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- Boating Club, Hedgecourt Lake, Felbridge, RH19 2QG
- Flanagan Butchers, Crawley Down, RH10 4HZ
- Nuffield Health Club, Crabbet Park, RH10 4SW

Editorial

Having seen the ads in the last few issues for the litter picking in Copthorne, I decided to bite the bullet and go along to the February session. I joined the group that was starting to meet on this gorgeous early spring morning at The Hub at 9.30. We met Julie who duly dished out forms, litter pickers, gloves and maps (and hi vis jackets for those who wanted them). I had in mind that I was going to put in a special request by helping to clear the bus stop lay-by on the A264 opposite Abergavenny Gardens. Instead I had a much nicer experience of clearing an area of the inner roads of Copthorne, some of which were relatively clean, so I got to speak to three lovely other volunteers from Heathy Wood who were all willing to help out and join in the community. At the end we added our bags to the pile that was accumulating at the end of Knowle Drive (one of several designated collection areas). It turned out to be a great experience, picking and chatting, and we were met with several smiles and 'thank you's from passers by.

But the question of the lay-by remained. There's a marked contrast with the amount of litter that is by the main road. My new helper friend voluntarily (and heroically as it turned out) was not put off and came with me to help collect around the bus stop. A very different experience here with a three year old car seat that boasted moss that a zen garden would have been proud of, dumped bin bags full of rubbish, plastic bottles with contents still in them, a tyre, hub cap and all sorts of other discarded rubbish. I was reliably informed by Julie that she and her co worker, Kara, deal with probably much worse in the lay-by on the way to the motorway on a regular basis - I'm in awe of them. However this territory is not for the general litter pickers.

Julie writes, *"The Parish Council supports us by providing the litter picking equipment and, due to insurance restrictions, we are only permitted to pick roads within the village, so anyone picking areas along the main road does so at their own risk. These main roads fall under the jurisdiction of the District and County Councils."*

It's a shame that people have to fly tip at all, but to write this editorial as a plea for people to not do this will probably target the wrong audience. However, a plea for anyone to come and join in the fun of a local litter pick will hopefully target the right audience... if you're free and want to come along, check out the next dates!

Finally, from the organisers... *"A big thank you to all who came and it was lovely to see youngsters joining in. Whilst it may seem a never ending job, keeping our streets clean means people are less likely to drop litter and prevents litter entering waterways and drains, so we can take pride in our village. All welcome at the next picks."*

The next litter picking days are: **Sunday 24 March, Saturday 27 April and Sunday 9 June.** Fiona and Julie



Copthorne Community

Clean Up!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Would you like to join the
Copthorne Community Clean Up Group?

Sign up by emailing enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk
or call on 01342 713407

Next date:
9.30 am
Sunday
24 March
@ the Hub



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cophornechurch.org

SUNDAY

8 AM

A quiet Holy Communion service

that follows the pattern set out in the Book of Common Prayer.

9.30 AM

A traditional service

with hymns accompanied by the organ and choir.

11 AM

An informal service

relaxed, all-age celebration with worship and teaching.

DURING THE WEEK

TUESDAY 9.15 AM

Morning prayer

WEDNESDAY 10.30 AM

Holy Communion

THURSDAY 9.15 AM

Morning prayer

Several of our services are also live-streamed via the St John's Facebook page and made available on the church's YouTube channel. Occasionally our church services will be run as ticketed events. For more details see cophornechurch.org

UPCOMING SEASONAL SERVICES

Ascension Day 9th May

9.15 am - Morning Prayer Service

Pentecost Sunday 19th May

8.00 am & 10.30 am - Pentecost Services

BRICK CHURCH

Sunday 21st April & 26th May
at 11am

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Wim Writes

WHAT IS PENTECOST?



It seems Christianity has three festivals that are marked in our country with two days in a row. The most well known is Christmas (Christmas Day & Boxing Day), the second one is Easter (Easter Sunday & Monday) followed by a third one, known as Pentecost (Whit Sunday & Monday). The last one is sadly not an official public holiday anymore. But what is Pentecost? The word means three different things: 1 - a long-standing Jewish harvest festival; 2 - it is a Greek word that means 'fiftieth', and 3 - a Christian celebration remembering the birth (or start) of Jesus' Church. So, let's start with the first one. Ancient Jewish culture celebrated three different harvest festivals of which the second one is Pentecost. So why the name fiftieth? The festival is also known as Shavuot, yet became known as Pentecost as it was held on the 'fiftieth' day after the second day of Jewish Passover. Yet why did this festival become significant for the followers of Jesus? The Pentecost moment described in the New Testament is a 1st century event in Jerusalem where during this festival

an indoor windstorm swirled through a packed house. People saw flames appearing on the heads of Jesus' followers, who became spontaneously multilingual. Many bystanders were baffled, some panicked and others thought that these followers had drunk too much wine. By itself, the Pentecost story sounds rather bizarre. But seeing what happened on that day within the context of the wider story of the Bible, the event does become a bit clearer. In the scriptures this is not the first time that a divine fire shows up out of nowhere without burning anything up. In the Hebrew Bible, mysterious windstorms with fire or lightning are consistently associated with God's presence coming into a place to make it holy. Occasions such as at the burning bush, the dedication of the tabernacle and the temple (places of worship), God shows up as a non-consuming fire. The fire signals the presence of God's Holy Spirit, and marks the space as His dwelling place. God's divine fire that previously came to a geographic place or constructed space came on that

day to the people who choose to trust and follow Jesus. It ignited a cosmic revolution of new community - what we now call the Church. The Pentecost story tells us that God now dwells by His Spirit within the community of Jesus' followers. It is now a living temple, made of people who operate like Jesus, ending fear and oppression with love and peacefully teaching humanity how to love and bless one another. The Christian celebration of Pentecost marks in essence the beginning of a new world. Pentecost Sunday this year falls on the 19 May and as was in previous years, St John's Church in Copthorne will have several prayer events between Ascension Thursday (9 May) and Pentecost Sunday, joining in with a worldwide movement known as THY KINGDOM COME, praying for God's Holy Spirit and His peaceable Kingdom to come on Earth as it is in heaven. Why not join us for any these events during this season.

For more information of what and when visit the 'What's On' page at cophornechurch.org.





Christian Aid Week 12th to 18th May

£5 million in one week
– the amount raised in Christian Aid Week last year.

I attended the Changemakers Conference, held at the beginning of March, to launch this year’s fundraising week, and to hear more about the work that was done – and still needs to be done.

The work of Christian Aid has gone full circle - it began 80 years ago when churches came together to tackle the refugee crisis caused by WW2. Last year it was heavily involved helping refugees from the war in Ukraine, working with the reception centres in the receiving countries. Following the collapse of the huge Nova Kakhovka dam in June it channelled an extra £350,000 to its partner organisation, Blythwood Care, who were already working in the area giving humanitarian aid, so they could provide safe drinking water, hygiene kits, bedding and generators to those whose homes had been washed away.

Christian Aid was also already working with local partners in Turkey and Syria when the devastating earthquake struck in February 2023 and so was able to respond quickly, helping to set up tented accommodation.

Many people were living in their cars needing food, water and hygiene and dignity kits.

And Christian Aid is working with partners in Gaza, in desperate situations to help the civilians suffering so badly, by providing food and shelter, mobile bathrooms and child centred activities as the education system has collapsed. They are also working with partners in Israel giving trauma based psychological assistance to those who have been affected by the escalation of violent conflict.

Christian Aid exists to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.

Campaigning the UK and international governments is a vital part of Christian Aid’s work, to tackle the root causes of injustice to the poor and marginalised, and to raise human rights and climate/pollution issues. With the upcoming General Election, Christian Aid is urging everyone to challenge MPs on their Party’s agenda for local and global justice issues.

Last year’s Christian Aid Week publicity featured Jen, a lady in Malawi who was being given help to set up a community business growing pigeon peas to provide flour, which they then used to bake bread to sell. This has been very successful despite Malawi, Madagascar and Mozambique suffering greatly from Cyclone Freddy, which raged for over a month. Jen’s house was damaged, but the crops survived as the seed they use had been developed to have a good root system to cope with climate changes.

Will you be a Changemaker this year? Can you help by delivering the envelopes to houses in the village and/or being a collection point for the return of envelopes?

On the morning of **Saturday 18th May** could you help with the street collection outside our shops?

Contact Monica on 01342 713584 or monica@thepolleys.co.uk.

Do join us for Tea and Cake in the church from 2-4pm on Saturday 18th May.

The need is as great as it has ever been.

Spring!

Our thanks go out to Poppy, 14, for her wonderful spring cover artwork this issue!

Congratulations!



Mercury is not an easy planet to spot as it lies so close to the sun that it gets lost in the sun’s glare, but it

will be at its furthest from the sun this month. On the 24th March, it is easiest to see and is visible for a few days either side of this date. In the evening, look in the direction of sunset close to the horizon from about 19.00, as the dusk fades.*

The average sea temperature for Eastbourne in March is 8 degrees.*

*The Almanac, A Seasonal Guide to 2024 - Lia Leendertz

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Worth Parish Council Newsletter

Copthorne Village

Spring 2024

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Colin Botterill, who has joined our **Grounds Maintenance Team**. Colin and Shane, our Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, will be busy in both villages. So, if you see either of them, please say hello.

Great news! We have managed to secure £164,300 of Section 106 monies from Mid Sussex District Council for the development of the **MUGA (multi-use games area) on Copthorne Rec**. Section 106 monies are put aside by developers to provide community infrastructure.

You may be aware that we applied for planning permission to carry out work at the Copthorne recreation ground to introduce the new MUGA and to rejuvenate the playground. We are currently awaiting a further arboriculture survey before planning permission can be granted. If agreed, we intend to sign an agreement with the preferred suppliers in March. Works to introduce a new MUGA as Phase 1 of the project will then be scheduled to start. We will let you know when dates for work are agreed.

There will also be more opportunities to have your say about the MUGA, so watch out for further information on how to get involved!

West Sussex County Council (WSCC) has advised that it is looking at **alternative options for provision of a new primary school on the Heathy Wood site**. Local demand for school places has fallen in recent years, and local consultation did not support a new school in this location. The council is now looking at a

possible Special Educational Needs facility at Heathy Wood instead. WSCC has stated that there has been 'significant capital investment' in Fairway Infant School; the parish council is asking for details of this investment. Should you have any comment on this, please contact schoolconsultations@westsussex.gov.uk.

There is currently no progress to report on the installation of **CCTV** in the parish whilst wayleaves and connectivity issues are being resolved. However, we hope that this will be resolved shortly and dates for installation agreed. The four proposed cameras will be monitored in the control room of Sussex Police. In Copthorne they will be located by the recreation ground and the village green; and in Crawley Down by the play area and on the corner of Burleigh Way.

This initiative is to support the prevention, investigation and detection of crime, the apprehension and prosecution of offenders, the maintenance of public order and the reduction of vandalism.

Make sure you follow us on Facebook for all the latest news <https://www.facebook.com/worthparishcouncil>.

Just a reminder - you can look at the **Parliamentary Constituencies for Mid Sussex** on the Mid Sussex District Council website. There were recommended changes from the 2023 Boundary Review. Copthorne and Crawley Down will now fall under the East Grinstead and Uckfield constituency. You can find out more on the Mid Sussex District Council website here <https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/elections-voting/>.

FORTHCOMING MEETING DATES

You can view the agendas for all forthcoming meetings and the minutes of meetings that have already been held on our website at www.worth-pc.gov.uk. Click on 'council meetings'.

Monday 8 April 2024	Finance & General Purposes, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 15 April 2024	Amenities and Assets Committee
Monday 22 April 2024	Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 13 May	Finance & General Purposes, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 20 May	Annual Council Meeting

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COPTHORNE COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

There was a great turn out for the litter pick in February and a huge amount of rubbish cleared. The team of volunteers worked around the village and the Heathy Wood estate. We would like to express our gratitude to all the volunteers and to Julie and Kara for being our Litter Pick Coordinators.

Please find below the dates for future community litter picks in Copthorne. They will all start at 9.30am at The Parish Hub in Copthorne. As usual, we will provide the litter picking equipment but if you do have your own, please bring this along. If you would like to join us or register your interest, please email enquiries@worth-pc.gov.uk.

- **Sunday 24 March**

- **Saturday 27 April**

- **Sunday 9 June**



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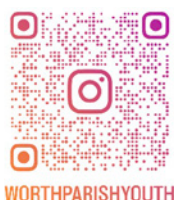
We ran some fantastic workshops over the February half term in addition to our youth clubs. Drew, our Youth Support Worker, ran a successful, messy and very tasty pizza making workshop for twenty young people. And Art Smart ran an art workshop looking at the artists Keith Haring, John Burgerman and Mr Doodle. The children created some fantastic art work which will form the basis of our new youth bus logo.

Our Youth Clubs run:

Monday, 3.30-5.30pm,
at The Haven Centre in Crawley Down.

Wednesday, 4-6pm,
at The Pavilion in Copthorne.

For Years 5 and up. They are completely FREE and there is no need to book! Please note, we do have a limit on numbers at each youth club due to adult/child ratios. So please check there is space for your child before leaving.



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<https://www.sussex.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb/report-antisocial-behaviour>

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One Network – Find out about roadworks in your area

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<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/planning>

Report a Problem with a Road or Pavement

West Sussex County Council has changed the process for reporting road and pavement issues. If you want to report a problem with a road or pavement, please now use this link:

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/make-an-enquiry-or-report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/?fbclid=IwAR3fRL1oJ546Pk0m08gUUDuF_nDHFZ89IBDk6QaRkW-StvJGA11d3G47fJK

West Sussex County Council Highways

can also be called on 01243 642105.

For anyone with a hearing impairment textphone is: 18001 01243 642105. Phone lines are open Monday-Friday, 8.00am-6.00pm.

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<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/maintaining-roads-verges-and-pavements/lights-markings-and-signs/streetlights-illuminated-signs-and-bollards>

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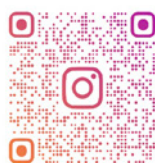
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Exciting news! The Copthorne Players are back with a full-on musical!

The last full musical we put on was Fiddler on the Roof, all the way back in 2018. We had another one planned, due to start rehearsing in March 2020, which of course turned out to be tremendously bad timing. Since then, we've been trying to rebuild to a place where we can once again put on a musical for Copthorne, and we are very proud to announce that we will be bringing Jekyll & Hyde to the village for summer 2024. Based on the classic story by Robert Louis Stevenson and featuring a thrilling score of pop rock hits from multi-Grammy and Tony nominated Frank Wildhorn & double Oscar and Grammy-winning Leslie Bricusse, Jekyll & Hyde brings the epic struggle between good and evil to life.

And we're not stopping there! As soon as we've wrapped on Jekyll & Hyde, our very own Alysha Kirby, of pantomime princess fame, will be making her directorial debut with the Copthorne Players to put on the play version of Blood Brothers in September. The legendary play by Willy Russell tells the captivating and moving tale of twins who, separated at birth, grow up on opposite sides of the tracks, only to meet again with fateful consequences.

As ever, we will be looking for lots of people to help us bring these productions to life. For Jekyll & Hyde, we will need chaperones for our junior cast, and for both productions we'll be looking for props wranglers, prompts, front of house volunteers and more. Check out our Facebook and Instagram pages for everything you need to know about getting involved.

But before all of that, we've got one more production to put on.

Ever since I was six years old, my family has always gone to the pantomime on my birthday. I've written this before in this column, so I shan't dwell on it, but just before the Copthorne Players opened with Cinderella at the end of January, we received an email. What a coincidence - here was another local resident who always used to go the pantomime on his birthday. Unlike me, however, he couldn't get out to the theatre this year. Was there any way that the Copthorne Players could bring the pantomime to him?

So after we closed our main production at the village hall, I popped over to the Little Smugglers residential home on the outskirts of Copthorne to see what we could do.

I met a few of the residents, who all have various learning disabilities, and I had a look around their lovely conservatory area. In the end, we decided that we couldn't bring the dancers, but we could definitely bring a pantomime.

It's rather odd to go from rehearsing a pantomime straight into . . . rehearsing a condensed version of the same pantomime! We've condensed the script down to only four characters, picked out a few songs, amended some of the choreography to fit it down into a smaller space, and we're really looking forward to bringing a miniature version of Cinderella to Little Smugglers in March. It may be a little late for a traditional pantomime showing, but we hope it can be the start of a new tradition.

A big, big thank you to our Cinderella (Alysha Kirby), Prince Handsome (Kat Whinn-Collins), Lady Rue (Alex Wares) and stand-in Fairy Nuff (Marcus Kirby, stepping in for Jon Birch) for coming back to reprise their roles, and also to Karamac Costumes who have kindly agreed to let us borrow their costumes without charge for this one-off performance.

The big musicals and the legendary plays are exciting for the Copthorne Players and, I hope, for Copthorne audiences. But I can't deny that for myself, the opportunity to bring our pantomime to an audience who can't come to us is one of the most exciting things I've had the chance to be involved in.

If you want to get involved with the Copthorne Players or buy tickets to our productions, please keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages [@copthorneplayers](#), and sign up for our email newsletter via our website, www.copthorneplayers.co.uk.

Megan









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A warm welcome!

During the Week at St John's

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There is also a range of regular activities and events

MONDAYS	Toddler Time: 10.30am - 12pm (Every week) STAY & PLAY 
	The Prayer Course: 8pm - 9.30 pm Coffee served at 7.30pm 
TUESDAYS	Coffee Hut: 8.30am - 9am (Every Week) Hot drinks served in the churchyard, perfect for the school run or dog walk!
	Quiet Led Prayer: 9.15am - 9.30am (Every Week) 
	Abstract Art Group: 10am - 12pm (Every Week)
WEDNESDAYS	Holy Communion service: 10.30am (Every Week) Followed by coffee and refreshments
	Cots 2 Tots: 1.30pm - 2.30pm (Every Week, during school-term times)
	St John's Cafe & Games: 4.30pm - 6pm (Every Week) Tea, coffee, conversation and board games 
	A life Worth Living: 7.30pm - 9pm (Starting in May 2024)
THURSDAYS	Coffee Hut: 8.30am - 9am (Every Week) Hot drinks served in the churchyard, perfect for the school run or dog walk!
	Quiet Led Prayer: 9.15am - 9.30am (Every Week) 
FRIDAYS	Abstract Art Group: 10am - 12pm (Every Week)
	Bereavement Support Group: 2pm - 4pm (3rd Friday of the month) Please call the church office for more details 01342 712063
SATURDAYS	Work Party: 9.15am - 12.30pm (The 1st Saturday of the month) Caring for the church and churchyard 
	Coffee, Cake and Conversation: 10am - 12pm (The 1st Saturday of the month) 
SUNDAYS	Services are held every week! Visit copthornechurch.org for more details.

April is the start of the WI membership year and we have an exciting new programme of speakers, events and outings planned over the next 12 months, which will see Copthorne WI in its 99th year. There has never been a better time to come and join our friendly and inclusive group. If you are new to the village and looking to

make new friends and become involved in village life, why not come along and give us a try? Guests are welcome at any of our meetings, a small charge is made to include refreshments. We meet in the village hall on Copthorne Bank on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.45pm. We look forward to welcoming you.

Here are some of our members enjoying the annual dinner celebration recently, and the chicks we've been making for a children's hospice charity to raise much needed funds for their valuable work.



In memory of Joan Haylor

Joan Haylor (né Scott), originally from Smallfield, but a long time resident of Copthorne, sadly passed away just before Christmas 2023, aged 89. Joan's husband Bill remembers her involvement in setting up the swimming facilities at Copthorne Junior School. The pool opened in 1963 and this photo taken from the FB group Friends of Copthorne Old Photos shows pupils trying out the pool for the first time. Described as being 'freezing', the pool later had a roof installed and lasted into the late 1990s, when it was demolished.



FOR SALE: April 1929, Bank Farm Estate, which became the Franciscan Convent



Pop Maynard considers his next move. George "Redpole" Gibbs looks on in the background.

Pop Maynard and George (Redpole) Gibbs, Tinsley Green Marbles



'If it thunders on All Fools' Day, it brings good crops of corn and hay.' This particular old saying about the weather on April Fool's Day might have a little science behind it. Thunderstorms only occur when warm air rises from heated ground, forming highly charged cumulonimbus clouds that produce thunder and lightning. Ground that is warm enough for thunderstorms at this moment in the year suggests an early spring, and the start of a good growing season.*

The average sea temperature for Eastbourne in April is 9.5 degrees.*

*The Almanac, A Seasonal Guide to 2024 - Lia Leendertz



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As we celebrate Easter in 2024 we thought it would be interesting to look back at newspaper reports of what was happening at Easter in Copthorne in years gone by.

April 1894 Easter competitions were played at **Copthorne Golf Club** on 24th, 26th and 27th March.

April 1901 The local press reported 'the Rev J. J. Dumbrell, Vicar of Copthorne, Worth, is seriously ill in South Africa, whither he journeyed last autumn for the benefit of his health. He is accompanied by Mr. E. Delmar Morgan, also of Copthorne'.

April 1927 The Surrey Mirror reported on the **Copthorne Village Golf Club Easter Competitions**, which were played over three days.

March 1935 Advertisement for the **Gables Guest House**, Copthorne; large sunny rooms, every comfort; overlooking Golf Course; delightful country walks. Book for Easter. Phone Copthorne 66.

April 1941 saw the report on the **Wedding** at the Parish Church on Saturday morning of **Miss Sybil Joan Brown and Mr. George W. Rice**. The bride wore a dusky pink dress, ornamented with a spray of carnations, and a brown hat to tone. The Rev. E. A. Stafford-Young conducted the service and the bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Edward E. Brown. Mr. Stanley Streeter (brother-in-law of the bridegroom) acted as best man. Both bride and bridegroom are well known in the district and they received many useful gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Rice's future residence will be No. 2, Oakdene, Copthorne. (George Rice was the village undertaker, carrying on his father's business, and was the Choirmaster in Copthorne for many years).

April 1945 The Crawley & District Observer reported, '**Copthorne Parish Church** presented a very bright picture on Easter Day, for which the church had been tastefully decorated by the parishioners. Throughout Holy Week, Holy Communion and evensong took place daily, with the three hours service of devotion on Good Friday. On Easter Day Holy Communion was celebrated at 7 am, 8 am, and mid-day, with matins and procession at 11 am, and evensong and procession at 6.30. All the services were conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. A. Stafford-Young'.

May 1946 The Crawley & District Observer reported, '**Easter Offering**. The Easter offering for the Rev E. A. Stafford-Young, vicar, amounted to £25. Copthorne Chapel. **Pound Day**. As the result of the recent pound day in aid of the New Sussex Hospital for Women and Children, 301 lbs. of goods were collected with £9 9s in money. **Welcome Home Fund**. Copthorne has the distinction of having raised the largest sum in this area for its Welcome Home Fund, which now stands at over £1000. **Celebrations**. The Copthorne Welcome Home Committee, who are organising VE Day celebrations in the village, have been granted permission to use the recreation ground by Worth Parish Council'.

March 1948 The **Copthorne Spitfires**, including 75-year-old Pop Maynard, took the **British Marbles Team Championship** away from the Smart Shooters at Tinsley Green on Good Friday, and 50-year-old Harry Langridge retained the individual Sussex pewter tankard.

March 1965 The **Hunters Moon Inn** (formerly the Builders' Inn)

advertised their **Easter Sunday lunch** of Cream of Mushroom Soup, Roast Chicken with roast potatoes, sweetcorn and carrots, followed by Sherry Trifle, for £4.95.

April 1966 A T Underwood at Three Bridges were offering Easter viewings of **new houses at the Kitsbridge Estate (Kitsmead)**: Houses for sale: Newly built 3 and 4 bedroom houses with cloakroom, 1 or 2 reception rooms, automatic gas-fired central heating throughout, built-in garages. Prices £6750 to £7950.

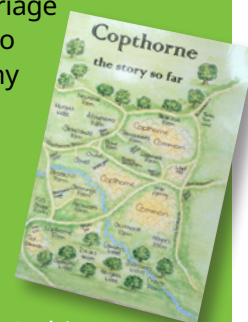
March 1981 The **Copthorne WI** planted a rowan tree on the village green to commemorate the **Queen Mother's birthday**.

April 1981 The **Copthorne Players and church-goers** united to present an Easter play about the resurrection of Christ. The play, *The Vigil* by Ladislav Fodor, was performed on Good Friday at the village parish church at 8pm.

Copies of the book **Copthorne, the story so far** are available for £10 - a very interesting read for anyone new to the village.

The Copthorne Archive CD

On sale for £5, contains St John's Church Baptism Records 1877 to 1887, and Marriage Records 1882 to 1916, plus many photos, maps, plans etc not included in the Copthorne book.



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On Saturday, March 9th, the first Big Breakfast since 2019 was enjoyed by 41 guests in the Parish Hub. A Full English followed generous helpings of cereals and yoghurts, rounded off with plenty of toast and marmalade and cupfuls of tea and coffee.

Our guest speaker was Mims Davies, the current MP for Mid-Sussex, who is the Conservative parliamentary candidate for the new constituency of East Grinstead & Uckfield of which Copthorne is now a part, moving from the Horsham constituency.

(Guests were provided with a brief guide to the constituency changes made by the Boundary Commission and a list and map of the District wards in the new constituency. A copy is available from the Church office).

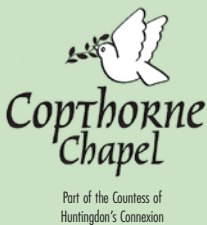
Mims' talk was entitled 'Life in Westminster – what is it really like?' and what a fascinating talk it was, delivered by an enthusiastic and committed MP. Who knew that some 15,000 people work in the Palace of Westminster; that when we see on TV a thinly populated House of Commons many MPs are elsewhere in the House at as many as 12 Select committee meetings; that MPs have close friendships with Members of other parties in spite of political differences?

Mims also addressed questions put to her including why the lobby voting system is far more conducive to reasoned and considered decisions than an electronic voting system would be, and why she believes staying in the Palace while the necessary renovations are carried out is far better than removing to another building. She also explained how members of the public can visit Parliament and encouraged us all to do so and take a tour with their MP to learn more of the secrets and history of this famous building.

All in all an engaging and informative talk was thoroughly enjoyed by an attentive and appreciative audience.

Thank you Sue and her team and all those who helped set up the Hub and serve the food and, not least, all of you who came to eat it and listen to Mims. Thank you for your support.

Mike Livesey



Here are our services over the Easter period.

28th March	7.00 pm	Maundy Thursday service
29th March	10.30 am	Good Friday service
31st March	10.30 am	Easter Sunday service

All Easter services to be taken by Pastor Gordon Hamilton and are followed by tea/coffee.

We are still continuing our popular Bible Studies on Tuesday evenings at 7.00 pm, either in the Chapel or at two venues, one in the village and one at Crawley Down. These last approximately an hour and a half and are run by Pastor Gordon. Anyone wishing to attend please phone 01342 713172 first to confirm location. New members would be welcome.



For more details please phone 01342 713172 copthornechapel.org.uk

Copthorne Mum publishes a book . . . !

From corporate commutes to creative pursuits – a Copthorne mum's journey



After commuting to London since the age of 17, working in operational roles within corporate companies, I made a pivotal decision when my second child came along to bid

farewell to the corporate world (and its wardrobe!) and embark on a new adventure. One that allows me to follow my creative passions, whilst balancing the joys of family life.

Already running a small business crafting bespoke, sentimental frames using people's greetings cards from any occasion, I next had the idea to write a children's book. The concept was inspired by my own experiences, centred around friendship, discovery, and the beauty of cultural exchange. The two main characters, modelled after my husband and myself, navigate culture and offer young readers a glimpse into my personal journey of understanding and acceptance.

'Riley and Ricky: Two houses, Two different homes' was launched in late 2023 and after a successful start it has paved the way for school visits and engagements within the local community. As I gear up for the

visits beginning at Fairway Infant School for World Book Week and beyond, I am excited to share the message of cultural appreciation as well as opening the discussion on how we can learn together, from the way we live at home.

This journey has been one of dedication, perseverance, and above all, flexibility. Balancing the demands of entrepreneurship with the joys of motherhood has been no small feat, but the ability to shape my schedule around my children has been its own reward. I would love to encourage others, especially fellow mums to follow their passions and if you have an idea to take a chance! The outcome may surprise you, but the sense of accomplishment and fulfilment is unparalleled.

'Riley and Ricky: Two houses, Two different homes' is now available on Amazon. Hand-crafted frames can be found on Instagram and Facebook under 'Treasure it by Kerri'.



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complete a full marathon you can enter these two events and the final one, a 10K on Monday 6 May in Burgess Hill. Each day there are also two other fun events - the family friendly Mid Sussex Fun Run for all ages with medals and optional fancy dress - and also the Mid Sussex Mile for ages 7+, a chipped time race for junior runners with medals & prizes. Details can be found online at www.midsussexmarathon.co.uk

The average sea temperature for Eastbourne in May is 11.5 degrees.*

ST CATHERINE'S HOSPICE

Step out for St Catherine's Hospice Midnight Walk!



St Catherine's popular Midnight Walk is bouncing back to the streets of Horsham on **Saturday 8th June** from 8pm.

The night-time walk offers people four different walking routes: 20, 13 or 7 mile options or a shorter two mile stroll, and raises money that helps to provide expert end of life care and support to people living with a terminal or life-limiting condition across West Sussex and East Surrey.

Starting off at the Bridge Leisure Centre in Broadbridge Heath, walkers will be treated to an energetic warm-up before being cheered on throughout their walk by volunteer marshals.

There'll be refreshment stops and a chance for people walking in memory of someone they love to remember them by sharing a story, picture or thought on a memory wall. People can also light a candle in a remembrance area on the 7, 13 or 20 mile route.

Emma Butler, a fundraiser at St Catherine's said: 'Whether you're walking to honour someone you love, support our hospice,

or to get out and catch up with friends, you'll be doing something incredible. By taking part you'll be raising vital funds to provide care for people living with a life-limiting or terminal condition in your community.

Last year 575 people took part in the Midnight Walk cheered on by over 80 volunteers. They raised more than £115,000 which is pretty incredible! This year we're hoping even more people will consider walking and fundraising or volunteering for the Midnight Walk.

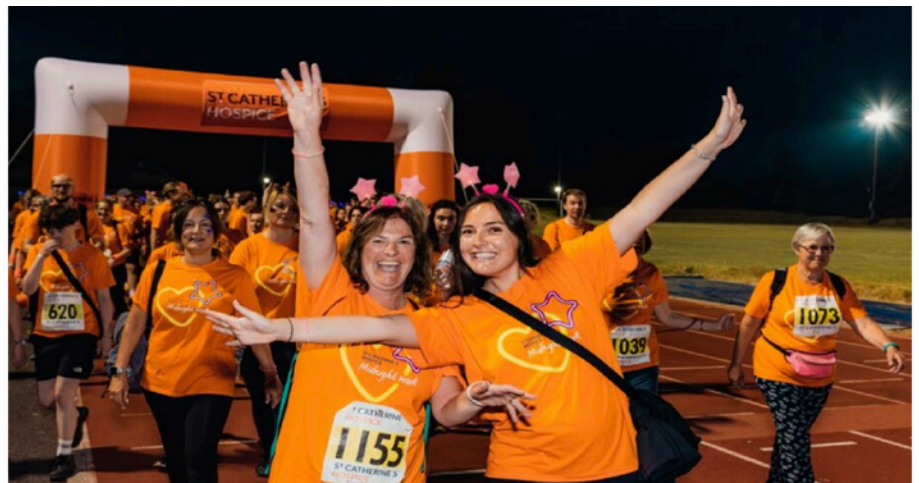
Whether you've taken part before or this is your first time, you're in for an inspiring, heartwarming night, joining together with others to support St Catherine's'.

Ready to make your steps count?

Sign up now at www.stch.org.uk/midnightwalk or call St Catherine's Fundraising Team on 01293 447361. Sign up by Tuesday 30th April 2024 to receive an early bird entry rate of £15 for adults, or £12 for under 18s. Your entry fee includes a free T-shirt, refreshments and medal.

Or perhaps you'd prefer to volunteer instead of stepping out?

If you'd like to donate your time to support St Catherine's visit the hospice's dedicated webpage to sign up: www.stch.org.uk/volunteer-at-the-midnight-walk-2024.



Did You Know . . .

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As well as expert medical care, St Catherine's also provides

emotional and practical support through its dedicated Wellbeing Team, which provides a range of services including counselling, welfare advice, bereavement support and spiritual care.

It costs around £10 million to run the hospice each year but less than a third of this comes from the NHS. The rest is raised through the support and generosity of the local community.

St Catherine's moved into a new, larger hospice at Grace Holland Avenue in Pease Pottage in

November 2023. The new hospice has 24 individual rooms, providing more care to more people, as well as increased community and bereavement support for future generations to benefit from, in the local community.

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Peter Pan Playgroup



What another busy term. The children decorated heart pendants for Valentines, and made 'pancakes' with playdough, cutting out different shapes before popping them into frying pans and adding lemon juice. We also had a vets/pamper salon role-play one week, and the children had great fun pretending to wash and blow dry the toy dogs, care for them with the medical playsets, and even took turns to bandage each other. World Book Day arrived and we invited the children to bring in their favourite book to share with us. Plus, we celebrated Mother's Day and are now preparing for Easter.

The children do enjoy sensory play and we use different activities for them to explore and investigate, covering all areas of learning whilst they make connections with the world around them. We also still make use of our garden, playing in all weathers, with the children challenging themselves with various obstacle courses, digging for treasure, making 'cakes' in our mud kitchen, or building sandcastles. With spring beckoning, we can't wait to give the garden a spring clean!

We are open term time for children aged 2-4, Mon-Fri, either 9.00am-3.00pm or 9.15am-3.15pm, with the option of an early start at 8.30/8.45am, plus lunch clubs. Please see our website for more details. If you are interested in a place, we now have a waiting list, please either email or telephone.



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Wow, what a term already! We are loving our new building, and we are getting our garden ready for spring and summer. Lots of hard work has been going into the bug house, and starting our new growing area with some new plants.

We have also been doing some lovely science experiments which all the children have really enjoyed.

All the children made some special gifts for Mother's Day, lots of love have been put into these!

As of September 2024 we are now full, and our waiting list is now open for September 2025.

Thank you to all our parents for the support they have given us with the big move, we really do appreciate it.

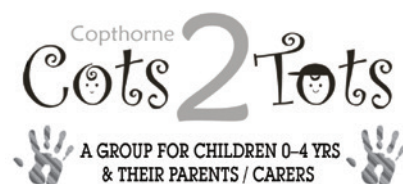
Our pre-school hours are Monday to Friday 9.15 to 12.15, with an option of lunch until 1.15 or an option of all day until 2.15. We also offer an early start at 8.45, and we accept 15 hours and 30 hours funding. We take children from 2 to 4 years old, term time only.

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Copthorne Ladies Club

January saw a wet and blustery start to the year and a reduced number of members braved the wind and rain for a quiz night. Even though there were fewer of us than usual, we still had a very enjoyable and fun evening. Competition was high between the groups as always!

At our February meeting, Stella Black from the Macular Society gave an informative presentation about macular degeneration which facilitated an interactive session, particularly for those members who have been diagnosed. There was a good opportunity for our members to ask questions and learn more about this disease and the support available from the society. A donation was made and an acknowledgment that every penny counts as all monies raised go towards the services that the society provides for people living with central vision loss.

The club is now open to new members, and we meet every first Thursday of the month, 7.45pm to 9.30pm, at the Guide Centre on Borers Arms Road. We have a full and exciting year planned of talks, games and activities, so please do come along and meet us all.

Beth Hilton, Secretary



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7 *Worth Horticultural Society*
Spring Show & Table Top Sale

21 *St John's Church*
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MAY

18 *St John's Church*
Christian Aid Tea afternoon

JUNE

2 *St John's Church & Riverboat Shuffle*
Jazz on the Green

22 *Scouts and Guides*
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Copthorne Carnival

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27 Live Music at 8pm:
THE RADARS

MAY

25 Live Music at 8pm:
PARALLEL SKY

PLUS:

MEAT RAFFLE EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
at 9.30pm

Do you have regular or one-off events that you want to advertise to villagers? If so, and to see how you can join this column, contact us at... magazine@copthornechurch.org




Every month at St John's Church!
Sundays at 11am, see website for dates.

Building challenges, Lego® games, stories and worship for everyone to enjoy!

For more information about our events, visit copthornechurch.org

The Beavers have been busy celebrating pancake day, Chinese New Year and Mother's Day. They have also been bowling and had visits from 'Owl About Town' and a disability dog.

The Cubs have been doing their air activities badge, celebrating Chinese New Year, and have also been bowling.

Three of our scouts have achieved their Chief Scout Gold Award and we have also been busy preparing for the Easter camp in Wales.

All sections helped at our annual Senior Citizens Party in February, where we entertained the senior citizens of the village with lego building, olympic bingo and spaghetti and marshmallow tower building. We also provided our guests with tea and a gift to take home.



If you would like to add your child to the waiting list for Scouting please visit our website 1stcopthorne.scoutsites.org.uk or contact us at jill.creek@egscouts.org.uk or 07720 533875



On the 22nd February Girlguiding Copthorne celebrated World Thinking Day along with members of WAGGGS across the world. Lots of Rainbows, Brownies and Guides wore their uniforms to school to celebrate.

To celebrate 1st Guides planned and cooked a 3-course meal with a Mexican main course. Mexico is the home of one of the WAGGGS world centres, Our Cabana. They also made starters and desserts from European Countries, most chose France or Italy. They enjoyed tacos, enchiladas, fajitas, homemade soup and ice-cream.



Ready to serve dinner

**WORLD THINKING DAY
22nd FEBRUARY**
Is the day members of WAGGGS World Association of Girl Guides & Girl Scouts celebrate the joint birthdays of Lord Robert and Lady Olave Baden-Powell. We use this time to think about other Guides around the world and to renew the Promise we made when we joined this world wide organisation.



Mexican entertainment

2nd Copthorne Brownies talked about the World trefoil then made their own.



They also blew bubbles inside bubbles to represent all the different parts of Girlguiding in the UK.

On 24th February Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from Copthorne attended a County Thinking Day event held at Tanbridge School in Horsham. They made sunset lanterns, danced to some African music and learned actions to tell an African story.



For Volunteering Opportunities, Membership Information and Hall Bookings please contact: enquiries@girlguidingcopthorne.co.uk

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Tues		Springfit	Fire Fitness
Wed	Council Working Party (ev. other week)	Sadowski Latin Dance	Sadowski Latin Dance Pilates with Saddaff
Thurs	Springfit	Springfit Cop Art Group	Sadowski Latin Dance
Fri	Springfit	Friday Friends (1st Friday) Bereavement Group (3rd Friday)	Springfit
Sat	Springfit	AVAILABLE TO HIRE FOR PARTIES AND EVENTS	
Sun	AVAILABLE TO HIRE FOR PARTIES AND EVENTS		

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cophorne@springfit.org

Fire Fitness
firefitnesspt@outlook.com

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07853 902828
prashant.bhojani44@gmail.com

Sadowski Dance Ballroom and Latin Dance Classes
info@sadowskidance.com

Precision Pilates
nicolakeogh@hotmail.com

Friday Friends
Pam Harrison - 01342 717194

Pilates with Saddaff
07943519097

CONTACT

For hire of the South Room, please contact Hannah:
deputyclerk@worth-pc.gov.uk

For hire of the Main Hall, please contact Tracey:
parish.hub@cophornechurch.org
07853 653649

Activities in the Main Hall Activities in the South Room

The Parish Hub, Borers Arms Road, Cophorne RH10 3ZQ
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TUESDAY	1000-1200 Baby Ballet Contact: Miss Sophie on 07702 511295 www.babyballet.co.uk/babyballet-school/crawley-east	1730 & 1900 Slimming World Contact: Debbie on 07584 166228 www.slimmingworld.co.uk/group/555535
WEDNESDAY	0900 and 1030 Slimming World 1600-1800 Youth Club for 10-15 years with Drew Sewell (WPC). No need to book.	
THURSDAY	Available for Hire	1800 Sweaty Mamalates 'With Bump' - pregnancy pilates 1900 Clubbercise - High energy cardio class, club hits, FOR EVERYONE! Tel: 07925 544312 donnakelly@sweatymama.com
FRIDAY	0930-1030 Posture, Balance & Stretching Workout Class <i>Pre-book with Helen on 07838 381153</i> NEW - Friday April 19th, May 17th - 1300-1600 - Social Circle Afternoon - Every 3rd Friday Everyone welcome. Pop in anytime for a cuppa, cake, chat, raffle, games. Children welcome. £5pp. NEW - Wednesday 27th March, April 24th, May 29th - Every last Wednesday 19.30 - The Pavilion Quiz (fundraiser) £5pp in teams of 6. BYO. Hot & soft drinks & crisps will be available to purchase. Raffle. PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL via: bookings_csca@outlook.com att:Amanda/QUIZ.	
SATURDAY	Cricket starts 27th April. Afternoons 13:00. We are planning to serve hot /cold drinks + cake, maybe more. Contact us for details. Spectators are very welcome.	
SUNDAY	Cricket , various - check our facebook page for match details. Spectators are very welcome.	
	MEETING ROOM 4th Tuesday of each month. 2-4pm. Copthorne WI Craft Group for WI Members. To hire the Pavilion Main Hall or Meeting Room on a regular basis, email Suzanne at: bookings_csca@outlook.com.	

- All classes must be pre-booked with the above organisations. The applicable Covid-19 regulations must be followed.
- We are looking for volunteers to help us run both the sports field and the Pavilion. If this may interest you, please email us at: info@cophorne-sca.co.uk.
- See website for more details: www.cophorne-sca.co.uk. News & blog. This programme is a guide only and may change or cancel at short notice. It is your responsibility to check details with each individual organiser.

These are our plans at the time of going to print. If you are interested in hiring any of our facilities including the hall, meeting room, or field, please contact us at bookings_csca@outlook.com.



This year's carnival is on Saturday 29th June, starting at 1pm when the procession leaves Knowle Drive.

Everything is now coming together, stall applications are

coming in fast and the Green is filling up. If you want a stall and have not put your application in yet, please do so ASAP or you will lose out. There are still a few spaces left in the programme, so if you run a local business and would like to advertise, please get in touch.

We have a new headline act this year, Electric Feel, supported by Sirius, and Graffiti, two local bands. The music will start at 5.30, and run through to the end of the evening. As mentioned before,

there are no fireworks this year, but we will have additional stage effects to compensate. Each year the event gets more expensive to put on, so if you would like to help sponsor it, please contact me.

There will be a full rundown of what's going on in the next magazine, and on our Facebook page.

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