has passed the form on to Chris as she leads the Team Parish Healthy Walks sometimes from Hopton.

Kirkheaton Healthy Walking Group are also interested in ensuring access is maintained.

Paul asked why there was a shooting gallery at Dransfield Hill on a Sunday morning. He was advised that there may be a Clay pigeon shoot on the first Sunday of every month following the demise of a shooting venue elsewhere. It is believed that the organisers have a License for Clay Pigeon shoots.

Jeremy wondered why the Church clock has not stuck recently. It was explained that the motor has burnt out and a new one has been ordered and will be fitted in the near future.

Ruth's husband Greg is doing an Iron Man Challenge on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, for deaf and blind children. Please give him support and sponsorship if you can.

The 200 Club Draw for July.

1st prize £50; **77**

2nd Prize £25. **109**

3rd Prize £10. **104**

The 200 Club Draw for August.

1st prize £50; **92**

2nd Prize £25. **57**

3rd Prize £10. **94**

**Date of next meeting will be on the AGM on Tuesday October 3rd at 7.30 pm in Croft House**

