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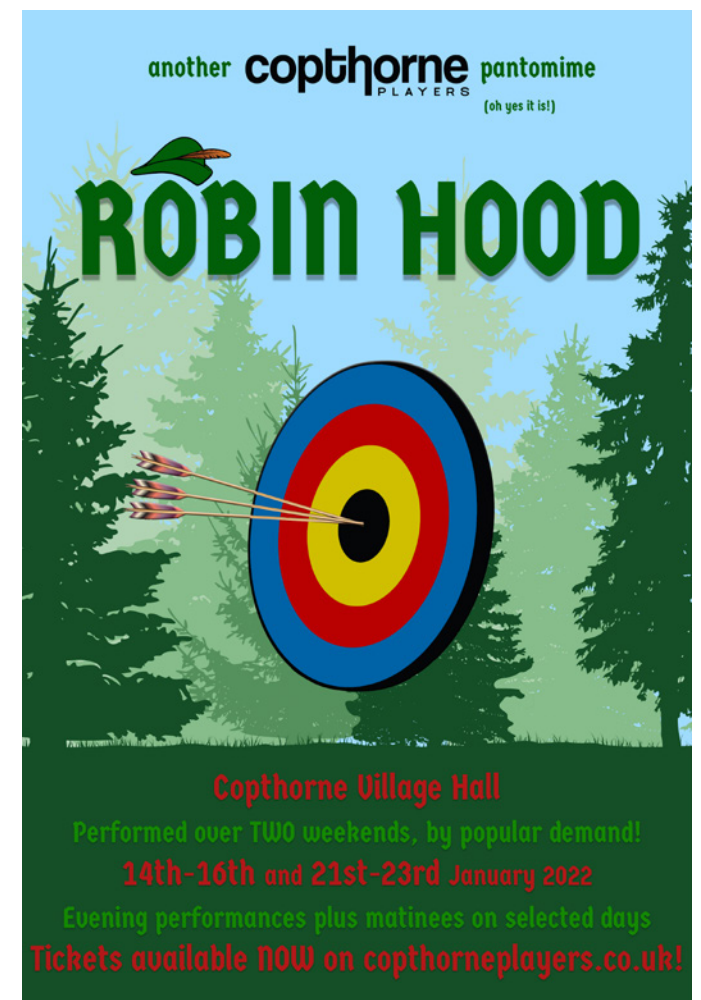
## Robin Hood

Corruption in the government, plague in the land - no, we're not talking about today's news, we're talking about twelfth century Nottingham!

The Copthorne Players are thrilled to present this year's pantomime, Robin Hood, delayed from its intended slot last Christmas. Our loyal core of pantomime performers is back together and raring to get going with this classic English tale of fairness, archery competitions, and good old-fashioned thigh-slapping fun!

From his first appearance in ballads recorded in the fifteenth century, Robin Hood has been a firm favourite of English folklore, stealing from the rich and giving to the poor with a witty turn of phrase and a twinkle in his eye. Come and join him with his band of Merry Men as he seeks to overthrow the evil Sheriff of Nottingham and Prince John, never forgetting the fierce and beautiful Maid Marion and her less-than-helpful nanny, Mama Hen.

The Copthorne Players' production of Robin Hood is written by Megan Birch, co-directed by Marcus Kirby and Jon Birch, and features musical direction from Shaz Dudhia and choreography from Bethany Landskroner. Tickets are available from [www.copthorneplayers.co.uk](http://www.copthorneplayers.co.uk) and via the Box Office Booking Line on 07507 509263.





## SUNDAY

8 <sup>AM</sup>	<b>A quiet Holy Communion service</b> <i>that follows the pattern set out in the Book of Common Prayer.</i>
9.30 <sup>AM</sup>	<b>A traditional service</b> <i>with hymns accompanied by the organ and choir.</i>
11 <sup>AM</sup>	<b>An informal service</b> <i>relaxed, all-age celebration with worship and teaching.</i>
7 <sup>PM</sup>	<b>The evening service</b> <i>contemporary worship, personal reflection and time to encounter God.</i>
<b>DURING the WEEK:</b>	<div>TUES 9.15 AM Morning prayer</div> <div>WED 10.30 AM Holy Communion</div> <div>THUR 9.15 AM Morning prayer</div>

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. Occasionally our church services will be run as ticketed events. To find out exactly what and when, go to [copthornechurch.org](http://copthornechurch.org) and book a ticket where relevant.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2021

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December**  
11.00 am –  
FEAST OF ST NICOLAS

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**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
4.00 pm –  
OUTDOOR CHRISTINGLE CELEBRATION

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**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
4.30 pm & 6.30 pm –  
NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICES

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**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
3.00 pm & 4.30 pm – CRIB SERVICES  
and at 11 pm – MIDNIGHT MASS

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**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
9.30 am  
CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION SERVICE

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## Wim writes

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2021

For centuries, Christians around the world have used the four weeks leading up to Christmas to prepare themselves for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Advent, meaning 'arrival' or 'coming', is a time to look back at the first coming of Jesus whilst also looking forward to His second coming. Jesus Christ is God's gift to the world. It says in the ancient scriptures that: 'God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life' (John 3:16). As a reflection of God's generosity, it is not surprising that Christmas became a festival of giving and receiving gifts. A time of expressing our love for others with a sense of joy and with the hope that Christ is bringing everlasting peace. However, this is not always the case for everyone. The commercialisation of Christmas has taken away some of the joy of giving and for many this season has turned into a pressure with sometimes unhelpful expectations of making sure that others are provided for with the 'correct' gift, or party invite. Others might experience an increased loneliness due to bereavement or family breakup. This means that this period can also bring unwanted stress. Some people may simply want to escape that busyness whilst others long for an opportunity to be part of a community.

At St John's Church we want to accommodate these different needs, giving visitors opportunities

for reflection as well as celebration. In our churchyard and our church building there will be plenty of events to do both. During the four weeks of Advent, we will have four specific focuses, these are Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Around the church there will be several light settings that reflect these four themes. The church will be open every day during daytime hours for you to find a quiet space, for reflection and prayer. We will also have a range of Christmas services such as our Christingle, Nine Lessons and Carols, and Crib Services.

You are welcome to join in and invite a friend to come along to celebrate the miracle of God's gift for us. Some of you might still have plenty of questions about life and faith and perhaps you want to discover more about this?

In January 2022, St John's Church will run another Alpha Course, offering anyone the opportunity to explore the Christian faith in an informal, friendly and open environment. This course invites people to explore the basics of Christianity irrespective of their faith or background. To find out more about our upcoming Christmas events or if you would like to sign up to Alpha, visit: [copthornechurch.org](http://copthornechurch.org)

Have a blessed Christmas!



## Christingle Service

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec at 4pm

Carols with The Copthorne Silver Band, Christingle-making, hot refreshments and plenty of festive cheer!


Book now for this free event visit [copthornechurch.org](http://copthornechurch.org)

## Got questions?

### #TryAlpha

Starting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm in St John's Church

Book now! Visit [copthornechurch.org](http://copthornechurch.org)







#### Copthorne Village Millennium Group

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#### CAN YOU HELP THE COPTHORNE ARCHIVE?

**Into the Archive:** We have a lovely late 1940s photo of Copthorne Silver Band members with some Copthorne residents. We don't know what the occasion was, or why the band members aren't wearing their uniforms - interestingly there are no women in the band, unlike today! Many thanks to Molly Judd for this photo, which includes her father, and for identifying most of the people, with help from Alan Langridge, Bill Woodcock and Pam Norman.

The photo was taken at The Rec, with the social club and village hall in the background. If you have memories of anyone in the photo, or know what the occasion was, please do get in touch. We'll post this on our Facebook page.

**Front row:** Ernest Denman (who featured in our article in the last edition), Charlie Langridge, Reginald Hollands, Bill Bryant, ? Arnold, C Young, Jack Langridge, Bert Bryant, Tom Langridge, Charlie ? Maynard, Bill Barrass (Molly's father).

**Middle row:** Oliver Parsons, Hippy Burberry, unidentified, Brian Roe, Vic Standen, Harold Snelling, Fred Langridge, ? Maynard, George Fuller ?, George Langridge (Alan's father), Kaiser Gibbs.

**Back row:** Bob Winchester, Arthur Snelling, ? Carver, Perce Payne, Graham Edwards, Teddy Gibbs, unidentified, Alan Langridge.

We're told that Bert and Bill Bryant, pictured above, played for local dances in Copthorne and Crawley Down, under the name 'The Skyliners'.

In October 2021 the Silver Band played their first concert since lockdown at St John's Church in aid of St Catherine's Hospice and will be playing around the village in the run up to Christmas.

**Note:** 'The Rec', see above. Copthorne's recreation ground next to the village hall is called 'The Rec', no other names will do!

*The Archive Team sends greetings for a Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2022. We look forward to receiving more of your photos, family trees, obituaries, newspaper cuttings, house deeds and memories to include in the Archive.*

Copies of our 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.



## Celebrate Christmas at St John's Church, Copthorne

Sunday  
5th Dec

11am All-age Service & Craft

Welcome St Nicholas to Copthorne!

Sunday  
12th Dec

4pm Christingle Service (in the churchyard)

With The Copthorne Silver Band, Christingle-making and hot refreshments.

Sunday  
19th Dec

4.30pm & 6.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols

Traditional, candle-lit service in the church.

Friday  
24th Dec

3pm & 4.30pm Crib Service

All-age celebration of the nativity story, dress up and join in!

11pm Midnight Mass

Traditional service and Holy Communion.

Saturday  
25th Dec

9.30am Christmas Day Service

A short celebration with carols

Sunday  
26th Dec

9.30am Holy Communion Service

10am Coffee & Pancakes

10.30am Walk (setting off from the churchyard)

There's more happening in December!  
For information about all our events and services visit [copthornechurch.org](http://copthornechurch.org)



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**18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
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<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/copthornesanta>  
Thank you for your continued support of Village organisations in continuing tough times



**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> from 4pm:** Lashmere, Borers Arms Road and Closes, Francis Gdns, Knowle Drive and Closes, Spring Gardens, Pinetrees, Newtown from Knowle Drive to and including Old Common Road.  
**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> from 6.15pm:** Church Lane, Akehurst Close, Fairway and Closes, Border Chase, Brookhill Road from Church Lane to Calluna Drive, and Brookhill Close.  
**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> from 4pm:** Copthorne Bank- Church Bus stop to Prince Albert, Roffeys Close, Meadow & Meadow Close, Newtown from the Green to Knowle Drive, The Green, Church Road & Closes.  
**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> from 6pm:** Kitsmead, Calluna and Closes, Erica Way & Closes, Bridgelands, Brookside, Westway, Oak Close, Brookhill Road from Prince Albert to Calluna Drive and Brookview.  
If your charitable organisation would like to benefit from the village collection and can provide a collecting team please contact us: [cinderwood@binternet.com](mailto:cinderwood@binternet.com) 01293 881153

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**  
The Leaders and Members of 1<sup>st</sup> Copthorne Scouts  
Would like to wish all residents a very Merry Christmas  
And say Thank You for your support during the year  
  
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We are hoping to be able to welcome you to our  
**Senior Citizens Party 2022**  
on  
**SATURDAY 5th FEBRUARY**  
In the Village Hall  
Doors open at 2pm for a 2:30 start with entertainment by the Beavers, Cubs & Scouts, followed by tea.  
Everyone is very welcome – please tell your friends. This is an open invitation to all Senior Citizens of the Village.  
If you need a lift to and from the Village Hall please ring Kelly on 07751706952  
Watch out for further details in 2022





# WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER - WINTER 2021



### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Now the council has sprung back into life following the summer recess, the meeting schedule is back to full strength and there is a lot for us to consider.

Firstly, I would like to thank all those involved over the last 9 years or so now our Neighbourhood Plan has finally been made by MSDC. I know this will not mean a lot to those who are unfamiliar with the planning process, but this document is so important in giving us a level of security regarding future planning decisions that we did not have prior to the plan. It has been a long journey and a lot of effort and again I sincerely thank those that have volunteered their time for this.

We have also had great news in the last week or so (prior to me typing this!) that Stacey has accepted the job as Communications & IT Administrator at Worth Parish Council. Stacey was an excellent candidate and I feel we are lucky she has accepted the position. This will help to fill a skill gap that has existed for a while, and I am confident it will allow us to better

communicate the workings of the council and raise awareness with our residents. Welcome Stacey and buckle up for a fast ride - we need your help!

It has now been confirmed that MSDC have accepted the petition to conduct a Community Governance Review to determine whether Crawley Down should have its own, separate council. This will be a new process for us all and will require a lot of time and effort from councillors and officers alike. Please make yourself familiar with this and watch out for communication from MSDC throughout the process. This is a significant move and may have a big impact on Copthorne residents. We will keep you aware throughout the process as soon as we have anything to communicate.

As the last knockings of summer comes to an end, the nights close in and the weather worsens, please look after yourselves - and each other.

**Tony Dorey, Chairman**

### WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Office is now open again to the public, 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. The office is open 9.30am to 12

noon, Monday to Friday.

Meetings are again taking place in the South Room, on the first floor of the Parish Hub.

Forthcoming meeting dates. All meetings start at 7.30pm.

Monday, 15th November 2021	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 29th November 2021	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 6th December 2021	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 20th December 2021	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 10th January 2022	General Purposes & Finance Committee, followed by Planning & Highways Committee
Monday, 24th January 2022	Full Council, followed by Planning & Highways Committee

### COPTHORNE ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING PARTY

#### Christmas Tree

By the time you read this article Christmas will be almost upon us. We will again be planting a Christmas tree on the village green opposite the school, and we hope that all our residents will have the opportunity to enjoy the spectacle and at the same time reflect on another year's passing.

#### Platinum Jubilee Tree

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Everyone across the UK is invited to plant trees from October 2021, when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022. We are currently looking for locations in the village so we as a village can share in this mark of respect for Her Majesty.

#### MUGA

The Council is now actively looking into the possibility of constructing a Multi Surface Games Area (or MUGA) somewhere in the village. A Multi Use Games Area is usually a steel anti vandal outdoor fenced area with built in goal post units for various types of sports games, such as football, basketball or tennis or

indeed many other kinds of sporting activities. We hope this initiative (incidentally brought to the council by a resident) will provide much needed facilities for the younger generation and those who generally enjoy sport and fitness.

#### Community Government Review (CGR)

You may already be aware that a petition, signed by the requisite number of residents from Crawley Down, was submitted to MSDC proposing that Crawley Down leaves what is presently Worth Parish Council and forms its own independent Parish Council.

MSDC has considered the petition and issued draft Terms of Reference for the review. The present Worth Parish Council members are looking at this in detail and responding to MSDC with its own observations.

Once the final terms of reference are agreed we expect that each household will receive further communication on the timescales for a wider public consultation and how you can have your say on this important matter.

As always, if you have any questions about this or indeed any subject relating to Copthorne and the activities of your local parish councillors then please do not hesitate to contact one of your local parish representatives.

### TRANSPORT SURVEY

Thank you to all of you who completed the Transport Survey included in the last edition of this magazine. We are currently analysing

the data provided. If you offered assistance to Community Transport Sussex, they will be in touch shortly.

### EXTENSION TO 7.5 TONNE WEIGHT LIMIT

The Parish Council is lobbying West Sussex County Council to try to get the 7.5 tonne weight limit extended in the village, to cover Brookhill Rd, Copthorne Bank into Surrey, and Borsers Arms Rd. County Councillor Bruce Forbes has

indicated his support. Letters have been written to all businesses in these roads. Should the project progress, a full consultation will be held, but if you hold strong view, please email these to the Clerk via [clerk@worth-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@worth-pc.gov.uk).

### HIRE OF THE SOUTH ROOM

With Covid 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](mailto:deputyclerk@worth-pc.gov.uk) if you wish to enquire about hiring this facility.



## WINTER 2021

### SUSSEX POLICE PSCO BEAT SURGERIES

Our two local PSCOs, Sophie Norman and Roxie Rye, are holding drop-in beat surgeries in the South Room on the first floor of the Parish Hub. These will be on

Friday 12th November 2021:  
6.30pm - 7.30pm.

Friday 10th December 2021:  
6.30pm - 7.30pm.

If there are any issues you would like to discuss, please pop along to meet your local officers and speak to them.

They will also have crime prevention advice and literature, which will include information on Neighbourhood Watch.

#### How to report a crime to us:

As always, in an emergency please dial 999.

For non-emergencies please dial 101, alternatively you can report non-emergency matters online at <https://www.sussex.police.uk>.

#### Useful contacts:

Noise Complaints:  
Environmental Health -  
[pollution@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:pollution@midsussex.gov.uk)  
or [www.midsussex.gov.uk/environment/noise-issues](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/environment/noise-issues).

Abandoned vehicles: Operation Crackdown - <http://www.operationcrackdown.org>.

## WORTH PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS



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## SAVE THE DATE LET'S CELEBRATE

Copthorne Platinum  
Jubilee Event

On the Village Green  
Friday 3rd June 2022

## Regions Beyond Candles

have been creating candles in the village for nearly 6 years! They invite you to come and SMELL their candles at the Copthorne Village Social Club's Xmas market, on the 4th December, with exclusive deals for that day only! Their candles are made with blended mineral wax and scented using only the finest fragrance oils, not typically found on the high street. Here's just a snippet of the Christmas collection scents:

- **Classic Christmas** - Spiced Orange, Cinnamon and Clove.
- **Christmas Tree** - Noble Fir and Woodland Walks.
- **Nightmare Before Christmas** - Frankincense and Myrrh.

You can view their collection online at  
[www.regionsbeyondcompany.com](http://www.regionsbeyondcompany.com)



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## Heathy Wood Update

Planning application being submitted for land north of A264 (St Modwen Park Gatwick)

A detailed planning application for the land north of the A264 at St Modwen Park Gatwick is being submitted by St Modwen. The application comprises proposals for the development of flexible employment space comprising warehousing, ancillary office, associated parking, pedestrian and vehicular access arrangements, landscaping and associated infrastructure.

The building use class is B8 (storage or distribution) with supporting E(g) offices, and will be in accordance with draft policy SA4 of the MSDC Site Allocations DPD.

St Modwen and their consultants have worked with Mid Sussex District Council to reduce the impact of the building on the south-eastern, eastern and north-eastern boundaries, through setting the building back to the west of the plot and increasing the amount of bunding and landscape screening along these boundaries. The site levels are also being reduced, reducing the overall height impact.

Throughout the design process, every opportunity has been taken to maximise the extent of soft landscaping and visual screening. Careful placement of mounds, low level planting and tree avenues will work together with the proposed architecture to ensure the development enhances its surroundings.

The elevational treatment has been designed to minimise the visual impact of the buildings but provide a strong form with architectural interest. The development of an outboard office solution further reduces the massing of the building, maximising warehouse space, while reducing the office façade height.

Accessible amenity landscaping has been incorporated to the east of the site, which is available for building occupants and local residents.

The proposed development will provide much needed, high quality employment space and the scheme is in line with the council's ambitions and objectives for the site.

Image - Proposed aerial view:







# Christingle Service

## Sunday 12th Dec at 4pm

Enjoy a warm, Christmas welcome  
in the churchyard at this  
All-age celebration!

Carols with The Copthorne Silver Band, Christingle-making,  
hot refreshments and plenty of festive cheer!

Book now for this free event  
visit [copthornechurch.org](http://copthornechurch.org)



The Christingle has become a wonderful  
symbol of Christmas. The idea can be traced back  
to 1747 in Germany, where a bishop created the  
first Christingle to explain the happiness  
that had come to people through Jesus.



St John the Evangelist, Copthorne  
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# Beginners Yoga

Starts 4th January 2022,  
19:15-20:15

Copthorne, West Sussex

[www.smooth-cactus.co.uk](http://www.smooth-cactus.co.uk)

This and other classes at The Hub, Copthorne

Scouts  
1st Copthorne

WE DISCOVER, WE GROW  
Girlguiding  
Copthorne District

We are hoping  
to be able to go ahead with our

# JUMBLE SALE

On

## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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

For any questions please contact  
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The 1st SATURDAY of EVERY MONTH  
at St John's Church, Copthorne

# WORK PARTY

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The 1st Saturday  
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9:15 - 12:30

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in the church

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10:00 - 12:00

Fundraising for  
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[copthornechurch.org](http://copthornechurch.org)





Part of the Countess of  
Huntingdon's Connexion

We are starting to look forward to Christmas with all the joy it brings. We are hoping to have another sing-a-long on Saturday 4th December at 2.00 pm with Carol and Margaret Watson entertaining us, always a very popular occasion.

Our **Carol Service** will be held at 10.30 am on Sunday 12th December with Gordon Hamilton officiating and Carol accompanying - all welcome!

We will hold our usual short Christmas Day Service at 10.30 am on the 25th December, and a normal service with communion on the 26th. All collections over the Christmas period will go to St. Catherine's Hospice.

Why not come and join our celebrations!

For more details please phone 01342 713172 [copthornechapel.org.uk](http://copthornechapel.org.uk)



Our shoe bags in the container on their way to Sierra Leone for the children this Christmas.



We would like to take this opportunity to wish all readers a joyous Christmas and a healthy and happy 2022!



## Friday Friends


We meet on the 1st Friday of each month, from 2.45-4.45pm in the Hub. Come and join us for a cuppa, cake and chat!











Please call Pam Harrison on 01342 717194



# WHAT'S ON AT THE HUB?

## AT A GLANCE CLASSES & GROUPS AT THE HUB



	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Mon	 <i>Pilates</i>	 Springfit Gymnastics	Smooth Cactus Yoga
Tues		 Springfit Gymnastics	Fire Fitness <i>Smooth Cactus Yoga</i>
Wed			AVAILABLE TO HIRE FOR PARTIES AND EVENTS
Thurs	 <i>Smooth Cactus Yoga</i>	 Copthorne Art Group	Springfit Gymnastics Sadowski Dance <i>Smooth Cactus Yoga</i>
Fri	 <i>Smooth Cactus Yoga</i>	 Friday Friends (some Fridays)	AVAILABLE TO HIRE FOR PARTIES AND EVENTS
Sat	Springfit Gymnastics <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

## HIRERS DIRECTORY

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**Fire Fitness**  
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**Smooth Cactus Yoga**  
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**Sadowski Dance**  
**Ballroom and Latin Dance Classes**  
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**Cots2Tots**  
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Road, Copthorne RH10 3ZQ

St John's church is a sanctuary of peace and you are invited to visit for a moment of respite during this Christmas season.

Follow the lights around the churchyard and under the trees to enjoy our prayer trail, or pause in the stillness of the church and light a candle.

If you would like to be led in prayer visit the church on a Tuesday or Thursday at 9am for a 15 minute time of prayer.

## Carols around Copthorne

with St John's Church & The Copthorne Silver Band

Come out and join in the singing as we make our way around the village!

Tues 14th December  
6pm - 8pm

Calluna Drive  
Erica Way  
Bridgelands  
Westway  
The Meadow

Thurs 16th December  
6pm - 8pm

Francis Court  
Spring Gardens  
Knowle Drive  
Church Lane  
Fairway

There's more happening in December!  
For information about all our events and services visit [copthornechurch.org](http://copthornechurch.org)



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Our spring bulbs have been planted and we are looking forward to some more improvements to our garden following our very successful fund raiser. Thank you to our parents and carers for their generous donations.

Our mascot has been given a name chosen by the children, Jack, and he has been to several houses and had some amazing adventures with the children including swimming and attending some very lively birthday parties!

We made some bread rolls with the children to celebrate Harvest Festival which smelt so lovely in the setting as they cooked.

We had a food collection for the homeless. Thank you to those who donated.

Our new member of staff Lisa has become a great hit with the children, who adore her.

We have invested in some new resources for our younger children and a sensory area for them to explore.

Spiders and pumpkins have been the main interest this term and have given the children lots of learning opportunities to use different materials.

Our opening hours are:  
Monday to Friday 9.00am till 3.00pm.  
Breakfast club 8.15am  
And Lunch club till 1pm.



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## Peter Pan Playgroup



The first half term has flown by and the children have had lots of fun learning new things. We've been exploring all things autumn; colours, leaves, acorns, pine cones and conkers, which the children collected with their families. After talking about their findings, we used them for sensory play and craft activities. We will also be looking at hibernating animals.

In our garden the children helped to sweep up the leaves and lay more bark in our mud kitchen and stepping logs areas. We were also lucky enough to witness a rainbow and discussed how it was formed. The children were so excited and later some painted their own.

During our Halloween week, the children dressed up, made potions, explored colour mixing, and made some lovely colourful witches' hats. We also cut up a pumpkin to see what was inside and some children decided they wanted to feed the seeds to the dinosaurs! We made pumpkin soup which the children had for their snack, yum, yum!

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 and would like to visit, either email or telephone to arrange a convenient time.



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[info@peterpanplaygroup.co.uk](mailto:info@peterpanplaygroup.co.uk)



Wow, we cannot believe how quickly this term is going.

We have welcomed many new children and they have all settled in brilliantly. We have given all our parents a questionnaire and the feedback we have received from them is amazing.

Our topic before half term was 'All about me', where we learnt about each other, our families, pets and where we live. We have also learnt about autumn and colour change.

This half term we have made firework pictures, poppy pictures, poppy biscuits and we will be wearing red on the 11th of November for Remembrance Day. We are practicing songs for our Christmas performance which will be held in the church on Friday 3rd December at 9.30, everyone is welcome to come and watch (as long as no new restrictions are in place by then).

We have limited space for 3/4 year olds and have a waiting list for 2 year olds for this school year and spaces are already filling up very quickly for next year.

Our new opening hours are Monday - Friday, 9.15 - 12.15 and we also offer an early start at 8.45, lunch club until 1.15, and for children 3 years + afternoon sessions until 2.15.



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## Coach House Nursery COPTHORNE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

It's been another busy term for the children in the Coach House Nursery.

Just before half term, the Oaks nursery children (3-4 year olds) joined with Reception to celebrate Harvest Festival, singing songs and reciting poems for their parents. We received so many food donations from our families, which in turn were received with delight by Crawley Open House.

For Remembrance Day, the children made poppies and wreaths. The nursery children joined the rest of the school for 2 minutes of silence outside our chapel, where one of our pupils played the Last Post.

The children are now busy rehearsing for their Christmas celebrations. This year, the children will be performing songs and dances in the theatre on their own which is very exciting! This will give them a chance to shine on their own. They will be dressed in Christmas outfits and after the performance, the children will be joined by their parents in the nursery to do some interactive crafts and earn themselves some mince pies and hot chocolate.

The weekly Mini Acorns Forest School (toddler) sessions have been successful and we will be taking a break from the end of November through to the end of February. Activities have included making chocolate doughnuts over the fire to collecting natural materials to make a crown. Please sign up through the website from March as places are limited!



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## COPTHORNE WI

We are so pleased to have been able to return to our meetings in the village hall again since September. It has been a joy to see our members and to hear all the chattering going on. We have also been pleased to welcome a number of visitors - the future looks bright.

Our banner, which was originally made in around 1925, hung in the village hall for many years. Sadly age took its toll on the fabrics and the repairs needed were beyond our skills. So a new one has been made using the parts of the original which could be salvaged and following the original design as far as possible. It is now fit to use once more and to see us to celebrating our centenary in 2025.

In this spirit we are looking to the future, but also we wish to remember our past. Does anyone in the village have photos, memories or other records of Cophorne WI - both the original evening group and the afternoon WI which existed from the 1980s until quite recently. We would love to locate any old minute books or records of events. Items would be returned to their owners or lodged with the Cophorne Archive.

If you can help please contact us at [infocophorne@surreyedwi.org.uk](mailto:infocophorne@surreyedwi.org.uk) or on the phone number listed in this magazine.



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Smugglers Beavers made cheese straws, Lego models and musical instruments for the church Harvest Festival. They have also been riding their bikes and scooters, had a campfire and finished the half term with a Halloween party.

Voyagers Beavers had a spy evening, made junk modelling robots, had a campfire and they too finished the half term with a Halloween party.

Both Beavers colonies are looking forward to a sleepover in the second half of the term.

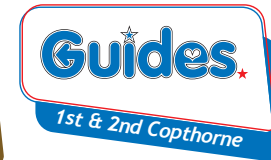
Oak pack have been doing science experiments, had a movie night and took part in planning and budgeting menus for their money badge.

Ash pack have planned and been on a hike around Tilgate, they also had a movie night and a Halloween party.

Both Cubs packs had fun going to London for the weekend, visiting the Tower of London, the Natural History Museum and sleeping on the Golden Hinde.

Mallory and Scott Scouts have been on a survival camp, where the scouts cooked all their meals on open fires and built and slept in shelters. They also went to Omar army barracks in Aldershot and spent the day learning about what life is like in the army and learning skills to achieve their mechanic badge.

All sections have made poppies and have taken part in the outdoor Remembrance Service at the church.



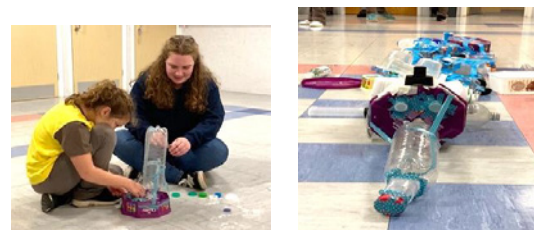
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May we take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us through the last 2 tough years and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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**2 Woodbridge, Chapel Road, Smallfield, Surrey RH6 9NW**



### Copthorne Social Club

Copthorne Bank, RH10 3RE  
Tel: 07710 019516

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Copthorne Social-Club

#### NOVEMBER

- 25 **Matrons Quiz**
- 27 **Members Day**  
Live music with Radiators and a Turkish BBQ

#### DECEMBER

**4 Big Christmas Market**  
Midday - 6pm

### St John's Church

#### DECEMBER

**14 & 16**  
**Carols around Copthorne**  
with the  
**Copthorne Silver Band**  
6-8pm

### Copthorne Players

#### JANUARY

14-16 **Robin Hood**  
21-23 Panto at the Village Hall

### Scouts

#### DECEMBER

18-19 **Father Christmas Float**

- 17 **Big Christmas Meat & Booze Raffle**
- 19 **Special Christmas Raffle**  
with a visit from Santa and live music
- 23 **Matrons Christmas Quiz**
- 24 **Kiddies Party**
- 31 **Tropical Beach Party Disco**

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FRIDAY	<b>9.30am - Exercise for Flexibility &amp; Wellbeing</b> Pre-book with Helen on 07838 381153
SATURDAY	<b>Morning - Copthorne Youth Football Club</b> <b>Afternoon - Copthorne Football Club</b>
SUNDAY	<b>10am DC Coaching Group Training</b> Contact <a href="mailto:Makeitfit.dc@gmail.com">Makeitfit.dc@gmail.com</a> <a href="https://dccoaching.as.me/schedule.php">https://dccoaching.as.me/schedule.php</a> <b>Football. Morning: Girls - Wasps and Acorns. Afternoon: Ladies - Acorns.</b>

- All classes must be pre-booked with the above organisations. The applicable Covid-19 regulations must be followed.
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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](mailto:bookings_csca@outlook.com).

## Blythe Spirit

A supernatural success! Copthorne Players are extremely grateful to every single member of the local community who came along to support their recent production of Blithe Spirit, performed at Copthorne Village Hall at the end of October 2021. After a forced hiatus due to the pandemic, the incredibly talented cast, crew and teams behind Copthorne Players were delighted to return to the stage for this well-supported production. Hundreds of you flocked to the Village Hall to see a stressed Charles Condomine (Anthony Worssam) and the hilarious carnage that unfolds in front of him, when he inadvertently summoned back the spirit of his ex-wife Elvira (Stephanie Francis), with the help of eccentric medium Madame Arcati (Gemma Hodsdon). Alison Shapley, in her directorial debut for Players, excelled in her role whilst bringing out the best of all the actors on that stage. Copthorne Players hope to see you all at their pantomime in January, being performed at Copthorne Village Hall – full details on the website at [copthorneplayers.co.uk](http://copthorneplayers.co.uk).



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