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Recently I went to a talk by Emily Mayhew about her latest book, 'The Four Horsemen and the Hope of a New Age'. Emily Mayhew is a military historian based at Imperial College London where she studies 'severe casualty in 20th and 21st century warfare'.

The book uses the well known biblical symbolism of the four horsemen of the apocalypse to discuss the threats humanity faces; war, pestilence, famine and death. Of course, these have never left us and are always a part of global citizenship, but are even more present at the moment as we deal with the fallout of covid-19, witness the desperate situation unfolding in Ukraine, and host refugees in our own village.

The book is both horrifying and hopeful. Watching news reports of events unfolding in Ukraine is heart breaking. Re-reading the first chapter of Emily's book (War), which charts the liberation of Mosul in 2017, highlighted what we might not see behind the scenes: living next door to unexploded bombs; permanent deafness due to shelling; crops destroyed or poisoned - generations of investment in agriculture and livelihoods wiped out; children

climbing over rubble to get to school - desperate to learn in order to find a solution to the nightmare they are living through.

But also, the book brings hope. It is clear from Emily Mayhew's knowledge that there are some amazing people out there, trying to deal with the threats and 'stop the horsemen'. Amazingly brainy scientists are using AI to repurpose drugs, and are using covid-19 to increase research into anti-microbial resistance, farmers are working to protect crops from disease, humanitarian groups are using paper trails to protect the rights of the dead after war and natural disasters. There are a humbling amount of humanitarian volunteers who work so hard. We should also not ignore the massive resource of collective wisdom and knowledge, recorded by historians and people who have carried out this sort of humanitarian work before.

The message I took away from the book is that we all have to change and - which is what Emily Mayhew argues for - we all have to work together. It is not enough to leave it to a few and hope for the best. We need to think of ourselves as global citizens now,

not individuals or even countries. Everything is interconnected. War brings famine, famine decimates immune systems, leaving it easier for pestilence to spread. Antibiotic use is critical, the knock on effect is global. The more people that have vaccinations, the less infection there will be, and therefore less antimicrobial resistance. If governments and humans collaborate across borders, knowledge and wisdom will prevail.

For me, one of the most amazing things I've seen since the invasion of Ukraine is the humanitarianism enacted by young people and dedicated medics - they raise their own finances to get to wherever they are needed, pack old ambulances with supplies and donations, to help rebuild and provide medical care. I cannot see the events in Ukraine as anything other than barbaric, but maybe the world will come together even more in the wake of them.

I really recommend reading this book to gain a better understanding of the threats facing humanity currently - it is eye opening.

If you didn't already know, here is the link to donate to the Ukraine appeal set up by the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee): <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

There is also a great source of information on the BBC website about how to talk to children about what is happening in Ukraine: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-60557186>.

There is also an International Cafe every Monday and Thursday at our church, if you are interested in helping the refugees currently living in the Copthorne hotels.

Merry



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International Café



Drink tea or coffee and practice English through activities and games

Every Monday and Thursday
1.30 - 3 pm
at St John's Church, Copthorne



WORSHIP at St John's Church

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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.

7^{PM}

The evening service

contemporary worship, personal reflection and time to encounter God.

DURING
the WEEK:

TUES 9.15^{AM}
Morning prayer

WED 10.30^{AM}
Holy Communion

THUR 9.15^{AM}
Morning prayer

Several of our Sunday 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. To find out exactly what and when, go to cophornechurch.org and book a ticket where relevant.

UPCOMING SEASONAL SERVICES

Palm Sunday 10th April 9.30 & 11.00 am
Celebration Services with Palm Crosses

Maundy Thursday 14th April 7 pm
Holy Communion service &
Agape fellowship meal

—
Good Friday 15th April 10.30 am
Good Friday Service at the Cross

—
Easter Sunday 17th April 10.30 am
Celebration Service in the Churchyard

—
Ascension Day 26th May 9.00 am
Feast of Christ's Ascension

—
Pentecost Sunday 5th June 10.30 am
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Service
on the Village Green

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PRAYER

In the coming months we will be celebrating several major Christian festivals such as Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. Easter Sunday is the oldest and perhaps the most significant one as it celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It follows 'Holy Week' which is a week that looks back at Christ's journey of suffering, starting on Palm Sunday and leading up to the remembrance of His death on the cross on Good Friday. During this week people are encouraged to seek the presence of God through times of quiet reflection and prayer.

The Ascension of Christ is less celebrated but is nevertheless a very important festival as it marks Jesus' divine enthronement by His bodily ascent into heaven. Ten days later, at Pentecost, churches across the world will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit.

During these ten days the Archbishop of Canterbury is inviting people around the world to join with the 'Thy Kingdom Come' global prayer movement. Christians around the world are invited to join in prayer. At a time of war in Europe, conflicts in other parts of our world, pandemics and climate change, turning to prayer has become ever so relevant.

Christians from more than 170 countries take part in praying 'Come Holy Spirit'. This praying together stretches across our diversity and differences as every person, household and church are encouraged to pray in their own way. Here in Copthorne, at St John's Church, we offer a range of prayer activities.

The simplest suggestion is perhaps to set your alarm clock at midday, to pause for moment and to pray the Lord's Prayer. For those that want to discover more about prayer and want to find out why some prayers go unanswered, we suggest you sign up to our upcoming Prayer Course II. Alternatively, you can join us in prayer at the different Christian festivals. For more information about all these events or any of our church services go to: copthorne.church.org.

Look forward to hearing from you!





EASTER

Come and celebrate Easter!

Palm Sunday 10th April 'WELCOME Jesus'

- 8am A quiet Holy Communion service
- 9am A traditional service with Holy Communion
- 11am All-age activity service

Mon 11th, Tues 12th & Wed 13th April 'ASK Jesus'

- 7pm Traditional Compline Prayer services

Maundy Thursday 14th April

- 7pm Holy Communion service & Agape fellowship meal in the church. Book online

Visit the church yard during Holy Week and discover our Easter prayer trail.

Good Friday 15th April 'REMEMBER Jesus'

- 10.30am Good Friday service
- 12 to 3pm Church is open with music and readings for quiet reflection

Holy Saturday 16th April

- 7pm Service of Light

Easter Sunday 17th April 'CELEBRATE Jesus'

- 8am A quiet Holy Communion service
- 10.30am Outdoor Easter Celebration service in the churchyard

[visit copthornechurch.org](http://visit.copthornechurch.org)

A Question of Gardening

A new regular feature in the magazine,
written by Charlotte at Burstow Garden Allotments

Potato Growing Guide!

There's an old gardening tradition to plant seed potatoes on Good Friday. It's thought this story comes from the time of a six-day working week, when Good Friday would have been the first day off since Christmas.

If you're a seasoned potato grower, or are trying them for the first time this spring, you won't regret it. They are easy to grow and can even be planted in bags or large containers if you don't have lots of space.

There are three main types of potatoes to grow, named according to when they're harvested:

First earlies: The first to crop, taking around 10-12 weeks. These are usually salad varieties, such as Rocket.

Second earlies: These take a few weeks longer at 14-16 weeks. Examples include Charlotte and Maris Peer.

Main crop: The longest to grow at 16-22 weeks. Main crop potatoes are often grown to store over winter. Pink Fir Apple and Maris Piper are recommended varieties.

Seed potatoes can be bought online or from your local garden centre. The pack information will tell you how to cook your potatoes and if they're best enjoyed in a salad, for mashing or roasting. There's nothing like a home-grown potato.



Copthorne Carnival 2022

It's looking good for the carnival on Saturday 25th June, on the Village Green. All the required permissions have been obtained, and the band line up has been finalised.

This year we will be starting with Straight Outta Copthorne, followed by The Bowmen, and closing with Murdoch's Crazy Eyes, who you will remember from their brilliant performance in 2019.

Letters have now gone out to all previous stall holders and advertisers to see if you want to take part this year, so if you have not heard from us, or want to take part for the first time please email copthornecarnival@gmail.com.

For some reason only known to Facebook they took down our old Facebook page, so we have had to create a new one. Please search for Carnival In Copthorne and like and share the page so that we can build it up again. It will be regularly updated as things finalise.

If you are a local business and would like to help sponsor the event please contact us.

Graham Casella Chairman 714291

Time to Help

As many of you may have noticed, in December our church clock came to a stop. Following several attempts, we have been unable to restart the clock.

We have now had an inspection by a specialist company, and have an estimate of around £2000 for the

repairs required to the clock face in order to restart our clock.

If you would be interested in providing some financial support to restart our village church clock, please visit our website:

<https://www.copthornechurch.org/290/Church-Clock-Repair-Fund>, and hit the 'Donate' button (where you can select the clock appeal from the menu). Alternatively

please contact the parish office to discuss other giving options. Thank you in advance for your support.

David Hornsby and Gillian Hodsdon, Churchwardens.

N.B. any excess funds raised will be put into general church funds, however if you would prefer this not to happen to your donation, simply let the parish office know at the time of making your donation.

David

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NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2022



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hopefully by the time you read this the recent winds have subsided, and you hopefully escaped unscathed? They certainly caused us some problems in the village, but as always, our excellent groundsmen were on hand to keep things under control.

The parish council has been busy preparing for the Community Governance Review outlined elsewhere in this newsletter. This is a completely new process to the council so we are working hard to keep up with proceedings and keep you all informed of what's happening. This is going to be a major event for most of this year leading up to a conclusion sometime in September when we will learn the future fate of the council.

Elsewhere in Copthorne we continue to pursue funding to try to update the playground on the recreation ground. We are also very grateful to the disbanding Jack & Jill Playgroup. They have pledged some generous surplus funds to us upon their closure to put towards play facilities in Copthorne. We will ensure the money is used well and that their kind contribution is acknowledged.

We are also supportive of the Copthorne Platinum Jubilee Group for the upcoming celebration on Friday 3rd June this year. I hope you will all show the same support for the event and street parties that you always show for the other major events in the village that make it such a great place to live and enjoy.

Tony Dorey, Chairman

NEWS FROM WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

A Community Governance Review is being undertaken to consider whether a new Parish and Parish Council should be created for Crawley Down. This is in response to a petition from local electors.

All electors of Crawley Down and Copthorne received a Public Notice from Mid Sussex District Council in February. This invites them to contribute their views on this important matter which will determine the future local governance arrangements for the parish area, effective from May 2023.

What is the stance of Worth Parish Council?

Worth Parish Council as a representative body is neither in favour nor against a split. Currently 4 of the 17 Worth Parish councillors fully support the petition. There are concerns related to the lack of transparency and the way the petition came about - being submitted to Mid Sussex District Council without any discussion or case presentation to Worth Parish Council. We have seen little evidence that the proposed change will deliver the claimed benefits and do not have the information required to determine whether the considerable cost, risks and impacts of a split are justified. Nobody should underestimate the complexity of splitting an existing parish council.

Community Governance Review Public Meetings

Public meetings are being held in Copthorne and Crawley Down giving you the chance to find out more and ask any questions you may have. These meetings are open to the public and there is no need to book:

The Haven Centre, Crawley Down: Friday 1 April
7.30-9.30pm.

The Parish Hub, Copthorne: Wednesday 13 April
7.30-9.30pm.

If you have received a public notice about the Community Governance Review, we encourage you to contribute your views using the details provided in the notice.

To find out more about the Community Governance Review visit our website at http://www.worth-pc.gov.uk/Community_Governance_Review_41894.aspx.

If you have any questions for us email clerk@worth-pc.gov.uk.

Forthcoming meeting dates:

Monday 4th April 2022	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 11th April 2022	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 25th April 2022	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 9th May 2022	Annual Council Meeting
Monday 16th May 2022	General Purposed & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 30th May 2022	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 13th June 2022	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday 27th June 2022	Full Council, Followed by Planning & Highways Committee

All meetings start at 7.30pm and all agendas and minutes are on the Council website at www.worth-pc.gov.uk

EXTENSION TO 7.5 TONNE WEIGHT LIMIT FEEDBACK

You may remember from a previous newsletter that Worth Parish Council submitted an application to West Sussex County Council for a Community Highways Scheme to extend the 7.5 tonne weight limit to cover Brookhill Road, Copthorne Bank (into Surrey) and Borers Arms Road.

Unfortunately, the application was unsuccessful. Feedback from West Sussex County Council stated 'your application did not meet the set criteria appropriate to deliver a sustainable and beneficial highways improvement, that also aligns with the County Council priorities'.

There is no right to appeal on this application.

DO YOU KNOW THE LAW ON E SCOOTERS?

Buying an e-scooter can be tempting especially as they can be purchased from popular retailers.

However, the current law is clear. **It is illegal to use a privately owned e-scooter on pavements, cycle paths or public roads at present.** The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land with landowner permission.

Why is this?

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements, such as: MOT, licensing, insurance and drink/drug driving legislation. As e-scooters do not have number plates, signalling ability and don't always have visible rear lights, they can't be used legally on the roads.

Sussex Safer Roads Partnership has produced an information leaflet clarifying the current law around e-scooters in Sussex. You can view and download the full leaflet here

<https://sussexsaferroads.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/E-scooter-flyer-November-2021.pdf>



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High street shops and local businesses across the UK face an uncertain future as more and more consumer spend goes to the online giants.

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ShopAppy.com traders will have a virtual presence which boosts their shops and services, making it easier for everyone to support their own local high street from the comfort of their sofas, as well as visiting in person. To sign up email shoplocal@shopappy.com

Councillor Stephen Hillier, Cabinet Member for Economic Growth explained: 'We are really pleased to be able to offer 12 months free to our local businesses who sign up to this innovative platform as part of our support for local Mid Sussex businesses'.

You can find out more here:
<https://shopappy.com/>



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- Regularly receive scam and nuisance calls
- Have care or support needs due to factors such as age, mobility or mental health.

To find out more and apply call Trading Standards on 01243 642124 (option 2) or visit <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/business-and-consumers/trading-standards-information-for-consumers/stay-safe-on-the-phone/>.

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SPRING 2022

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Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team will be holding a drop-in surgery at The Parish Hub in Copthorne on Friday 20th May 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Further dates will be published on our website at www.worth-pc.gov.uk under Latest News.

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celebrate JUBILEE SUNDAY!

5th June, on Copthorne Green



10.30AM

Open-air service of celebration
with St John's church

music, community & worship

1PM



JAZZ

on the

green

Live band & refreshments



Brought to you by St John's Church, Copthorne
copthornechurch.org

The 1st SATURDAY of EVERY MONTH

at St John's Church, Copthorne



The 1st Saturday
of every month
9:15 - 12:30

EXCELLENT REFRESHMENTS!

Be part of the team:

Help needed to
tidy up the church
& churchyard.
Come along and join in.



Fundraising for
church projects



Christian Aid Week 15th to 21st May

Last year we had to rethink how to manage Christian Aid Week, and the overwhelming response from collectors was 'do it the same way again!' So, we will be:

- Delivering envelopes – but, generally, not collecting house - to - house.
- Providing collection points for envelopes during the week, at houses around the village. Look out for the posters in windows or outside homes.
- Holding street collections on the morning of Saturday 21st May outside our shops and church.

If you can help with any of the above, particularly in the new areas of Holly Drive and Heathy Wood, please contact Monica on 01342 713584.

As usual, donations can be made at caweek.org.

The services on Sunday 15th May will highlight a Christian Aid project. If you are unable to attend in person, please join us live on www.copthornechurch.org.

HUNGRY FOR . . . justice, solidarity, action, a future and the ability to provide.

This year's Christian Aid Week focuses on Zimbabwe, where Covid-19 and climate crisis are pushing more into a struggle for survival. Christian Aid has been working in Zimbabwe since the 1980s. Today they partner with:

Silveira House - to provide training to young people in skills like welding and leatherwork,

Bio-Innovation Zimbabwe - to help communities earn an income by harvesting wild indigenous plants,

Community Technology Development Organisation - to train and equip farmers to adapt to the climate crisis.

Drought starves. It robs women and men of the chance to farm and drives their families into HUNGER.

MID
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WEEKEND











SAT 30 APRIL - MON 2 MAY 2022
3 RACES. 3 TOWNS. 3 DAYS.

**Be part of the action
SIGN UP TODAY!**
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WHAT'S ON AT THE HUB?

While all Covid restrictions have now been lifted, the virus is still with us and we encourage Hub users to still apply hand sanitiser on entering and, if the event is crowded, to wear a mask until seated. Sanitising of surfaces, handles and switches will still be required. This will enable the Hub to maintain its 100% Covid-free status and welcome all to a safe environment.

AT A GLANCE CLASSES & GROUPS AT THE HUB

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Mon	 <i>Precision Pilates</i>	 <i>Springfit</i>	<i>Apple Tree Yoga</i>
Tues	 <i>Precision Pilates</i>	 <i>Springfit Pitman Yoga</i>	<i>Fire Fitness</i> <i>Smooth Cactus Yoga</i>
Wed	 <i>Precision Pilates</i>	 <i>Sadowski Children's Dance</i>	<i>Smooth Cactus Yoga</i> <i>Latin Dance</i>
Thurs	 <i>Precision Pilates</i>	 <i>Springfit Cop Art Group</i>	<i>Sadowski Dance</i> <i>Smooth Cactus Yoga</i>
Fri	 <i>Precision Pilates</i>	 <i>Friday Friends</i> (some Fridays)	<i>Springfit</i>
Sat	<i>Springfit</i> <i>Smooth Cactus Yoga</i> AVAILABLE TO HIRE FOR PARTIES AND EVENTS		
Sun	AVAILABLE TO HIRE FOR PARTIES AND EVENTS		

Activities in the Main Hall Activities in the South Room



Sunshine PreSchool

The Parish Hub, Bolders Arms Road, Copthorne RH10 3ZQ
www.copthorneparishhub.org Copthorne Parish Hub

HIRERS DIRECTORY

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Springfit Gymnastics
copthorne@springfit.org

Fire Fitness
firefitnesspt@outlook.com

Smooth Cactus Yoga
contact@smooth-cactus.co.uk

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

Pitman Yoga
amanda.pitman@hotmail.com

Precision Pilates
nicolakeogh@hotmail.com

Friday Friends
Pam Harrison - 01342 717194

Apple Tree Yoga Spirit of Wellness
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prashant.bhojani44@gmail.com

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please contact Tracy:
deputyclerk@worth-pc.gov.uk

For hire of the Main Hall,
please contact Tracey:
copthornehub@gmail.com
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Come and celebrate Easter!

Easter Sunday 17th April

- 8:00am A quiet Holy Communion service
- 10:30am Outdoor Easter celebration service



Visit the church yard during Holy Week and discover our Easter prayer trail.

WELCOME Jesus

ASK Jesus

REMEMBER Jesus

CELEBRATE Jesus

For more information about our events, visit copthornechurch.org

HELP US TO LIGHT UP THE GREEN on FRIDAY 3rd JUNE

BY JOINING THE LANTERN LIGHT PARADE AT 9.30pm

We invite children and adults to join in the procession by making a lantern of your own to carry....if you can't come on the day, or 9.30pm is a bit late for you, don't worry – we can display your lantern even if you can't be there – **just bring it to the Green** in the afternoon and leave it at the Information Point by the stage. It is really important that all lanterns are safe....NO BREAKABLE MATERIALS to be used (ie china, glass etc) and NO NAKED FLAMES. Lanterns could be lit with battery lights, button lights or small torches.

HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR MAKING YOUR LANTERN:



QUICK AND EFFECTIVE:

- These simple lanterns made from paper or card may work well for little members of the parade.
- Don't forget to add a carrying handle.
- They can be decorated brightly to celebrate the jubilee, fringing is good too.
- Cut the lines closer together and diagonally for a different effect.
- Slightly more involved but great paper/card/tissue paper lanterns if you have a bit more time.



THE LAMPSHADE OPTION:

- Obtain a paper lampshade and decorate with coloured tissue paper, paint on a design or add a silhouette for a great effect.
- Lights inside will bring them to life.

THE ADVANCED OPTION

- Stunning results can be achieved with willow lanterns for those with some time on their hands! The possibilities are endless.
- For details of how to make these lanterns just google 'willow lanterns'.
- Don't forget to add a carrying handle to the top or hang your lantern from a short cane.



Care for Creation

Be part of St John's vision to
plant 500 trees by 2025!

Sign up today! Visit copthornechurch.org

Why plant trees?

They help reduce flooding and cool the air;
absorb carbon and reduce air pollution;
provide vital homes and food for wildlife and birds;
improve our mental health and sense of wellbeing!



Copthorne Platinum Jubilee Group

Chairman: G.R. Cheesmur

Treasurer: J. Dawson

Secretary: A. Lavictoire

Correspondence address:
Cinderwood, Copthorne Road,
Copthorne RH10 3PD

in partnership with



Peter Pan Playgroup



As spring beckons, we look forward to seeing changes in the environment with warmer weather, buds on trees and spring flowers appearing, which will be reflected in the children's learning. We can't wait to spring clean our garden and will be planting new bulbs in our tubs, installing a new bug house, and making bird feeders.

We welcomed more new children and their families to playgroup just in time to celebrate Chinese New Year. We looked at Chinese customs and traditions, decorated hats and used mark making to symbolise Chinese numbers. The children got to taste noodles and some used chopsticks quite successfully! We also decorated hearts for Valentine's Day which the children made from salt dough, and talked about our families.

As well as supporting Children In Need last November, we also recently supported Crackerjacks Children's Trust, who help children with disabilities and their families. We held a Disney week inviting everyone to dress as their favourite Disney character with lots of fun activities, and raised £130!

Open term time for children aged 2 to school age, Mon-Fri, either 9.00am-3.00pm or 9.15am-3.15pm, with the option of an early start at 8.45am, lunch clubs are also available each day. Please see our website for more details. If you are interested in a place from September, either email or telephone to arrange a convenient time to visit.



f Like our Facebook page!
Peterpan playgroup Copthorne

Village Hall, Copthorne Bank
RH10 3RE Tel:07745 255501
www.peterpanplaygroup.co.uk
info@peterpanplaygroup.co.uk



Wow this year is flying past. We have welcomed some new children due to the sad news of Jack and Jill closing, this means we are now at full capacity until July, and September is filling fast.

This last half term we have been looking at different countries and cultures, we have tried different foods, looked at flags and learnt cultural dances.

We have also enjoyed pancake day - mixing all the ingredients together, cracking eggs, pouring water and scooping flour - it was a messy job but we all had fun. We also tried flipping pancakes in a frying pan - it was funny when they landed on the floor but luckily we had lots so we still got to eat some!

We celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite characters. We had Spiderman, Elsa, Gangster Granny, a giraffe, Buzz Lightyear, a witch from Room on a Broom and Cinderella to name a few - even the teachers dressed up.

This half term we are learning about spring. We will be planting seeds, looking at baby animals, seeing how the weather changes and making craft flowers.

We are currently fundraising for new equipment and are walking 1 mile for every £1 we raise. So far we have raised £213 and have walked 40 mile - we aim to finish by the end of March.

Our opening hours are: Monday to Friday 9.15 - 12.15 with the option of an early start at 8.45, lunch club until 1.15 and for over 3s afternoons until 2.15.



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St. John's Sunshine Preschool Copthorne

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Wednesdays
1:30-2:30pm, term time,
NOW IN THE CHURCH

- **No booking needed**
- **Adults should wear a mask**
- **Buggies can be safely brought into the church**

A great place to meet new people if you have just had a baby or have a toddler/pre-schooler that likes to play! Come and have a chat and a coffee and let your child enjoy socialising with others.

- Separate baby area with mats and baby toys
- Wide range of toys & activities
- Baby weighing scales

For more info,
contact Annabelle
on 07732 335193



Copthorne Prep promotes imagination, confidence and happiness throughout the school. The development and character of every child is at the heart of our foundation, ensuring that all children are given an education for life.

Our pupils are engaging and kind. Our nursery children worked together in their mud kitchen to provide a king's feast (thanks to the rain and mud that we have had recently) of mud pies, soups and spaghetti bolognese! As you can imagine, it was quite delicious!! Our teachers love seeing the children helping and working together – our reception children are now budding architects after constructing forts and building sites together.

Celebrating World Book Day, our nursery joined in with the rest of the school dressing up as an adjective. The costumes were great and as happens every year, the nursery stole the show! Our author, Chitra Soundar, delighted and entertained the nursery with her workshops and books. Laying these good foundations sets the scene for our older pupils. During an English lesson, the pupils were set the challenge of recreating David Attenborough's video 'What a wonderful world', along with inspiration from Oliver Jefferies and his book, 'Here We Are'. The prep school were left dumbstruck by the excellence and power of words and imagery with years 3-7 wanting to follow suit immediately. Have a look at our website to see Jasmine's powerful poem and video.

The nursery is where we start laying down these foundations. Amid the sea of waterproofs and wellie boots, you will find the children using their imaginations, absorbing new experiences and having lots of fun! The pre-prep years start to introduce the tools needed for learning (whilst also having lots of fun!) which is followed by the development of academic rigour in the prep school, where our pupils are challenged to reach their full potential (whilst still having lots of fun!). Our pupils develop their confidence, passion for learning and awareness of their responsibility as a global citizen having started their journey in the nursery. This is what Copthorne Prep is all about.

If you would like to visit our school and meet our new headmaster, Nathan Close, please phone our registrar, Kathryn, on 01342 859954. Our next open morning is on Saturday 7 May 2022.



Like our Facebook page!
Copthorne Prep School

The Coach House Nursery, Copthorne Prep, RH10 3HR
www.copthorneprep.co.uk headspa@copthorneprep.co.uk

East Surrey Family History Society


The East Surrey Family History Society can help you trace your family history, whether you have family connections in the East Surrey area or elsewhere.

As our name suggests, our records concern the eastern part of the ancient county of Surrey, which extends from the river Thames, south to the Sussex border and to the west, roughly a line including Richmond, Kingston, Leatherhead and Reigate.

If you are new to family history, then we can help put you on the path to good research. Not all records are available on the internet and some of those are very confusing. If you are more experienced, then we can reinforce your knowledge with additional information or techniques.

Locally, a monthly talk is held in Lingfield, with a speaker, and we are also continuing to hold a Zoom talk every month. We have a Research Centre, also in Lingfield, with a team to help solve any family tree problems.

Come and meet us at our Study Day, on 9th April, in Oxted Community Hall, when we will be exploring the various institutions that our ancestors may have had the misfortune to live in. Everyone is welcome, no need to book in advance. Please see our website www.eastsurreyfh.org.uk for more details.



A Family History Study Day
Saturday 9th April 2022
10 am – 3.45 pm

What happened to them?
 — researching your ancestors in institutions

An all-day event at
Oxted Community Hall,
Church Lane, Oxted, Surrey, RH8 9NB


Gruel and Suet Dumplings
Workhouse life
 Ian Waller

Ill born, ill bred, ill fed
Industrial Schools
 Ann Morton of London Metropolitan Archive

Out of Sight, Out of Mind
Sources for Surrey's Mental Hospitals 1770 - 1990
 Julian Pooley of Surrey History Centre

Plus our Bookstall and Help Desk
Tea / coffee & biscuits available throughout the day
Everyone is welcome
Donations towards the cost of the day would be appreciated

see www.eastsurreyfh.org.uk for details





COPTHORNE PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENTS – FRIDAY 3RD JUNE ON THE VILLAGE GREEN LET'S CELEBRATE!

Start your preparations now! How will you take part?

The Best Dressed Street Scene celebrating 70 glorious years – prizes for best individual entries and best street

Decorate your house, your front garden, trees, the lamp post... in fact anything that can be seen from the street.

Judging will take place on Thursday 2nd June in the afternoon – closing date for entries is Friday 27th May.

(look out for an entry form through your letter box nearer the time)

Results will be announced on the Green during the evening celebrations.



Miniature gardens competition. Make a garden 'fit for a Queen'



Bring your entry to the Information Point, near the stage, on 3rd June between 10am and 12 noon. 50p entry fee. Entries should be no bigger than 30cm x 30cm or 12" x 12" (could be round of course and we won't be measuring!)



'Copthorne Celebrates' Exhibition of past Royal Celebrations - in St. Johns Church

See the Copthorne Archive article in this magazine for full details. Closing date for contributions is 27th May. Contact CopthorneArchive@gmail.com as soon as possible to arrange for your precious contributions to be scanned and printed ready for display.

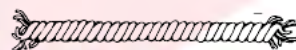
Home made Decorated Crown competition. Make a crown and join the competition on the day

Age groups: Adult, under 18, Junior School, Infant School, Pre School/Toddler.

'Regal Duo' competition. The winners will be invited to lead the Copthorne Carnival Procession on 25th June



No age limit, must be 2 – for example it could be parent and child, 2 friends, siblings, you and your corgi etc. Anything goes but the more Regal the better!



Adult Tug of War competition – get practising! Teams of 6 are invited to take part

Streets, clubs, pubs – all eligible.

Contact mundyannabelle@gmail.com



Make a lantern for our closing procession

See separate page for ideas.

We hope to see you all on the Green to celebrate this historic and memorable occasion as a community.

*Correct at time of writing.- subject to change



ON THE DAY

11am Crazy Crufts Fun Dog Show

On the Green. All Fun classes – details will be announced nearer the day.



3pm Bar opens – charge your glasses ready to toast the Queen and get the Copthorne celebrations off to a rousing start. Do you share your birthday with the Queen on 21st April? If you do please get in touch - we are on the hunt for someone to cut the celebration cake. Contact: cinderwood@btinternet.com.

Barbecue and Teas available on the Green all afternoon and BBQ into the late evening

3.45pm Children's Tea Party

for all children of junior school age and under.

No need to book, just come along on the day and join the fun. Please note that it is NOT POSSIBLE to cater for dietary requirements but you are very welcome to bring your own tea and join in.



4pm Fun Stalls with Games and Activities

We will be operating a ticket system for the stalls – each stall will charge '1 ticket a go'. Purchase your games tickets at the Information Point on the Green and look out for advanced sales in village shops.

4pm Exhibition opens in the Church

Pop in for a trip down memory lane and have a cuppa while you're there.

4.15pm Fun races for children.....and maybe adults too! A ticket a go – prizes to be won!

5pm Tug of War competition

5.30pm Decorated Crown and Regal Duo Competitions closely followed by prize givings (on the main stage).

6pm Stalls closed so pop home and collect your picnic and be back to set up from 6.30 ready for the evening entertainment.

7pm Best Dressed Picnic judging. Top hats, tails, tiaras, candelabras, let your imagination run wild..... but regal. Tables and chairs will be allowed in allocated areas at the edge of the seating area.

7.30pm Jubilee Celebration Prom including traditional community singing and flag waving. Join Copthorne Silver Band, Happy Feet Dance Academy and Copthorne Players for an evening of celebration music. Bring some cash for the bucket collection!

9.30pm Procession of Lanterns - let's light up the Green as the sun sets on our Village Celebrations (see page 15 for ideas).

And if that didn't wear you out you can join in more Village events at the weekend:

Saturday 4th June Live Music and BBQ

at the Copthorne Social Club from 2.30 onwards. No ticket required.

Sunday 5th June Jazz on the Green from 1pm

- 'Riverboat Shuffle': A traditional Dixieland Jazz Band. If wet, this will be held in The Hub - drinks and cakes available.

And the National Events:

Thursday 2nd June The Queen's Birthday Parade from Buckingham Palace to Horse Guards Parade. You can watch from the comfort of your own home while your Best Dressed Street scene entry is being judged!!

Friday 3rd June Service of Thanksgiving at St. Paul's Cathedral and, technology permitting, being live streamed in St. John's.

Saturday 4th June Platinum Party at the Palace.

Sunday 5th June The Big Jubilee Lunch - will your street have a lunch party or maybe you'll take your party to Jazz on the Green?

To make our Village Celebration a truly memorable one we are relying on You, the community, to get involved.

If you can offer help please get in touch
cinderwood@btinternet.com

If you are an organisation please volunteer to bring a fun stall to the Green for the afternoon – nothing too complicated and definitely not raffles or 'selling' - Just fun things to do.

If you haven't already had a letter about this please get in touch. If you want to come but don't know what you can do we can help with ideas.

Funding for this event is by grants and donations. If you would like to donate you can do so by bank transfer to Copthorne Platinum Jubilee Group 30-96-26 60899660, or GoFundMe.co.uk and search for 'Help Copthorne Celebrate the Platinum Jubilee' or contact our treasurer john.dawson@egscouts.org.uk.





St Catherine's Hospice's much-loved Midnight Walk is back!

Make 2022 the year you do something incredible! Go the extra mile and join St Catherine's Hospice for its popular Midnight Walk on Saturday 3 September 2022 from 8pm.

The fun, safe walk, which has either 20, 13 or 7 mile options starts at The Bridge Leisure Centre, Broadbridge Heath, and takes people through the streets of Horsham cheered on by volunteers.

Fran Palliser, Events Fundraiser at St Catherine's said: 'After a break because of the pandemic walking together with others will feel even more special this year. Our Midnight Walk is always a humbling, inspiring night where people remember their loved ones, and challenge themselves to go the extra mile, to raise as much money as possible for our hospice.'



At the moment St Catherine's can only reach one in three people who need hospice care. By supporting our Midnight Walk, you'll be making sure that our hospice can help more people.'

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.

Thank you *to Jenny Wharton for this photo and poem ...*

My friend took me to Worth Park for the very first time. I have lived so close and never knew such a beautiful park was on my doorstep.



And still we do not know,
Still we do not learn

Ukraine

What will happen to Your
Women and children
in this impending
War Zone.

And Russia
Why O why do you
Put out such propaganda
And are we doing the same?

Man ---
Separate and yet the same.

Think,
What will happen to your
women and children...

Power is just an insecurity
of not being able to live alone
And always wanting more.

WHAT'S ON

St John's Church

JUNE

5 **Jazz on the Green**

Scouts

JUNE

3 **Platinum Jubilee Event
on the Green**

See pages 18-19 for details

Copthorne Social Club

Copthorne Bank, RH10 3RE
Tel: 07710 019516



Visit us on Facebook
Copthorne Social-Club

MARCH

27 **Matrons Quiz**

29 **Sirius**
Live music

APRIL

24 **Matrons Quiz**

26 **David Hay Band**
Live music

MAY

24 **Matrons Quiz**

26 **Straight Outta Copthorne**
Live music

JUNE

4 **Jubilee Party**
Live music and BBQ from
2.30 onwards

Every Friday **Meat Raffle** 9.30pm
FREE POOL every Monday night!

*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
advertscopthornemag@gmail.com*



Charity no 1144056

What's
On at

Copthorne Jubilee Pavilion

King George V Field, Copthorne Bank RH10 3JQ
info@copthorne-sca.co.uk www.copthorne-sca.co.uk Twitter: @csca2

Why not join our Facebook page?

facebook – Copthorne Sports & Community Association



Copthorne Sports & Community Assn Ltd promoting Fitness, Sport & Health for all ages in Copthorne.

MONDAY	9am Mini Monkey Gym - 3 different age groups from 6 months <i>Contact Ant at brighton@minimonkeygym.co.uk 07368186893 www.minimonkeygym.co.uk/brighton</i>
TUESDAY	10am-12pm Baby Ballet <i>Contact Miss Sophie on 07702 511295 www.babyballet.co.uk/babyballet-school/crawley-east/</i> 5.30pm & 7pm Slimming World <i>Contact Debbie on 07584166228 www.slimmingworld.co.uk/group/555535</i>
WEDNESDAY	9am and 10.30am Slimming World 1pm Pilates <i>Contact for details & to pre-book with Alice: alicehumphrey18@gmail.com</i> 6pm Boxing Fitness - 7pm Circuits - 8pm Funlats <i>Contact Sam Clark on 07731 305344 or phoenix.pt@yahoo.com</i>
THURSDAY	Available to book on a regular basis
FRIDAY	9.30am - Exercise for Flexibility & Wellbeing <i>Pre-book with Helen on 07838 381153</i>
SATURDAY	Cricket starts 30th April. Check our facebook page for fixtures.
SUNDAY	Cricket starts 8th May. Check our facebook page for fixtures.

- 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 sportsfield and the Pavilion. If this may interest you, please email us at: info@copthorne-sca.co.uk
- See website for more details: www.copthorne-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.



Copthorne Village Millennium Group

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Facebook: The Copthorne Archive
Tel: 07884038002



Copthorne Celebrates!

We would love to include your photos and memories of past Copthorne events when we celebrate Her Majesty's reign with an exhibition on 3rd June in St John's Church.

We'll be taking part in the village event to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth with a small exhibition of past royal celebrations held in Copthorne – you can help us.

Can you remember being one of the five hundred children enjoying a special afternoon tea in 2012? What did you like best about it?

Were you at school in Copthorne when the Queen was crowned? Will you share your memories?

Do you have any programmes of past events held in Copthorne?

Did your dog win a prize in the dog show at the Diamond Jubilee event in 2012? Do you have a photo?

Have you attended a garden party at Buckingham Palace – would you share your memories, and a photo?

Have you, or a family member, been awarded an honour in the Queen's Honours List? Did you attend an investiture? Do you have photos?

Do you have memories or photos of an occasion when you met the Queen, or a member of the royal family?

Have you entered the Platinum Pudding Competition? We would love to see your recipe suggestion.

Please get in touch by phone, or email, or on Facebook – see above – and we will arrange to scan your photos and documents.



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Our new headmaster, Nathan Close, would be delighted to meet and show you around our lovely school.

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Prep Schools



**Cophthorne
Chapel**

Part of the Countess of
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All our services are held at 10.30 am every Sunday as detailed on our website. On the 13th March we will be holding our popular Songs of Praise and Worship with Carol Watson and David Ansell from Rehoboth, Horsham.

Our Easter services will be taken by Pastor Gordon Hamilton and will include a Maundy Thursday service, including communion, at 7 pm on the 14th April, a Good Friday service at 10.30 am on the 15th April and Easter Sunday service at 10.30 on the 17th April including Communion.

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