

Minutes UHCA March 7th 2017 at 7.30pm in Croft House

Roger introduced Laura Foster, the newly elected President of Croft House Cookies.

He also welcomed Lyndsey Richardson and presented her with a cheque for £1,100 to Kirkwood Hospice which was raised at Eric's Gourmet evening.

Lindsey outlined the extremely valuable service the Hospice provides to the local community and said it is celebrating the 30th anniversary of its foundation. A photo was taken with a giant cheque and published on the website, see <http://www.upperhoptonvillage.co.uk/eric-s-gourmet-evening>.

2 Minutes of the last meeting February 7th 2017 were proposed by Helen, seconded by Andrea. All were in favour.

3 Matters arising from the minutes.

4 Correspondence. From Website

Name Margaret Ker; Subject Thank you!

Just wanted to thank you for the amazing website and in particular for the Heritage Trail. I'm a descendant of the Micklethwaite family. My 3rd great grandmother Mary Micklethwaite was born at Hopton Hall on 7 November 1784. James who donated the land for the church was her youngest brother. Anyone interested in finer points of history might also like to know that the Marriott connection with Hopton was through James and Mary's youngest daughter Harriet, who married William Marriott of Wakefield. And in the previous generation a Micklethwaite daughter married William Turner (Round Oak/Blake Hall). The family was also at Hopton Grove at some stage! I'm in Western Australia so am very dependent on what I can discover online. Thanks again!

Letter and gift of 2 mugs from Mavis Dorothea Wild nee Barker

Mug presented to Arthur Raymond Barker 1929

At the Working Men's Club Children's Treat

June 22nd 1929

To commemorate the 21st Anniversary

of the Club's Foundation March 28th 1928.

Eleanor Rhodes and her Mother, Annie Rhodes took over Hopton shop and Post Office in 1918. On April 16th 1919 Eleanor married Ernest William Barker at Hopton Parish Church.

Most goods were delivered by horse and cart then; but later Ernest had an open delivery motor wagon. By adding benches he began the first 'bus' service down into Mirfield on Fridays to Mirfield Market until the County buses started.

They had four children Arthur Raymond born 8th March 1920, Desmond who died as a baby, Norris Brian Barker born 30th December 1927 and Mavis Dorothea Barker born 6th January 1929. The latter now lives in Powick, Worcester and hopes the mugs can add a little to local history.

Mug given to Mavis Dorothea Barker at

A picnic in Mirfield Park for all the children of

Mirfield to celebrate the Coronation of

George VI and his wife Elizabeth in 1937.

5 Website. Update on website www.upperhoptonvillage.co.uk.

To reduce our website costs John Farren has recently been in dialogue with Google Apps. As discussed at the last meeting, we are now registered with TT Exchange, which has in turn allowed us to register with Google for a "non-profit account". This allows us to use Google Apps free of charge, for items such as Google Calendar. We currently pay approximately £145 per year for the existing "Keep & Share" website calendar. We are looking at getting charity status. The Domain name "upperhoptonvillage" has been paid at a cost of £18 and runs for three years. The domain name for the Fete is due to be renewed in a few weeks time.

6 Financial Report.

Kath reported

| Bank | Expenditure | Income |
|------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Eric's Evening £1000 | 200 Club subs £1166 |
| | Insurance 1/2 with HiB £155 | 1/3 tree-work from HiB £236 |
| | 200 Club Prizes £85 | 1/3 treeworks CHMC £234 |
| | Alteration Gate in Rec £54 | Eric's evening £996 |
| | Sand, Gravel, Cement £30 | Donation £300 |
| | Sink, Taps, Kettle, Box, £213 | |
| | Donation Kirkwood Hospice £1100 | |
| | Drinks Licence £21 | |
| | Drinks Eric's Evening £268 | |

Kirklees have now given us the grant for the new safety gate in the Rec.

Roger thanked Kath for her report.

7 Maintenance Team.

A sink unit has now been installed in the new storeroom. A generous donation has met all the costs of the sink. We are still waiting for the installation of the handrail for the storeroom steps at the rear of the building.

We are being visited by Rating Assessor on Friday.

8 Plans and reports for fund raising events.

An Evening with Eric, which included a cookery demonstration, held on Wednesday February 22nd at 7 p.m was a fantastic success with everyone really enjoying the delicious food and the entertaining cookery demonstration. £1100 was raised for Kirkwood Hospice. Thanks to Greg for running the bar.

The Jumble Sale will be at 9.30am Saturday 11th March 2017.

The Casino Royale on March 18th at 7pm. Tickets on sale at £15. There will be a bar, canapes and a supper, two roulette tables, black jack, higher or lower card game and darts with a difference. All the money raised will help fund our kitchen refurbishment.

Murder Mystery Evening Saturday September 23rd at 7 pm

9 Plans and Reports for Community Projects.

The Book Group is starting on Monday 13th March 2017 at Croft House 3.30pm to 5.00pm and will met fortnightly.

Spring Fair will be 10.00am Saturday 22nd April 2017

The 2017 Village Fete and Heritage Event will be on the Saturday 29th July.

10 Hopton in Bloom.

Thanks to all the team and community support, the village is looking lovely with the spring flowers. Spring judging will be between April 3rd and 23rd. We have a meeting on March 15th when we will discuss new projects.

11 News and reports from the Club.

AGM went well and they have made a profit this year.

They have appointed a new secretary.

The Posh Swap on February 9th went well.

Friday 17th of March singer George Irish/folk/ country with supper.

12 Croft House Cookies

Laura reported that the next main meeting will be The Real Junk Food Project Tuesday March 28th

On March 14th the craft group will be weaving baskets from paper and the cost is £10 and this meeting is open to all, including children too. Storage is an issue.

13 News from the Cricket Club

Report by email from Robert Wild UHCC

I know it's been a while but here are points from our February committee meeting which might be of interest to the Community Association.

Drainage work on field is to commence in March if weather permits- failing that September after cricket season.

New all-weather plastic playing strip is to be laid on square before start of season.

Players signing-on night is at Club Friday 7/4/17.

Junior indoor practice begin at Almondbury Sports Centre, Sunday afternoons 4-5pm.

Senior practice at Woodlands CC Sunday's 5-6pm.

Overseas player proving difficult to secure due to requirement to hold UK passport.

Light to illuminate half of car park - on movement sensor to be installed by electrician D. Schofield asap as it is too dark in winter when people arrive.

Sort of tea lady (or man) is required for season so asking around. This is a paid role and they receive £50 + cost of ingredients.

Looking for any local companies to advertise on our t.v. media screen in the bar area. Cost £50 for twelve months.

14 News from Preschool.

Nicola, preschool Manager is wondering if Croft House would allow us to hang the Preschool board on the wall next to the hall door. It could be useful for advertising on evenings and weekends? I've tried to make it look professional as it will be people's first glimpse of us as a Pre-School.

Ruth reported that the children started back last Monday and everyone has settled well. Helen Walker has joined committee. Raised £57.20 from the donation of clothes for the Firefighter appeal, next one early May.

There is to be an Easter disco at the end of this term on Friday April 7th.

We are grateful for a donation which paid for an advert in the Mirfield Word

Roger is putting up an aluminium sign to accommodate a banner and the reverse will be painted dark green. New posts will be ordered and installed.

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

Black Dyke Band at St Mary's 16th March Tickets £10 are selling fast.

HEALTHY WALKS - Future Saturday walks setting off at 10.00am will be; March 18th setting off from St Paul's Church. If you would like any more information about these walks, please contact David on [01924 517449](tel:01924517449).

ORGAN RECITAL - The next Organ Recital will be held at St Mary's Church on Saturday 11th March at 3.00pm. The organist on this occasion will be Shaun Ward.

SKA HOUSE BAND – This band will be entertaining us in St Mary's Community Centre on Saturday 1st April from 7.30pm-11pm. Tickets are £10 including supper and are available by ringing [07840 395096](tel:07840395096) or [07929 341764](tel:07929341764). A licensed bar will be available.

FOOD BANK - In the past we have been supporting Trinity Food bank by collecting items in the trug at the church door and this was much appreciated. We have decided to continue to collect these items - tinned meat, tinned veg, biscuits, cereals, long life milk, sugar, pasta/rice, tinned tomatoes, shampoo/deodorant, disposable nappies, washing up liquid, washing powder and donate to the food bank at the Salvation Army Hall in Mirfield.

TOILET TWINNING PROJECT - We at St. John's have over the last year been so grateful for our new facilities, which include a toilet. During Lent we are supporting the toilet twinning project and hope to raise £60 to provide a toilet in an area of desperate poverty. A box will be available at the back of church for your donations please. 2.4 billion people don't have somewhere safe, clean and hygienic to go to the loo. That's more than a third of the people on the planet.

By donating £60 to [twin your toilet](http://twin.your.toilet), we want to help those in desperate poverty to have access to a proper latrine, clean water and the information they need to be healthy.

16 AOB.

Paul has some reconditioned computers he will give us for sale. He has 5 and suggests a donation of £20-25.

Reiki classes starting 24th March Friday evening with Michelle 5.00 to 7.00pm. Following a trial period the frequency is likely to be once per month. (Self discovery and development).

Fete - 29th July 2017 - We will be organising a planning meeting at Croft House to gather ideas. Help and assistance is needed on the day and in preparation of the event. Several of the activities and performers have been booked. WI is having a marquee and we may be introducing a few more activities for the 2017 Fete.

February 200 Club Draw

1st prize £50; 132 2nd Prize £25. 143 3rd Prize £10 65

Subs of £12 per annum per number are now due for the 200 Club for 2017. Margaret will be happy to take them at the meeting

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