

## North Crawley Parish Bulletin - April 2023

Hi Folks, Steve again with a roundup of Parish news and events.

Arlene, our PCSO reported there had been no crime in our village over the last month but that we were considered a “hot spot” for fly tipping. I’m sure we have all seen indiscriminate dumping of waste from time to time which can range from household waste to waste related to cannabis use - yes even in our village! Fly tipping is a serious crime which can result in a prison sentence - so if you see it occurring, try to make note of the exact location and any vehicle registration details, but don’t take any risks!! You can then report the incident to MKCC via their Customer Services on 01908 252570 (or there is an online form if you’d prefer) and they will get their environmental crime unit to clear it up. Any information on the perpetrators needs to be given to Arlene who will sort them out!!

I’m sure we have all noticed a lengthy police presence at Brook End Nurseries - and, whilst theories abound, we have contacted the police for a statement who said “We cannot comment on any police operation but residents should be assured that no one is in any danger”.

The Winter Warmer scheme has now closed and we hope that everyone who wanted some free soups, rice pudding, custard or a blanket managed to get them. In all, the scheme allowed residents to enjoy 221 cans in 63 transactions plus I delivered 5 blankets. Thank you, Pardeep, for promoting the scheme. We are trying to establish a way in which we can use the remaining funds within the village if possible.

The Crafting, Cakes and Coronation Day on Sunday 7th May is coming together nicely. Please try to join us in the morning (10.30 - 12.30) at the Institute where local artists will help anyone (from toddlers to Great Granny!) and any ability to work on their own Coronation themed art which will be displayed in a gallery later (lots of prizes to be won). For anyone who has a bit of a talent for art and craft (10 years and over) there is also the opportunity to work with local artists on a collaborative piece of art. We aim to photograph all the art and have the photos framed and hung in the Institute as a memento of the day along with the names of everyone who contributed. **There is no charge for any part of this activity.** All materials provided.

After the crafting morning at 1.30pm there are kiddies’ activities with FONS and from 2pm to 4pm there will be FREE tea, coffee and cake in the club room. There will be Victoria Sponge and a new Charles III Sponge, all produced by our very own Angela Adderson. Prize giving for the artwork is at 3pm - and of course, if the weather is kind, you can have a picnic in the park. All in all a very enjoyable day to be had by everyone!!

Speaking of FONS, I’m sure anyone who participated in the recent Easter trail would join me in congratulating them on a brilliant event which I believe raised £600+ for the school. Small groups were led round the village to “scenes” to meet characters from Alice in Wonderland, get some treats and parts of a puzzle which led to an Easter Egg prize. Well done everyone involved - it was a brilliant family event - thank you.

And whilst I’m on the “thank you’s” - a big thanks to North Crawley Ladies for decorating our bus shelter with an abundance of Easter flowers - it looks brilliant! Thank you!

The Implementation Group for the Neighbourhood Plan had their first meeting basically agreeing the key tasks ahead and who will carry out the various roles within the Group. We have now written to all landowners and developers to see if we can establish their expectations of a timetable to submit their planning applications to MKCC. The minutes of each meeting will be on the PC website once approved at the following meeting of the IG. We are still looking for a couple of residents to join us - it isn’t an onerous role but will really help ensure we deliver what the majority of residents voted for.

We will be holding the **Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 9th May at 7pm** at the Institute. This is a meeting for you, residents of this Parish, which is designed to give you a platform to raise any issues you feel need to be discussed, either at that meeting or at a future Parish Council meeting. Please try to attend if there is anything you'd like to raise - most of the (newly elected!) Parish Councillors will be there and we'd love to hear what is on your mind.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to Sue Garner and Cuca Hold who are both stepping down as Councillors having spent 3 years on the PC. They have both made a great contribution to the team and will be sorely missed. It looks like we will have 2 vacancies going into our new term so please please give some thought to joining us - just a couple of hours a month is all we ask - and help us in our goal of trying to make our Parish a great place to live.