

Minutes UHCA January 7th 2020 in Croft House

Roger opened the meeting by thanking John for chairing the December UHCA meeting.

4. Correspondence

Email from Jane 31-12-2019, about a new bench in the Rose Garden area.

Hi Chris

Thank you so much for letting me know. Sorry for the delay in writing back.

I need to speak to the family about this, but I think we would like to proceed. I need to get an idea of costs etc. if possible?

There is a slight complication. When Mum died, Dad asked that he is remembered in the same way Mum is and asked if this was possible to be in the rose gardens.

So, I wondered whether when the time comes, it is ever possibly to add a new plaque to the same bench, so Mum and Dad are both remembered. Feels a strange question to be asking really.

So glad the Camellia is thriving. We miss Hopton terribly I was so sad to have to sell our family home. Glad it is being looked after again now!

It would be lovely to have somewhere to go to remember our family connection to the village.

Many thanks Jane

Action. Roger and Chris to discuss options and then reply to Jane.

5 Financial Report

Kath reported the figures for December

Income		Expenditure	
Donations	£117	200 Club November	£400
		200 Club December	£85
		Party Prizes and Crackers	£49
		Food for Party	£40
		Meat for Party	£104
		Star, External decorations and transformer	£46
		Roof and Gulley Cleaning	£90
		Microphone	£25
		Festive lights	£52
	£117	Total	£891

Roger thanked Kath for her report.

6. Croft House Maintenance

- Set Garage Ground Roger proposed and Chris seconded to increase the Garage Ground Rent for 2020 to £200 and all voted in favour.

- After the last leaf and conker fell on the 18-12-19, Dan K has cleaned all the gutters and flat roofs of Croft House (£90).

- We will be obtaining a quotation to extend the lighting in the car park and replace one of the emergency lights.

- Report from Kath and Andrea about the new kitchen fridge. They have seen two that will fit at cost of £490 or £350. They wondered if we could remove the cupboard above the fridge to improve options.

Two metal bins have been purchased one for damp linen and the other for recycling. We still need one for general rubbish.

7. Health & Safety

- A meeting was held in December between Michael H and Roger L to discuss the revised Health & Safety Policy and this is still ongoing.

- The Croft House firefighting equipment was inspected on the 16th Dec. 2019 and certification supplied by Flamstop.

- One of the entrance lobby emergency lights needs replacing.

- We need to record if people are unwell and what treatment is given. We also need to record serious incidents that could have resulted in injury.

8. Reports and Plans for Fundraising Events

- Andrea has been in contact with the Emley Players and the Murder Mystery Evening has been booked for Saturday 21st March 2020. The theme is in the 1980's entitled "Do you really want to hurt me". A meal will be served and there will be a bar. Contact Roger or Chris or any committee member for tickets.
- Jumble Sale. Proposed date Saturday 7th March 2020, 9.30am start. Jumble should be left at Croft House Friday 6th march between 5.00 and 7.00pm.
- Spring Craft Fair Saturday April 18th 10am while 3pm.

It was suggested that we raise rent to £15 per table. Entry forms to be uploaded to website. Kath will organise the food. There will be a Tombola but no nearly new stall. See www.upperhoptonvillage.co.uk/uhca

- Theatre Evening - We have had a further discussion with Mikron Theatre Company, and they have promised to review their schedule to see if they can include us in their 2020 programme. (As they receive charitable funding they must try to cover as wide an area as possible)
- James will be contacted for other ideas and possibly a Quiz

9 Reports and plans on Community Projects

- Saturday 21st December Carols around Upper Hopton Christmas Tree was very well attended. Thanks to Reverend Helen, the Clifton & Lightcliffe Band and Kath for baking all those mince pies.
- Upper Hopton Christmas lunch on Friday 13th December. Thanks to Chris B and the guitar group and everyone that helped.
- Book Group meetings; Monday January 13th and 27th 15.30 -17.00
- Charlottes' ice cream has been booked for the Fete 2020.
- Proposal for a VE Day 75 commemoration day at Croft House on the 9th May 2020. Everyone thought it is a great idea to consider afternoon tea on Friday May 8th. To liaise with Phil to see what is being proposed in Mirfield.

10 Hopton in Bloom.

- We have been on holiday over Christmas.
- In November we decided that we would not enter YIB this year but we are submitting an entry for the Green Flag Community Award
- Michael H is building stone walls around the two circular flower beds in the Rose Gardens. This will allow us to increase the depth of soil for more sustainable perennial planting.
- A yew tree hedge has been planted adjacent to the trellis fence in the Rose Garden area. When fully grown, the hedge will replace the trellis fence.

11 Croft House Cookies Tuesday Jan 21st

12 News from the Preschool

From Rachel; Preschool would like to thank everyone that attended our Christmas market. We had a very successful day and managed to fund-raise a good amount to go towards new and well needed toys for the children. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

13 News from Club

The main lounge is being redecorated and refurbished.
A quiz will be held on Friday January 17th.

14 News from St John's Church.

St John's welcomed choir members from St Mary's to support our candle lit Carol Service on Sunday December 8th and the church was full as usual. Upper Hopton 'Carols round the Christmas tree' was attended by a large number of families on December 21st.

One of the highlights of Christmas at St John's church is the annual Crib service at 6pm on Christmas Eve and for this we welcomed our excellent guest organist. It was wonderful to sing the carols accompanied by the organ with the children of all ages sat near the crib holding battery operated candles for safety.

The service was led by Christine and the nativity readers were Fiona and Laura. The church was full with both the regular annual visitors and new families attending and all the children got involved throughout the service bringing down either a knitted animal (donkeys and sheep of all shapes and sizes) or a character (Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Shepherds or Kings) to the crib. It was noted by one of the Sunday school children that for next year, knitted camels would add to the event!

15 AOB

- Alison & Kath have purchased a larger Christmas tree for inside Croft House in the sales.
- Roger has purchased more external Christmas decorations.
- A large quarterly water bill of £450 has been received for Croft House. On investigation, there was a problem with the tap for the hose connection near the rose garden. In future we need to make sure the stop tap up at Croft House is turned off every time we use it. It might be worth asking for refund as we have discovered the leak and resolved the problem.
- Of the three reflective posts at edge opposite the church, there is only one remaining.
- A large pot hole has appeared just above the entrance to Cheviot Way causing traffic to swerve to avoid it. Action Chris to report to Cllr Viv.

16 200 Draw for December 2019

1st Prize £50	156
2nd Prize £25	144
3rd Prize £10.	2

Subs are now due for the 200 Club for 2020 @ £15 per annum per number

Date of next meeting which will be on Tuesday February 4th at 7.30 pm in Croft House