



# Happy New Year!

We hope you have had a wonderful, joyful, peaceful Christmas holiday and enjoyed bringing in another year with all its promises,

New Year  
Resolutions, and  
challenges!



And now, a look at what has been happening since Newsletter No. 10 and a glimpse of what is to come as we step over the threshold of the New Year into 2018.

- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017, Bronte Hotel, Lees Lane, Lees. An excellent turn out! Our Committee was re-elected "en bloc" and thanked for their willingness to serve for a further year.

In just one week (from the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017) over 28 people had renewed their membership.



Audited Accounts were presented and formally accepted by the AGM.

At the end of the year our finances are in a healthy position.

Some of the Community Chest money granted by Haworth, Cross Roads & Stanbury Parish Council early on in the year (for which we are extremely grateful) is still to be spent. By March 2018 people will begin to see signs of improvements paid for via this grant - further details to follow.

At last year's Community Chest voting session at which both Lees & Cross Roads Village Association and Friends of Cross Roads Park were awarded grants, there was approximately £1000 left over unclaimed. Those present voted for a defibrillator to be purchased for the village. This has been purchased and we are pleased to announce that G. Moore and Company have agreed to have it on the wall of their premises so it will be centrally placed in the village and easily accessible, although, of course, we sincerely hope we never have call to use it. Our grateful thanks go to G. Moore for their support.



- Funds raised by Handicrafts. Local people have been busy, once again, this year providing handicrafts for sale at Cross Roads Post Office, Unique Hair Salon at Oxenhope and for our events. Total funds raised by sale of handicrafts at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 amounted to £877.45 p.! What an effort! We still have some of the nursery coin boxes available - an ideal present for a new baby. Please get in touch if you would like one.



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- We are also pleased to announce that sale of handicrafts from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 i.e. approximately 8 weeks amounts to £249.46!

Handicrafts sold included knitted goods, wooden hand crafted bird boxes, insect houses, butterfly houses, hand painted coin boxes, tea-lights, ornaments, jewellery and much more! As the months progress and everyone starts getting their gardens ready, we still have bird boxes, insect houses, butterfly houses and just one Hedgehog feeding station available - please do get in touch if you would like one.



### Remembrance Sunday The Village remembered!

United Service Lees Methodist Church and St. James's Church at **St. James Church** led by Reverend Julie Roberts (St. James') and Maurice Baren (Lees Methodist Church). A shorter act of remembrance took place in the Memorial Hall in the park. Names of the fallen in 1917 were read out. Both services were very moving and meaningful and a fitting tribute to the people from the village who made the supreme sacrifice so we can have the freedoms we enjoy today. After the service in the park refreshments were served by Friends of Cross Roads Park. Donations for the refreshments amounted to £20 and this has been sent off to the Royal British Legion.



**Christmas Light Switch on** (not a Friends of Cross Roads Park event, but an event for the whole village and one which some of our Committee members and members are heavily involved in). This event is organised and hosted each year by Lees & Cross Roads Village Association. Gill Holland switched the lights on this year. Great turn-out and fun had by all. This year we have built on last year's display with an extra 3 lamp post conversions and 2 new features, plus one we have borrowed. The extra features complimented last year's great effort of 5 conversions and 5 features and we hope to build on the display year by year. **Perhaps you have a "favourite" - if so, please do let us know.**

Stall at the Christmas Fayre at the 3 Acres, Lees Moor, Cross Roads. Thanks to all at the 3 Acres for inviting us to take part! We raised £24 in sales of handicraft and £16 in sales of raffle tickets.



Christmas in the Park. What a fantastic event. Lovely atmosphere



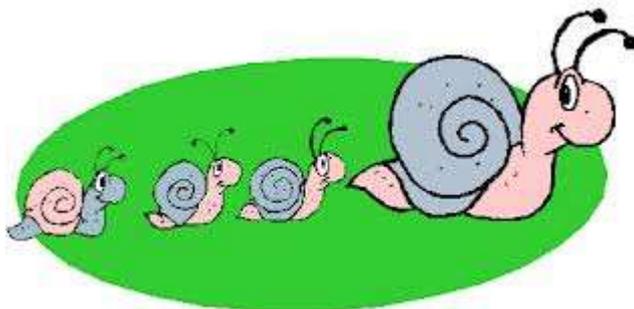
accompanied by a generous sprinkle of snow ... with everyone cosy and warm inside the Memorial Hall, it really did add to the atmosphere. Thanks to all who came along, helped at, or supported in any way. The raffle raised £95.00 and was won by local resident, Gill Davies. Breakdown of proceeds from the event Stall (mostly handicrafts) £69.96, Guess the Name of the Ted £7.55, Face Painting £6.00, Refreshments £86.90. We also took a further £35 in Membership. Another bumper effort for park funds! Total amount raised £300.34p We were grateful to ASDA Keighley who donated Mince Pies and Christmas cake for our event. If you didn't make it to our recent

events, please watch out for future events .... We look forward to welcoming you.

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LOOKING FORWARD! An event to brighten up the dark winter months to come.

FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 at The 3 Acres, Lees Moor, Cross Roads - just a stone's throw from the centre of the village.



In aid of Friends of Cross Roads Park and our sister organisation Lees Cum Cross Roads Village Association.

Doors open at 7.00 p.m. Racing starts at 7.30 p.m.

This is a ticket only event priced at £5.00 to include a chicken curry with rice supper.

Sponsor a race for £25. Buy a snail and name it yourself at just £5. To book tickets or for further details, please contact our Chair, Tito Arana on [titoarana2@hotmail.com](mailto:titoarana2@hotmail.com)

Please note - no snails will be harmed during this event - the snail racing takes place via video. Come along and enjoy fun for all the family in addition to what we hope will be a bumper fund raising event for our 2 local organisations. **YOU** can make this happen!

Further plans - we will host a further event in the park around Easter time ... watch this space!



### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

How can you help? Collection boxes in business around the Village. 3 further businesses have joined in - please do look out for them and leave your loose change where you can. Every penny counts. Proceeds are shared between Friends of Cross Roads Park and Lees Cum Cross Roads



Village Association.

Become a member - by starts at £5 per year park. Membership have to pay each year also important when show there is support undertakings. this newsletter.

# join us!



taking out membership which you are supporting the work in the usually covers the Insurance we with a little bit to spare and is approaching Grant funders to for the group and its Application form at the bottom of



Join and contribute to our Facebook pages. FRIENDS OF CROSS ROADS PARK and LEES, CROSS ROADS AND BOCKING VILLAGE. Our Facebook page Administrators are 3 local people Friends of Cross Roads Park membership currently stands at 255 and Lees, Cross Roads & Bocking 674 and again this show of support goes down well when approaching Grant funders in addition to making sure local news reaches and is contributed to by local people. We look forward to welcoming you. If you are already a member why not invite a friend or two to join and swell the ranks  
 ..... Together we can do great things!

# HAND MADE

Handicrafts - do you make handicrafts of any kind? Why not donate just one item (more if you wish of course!) to our next sale. Handicrafts made predominantly by Lees Methodist Church Craft & Chat group raised over £877 this year. We are also grateful to friends from Essex, Isle of Man, and local people who contribute but wish to remain anonymous. You know who you are and it is very much appreciated.



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 So ..... let's gear up to our next event the "SNAIL RACE EVENING" at the 3 Acres. Please do make contact to buy a ticket, sponsor a race, or name a snail.

And finally ..... A big thank you to all our supporters, people who work quietly behind the scenes, everyone pulling together in their own way ... it is much appreciated.



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Runs from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018

Name .....

Address .....

Please tick box:-

Standard £5  Bronze £10  Silver £25  Gold £50

Please detach the above form, place in an envelope (marked Confidential - Mrs Anne Arana) together with your membership fee, and hand in at Cross Roads Post Office. Your membership card will be delivered to you soon after your application is received. Thank you.