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If you are a village organisation in Turners Hill, and you would like to make a regular contribution to the magazine, or you would like your contact details added to this page, please contact the editor at magazine@copthornechurch.org.

We welcome editorial from regular contributors and individuals who have an interest in Turners Hill village life. The magazine aims to give an overview of dates and information of local issues that affect the village.

We are especially keen to hear from anyone who has news of village clubs, schools, societies or events.

Turners Hill Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 13 December

10 – 5pm, St Leonard's Church

All welcome, free entry

Donations in aid of St Leonard's Church & St Catherine's Hospice

Refreshments for sale in the Church Hall

What better way to begin the festive season than with a celebration of lights, colour and community spirit. Join us on Saturday 13th December at St Leonard's Church for a joyful tradition that brings together the whole village. This year's Christmas Tree Festival is proudly supported by over 20 local businesses and organisations each contributing their own beautifully decorated real Christmas tree. The church will be transformed into a sparkling forest of creativity – every tree a unique display of Christmas cheer.

Entry is free and everyone is warmly welcome. Donations will be gratefully received in aid of St Leonard's Church and St Catherine's Hospice, helping to support our parish and an organisation that provides vital care in our community. Mince pies, tea and cakes will be on sale in the Church Hall throughout the Festival.

So mark your calendar, bring your family and friends to see Turners Hill at it's twinkling best!



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The Red Lion Pub, on the front
wall

Seek and you can find

Although we no longer need ink and paper to communicate, it's fun to realise that at some point in history ink was made from the outcome of a tiny parasitic wasp, its larvae and an acorn. The egg or larva secretes a mixture of starches, enzymes, and compounds that trigger a chemical reaction, activating a trauma response in the tree. This leads to the formation of a gall, a cocoon that protects and feeds the wasp larva as it grows. While not fully understood, this process is common, with over 1,300 gall wasp species worldwide!

I was shown what to look for - a large popcorn-like growth on the side of an acorn - so I spent a few weeks scanning the ground on dog walks but had absolutely no luck. Then, one day, I was out near the polo field with my daughter, and she spied something strange on the ground - it was exactly what I'd been searching for - a knopper oak

gall. Once found, we could then 'see' all the others that were nearby, and since then, have known what to look for (as not every tree produces them). I've learned that there are many other types of gall too, round ones with little holes in and galls in different trees and made by different insects, but the oak knopper ones seem the easiest to find.

To make the ink, you will need about 20 of these galls, which need to be crushed, soaked, simmered, and reduced to extract the tannins. Then a rusty nail dropped in to cause a chemical reaction. It's this process that turns the tannins black! Finally it is strained and gum arabic is added to create the right consistency for writing and to bind the ink to the paper to make it last longer.

Many historical figures have used oak gall ink to craft their works, dating back to Pliny the Elder in the 1st century. Over time, this ink was

favoured by notable individuals like engineer and artist Leonardo da Vinci. It also played a part in shaping historic documents such as the Magna Carta and the US Declaration of Independence. Renowned composers like Bach and Mozart also relied on it, and even physicist Isaac Newton had his unique recipe, which included beer!

So next time you're out for a walk, keep an eye out for them and marvel at how they have played a part in our history.

Fiona



Iced Christmas Pudding with Glacé Fruits

From Delia Smith's Christmas recipe book: a frozen alternative to Christmas pudding. Serves 8.

FOR THE RUM-SOAKED FRUIT:

60 g candied peel (orange, lemon and citron), cut into small chunks

25 g raisins

3 glacé cherries, cut into quarters

6 tablespoons dark rum

FOR THE ICE CREAM

4 egg yolks

110 g caster sugar

425 ml thick double cream

200 ml Greek yoghurt

40 g creamed coconut, grated

You will need a 1.5 litre pudding basin.

Marinate all the fruits in the rum overnight. Next day, in a bowl, whisk the egg yolks and sugar together. Then in a small saucepan bring the cream up to simmering point and add the grated coconut to it, stirring until the coconut has

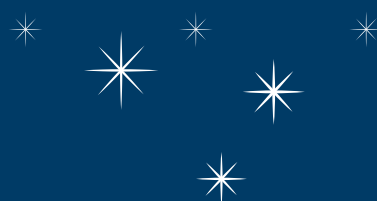
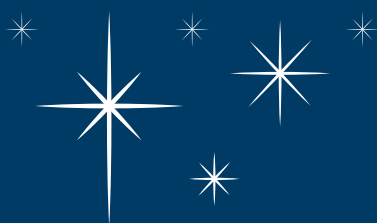
dissolved completely. Now pour the cream and coconut mixture on to the egg mixture, whisking all the time - it should thicken like light egg custard. Allow it to cool slightly before adding the yoghurt. Stir everything well and leave to get cold before adding the marinated fruits together with the rum.

Stir well again, then pour the whole mixture into the pudding basin, cover with cling film and place in the freezer until almost set - this is when the ice cream has the consistency of 'soft scoop', and it can take up to 7 hours to set to this stage. At this point stir it very thoroughly to distribute any ice crystals and make sure the fruits are evenly distributed. Return to the freezer overnight.

The ice cream will freeze, but still remain soft in texture. To turn it out dip the bowl briefly in hot water, then slide a palette knife around the edge. Serve at once, cut into slices.

NOTE: Because this ice cream is soft in texture there is no need to remove it from the freezer in advance of serving. Any ice cream pudding left over after serving must be returned immediately to the freezer and taken out again for second helpings.





Celebrate Christmas

at St Leonard's Church, Turners Hill

Saturday
13th Dec | **10am - 5pm Christmas Tree Festival**
Refreshments, festive welcome, free entry!

Sunday
14th Dec | **6.30pm Carol Service**
Carols by candle light.

Sunday
21st Dec | **9.30am Carols & Communion**
Traditional service in the church.

Wednesday
24th Dec | **3.30pm Crib Service**
All-age celebration of the nativity story, dress up and join in!

Thursday
25th Dec | **9.30am Christmas Day Service**
A short Holy Communion service with carols

There's more happening in December! For information about all our events and services visit turnershillchurch.org

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St Leonard's Church



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Wim Writes Christmas 2025

Christians around the world have used the four weeks before Christmas to prepare their hearts for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Advent, meaning 'arrival' is a season of reflection and anticipation. It invites us to look back with gratitude to Jesus' first coming in Bethlehem and to look forward with hope to His promised return, when He will bring justice and restore all things. As Scripture tells us, 'When the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, to redeem us and make us His own children'. When we open our hearts to Him and allow His forgiveness to transform our lives, we discover that Jesus Christ is truly God's greatest gift to the world. In response to this, it's no wonder that Christmas became a season of giving and sharing love with others. Yet we recognise that for many, this time of year can also bring challenges. The pressures of gift-giving, social commitments, and expectations can sometimes overshadow the joy of the season. Others may feel the weight of loneliness, loss, or simply the busyness of life.

At St Leonard's, we want to make space for both joy and reflection, offering moments to celebrate, to pause, and to find peace. Throughout Advent and Christmas, our church will be open daily for anyone seeking a quiet moment for prayer or stillness. We'll also be holding a range of special services, such as our

festive Carol Service and our much-loved Crib Service where children are welcome to dress up as their favourite Nativity character.

As we move into the New Year, we'll also be running our next Alpha Course, beginning in January 2025. Alpha is a relaxed and welcoming series of sessions designed to explore the big questions of life and faith. Each evening includes a short video designed to spark conversation, followed by an open discussion where you can share your thoughts or simply listen. There's no pressure, no judgment, and no question too big or too small. Whether you've been coming to church for years, are completely new to faith, or are just curious what Christianity really is all about. Many people who have taken part describe it as life-changing, helping them connect with others and deepen their understanding of God's love.

To find out more about Alpha or any of our Christmas services, please visit, turnershillchurch.org.

You are warmly invited to join us this Advent and Christmas, bring a friend, a neighbour, or simply yourself and celebrate the miracle of Jesus, God's gift of love and life to the world.

Have a blessed and peaceful Christmas!



Got questions?
#TryAlpha

Starting on Monday 5th January at St Leonard's Church
To book a place visit: turnershillchurch.org





KS2 Rainforest Workshop

As part of our rainforest topic we had **Tom's Talking Reptiles** come in to see our KS2 children. The children all had the opportunity to touch & hold a range of rainforest creatures, it was great fun!



FoTHS Colour Run

Our fantastic FoTHS started the fundraising year on a high with their ever popular colour run. Thank you to everyone who came along, you helped raise £670 for our school. We would like to extend an extra special thank you to Grange Farm for providing the fantastic food and to all the parents who helped out at this event.

KS1 Toy Show & Tell

Our On Monday 6th Oct, KS1 children had the opportunity to have a show and tell with some of their grown ups in school. Mr Turney, Miss Roberts, Mrs Harwood and Mrs Eales sat with the children to talk about some of their childhood toys. The children loved the opportunity to ask questions, handle and play with the toys.



Wakehurst Green Fairy

YR had a wonderful time visiting Wakehurst. We explored the wonders of autumn and were surprised and excited to meet 'The Green Fairy'! The Green Fairy took us on a tour of Wakehurst and we enjoyed making crowns and wands using the beautiful autumnal items we collected on our walk. We were all so well behaved and our teachers were very proud of us.

Harvest Festival

The children truly shone during the service - their thoughtful contributions and enthusiastic participation were a joy to witness. They should feel incredibly proud of themselves.

We were deeply moved by the generosity shown through your food donations. The Harvest display was overflowing thanks to your kindness, and all items have now been delivered to East Grinstead Foodbank to support those in need within our local community. Your support is greatly appreciated.



The Arts Society Turners Hill

We are pleased to offer two more excellent talks in December and January.

On Tuesday 9th December we have 'Food & Art through the Ages - From Renaissance Sugar Sculpture to 3D Printing' with food historian Tasha Marks. Topics covered include: the origins of dessert, the crossover between sugar and art, architecture and dessert (including Renaissance banqueting houses), sugar and spectacle, food as an artistic medium, and the future of food.

On Tuesday 27 January 2026 we hear about 'The Art of Captain Cook's Voyages' with Prasannajit

de Silva. These artists played a critical role in recording the places visited and the people and flora and fauna encountered on the three expeditions to the Pacific that Cook led in the 1760s and 1770s.

We continue to meet at the Dunlop Hall in the Ark at Turners Hill. Visitors are welcome for a small fee of £10, and we are taking new members.

The meetings commence with coffee and finish, if you wish to stay after the talk, with a buffet lunch and glass of wine in the Dove Suite at only £10.



Coffee is served from 10.15 to 10.40am. The talks start at 10.50am

For more details look at our website <https://theartsocietyturnershill.org.uk/>.

We would love you to join us, do contact me if you want to attend.

Lesley Croucher, Chairman, 01342 716831 or lccroucher@btinternet.com.

Modality Mid Sussex Patient Participation Group

Newsletter Number 5. November 2025

CQC Report

We're delighted that the CQC Report rated Modality Mid Sussex as 'Good Overall' during the recent audit. We have been working hard with Modality throughout this period to ensure that there is constructive patient input. Through our unique position as the official representatives for all patients across all four practices, we are continuing to work with, and challenge the Practice, to deliver more appointments and services.

AGM

Last month, we held our AGM at the Glen Vue Centre on Railway Approach in East Grinstead. The AGM was open to the public and saw the Chair, Glynn Roche, step down after 7 years leading the Committee. We are all grateful for the time and effort Glynn put into the PPG and we wish him well.

Stepping down too was Julie Cooper, our Treasurer and Secretary. Julie has dedicated a lot of time and effort into supporting

the PPG and we wish her well too.

Taking over from Glynn as Chair is Eddie Vermeer. Eddie had been with the PPG for a number of years and brings a wealth of experience from across the NHS as well as adult social care. Joining Eddie will be Michael Mancey as Vice Chair. Since joining the PPG, Michael has worked tirelessly promoting its benefits and attending many meetings on behalf of the PPG to ensure we truly represent Modality Mid Sussex patients.

Digital Inclusion

In our last newsletter, we talked about a long-term goal of the PPG - to help support those patients struggling with technology to access new online services, from Rapid Health to the NHS App. We are partnering with other organisations, including Age UK, to help deliver training across all of the Practices. We will be running our first trial soon in Turners Hill before we look to roll this out further across the full MMS patient

area.

If you would like to know more, or would like to get involved, please email us at digitalinclusion@modalitymidsussexppg.org and we will be in contact. Whether it's you, or someone you know that needs support using technology, or if you've got a few hours to help, please do get in contact with us.

Looking Forward

Over the coming months, we are looking to expand into new areas of social media and enhance our website. If you have any experience in these areas and would like to help, please email chair@modalitymidsussexppg.org.

The PPG Committee are keen to help and represent our patients, collectively, in any way we can. Please note, however, that we are also MMS patients and volunteers. We cannot become involved with patient's individual cases.





TURNERS HILL PARISH COUNCIL Newsletter - October/November 25

The Ark, Mount Lane, Turners Hill, West Sussex, RH10 4RA

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E-mail: office@turnershillparishcouncil.gov.uk

Web: www.turnershillparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Parish Council Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 10:00am and 2:00pm, but a message can be left at any time, or an e-mail sent to the above e-mail address. Before

visiting, we encourage you to call ahead to ensure we are available as meetings during office hours are sometimes unavoidable.

Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month starting at 7:30pm, with 15 minutes for public participation. You are very welcome to join us for part or all of any meeting. The agenda is dis-

played in advance on the village notice board and on our website. Our next meetings are on Tuesday 4th November and 2nd December – **Charlotte Jim, Clerk to the Council.**

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

Turners Hill Parish Council is made up of eight Parish Councillors and the Clerk - **Charlotte Jim** and Assistant Clerk - **Elaine Norman**.

Bruce Forbes (Chairman) - Neighbourhood Plan, The Ark Community Executive (ACE) Committee, Finance Committee, Staffing Committee.

Sue Hughesdon (Vice Chairman) - Allotment, The Ark Community Executive (ACE) Committee, Finance Committee.

Chris Jarvis - Neighbourhood Plan, The Ark Community Executive (ACE) Committee, Finance Committee.

Ian Gibson - Neighbourhood Plan, Mid and West Sussex Associations of Local Councils representative, Staffing Committee.

Jennie Forbes - Neighbourhood Plan, Roads and

Vehicle Working Group, Staffing Committee, Pond working group.

Gary Marsh - Roads and Vehicle Working Group, Staffing Committee, Pond working group.

Francesca Lutman - Neighbourhood Plan, Pond working group.

Phillip Coote - Currently not serving on any specific working groups or committees.



The Parish Council manage the following in Turners Hill:

- The Ark
- Village Greens and flagpole
- Withypitts Pond
- Allotment

- Grit bins
- Bus shelters
- Street lights
- Bookings for hire of the recreation ground

Please contact the Clerk or Assistant Clerk regarding any issues with the managed assets.

Recreation Ground – Mid Sussex District Council are responsible for the recreation ground and play area. To report any issues such as broken equipment

please email: parksopenspaces@midsussex.gov.uk or tel: 01444 458166.

Fly tipping and waste/recycling related issues: Mid Sussex District Council Waste Management Team,

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Roads: West Sussex County Council Highways are responsible for the roads (exclusion of motorways and dual carriageways, which are the responsibility of Highways England). If a pothole is an immediate risk to public safety, phone 01243 642105. Report an

emergency with a road or pavement on their website: www.westsussex.gov.uk.

OUTREACH POST OFFICE AT THE ARK

The Outreach Post Office is at The Ark on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 10am to 12pm.

PENSIONABLE AGE BUS PASSES

If you already have an older or disabled persons' concessionary bus pass you do not need to take any action. Your current bus pass will continue to be valid and will be renewed automatically. If you are applying for a new bus pass, or if you have any questions about your current pass, then please use the following contact details:

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Please see the council website (details at the top of our page) for information on groups meeting at The Ark and all the information needed for you to hire The Ark for your own event, with photos and even plans for possible layouts.

For all bookings, including booking the court or football pitch, contact the office, details at the top of the page.

The Ark, Mount Lane, Turners Hill,

West Sussex, RH10 4RA

Tel: 01342 712226

E-mail: office@turnershillparishcouncil.gov.uk

Web: www.turnershillparishcouncil.gov.uk

Social media: www.facebook.com/thearkturnershillpc

We host a wide range of local clubs, groups, and societies, a full club list and contact information can be found on www.turnershillparishcouncil.gov.uk – The Ark – What's On

We also offer special club rates for local organizations. Get in touch to find out more!

Pictures of St Leonard's Service of Remembrance, 9th November 2025



St Leonard's Church Hall – Available for hire

St Leonard's Church Hall is available for private bookings. The hall is suitable for small family occasions, dance classes, fitness classes such as yoga or pilates, children's parties, small meetings or training sessions.

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- a large outdoor grass area suitable for marquees, gazebos, barbecues & games
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To enquire about a booking, please contact Tina Shea on 01342 715322/07900 266738 or tina.shea1@btinternet.com or the church office at office@copthornechurch.org.

Turners Hill Park Residents Association

Hello from Turners Hill Park.

We have had a very quiet summer, the hose pipe ban has sadly affected some of our gardens, however our park team have continued to work hard keeping our park looking beautiful despite the ban. Our park owners have recently introduced a new Residents Service, where residents will be able to obtain up to date information or support regarding any queries they may have.

We have held two coffee mornings in August and October. The first was attended by Sara from Age UK East Grinstead, who gave very interesting information as to what was available for residents at Age UK and especially about planned digital inclusion classes to help patients of Modality access the *Rapid Health System* on their smart phones. In October, we were pleased to welcome back Daniel Sykes from the Surrey and Sussex Police who gave advice about scams, cyber security and AI. Daniel also visited us last year and his talk as always was very popular and the advice given really helpful. Our very popular local Fire Service visited both coffee mornings talking to those who attended, giving fire safety advice and making arrangements to visit for those who needed new fire or CO2 alarms.

The members Country Club held a Summer Fayre and are currently busy making plans for the Christmas celebrations and the annual visit from Father Christmas.

Here at the park we have several visitors from the animal and bird kingdoms, some of whom are more welcome than others, although we are always pleased to be able to watch and enjoy them. Attached is a photograph of an albino squirrel affectionately known as 'Whitey', a regular visitor to Siskin Avenue for more than a year.



Breakfast with Santa
Sat 6th December 2025
8.30am to 11.30am

Bacon Rolls, Croissants, Cereal,
Pain au Chocolat, Tea, Coffee, Squash

Crafts • Visit with Santa
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Turners Hill Bell Ringers

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and gentle; be patient,
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Ephesians, Chpt 4, V2
Text 2025

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With all the lovely autumn colours around at the moment, we are turning our thoughts to Christmas and all the joy it brings. Our shoe bags are on their way to Sierra Leone to cheer up the children there who are desperately in need of basic essentials and look forward so much to receiving them.

Our December services at the chapel are as follows:

7th December - 10.30 am - Advent service with Carol Watson.

14th December - 10.30 am - Communion service with David Ansell.

21st December - 10.30 am - Service with Gordon Hamilton.

21st December - 4.00 pm - Carol service with Gordon Hamilton followed by Refreshments.

25th December - 10.30 am - Short service - To be confirmed.

28th December - 10.30 am - Normal service - To be confirmed.

We welcome everyone to our services, which are held each Sunday at 10.30 am, followed by tea/coffee.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all readers a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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Hilltop WI Turners Hill

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So, December and Christmas is upon us already. Because of the success of our September sing-along with Colin Turner, we have invited him back to our meeting on 10th December (not 17th) to lead us in renditions of carols and Christmas songs. We have ladies from other local WIs joining us so if you hear, hopefully, tuneful noises coming from the Dove Suite that evening, you will know what is happening. We are gathering at the Crown for a traditional Christmas meal on 15th and know we will be made as welcome from the new owners as we always have been by Phil and Lindsay.

January starts our new programme of events, and the website will be updated as the months are booked. We generally have a relaxed, social evening in January as we have to discuss the new Resolutions and decide

which one gets our top vote. This is an ideal time to come along and try us out if you have any thoughts about joining Hilltop WI. You would be made very welcome – we really are a friendly bunch, and like most organizations, would love more ladies to swell our numbers and carry on what has been a very successful WI for the past 66 years!

Please check out the website www.turnershillwi.co.uk where you can see our programme for 2026 and photos of recent events . . .

Mary Deacon

Secretary, Hilltop WI, Turners Hill

01342 715303/mail@marydeacon.co.uk



Turners Hill Badminton Club

Turners Hill Badminton Club started in 1993 and is now over 30 years old. The Club plays at The Ark in Turners Hill and welcomes players not only from the village but also from surrounding areas.

The Club is always open to new members aged 18 and over and runs a number of weekly sessions. Club night is every Friday (8.00pm – 10.00pm) and welcomes players who enjoy playing the game in a competitive but social setting. There is also a ladies' session every Wednesday afternoon (1.00pm – 3.00pm).

The Club enjoys the excellent facilities of The Ark. Although there is only one court the high ceiling and lighting make it an ideal setting for playing badminton.

If you are interested in playing or want further information, please contact **Ian Hacke on 01342 717309**.



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1st Turners Hill Brownies

The Brownies have been busy with lots of activities, including an evening about dental health, making clay poppies for Remembrance Day and autumn collages. Our future plans include a disco with other units from Selsfield, and decorating a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival on **Saturday 13th December at St Leonard's Church**. This is a charity event so please find time to come and support the church and St Catherine's Hospice and see the lovely decorated trees

We meet on a Thursday from 6pm to 7.30pm in St Leonard's Church Hall.

If you know anyone who would be interested in joining us, please go to the Girlguiding website and register, stating Turners Hill as your preferred unit: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child>.

Are you looking for a volunteer role? We are always pleased to have more adult volunteers, or if you are doing your Duke of Edinburgh award and are looking for a service experience, please get in touch via the Girlguiding website.

1st Turners Hill & Crawley Down Scout Group charity number 274569



The Group were honoured to receive the **District Edgar Cooper Award** presented annually in memory of a past District Commissioner. The certificate citation reads as follows.

'For proving to the sceptics that Squirrels really work and is the answer for growth. For capitalising on Group fundraising opportunities and revitalising their presence in both villages, for persistence in working with the new Treasurer in opening new bank accounts and securing 106 monies to improve the Headquarters. Offering a camping experience opportunity to 4 of the District's Cub Scout Packs.'

All of the above and so much more could not have been achieved without our dedicated Group trustee board members and our volunteer section adult team members who continue to plan and run the weekly meetings. These meetings have included Diwali, filling shoe boxes for the Christmas Appeal, making flaming torches, making racing cars from plastic bottles, firework art, PSCO visits, Remembrance including collecting for the Poppy Appeal, Curry and Chinese cooking, aeronautics and of course some Scouting

(maps and compass, knots and lashings, toasted marshmallows etc).

All of this cannot happen without the aforementioned adult volunteers, so why not contact us to see how you can help. We have been fortunate to get two more helpers and so can offer membership to some new cubs who wish to join our Friday evening Cub Pack.

The Group is also on the list of local charities who will be receiving a donation from the Co-op Community Fund in 2026. The amount that will be received by us and the other nominated charities is governed by the number of nominations given by Co-op members when they shop in the Crawley Down store.

By the time you read this you will have hopefully seen us at the Remembrance Parades and the Crawley Down Christmas Lights Event and the Group wish you all a Happy Christmas.

Contacts are Vicky.Teasdale@egscouts.org.uk or bob.atkins@btinternet.com.



Celebrate Christmas

Wednesday
24th Dec | 3.30pm Crib Service
All-age celebration of the nativity
story, dress up and join in!



St Leonard's Church  turnershillchurch.org

Advertising Space Available in the NEW Turners Hill Magazine!

If you are a local business, do please consider supporting the Turners Hill community and advertising in this new local magazine.

Various sizes and prices are available, ranging from £9.00 for a single box - 58mm wide x 24mm high (£11.50 for the back page) to £80.50 for a half page - 182mm wide x 133mm high. Advertisers are also welcome to about 200 words of free editorial and an accompanying image with 1 of their adverts.

Please contact the editor at magazine@copthornechurch.org, or the St John's church office on 01342 712063, for more information.

Join our Christmas Carol Services Choir!



St Leonard's Church is looking for singers to help make our Christmas carol services unforgettable!

All voices welcome,
no experience necessary.

For more info contact the church office
On 01342 712063



Sunday 7th December,
12.30pm

at The Parish Hub, Copthorne

BOOK online or church office
Suggested donation £20

Traditional Christmas lunch with a
choice of pudding & soft drink.
Bring your own drinks.
copthornechurch.org