



## Happy New Year from Church Crookham Parish Council



We are very excited about some new initiatives in 2018 which we hope, with your help, will make Church Crookham an even better place to live.

We are sure, that like us, you are increasingly concerned about the speeds and safety on our roads. Church Crookham Parish Council are seeking volunteers to join a **Speedwatch initiative**. Community Speed Watch (CSW) is a national initiative, where active members of local communities join with the support of the Police, using speed detection devices to monitor speeds of vehicles. The initiative has been reported to have positive outcomes. If you are interested in joining the group the Parish Council would love to hear from you. Please email [clerk@churchcrookham.org.uk](mailto:clerk@churchcrookham.org.uk) to find out more.



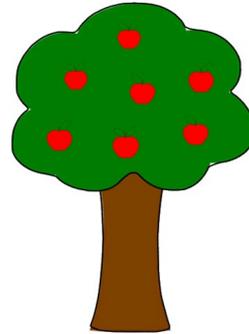
Be on the lookout for some new friends around Crookham Park. **An Art Trail** is due to be installed early in the New Year. Church Crookham Parish Council will be looking to name the collection of creatures on Crookham Park.



The Parish Council are striving to make Church Crookham a healthier place to live. Please see overleaf for details of our **FREE outdoor gym sessions** throughout January.

We will also be involved in **The Great British Spring Clean 2018**. Please help us clean up our Parish. Heroes assemble on **Saturday 3rd March 2018** to help collect the litter that blights our environment.

Members from the Parish Council will be meeting at Church Crookham Community Centre, Peter Driver Sports Ground and Azalea Park with bin bags and litter pickers at



the ready. Aiming to make a difference in our community. Please come and join us from **10am**.

Feel free to do your bit in your immediate area that weekend if you can't join us at one of these venues.

You may recall our April 2017 issue when we introduced Les Davies – The West Countryman. Les will be running a **FREE orchard workshop** in February., looking to impart his expertise to attendees and equip them with the vital knowledge to help take care of this valuable asset within our community for years to come. Feel free to come and join us over the weekend of **17/18th February**. More details to follow on our website soon!



**Beekeeping** The Parish Council are excited to welcome Fleet and District Beekeepers who will be creating a new apiary site within Church Crookham near the Parish Council allotment site.

They run a "Beekeeping for Beginners" course annually starting in March. If you are interested in taking up a new hobby and think beekeeping is for you then contact Fleet Beekeepers via their website.



<http://www.fleetbeekeepers.com/blog/send-a-message> with "Beekeepers Course 2018" in the subject title.

**Allotments** Now is also a good time to join our waiting list for an allotment plot. If you are looking for an alternative hobby in 2018 our waiting list is relatively short. Application forms can be found on the Church Crookham Parish Council website.

*Gill Chatfield*

# Our Community

## Introduction to Malcolm

Hello I'm Malcolm Thompson the new Facilities Officer for Church Crookham Parish Council.



I joined the team in September and I'm responsible for the open spaces including the allotments, Peter Driver Sports Ground, the War Memorial and the various parks and play areas in the parish.

My background is in the construction and IT industries where I spent time as a project manager. I've lived in and around Church Crookham since 1989 and have watched the area develop and grow. My interests include involvement in The Vine Church who meet at the Community Centre every Sunday, I'm the treasurer of the newly formed Church Crookham and Fleet Men's Shed and the Chair of Governors at Samuel Cody specialist school in Farnborough. As you can see from my list of interests I am very much involved in the community and that is what lead me to apply for the role here at the Parish Council.

I am looking forward to some exciting projects in the coming months and years including the opening of our tennis courts, the new pathway in Azalea Park, and preparation for the refurbishment of the Peter Driver Pavilion. I'm often out and about in the parish doing inspections or working on a project so if you see me please say hello.

*Malcolm Thompson*

## Friends of Azalea Park tidy up day

Friends of Azalea Park had a successful morning on Sunday 29th October tidying up the planted beds ready for winter. Bolstered by hot drinks and biscuits and plenty of chat, the flower beds were soon cleared of weeds and looking spick and span. We would like to thank all the willing volunteers who turned up to lend a hand. If anyone would like to get further involved please email

friendsofazaleapark@gmail.com, visit our website [friendsofazaleapark.co.uk](http://friendsofazaleapark.co.uk) or like our Facebook page. **Friends of Azalea Park**



## New Year New You! @ Peter Driver Gym

Did you know we now have a new purpose built outdoor gym at Peter Driver sports fields? It's **FREE** to use, no need to book, just turn up and use it as part of your fitness routine. In order to help people get the best out of equipment and learn how to use it safely we will be holding a few **FREE** introductory sessions in January under the supervision of a professional trainer.

The gym is equipped with a Cross Trainer, Spinning Bike and an Energy Hand Bike (this one will also charge your phone as you generate your own electricity!!). It also has a number of static pieces of equipment including a Reclined Bench and Pull-up Bars.

If you want to follow through on your New Year's resolution and don't want to pay for gym membership or even if you want to supplement your indoor exercise with getting some fresh air please come along to the sessions. They will run on the following dates and times.

**Saturday January 12th @ 8.00**  
**Sunday January 13th @ 13.30**

**Saturday January 20th @ 8:00**  
**Sunday January 21st @ 13:30**

**Saturday January 27th @ 8:00**  
**Sunday January 28th @ 13:30**

Please express your interest in a particular session by contacting [admin@churchcrookham.org.uk](mailto:admin@churchcrookham.org.uk)



## Children's Christmas Party

The children's Christmas Party on 9th December was a fun filled afternoon.

All the children had a wonderful time being entertained by children's entertainer Mr Tick Tock who organised lots of fun games and dancing.

There was also a visit from Santa Claus!



## Contact us:

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