

3 Matters arising from the minutes. Christmas tree for the Rose Gardens has been installed.

4 Correspondence.

Dear Members of Upper Hopton Community Association 16 November 2017

I am writing to thank you for working with us throughout another year and enabling the children to be part of the Upper Hopton community.

To celebrate our working together we would like to invite you to come to St John's Parish Church with us on Monday 18th December 2017 at 10.30am where the vicar Revd Hugh Baker will tell the Christmas story.

I do hope that you are able to join us.

Kind regards Nicola - Manager Upper Hopton Pre-School

Dear Lisa,

I understand the Town Council is meeting on Tuesday November 21st and one of the items for discussion on the agenda is the provision of a Defibrillator outside the Club which would be available to all residents and also visitors to the village. The siting at the Club will be ideal and they are happy to provide the electric socket and the power to run it.

UHCA, the Club, Cricket Club and the Church will welcome such a wonderful gesture by the Council so that the defibrillator will be available to all who live in the village and those who use our recreational facilities especially the many ramblers and cyclists on their routes through Hopton.

All organisations in the village are arranging fundraising events to assist the council with the cost of this provision and wonder how much we will be expected to contribute?

Some 28 of us have already attended a First Aid Course at our own expense so that we could be taught how give first aid and if necessary use a defibrillator until an ambulance arrives.

It will be a great reassurance to have the defibrillator in our village. Kind regards Chris Breare UHCA

Nov 21st From Martyn Bolt; The Council had previously agreed that it would match fund the purchase of any defib's, a project which Sean Guy instigated some time ago. I think the approx. cost for an external unit is £1300, so that would be £650 from the community and the same from the town council. Hope that helps Martyn

From Tracey at the Cricket Club

The quiz at The Cricket Club on 17th November is to raise money so we can contribute to the defibrillator for the village. We are hoping to raise at least £200. Still a long way to go but hopefully it will help.

4th December Hi Chris Just to let you know the cricket club quiz night raised £280 for the defibrillator. I haven't been able to get in touch with Gail to tell her but I have left a message. We just need to know who to pay the cheque to. Suggest it is paid to the Town Council.

Roger proposed from the chair that we put £200- £300 towards the cost of the defibrillator. The motion was seconded by Alison and all voted in favour

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

General updates have been carried out and the new Google calendar which lists village and Croft House events seems to be working well. Feedback welcome please.

6 Financial Report. Kath presented her report

Bank	Income		Expenditure	
	Takings - Autumn Fair (1/2 total)	£327	Tree Lights	£153
	Takings - Talking Heads	£1026	200 Club Prizes	£400
			Timber for Stage	£119
			Dishwasher	£1020
			Christmas Tree	£110
			Library Players	£255
			Miscellaneous	£18
	total	£1353	total	£2075

Roger thanked Kath for her report.

7 Maintenance Team.

Flamstop Fire & Safety Equipment Ltd inspected all our fire extinguishers on the 13 November and certified all as OK. An additional fire extinguisher (cost £48 inc. VAT) was also installed in the new storeroom. Certificate came today.

A reconditioned commercial dishwasher has been purchased and installed in the Croft House kitchen by Yorkshire Glass & Dishwashers. Good news so far but on Monday it was taken back to the suppliers workshops for repair. The original quotations we received for a new commercial dishwasher varied between approximately £2000 and £2500 inc VAT. The reconditioned dishwasher we have purchased has cost us £1021 inc VAT. The delivery, installation and cleaning fluids were included in the price.

To help reduce our electrical power consumption the dishwasher has been modified to accept a 13amp supply rather than 30amps. Also to assist with the power consumption the machine uses hot water supplied from our gas boiler. The manufacturers operating instructions and a simplified version are available for users. Operation is fairly simple but beware that the dishwasher, recycles water for each wash and unlike a domestic dishwasher must be emptied after final use. A drain procedure is included with the instructions.

The installation of a new electric cooker for the Croft House kitchen is being delayed until we have completed a review of the total electrical power consumption at Croft House. Currently we are limited to a total usage of 80amps and it may involve increasing this capability but costs could be prohibitive. The distribution network operator, Northern Power Grid Connections is being consulted about the possible costs.

A 17ft Christmas tree for the Rose Gardens was purchased on the 24th Nov and installed on the 27th Nov (note that 2ft of the tree is lost down the hole). The cost of the tree was £110 including delivery and VAT, which is approximately half of what we paid last year. The new tree lights have added a bit more glamour to the tree.

We have had reports from residents about the Croft House car park being used for illegal purposes. We would therefore like to open the discussion about installing a barrier at the end of the drive to Croft House. This could take the form of a gate or bollards. Bollards would cost approximately £200 each plus installation. Nearby residents are in favour. Consultation with the church is of course necessary. Chris B is to discuss the access implications for St John's with Mirfield Team Parish.

Discussion took place and there are plans to discuss further.

We are considering replacing the outside flood lights at Croft House with PIR activated LED's to reduce our power consumption.

8 Report From Croft House Management Committee

The fire extinguishers have been inspected and Roger has upgraded to include a new extinguisher in the Store Room.

9 Plans and reports for fund raising events.

The Autumn Coffee Morning was held on the November 18th raised £654 in total for UHCA and St John's together with £72 at the Preschool stall for their funds. It was a most enjoyable event with lots of people arriving for lunch. Eric Paxman has been provisionally booked for Wednesday 11th April 2018. He will be supported by his front of house staff, give a cookery demonstration again and prepare a meal for everyone. With everyone's blessing we propose that the funds raised will be donated to the Kirkwood Hospice. This was approved by all. Congratulations to Eric for receiving a national award last week for his PAX Burger bar in Lindley which runs alongside his fine restaurant.

10 Plans and Reports for Community Projects.

The Library Theatre performed "2 Talking Heads" by Alan Bennett at Croft House on Saturday 2nd December. After payment to the Library Theatre and some expenses we made £771 for Croft House refurbishment. As we have had some good feedback about the production, we propose to arrange another theatrical event next autumn. Thanks to everyone who contributed the fabulous raffle prizes and Kath, Margaret, Liz, Chris and Andrea for making and providing the savouries.

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Christmas Party Friday 8th December at 3pm. Chris Brian's guitar group will be performing and we will have a variety of games.

Carols Round the Tree Saturday December 16th at 6pm with the Clifton & Lightcliffe Band. Mulled wine and mince pies will also be served. Reverend Hugh Baker will lead the singing. There will be a collection for the band.

The next Book Group meeting will be on Monday 11 December 2017 and 8th and 22nd January 2018.

11 Hopton in Bloom.

Calendars are now on sale at £5 each.

Some members will help with decorating the Church tomorrow. HIB will be meeting again in the New Year.

12 News and reports from the Club.

Posh swap made about £72.

13 Croft House Cookies

The AGM was held last month and meetings continue on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

14 News from the Cricket Club

Paul Stones has top soil to give away and has discussed its use, with Roger for HIB. HIB would like to use it to cover the area around the HIB container and garages. St John's would also like to use the soil to fill the dips in the church yard. Tim may be able to help with transport in the New Year.

15 News from Preschool.

The number of children attending is gradually increasing. The children, parents and grandparents will be attending St John's on Monday December 18th at 10.30 for a very short informal service and members of the Community are invited to attend too.

Salvation Army Edward Bear Club will be closing on 8th Jan for 5 weeks for refurbishment and it is hoped that some of the children may come to our Preschool.

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

Carols by Candlelight at St John's 3pm Sunday 10th December

Quiet Day Saturday 16th December 10am-2pm

Crib Service Sunday December 24th 6 pm

Midnight Mass Sunday December 24th at 11.30 pm

Christmas morning Monday December 25th 11.15 am Short Eucharist Service.

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) followed by a five week course which will take place in Churches in Mirfield

17 AOB.

The 200 Club Big Prize Draw for Christmas

1st prize £250; **22**

2nd Prize £100. **139**

3rd Prize £50. **20**

Subs are now due for the 200 Club for 2018. Please note increase to £15 per annum per number

Date of next meeting Tuesday January 2nd 2018 at 7.30 in Croft House.