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Editorial

I was wondering what I could write for this edition's editorial when by chance I was given a copy of a booklet, compiled, I think, around 1971 and entitled 'Copthorne people and places; A history of the village'.

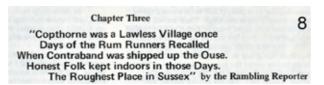
It's an engaging read

and a quick check with the Copthorne Archive to see if they have copies (they do) confirmed it to be a good source of information.

COPTHORNE

people and places

My favourite section is chapter three, the title for which was taken from an article in the Southern Weekly News of 22nd August 1936.



Hopefully Copthorne these days has a bit of a better reputation than the Copthorne the 'Rambling Reporter' was investigating, although stories of the Copthorne smugglers are still talked about now. In fact, the smugglers were described by a writer from the 1870s as being 'one of the worst and most vicious gangs that ever disgraced the fair name of Sussex' - crickey!

In 'Lawless Copthorne', villagers knew to stay indoors when the smugglers were shifting their rum, and according to the booklet 'a horn, called the Copthorne Horn, was kept handy to summon aid to the help of any wayfarer who bandied words with members of the gang'.

Like the Archive mentions in their article this edition, I found a couple of references to events surrounding the history of summer fairs in the village, disturbingly referred to as the 'Copthorne Fair Riots'. Apparently villagers were in the habit of saving up their disputes and 'settling them all on fair day with their fists'!

Here's hoping this year's Carnival is a much more peaceful event with no sounds of a horn, just music, fireworks and the village having a great time!

Merry

Copthorne Cricket Club Update At the time of writing Copthorne Cricket Club were lying in 7th place in the Sussex League Division 8 Central. With three wins this season the club are enjoying getting back on the field after Covid reduced their 2019 fixture card to a solitary game! So far the side has chalked up wins against St Matthias and Plumpton (the latter both home and away). Two teams get relegated from the 10 team division so a relegation fight is still on the cards. However, the main objective of simply getting back on the field has been achieved! *Paul*

COPTHORNE SOCIAL CLUB

For those of you who are new to the village, Copthorne Social Club is located on Copthorne Bank next to the recreation ground.

It is a members club for residents of the village, and offers a selection of membership packages for individuals and families and discounts for OAPs.

Over the last 20 months we have refurbished the bars and main seating area, and have also extended our garden area to create more outside space.

We have a great selection of beers and wines and spirits, all sold at prices well below anywhere else in the village, plus 4 TVs and a giant screen for those who love their sport. There is also a quiet bar for those who just wish to relax. In addition, there are two full size snooker tables and two pool tables for members to use.

Now that restrictions are being relaxed, we are restarting our entertainment programme, and every Sunday afternoon in August we will be having a BBQ with live entertainment from a selection of fantastic local singers. Hopefully, we will follow that with live entertainment every month, including a Halloween party, and lots of events over the Christmas period for the whole family.

Why not come along during August and see what we have to offer.

Graham

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SUNDAY



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

Some of our church services will be run as ticketed events. To find out exactly what and when, go to copthornechurch.org and book a ticket where relevant. Many of our Sunday services are also live-streamed via the St John's Facebook page and made available on the church's YouTube channel.

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

Sunday 1st August

11.00 am – SUMMER AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Sunday 26th September

10.30 am – HARVEST CELEBRATION

Sunday 31st October

11.00 am – LANTERNS OF HOPE

Sunday 7th November

10.30 am – All SOULS

Sunday 14th November

10.30 am – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

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Wim writes

EXPLORING FAITH THROUGH ALPHA



Faith can mean a lot of different things, but to most people it is about where and how we encounter a higher power as we go about our lives. Where is God during our daily events? How do we find God in good and in difficult times? Especially in times like this where it seems that the Covid-19 pandemic has taken away so much of the good things. Faith, in my understanding, is about connecting with the God who holds all things together. At St John's we believe that everyone should have the chance to explore faith more, to ask questions, and share their point of view. That's why we are running regular Alpha courses at our church. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone's welcome. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: hospitality, a talk and good conversation. This simply can be a group of friends gathered around a kitchen table, or a quick online catch-up: times of connecting are important.

Whether in person over a meal or virtually with a cup of tea, all sessions start with a time to connect, relax and build friendships. The talks are designed to engage and inspire conversation. Each talk is around thirty minutes long and given by a speaker or played as a video. They explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions from: Who is Jesus? and How can we have faith?, to Why and how do I pray? and How does God guide us?. One of the most important parts of any Alpha is the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and discuss them in a small group. There's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't say. It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment. At St John's we will be running Alpha in the autumn, starting in September. To sign up for free or to find out more go to the 'What's on' page of copthornechurch.

Look forward to hearing from you.



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MONDAY	9am Mini Monkey Gym New classes starting Monday 6th September Contact brighton@minimonkeygym.co.uk 07368186893 www.minimonkeygym.co.uk/brighton 3.45pm Mini Athletics Contact Sam Lloyd-Smith at ssmith@miniathletics.com 6pm Yoga Contact Charlotte at Tapah Wellbeing at hello@tapahwellbeing.com
TUESDAY	10am-12pm Baby Ballet Contact Miss Sophie on 07702511295 www.babyballet.co.uk/babyballet-school/crawley-east/ Afternoon/evening Slimming World Contact Debbie on 07584166228. www.slimmingworld.co.uk/group/555535
WEDNESDAY	Morning Slimming World Contact Debbie on 07584166228 7.30pm Beginners Latin & Ballroom dance class Contact Chris at chris@dance2night.co.uk or 07801820376
SATURDAY	Home to Copthorne FC and Copthorne Youth Football Club
SUNDAY	10am DC Coaching Group Training Contact Makeitfit.dc@gmail.com https://dccoaching.as.me/schedule.php Home to Crawley Wasps Girls Youth Teams and Acorn Ladies Football Club

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- Mutts with Manners Dog Training holds regular workshops at the pavillion. For more information contact Lisa at lisachilds17@gmail. com. www.muttswithmannersdogtraining.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 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.



Thank you to everyone who supported Christian Aid Week in May. Despite the complications of the restrictions Copthorne raised £2.948.28, an excellent result.

The Week focused on communities in Kenya, supporting them to build dams, giving a water supply close to their villages, saving the women walking for hours each day to collect water.

Our area organiser passed on the following 'thank you' message from Rose Katanu Johnathan, in Kenya; 'Water is life. When it is readily available, the peace of mind people have, especially women, is beyond explanation'.

Christian Aid is also one of the organisations that is part of the Disasters Emergency Committee and, as the Covid-19 disaster in India unfolded, had teams on the ground to assist with healthcare.

Thank you to everyone who supported The Week, to all who delivered envelopes, whose houses were collection points and who braved the rain for the street collection.

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Monica Polley





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Jumble Sale

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> **Bonfire & Fireworks** 6th November 2021

Senior Citizens Party 5th February 2022

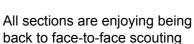
Please make a note of the dates and look out for further announcements

For any other questions please contact Jill.creek@egscouts.org.uk or 077720533875









and all have been doing outdoor activities.

Smugglers Beavers have been fire lighting, doing camp crafts, been to Footgolf, had a science evening, made pizzas and been for a walk around Copthorne.

Voyagers Beavers have been doing their gardener badge, had a science evening, built dens, been to footgolf, did their cyclist badge and went on a village walk.

Both Beaver colonies had a joint meeting on 14th July to celebrate

35 years of Beavers. They had a BBQ, inflatable assault course and lots of other fun activites.

Ash pack Cubs had a fun packed day at Blacklands taking part in low ropes, tunnelling, kayaking and making a camp fire. They have also being playing wide games, the crystal maze and have been on a hike.

Oak pack have been making things with recycled materials, been to Footgolf, cooked on fires and have been on a natural treasure hunt. Both Cubs pack are looking forward to their summer camp at Walton Firs.

Scott troop have been practising their DIY skills, been cooking on Trangias, taking part in pioneering and practising their camp skills.

Mallory troop have taken part in 2 evenings of climbing and abseiling, a What 3 Words treasure hunt, fire lighting, camp skills and a visit to Laser Hub.

Both Scout troops are also looking forward to their summer camp at Walton Firs.



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 Join1stCopthorneScouts@egscouts.org.uk or 07720 533875











Copthorne Rainbows are back in business!

After what has been a turbulent year, it was wonderful to be able to relaunch

1st Copthorne Rainbows
on Zoom for the latter part of
the spring term. It required
some out of the box thinking
and a lot of planning, but it
was lovely to see the girls
enjoying the activities and
earning a very cool Welshpool
Ladybird badge in our ladybird
themed meeting.







the summer term, the Rainbows have been able to make their Rainbow Promise at our promise ceremony that was attended by parents. We have also been busy decorating our notice board as the Rainbows particularly enjoy activities involving arts and crafts! Most recently we have been creating lotus flowers for the carnival float to reflect the theme of The Olympics being held in Tokyo this year.



2nd **Copthorne Rainbows** are also back in business with a new leadership team – Anna, Gina and Hannah – and 12 eager new Rainbows who have been enjoying face to face meetings since half term.

For Volunteering Opportunities, Membership Information and Hall Bookings please contact us - enquiriesgirlguidingcopthorne.co.uk

WHAT'S ON AT THE HUB?



Friday Friends are back...

We will be meeting on Friday 6th August from 2-4pm in the Hub. Please come along and bring your friends.



AT A GLANCE CLASSES & GROUPS AT THE HUB

	Morning	Afte	ernoon	Evening
Mon		**	Springfit Gymnastics	Smooth Cactus Yoga
Tues			Springfit Gymnastics	Fire Fitness Smooth Cactus Yoga
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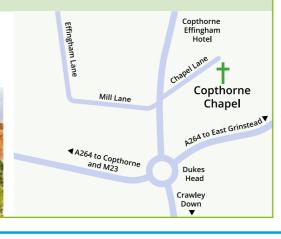
Part of the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion With the easing of lockdown restrictions, we are hoping to have a sing-a-long afternoon at the chapel on Saturday the 7th August at 2.00 pm with Carol and Margaret Watson providing the entertainment.

Our Harvest celebrations will be on the 19th September with Gordon Hamilton officiating and Carol Watson playing for us. For those not knowing our whereabouts, the map below will help you find us.

All services are on Sunday at 10.30 am and visitors are welcome.

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Do you live in Border Chase? In the April/May 2021 edition we published a little of the history of this plot of land now known as Border Chase. Originally only one quite large house stood on the land, with a dairy and stables - once known as Park House, it was later named The Border Cottage in the 1920s.

David Pott recently posted on the Copthorne Archive Facebook page this photo taken by his father of The Border Cottage as it was being demolished. It's interesting to see that the new houses were built before the old house was demolished, and one more new one built on its site. It would be great to find a photo of the house in its heyday.



Copthorne Carnival By the time you read this the 2021 Copthorne Carnival will be over. Copthorne has had an annual summer celebration in many forms over the years, and prior to being at the village green, the Carnival was originally held on the Fairway School field. Before the school was built the owners of Copthorne House welcomed

the village to hold the annual fete there, and the stables and outbuildings were used in the event of rain. There was a small swimming pool at Copthorne House, which people were able to use on the day (later the pool was filled in when the house became the Copthorne Hotel).

We would welcome any memories or photos of those events at Copthorne House to add to the Archive.

Did you have connections with the Franciscan Convent? We've had an enquiry about Margaret Adams, a baby placed as a paid boarder at the convent in 1943. She lived there until 1951 when she was moved to Littlehampton. Her daughter in Australia is trying to piece together her family history, and we would be grateful for any knowledge of Margaret, or indeed memories of the convent.

Copies of our book Copthorne, the story so read for anyone new to the village.

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

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THANK YOU FROM THE REHEMA PROJECT IN TANZANIA

St John's received a thank you email from our Church Mission Society Partner Heather Johnstone who is the manager of the Rehema Project in Tanzania. Traditionally we have been able to host Lent Lunches and raise money for the project, but this year it was not possible due to the pandemic, so we had a Lent Appeal instead and raised £450. The Rehema Project assists disadvantaged women and children in Musoma in Tanzania and offers support to those in need. We wanted to publicise Heather's response to those in the village who had contributed and share via the magazine how the money will be used. Heather was happy for us to publish the photos she sent of the family who will benefit from our donation.

St John's continues to support the work being undertaken by the Rehema Project and should you wish to make a donation at any time this can be done via our website.

Mary Smith

£450 is a princely sum and will definitely make a difference. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed. I think I have the perfect use for it. One of our Rehema artisans, Cesilia, lives in the village of Nyambeshi (where the nursery school is). Cesi is HIV positive and is the sole provider for her 4 daughters. I've attached some pics of the family.

Dear St John's.

Nyambeshi is a very impoverished area and most of the inhabitants of the village live in mud houses. Cesi is no exception.

It is so good to hear from you and with such great news!

Recently she asked me for a loan against her small pension to help her repair her house which had been severely damaged by the recent rains and storms. The rains this 'wet season' have apparently been particularly severe and (of course) mud houses do not withstand the elements in the same way as a bricks and mortar building.

It got me thinking that I have known Cesi for 9 years and in that time she has rebuilt her mud house at least 3 or 4 times due to the adverse weather conditions. Because she is always spending her small income on makeshift repairs she will never be able to afford to build a proper bricks and mortar home and I thought it would be great if I could do a fundraiser and enable her to build a house that will protect her and her family from the elements and stop that cycle of exhausting her small financial resources on regularly patching her mud house together.

I was busy preparing a 'Crowdfunder' appeal yesterday (which has not gone live yet) when I received your email and deposit and just like that we already have almost 25% of the total cost of Cesi's house. Hallelujah! God is good and such a great provider.

Please share this exciting news with the folk who contributed and thank them from the bottom of my

God bless you all, Heather







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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hopefully by the time you read this England will have been crowned European Champions in the football, having reached the final shortly before I wrote this article!

Having now chaired my first two full council meetings, I am very much enjoying this opportunity and the support I am getting from the officers and my fellow members. I truly believe we can now start moving forward with some of the initiatives we need to improve both our villages, and look forward to being able to report good news and progress in the future.

I was also very happy to be involved with the Copthorne Village Support Group set up to help those in need during the pandemic lockdown months. The organisers and the volunteers did a fantastic job to ensure everybody was looked after. It really did highlight the amazing support and generosity that prevails in our

village. I was therefore very proud for all of us when we received a personal letter of thanks from HM Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex - a very fitting tribute.

I'm sure we all have everything crossed that on 19th July the government will announce the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions and allow us to return to a more normal life that has been long-awaited. I also welcome that this will allow the council to return to our normal working conditions and allow us to continue to work on your behalf to keep our villages safe and attractive for us all.

Unfortunately, I cannot make this year's Copthorne Carnival on 24th July as I have a prior commitment, but I hope that you all join in the festivities and enjoy the day. I will keep my fingers crossed that we are blessed with good weather on the day.

Tony Dorey Chairman

WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

At the time of writing, we believe that the majority of Covid-19 restrictions will be lifted on 19th July. Therefore, the Parish Office will be open to the public from that date, but visitors please be aware that they are still required to wear a mask in communal areas, and to sanitise their hands on entering and leaving the building.

There are no scheduled council meetings in August; from September meetings will again take place in the South Room, on the first floor of the Parish Hub.

All agendas and minutes are on our website worth-pc.gov.uk. All meetings start at 7.30pm.

Forthcoming meeting dates:

Monday, 6th September 2021	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 20th September 2021	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 4th October	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 18th October 2021	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 1st November 2021	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 15th November 2021	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee

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COPTHORNE ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING PARTY (FORMERLY CWIG)

Firstly, and to more accurately represent the nature of its many endeavours, we have decided to change the name CIWG (Copthorne Insight Working Group) to CEIWP, the Copthorne Environment and Infrastructure Working Party. This name change also brings us more in line with the work being done by Worth Parish Councillors in Crawley Down and better reflects the many diverse issues that we face in ensuring that the residents of Copthorne continue to enjoy the village life experience for years to come.

Copthorne Carnival

The 24th July sees the return of the much loved Copthorne Carnival. This event is an opportunity for residents to meet and enjoy the many stalls and fairground attractions that have become part of this annual event.

Worth Parish Council will have its own presence at the Carnival and representatives from CEIWP will be manning the stall at various times during the day, giving you the opportunity to meet with and discuss any issues that you believe important. Please pop

along and introduce yourself. We would love to hear from you, and your ideas on how your council can better serve you, the residents.

Youth Group

One of CEIWP's main initiatives over the next two years is the introduction and ongoing development of a Youth Support Group. Covid-19 has highlighted the lack of opportunities available to the younger generation in our village and a lack of options outside the home where their generation can meet and socially interact away from the usual technological options.

Ultimately, it is our plan to provide activities and facilities for young people of between 8 and 16 years of age. There will be representation by youth support volunteers at the Carnival and we invite parents and carers of young people within these ages to visit the stall to not only discuss the plans we currently have, but also to hear ideas from you as to how we might better serve this important demographic within Copthorne.

UPDATE ON COPTHORNE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We are now in the final stages of the plan. It has been received and reviewed by the independent examiner, and has been subsequently updated in line with the recommendations in his final report.

Mid Sussex District Council has issued a decision statement which will be considered by Cabinet on 26th July.

It is hoped that the plan will proceed to referendum in September 2021. This will be

advertised throughout the village when the date is known.

We urge you to take the time to vote in this referendum - our Neighbourhood Plan is a vital document which promotes a shared vision for growth and development in the village in order to meet community needs.

The draft plan can be found at our website, worth-pc.gov.uk, via the neighbourhood planning links.

WATERSHED WORKS TO THE STREAM ON THE GREEN

You will have noticed that the work to the trash blocked. It is custom made, and issues with screen on the stream has been taking much longer than expected. A trash screen is a grille that catches debris to stop the stream getting

the manufacture have caused the delay.

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OPERATION CRACKDOWN

Did you know that you can report incidences of bad driving or illegal parking to Sussex Police via their Crackdown website? If you can take a photo of the offence and upload it, all the better. You can find it via this link http://www.operationcrackdown.org/ or just type 'Operation Crackdown' in your search bar.

HIRE OF THE SOUTH ROOM

With Covid-19 restrictions being lifted on 19th July, the South Room is now open to all hires.

Prior to March 2020, activities included mother and toddler classes, personal training sessions,

general fitness sessions and other community groups. Please contact Tracy, the Deputy Clerk via deputyclerk@worth-pc.gov.uk if you wish to enquire about hiring this facility.

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CREATIVE COPTHORNE IN LOCKDOWN

Another poem from Trevor, about what is always a hot topic in our village, and one that never ceases to amaze - how hard can it be, after all?

Plus photos and a poem from Liz and Sharon. Please do get in touch if you have anything you would like to share.

The Mysterious Black Bag Poo Trees

During Lockdown I walked many miles

Down bridle paths and over stiles

And on my routes was the constant mystery

An arboreal discovery, 'the poo in a bag tree'!

The fruit of these trees are not pink, but still ripe
Just small black bin liners, and that is my gripe
The constant question that I have found
Is why not take them home,
or leave them on the ground?

Hanging these fruits on the branch of a tree Is surely something that is not easy Is it not better to scoop them in Carrying them off to a suitable bin

It's not as if the bags look good
No stamens, no petals or complement to wood
Just another example of a lack of concern
An avoidance of effort from which we should learn

So a plea from the heart If it is your dog's waste Scoop it up and take it home That's in far better taste.

Trevor Hodsdon June 2021

From where I'm standing I can see.

Glimpses of how it used to be
And all my heart yearns and implores
That soon we'll walk through creaky doors
Where sunlight bathes a land of hope
That's far removed from gel and soap!
A place of movement, warmth and light
A place where touch and hugs are right
Again

I stand and watch the kindness move around Between the ones who give without a sound And all of this amidst the rising row Of those demanding answers now Demanding endlessly of all And then dismissing answers like a wall That can't be scaled or broken down That's then debated, dragged around And it's wake can bring despair And stops us all from getting there -To that place beyond the door -That place I've spoken of before That wistful dream, all bathed in light That place of peace, that feels so right The door of which cannot be forced But opens only with remorse Acknowledges all others' pain And from the questioning refrains And seeks the kindly movement hence The unity, the calm defence The steadfast walk, the sturdy door The place I've spoken of before Where kindness melts the cruellest foe And only those with love can go

Sharon

Leonardslee Gardens and Beautiful memory on a wet and windy day by Liz









Peter Pan Playgroup



This half term we have been busy planting sunflowers despite the weather!

The children have learnt about growing and it has been a good opportunity for some maths learning too.

We have been embracing the football and have made some lovely football shirt cards, flags, and practised our goal shooting in the garden. Many of the children have shown a lot of promise for our future teams!

Our next project is 'All About Bees', inspired by the children's interest in anything insect! We look forward to being able to spot a few in the garden if this rain ever relents. We are going to be making bee puzzles and tasting some local honey. One of the staff was lucky enough to find an abandoned nest which we will be able to show the children.

We have also been making the most of our school leavers and have had fun dressing up and learning about school. We have embraced collaborative play and have made various banners using different materials.

We are pleased to announce our new opening hours:

Monday to Friday 9.00am till 3.00pm. Breakfast club 8.15am. And Lunch club till 1pm.



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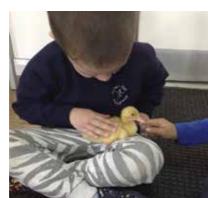
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With the arrival of our duck eggs, it was an exciting time when they hatched. After transferring the ducklings from the incubator to their cage, the children couldn't keep away, watching their every move. They were thrilled to see their first swim and even more so when they got to hold one. They made their own duck pictures and learnt about their life cycle. It was a sad day when the ducklings were returned to their farm but a fantastic experience for the children.

We have been busy with numerous other activities including baking cakes and making lemonade. We have also been exploring insects, especially bees and how they make their honey.

With another academic year coming to an end, it is time for some of our children to move on to their new schools, and although we will be sad to see them go, we wish them all the best in the next stage of their learning journey.

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, 30 hours free entitlement available for eligible working parents of 3-4 year olds or 15 hours free entitlement available for children aged 3 years+ and eligible 2 year olds. Optional lunch clubs are available each day. Please visit our website for more details.



Like our Facebook page! **Peterpan playgroup Copthorne**

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



Well, we have made it through another year. We are very sad to be saying goodbye to our school leavers, but we wish them all the best in their next educational journey. We are also excited to be welcoming many new starters in September and are also looking forward to continuing to develop the minds of the children who will be returning to us.

During this last term we have been enjoying our new colourful outside area, we have been using magnifying glasses and binoculars to look at other living things within our environment and we also have our own stick insects which we care for. We looked at the life cycle of caterpillars and made numbered caterpillars to help with counting and number recognition. Making butterfly pictures helped us look at pattern, symmetry and colour changes. We have also looked at different occupations and recreated them in our role play area and discussed what we want to become when we are bigger.

We will be holding a stall at the Copthorne Carnival, where we will have adult and children's hoopla games, as well as soft drink refreshments, so please come and have a look and say hello - you may even win a prize! All money raised will go towards equipment for the children of St John's Sunshine Preschool.

We are very excited to announce that from September our hours are changing and we will now be open everyday from 9.15 to 12.15 with the option of an early start at 8.45, lunch club until 1.15 and afternoon sessions for the over 3s until

If you would like more information or to join our waiting list, please contact Kim: stjohnssunshine@hotmail.co.uk or 07963 501762.



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Coach House Nursery **COPTHORNE** PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The summer term is always busy but great fun at The Coach House Nursery. Each child is getting ready for the next step, whether it be the little children in Acorns class who will be moving up to Oaks class or the older children preparing for their move up to big school in September. It's always a bittersweet time when staff have to say goodbye to the class they have had all year but we always feel proud of how much the children have learnt and grown and know that they are ready for the next part of their journey.

The nice weather is always a bonus and we have all enjoyed being outside as much as possible. Sports Day was a highlight and a welcome opportunity for parents to watch their children show off their skills. Each child demonstrated balancing, co-ordination, strength and agility in a specially designed carousel of activities before taking part in the traditional races such as egg and spoon and relay.

We were delighted to be able to showcase the various after school clubs on offer in our end of term assembly which was live streamed. Street dance, ballet and singing were amongst the talents enjoyed by our parent body from home or work!

We have some new and exciting activities planned for the coming academic year including a weekly parent and toddler Forest Fun session run by our Forest School trained team. Contact the school office for more details.



Like our Facebook page! Copthorne Prep School

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



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For more info



- No booking needed
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- Separate baby area with mats
- · Wide range of toys & activities

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contact Annabelle on 07732 335193



Copthorne WI

Our Spring Plant Sale was a great success, although there may have been some misnaming of plants as the dwarf French beans are reaching for the sky. Surplus plants were donated on to help raise money for St Catherine's Hospice.

Through the summer months we have continued to meet outside for regular coffee mornings and a summer picnic. Scones, cream and iam for an August afternoon tea party, a treasure hunt around the village and a walk will all be taking place. Members have been quietly pursuing their crafting activities in the comfort of their homes and will be looking to share their

We are planning our return to village hall meetings in September with a full programme of meetings, social activities and outings for the months ahead.

Jacquie Barwell

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Dougie's cycle ride raises over £1,300 for local hospice

10-year-old Dougie Wren cycled from Horsham to Shoreham and back again to raise money for St Catherine's Hospice in memory of his Nanny, Chris.

Dougie pounded the pedals alongside his Dad, James, and raised over £1,300 for the local hospice where his Nanny spent her final hours.

Dougie said, 'Last year, my sister and I sadly lost our lovely Nanny. She was a wonderful Nanny who always looked after us while Mummy and Daddy worked. She took us for wonderful days out too. Nanny did lots for charity and would always put others before herself. In honour of her. I wanted to raise as

much money as I could for St Catherine's'.

Felicity Parsons, Fundraiser at St Catherine's said, 'We're so grateful to Dougie and his Dad for taking on this incredible challenge in memory of his Nanny'. The support of people like Dougie, and the support of our wider community has never been more vital. As a result of the pandemic, we're unable to run our usual fundraising events and we've had a drop of around £1.5 million in income. We're reliant on the support and fundraising efforts of people in our local community to make sure we can be here for years to come. Every challenge taken on and every penny raised makes a big difference. On behalf of everyone at St Catherine's, I'd like to say a big thank you to Dougie and his family. It's a wonderful tribute to Dougie's wonderful Nanny'.

ST CATHERINE'S HOSPICE



Perhaps Dougie's inspired you to take on your own challenge? To discover different ways you can support St Catherine's please visit: www.stch.org.uk/diy, or to make a donation to help your local hospice please visit:

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We welcome all the residents who have recently moved into the village and we hope you enjoy reading our Copthorne Village Magazine. We produce 6 editions each year and have a wonderful team of volunteers who deliver to every house in the Copthorne area.

To ensure we are able to extend this regular distribution we are looking for a couple of people to help with the new areas of Hawthorns and Heathy Wood and look forward to hearing from anyone who is interested.

Please contact Sandra and Nigel Cramp on 01342 714247 or e-mail magdistribution.copthorne@gmail.com

Thank you!

Another step forward for recycling

Among the numerous brand-pushing sustainability claims out there, very rarely do we find any information that actually helps us to be sustainable. So we were lucky to find a recent article on the Sainsbury's website listing many items that can't be placed in our council kerbside recycling bins, but that we can now take back to the store. We thought this was worth printing. Other supermarket websites offer general plastic bag recycling but don't have a comprehensive list to view. Of course that's not to say that they don't offer this service so if you find out any other useful information that can be shared, please contact the magazine.

From the Sainsbury's website, June 2021

'Flexible plastic is currently not accepted by most councils in the UK, which means customers are unable to recycle it at home. Around just 16 per cent of UK councils offer recycling facilities for flexible plastics.

In February we launched a trial across 63 stores in Northeast England, offering customers the opportunity to bring back packaging made from PP (Polypropylene) film for recycling - a type of plastic commonly used for items such as salad bags, frozen food bags and rice packaging.

In May, we joined the Flexible Plastic Fund initiative which has enabled us to roll out the trial to a total of 271 stores by expanding the materials accepted for recycling to include all flexible plastics, including laminates and pouches. By joining the Fund, we want to give our customers access to a flexible plastic recycling system that we can all have confidence in.

To follow is a list of materials you can now bring to over 500 of our supermarkets to recycle:'

All items should be clean and free of food All sticky labels removed where possible

Yes please

✓ Dry food flexible plastic

Bread, Cereal, Rice & Dry food bags Confectionery, Biscuit & Cake wrappers Crisp & Snack packets

Other food flexible plastic

Cheese wrap, Peelable film lids & Frozen food bags Fruit, Vegetable, Salad bags & Flower wrapping Multipack film wrap, Clingfilm & Sleeves on bottles

✓ Pouches & Sachets

Coffee, Confectionery, Homecare, Sauce pouches Baby, Pet food & Microwaveable food pouches Toiletries refill pouches, packets & sachets

✓ Non-food flexible plastic

Carrier bags, Clothing bags, Bubble wrap Magazine & Newspaper wrappers Toilet roll & Kitchen roll wrapping

No thanks

X Disposable gloves or masks

Compostable or biodegradable bags & wrapping

X Foam or polystyrene of any kind

Medical blister packs

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K Glass, paper, cardboard, metal packaging

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