

Formal Crawley Inter Faith Network (CIFN) began in June 2005. Prior to this an Interfaith group had been in existence in Crawley since the mid 1980s. The CIFN has a board of Trustees which consists of seven members who determine policy and co-ordinate the overall management of the Network. Trustees are drawn from all the major faiths in Crawley. The CIFN also has an Events Sub Committee which organises events and activities.

Crawley Borough Council (CBC) as part of its responsibility for Community Cohesion, has (through a service level agreement with CIFN), kindly provided funds for the employment of a Development Worker for a period of time. The Development Worker works closely with the Trustees and Events Sub Committee to further the work of the CIFN.

CIFN holds four 'Network Meetings' each year where developments of the past quarter are shared with the members and speakers are invited from different faith groups to give a presentation. Network meetings offer members the opportunity to share information and contribute ideas.

#### Our Aims

- To encourage an atmosphere of goodwill and peace between different faith communities.
- To promote and reflect on common beliefs as well as acknowledge differences and celebrate diversity.
- To help create understanding and respect between faith groups.

#### Our Objectives

1. To celebrate cultural diversity and promote unity
2. To work towards creating common ground
3. To provide a means for everyone to be involved in multi faith activities
4. To be an initial contact point whenever there is a need for consultation or assistance on multi faith issues
5. To arrange annual/regular activities which are religious, cultural and social gatherings, in order to foster understanding and learn from differences
6. To create dialogue to support bridge building amongst faith and secular communities in Crawley

## CIFN Events

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2011 @ 7.00pm**

**CIFN Network Meeting**

**Celebrating the United Nations first**

**'World Inter Faith Harmony Week'**

**Civic Hall, Crawley, RH10 1UZ**

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**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2011 @ 7.30pm**

**Multi Faith Discussion**

**Longley Room, Gleneagles Court, Brighton Road,**

**Crawley, RH10 6AD**

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**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011 @ 7.30pm**

**CIFN Network Meeting**

**Special Guest Rabbi Elli**

**talk and discussion on Holocaust Memorial Day**

**Longley Room, Gleneagles Court, Brighton Road,**

**Crawley, RH10 6AD**

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**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2011 @ 2pm**

**Faiths in Sussex Multi faith Debate**

**at Worth Abbey, Turners Hill**

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**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2011 @ 11.00am**

**Inter Faith Picnic**

**Inter Faith Garden, West Green Park, Ifield Avenue,**

**Crawley, RH11 7LX**

## Other Events of Interest

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am – 3.30pm

**'Ethics, Ecology & the Interdependant Web'** International

Association for Religious Freedom

at Croydon Unitarian Church

**Please contact Richard Boeke for further information on**

**r.boeke@virgin.net**

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#### Events Organised by Horsham Interfaith Forum

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January @ 1pm

**'Baha'u'llah and New Era' - Dr. F. Tahzib**

(a talk on Baha'i Faith)

At United Reformed Church, Springfield Road,

Horsham, RH12 2RG

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.30pm

**Spiritual Reflections**

At Friends Meeting House, Worthing Road,

Horsham, RH12 1SL

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March @ 1pm

**'Islam' - Imam Sajid**

At Unitarian Church, Worthing Road,

Horsham, RH12 1SL

**Please contact Tim Firth for further details 01403 790038**

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#### Events at the Hindu Temple

Apple Tree Centre, Ifield Avenue, Ifield, Crawley

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

**Maha Shivratri**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February

**Viswa Karma Jayanti**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February

**Holi Festival**

**Please contact Ashwin Soni for further details:**

**07833252551 or [ashel@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ashel@hotmail.co.uk)**

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## Other Events of Interest (continued)

### Events arranged by Ahmadiyya Muslim Association

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January @ 1- 4pm

**Status of Mary – Christian and Islamic Speakers**  
Furnace Green Community Centre, Crawley

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March @ 1-4pm

**Islam on Jesus the Messiah and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent**  
Furnace Green Community Centre, Crawley

July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

**'Jalsa Salana – Largest Muslim Convention in UK'**  
Alton, Hampshire

Please contact **Ahsan Ahmedi** for further details  
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Speakers of different faiths are available for talks and workshops for schools and other organisations on request to Crawley Inter Faith Network. For more information please contact:

**Crawley Inter Faith Network**  
St Johns Parish Office  
Church Walk Crawley RH10 1HH  
Tel: 01293 532730  
email: [CIFN@phonecoop.coop](mailto:CIFN@phonecoop.coop)

## Religious Festivals / Occasions



### Buddhist

15 February Nirvana Day

17 May – Buddha Day



### Christian

24 April – Easter

12 June – Pentecost



### Hindu

19 March - Holi

4 – 12 April - Ramayana



### Islamic

20 March - Eid Milad ul Nabi

28 June– Lailat ul Miraj



### Jewish

19 – 26 April –Pesach (Passover)

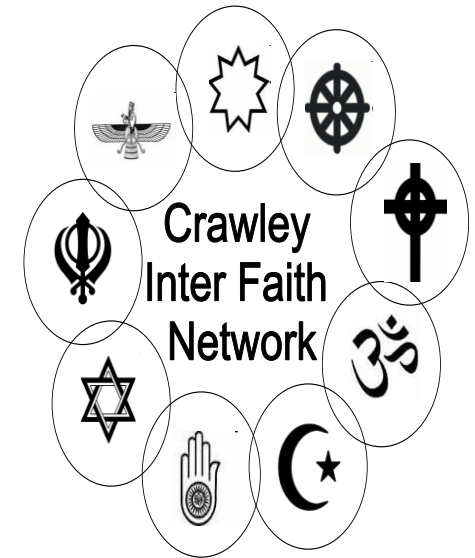
8 – 9 June - Shavuot



### Sikh

20 March – Hola Mohalla

14 April - Baisakhi



# Crawley Inter Faith Network

## Calendar of Events

### Jan - July 2011