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Editorial



We celebrated the coronation of King Charles III in true Copthorne style - with a party (or Big Picnic) on our Green! The sun was shining and it was lovely to see that all the food and music was local to the village too - a great job from the Copthorne Community Group, as usual, although maybe a few more volunteers next time, please, people of Copthorne . . .

The vibe on the Green was peaceful, friendly and community spirited which is what I think we can expect from our new king. Of course, there has been a lot of (divisive) debate around the monarchy recently, and whether a hereditary head of state is a valid concept anymore, but whatever your opinion on the issue, and there are so many different ones to consider, it seems to me, at least, that in King Charles, the universe has given us the head of state we currently need. . .

Our king has often been ridiculed and criticised for some of his beliefs and projects when in fact he was way ahead of everyone else in his understanding (the environment is a big one) . . . but he didn't back down, and now, here he comes with a massive wealth of knowledge, experience and international clout to share right at the point where humanity is in crisis.

Suddenly all these things he's been advocating for, since about 1968, are the new cool ideas to get involved in . . . like inter-faith and inter-ethnicity tolerance in a very diverse world (where else but his coronation could over 200 heads of state, hereditary or elected, come together in peace), the Prince's Trust bringing hope and skills to young people in need, sustainable and organic farming, hard work and dedication to a cause, the inter-connectedness of everything we do. He once said that - 'Conservation or problems about pollution should not be held up as separate concepts from housing or other social schemes. Conservation means being aware of the total environment that we live in'. He believes that crime levels and urban planning are linked - the destruction of traditional 'squares' around which people lived in an urban environment leading to the loss of community and the raising of young people in a 'village'.

So for me it is God (or whoever you believe in!)
Save the King, so that the King can Save the Planet!
Well done Mother Earth!

Merry



Copthorne Ladies Club

In March we welcomed Kate Creative from Lingfield to our meeting. Kate's is a family run pottery painting experience and we all were able to choose between a bowl, plate or mug which we could then choose to paint, write on or attempt the recreation of a Van Gogh. It was interesting to learn that the colours were unlikely to look the same post firing as the pigments change with heat, as Kate showed us on her 'colour-chart' plate. There were some beautiful pieces produced which once fired will be outstanding.

We will get them back at our next meeting, so will report on the final outcomes then! This month we have a representative of the Fire Brigade coming to chat to us which I am sure will be interesting and very informative.

Currently our register is full for the moment, but anyone interested can be added to our waiting list.

We meet every first Thursday of the month from 7.45pm in the Guide hall on Borers Arms Road.

Beth Hilton - Secretary

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11_{AM}

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Several of our Church 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 and book a ticket where relevant.

UPCOMING SEASONAL SERVICES

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11am in Church

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Wim writes The Ultimate Holiday

Most of us look forward to the holidays, going places, enjoying good weather and having some time to rest.

Our word holiday is an old word that emerged approximately five hundred years ago as a replacement of the earlier medieval word 'haliday', which comes from 'haligdæg', meaning 'holy day'. A holy day usually refers to a religious memorial day or festival. A typical weekly holiday or 'holy day' in our western world has, for centuries, been the Sunday. Much older is the Jewish Sabbath which originates from the creation story in the Bible. The Genesis narrative begins with darkness and disorder, but then God speaks and brings about light and order so that life can flourish. And this happens over the course of six days. Each day is marked with the phrase, 'there was evening and there was morning'. But on the seventh day, something special happens. God stops and rests. Creation is brought to its completion on the seventh day. And that phrase, 'there was evening and there was morning', it doesn't appear on day seven. It's like a day, or even better, a holiday with no end. But then the story continues that humans are deceived by a dark power, and they forfeit that rest. They're exiled into the wilderness, where they have to work as slaves to the land. Until they die and return to the dust from which they came from. However, this is not how the story ends. In the story of the Bible, God wants to restore humanity back to that seventh-day rest, an experience of this ultimate holiday, so they can share it with others. But how? Initially he calls a special group of people to set apart a day of rest, to live as if that ultimate rest has already come. Later prophets in the Scripture prophesied that a Messiah



would come to forgive peoples' sin and to restore humanity fully. Darkness, exile and hardship would end one day and the ultimate festival of Jubilee, the day of freedom and rest would come. It's at a rather dark point in the story that Jesus appears, and he launches his public mission on a rest day, a holy day the Jewish 'Sabbath'. He reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, saying that it was time for all captives and slaves to be released because this was the year of the Lord's favour. He was talking about the ultimate rest period! Jesus here is claiming that this seventh-day rest, this forever holiday would come through him. He said that he was the Lord of the Sabbath (the Holy Day), and subsequently he confronted disorder and darkness in all of its forms, freeing people from sickness, sin, even from death itself. Yet Jesus was killed, so even his work was undone. But then Jesus timed his death to take place at the end of the week. His body rested in a tomb during the Sabbath, and on the eighth day, he rose from the dead on the first day of a new week. In other words, Jesus' resurrection was like the first day of a new creation, where God's light and life broke into the darkness. So, because of the resurrection, Christians have hope in God's promise of future forever rest, the ultimate holiday. However, we're not there yet. It's like we're still in the wilderness where we experience struggle and pain, but as we journey towards that ultimate rest day, Jesus invites us to experience a taste of real rest now by following him. Or in his words, 'Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest'.





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Copthorne Carnival 2023

I hope you all enjoyed the Big Picnic on the Green during the Coronation weekend! Now we have the main event coming up - Saturday 24th June is Carnival Day.

We have a full quota of stalls, with a lot of variation, and some great food outlets including BBQ, Pizzas and sweets, plus not forgetting the ever popular BAR.

There is some great entertainment with a showcase of local talent starting at 3.30, followed by village favourites The Bowmen, and then to finish we have Murdochs Crazy Eyes doing their fantastic BACK TO THE 80's show. To close the day we have, by popular request, fireworks.

It's going to be a great day, starting with the procession at 1.00pm and all the stalls open from 1.30pm. Come along and enjoy the village's FREE event, thanks to our sponsors, advertisers, and the goodwill of our helpers.

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Graham Casella, Chairman 714291







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Worth Parish Council Newsletter Summer 2023

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I am writing this article the week of the local council elections, so this may well my last contribution to this newsletter!

If I do get re-elected onto Worth Parish Council, I look forward to continuing to act on behalf of both our villages to maintain the momentum we have gained as a council to continue to improve our villages and facilities.

It has been an absolute pleasure serving as Chair of the council for the last two years, although it can sometimes be a thankless task! I am so proud of the progress we have made as a council in this term and sincerely hope the progress continues into the next term and beyond. In this term we have expanded our team of officers to widen our skill set and improve capacity. This in turn has allowed us to progress projects such as the CCTV provision and Bowers Place parking, which were delayed due to COVID and the proposed council split. These are now progressing to a conclusion in the near future and other projects such as the Copthorne Rec (see separate article in this newsletter) and the Crawley Down shop fronts are starting to gain momentum. We have employed a Youth Support Worker who is a vital addition to our team and has been instrumental in us setting up youth clubs in both villages - this was an extremely important goal for the council in this term. We have also promoted a Grounds Supervisor who is putting together a plan for how we maintain and improve

our 'estate' going forward. I am 100% confident this will lead to big changes in maintenance around the villages that will be pleasing to all our eyes.

Looking forward into the next term, I would like to take this opportunity to urge ALL residents to get more involved with the council. Know who your local councillors are, interact with them to understand what the council is doing and how it works for you. Get involved with either the CDRA (Crawley Down Residents Association) in Crawley Down or the CCG (Copthorne Community Group) in Copthorne to ensure that the council is acting in everyone's interests, not just a few. But more than anything, please understand that ALL your local councillors are residents like yourself and volunteer their time - evenings and during the days - to work for our villages. Your support will make this all the easier and more pleasurable. We all want the same things, I promise you.

So now I will hang up my chains and keep my fingers crossed that I will be present at the Annual Council Meeting on 15 May where a new set of committees and Chairs will be elected to start work on the next 4-year plan. I will finish by thanking all my fellow councillors and especially the staff of Worth Parish Council for their help and support during this last term.

Kind Regards

Tony Dorey, Chairman

COPTHORNE YOUTH CLUB

Copthorne Youth Club is going from strength to strength, and we are looking at ways to bring more youth support and initiatives to the young people in the parish.

Copthorne Youth Club runs every Monday and Wednesday during term time:

- 4-6pm for 10-13 year olds.
- 6.30-8.30pm for 14-16 year olds.

There is no need to book.

Our youth worker in charge, Drew, will also be at Copthorne Carnival with a basketball shootout challenge.







COPTHORNE RECREATION GROUND

In the Copthorne Village Centre Action Plan from 2022, it was suggested that Copthorne needed a focal point, with parking being provided to encourage visitors to the shops on Copthorne Bank.

It has long been recognised that the play area is in need of updating, which was also identified in the Action Plan. Worth Parish Council decided that rather than adopt a piecemeal approach, it would be better to plan to redevelop the whole area.

To that end, we are working on proposals to remove the existing play area and skate park, and to build a new larger play area further back on the site (see site plan). This will allow space for a small car park at the front, with around 25 bays. Behind the play area, it is proposed that a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) is installed. This will provide opportunities for football and basketball as well as general informal sport.

A consultancy firm has been engaged to assist in the process, and we hope to have plans and designs for the play area and MUGA to share very soon. This will be your opportunity to give us your feedback so that we can make adjustments if required.

It is hoped that this £500,000 project will be funded via developer contributions (Section 106 monies) and grant funding from national agencies. We also have nearly £10,000 received as a donation from the Jack and Jill Preschool when it sadly closed down recently, given on the proviso that it be used for new play equipment.



COPTHORNE COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

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

This will mean you will hear about all future litter picks in the village in advance. If you would like to join this group, please email:

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL PCSOS

There has been an increase in the number of reports of antisocial parking in the villages within the Worth Parish. The reports suggest the issues are taking place at all times of the day, particularly around the schools and shops in the area. Please can I remind all those who park in the villages to do so in a

considerate manner and remember that pedestrians need to be able to use the pathways, driveways must be kept clear and to avoid parking on grass verges. Thank you.

PCSO Lizzy Whitmore, Sussex Police

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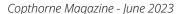


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In the Spotlight with The Copthorne Players

On the day of the dress rehearsal for our recent production of The Importance of Being Earnest, our very own Ernest was dashing off to Bristol for an important audition. Megan Fudge, who played lead character Ernest/Jack Worthing, caught up with Megan Birch, who played Jack's love interest Gwendolen Fairfax, for an update...

Birch: So the last time we were hanging out, it was show week. And on dress rehearsal day, two days before the show opened, you were dashing off to an audition for Bristol Old Vic Theatre School.

Fudge: Yeah! Sunday we had our tech run, which was about five hours' rehearsal, and then straight after that I went to the Copthorne corner shop, got myself a little caffeinated drink and got straight in the car, drove all the way to Bristol, went straight to bed. On Monday afternoon I had my final audition, and pretty much as soon as it was over, I had to get back in the car to come back for dress rehearsal! Had no time to even shower or even go home, just straight into costume and onto the stage!

Birch: But it clearly worked, because a week after the show, you texted us all to say you'd got the place. Congratulations! Tell us about the course?

Fudge: Thank you! It's a masters in screen acting specifically. No stage acting, which is a little bit disappointing, but I'm willing to let it go for the sake of going to Bristol Old Vic! But there are modules on film acting, commercial acting, soap acting, which I think will be really fun, and we'll be learning about set conditions, and also you get introduced to agents - and fingers crossed, they like you!

Birch: That sounds amazing. So tell me about your theatre background - have you always wanted to go into acting?

Fudge: I've actually wanted to go to Bristol Old Vic since I was a child, so it's like a dream come true. But yeah, I did all the school plays when I was younger, all the musicals, I literally won every drama award going at my school.

Birch: Oh, you were that kid.

Fudge: I was so annoying! I did One Man Two Guvnors last October, and that was the first time I'd done proper acting since school. And then the show with you guys, honestly, I think that was my favourite show I've ever been in. And I do genuinely feel like it was a massive reason that I got an offer from Bristol, because it just made me level-up that little bit more in the final round.

Birch: That's good to hear! How did you find working with the Copthorne Players as a group?

Fudge: It was very professional. Especially Louisa (Worssam, our director). She was so on it, and I think I respond very well to that.

Birch: It's really good to hear you say that, because I've been with the Copthorne Players for over twenty years -

Fudge: That is mad.

Birch: I know, I joined when I was seven. But I also felt like we were so on it for this show. So I'm glad you felt it, as a Players newbie.

Fudge: And it helps so much. You do want it to be almost professional standard because even though you're not being paid, you're putting in just as much effort. Putting in more effort, because you still have to do your actual job on top! So it's nice that everyone really gave it their all.

Birch: So obviously we first met at auditions for The Importance of Being Earnest, and as someone who's been in the Copthorne Players for a very long time, I was going around finding out people's names, how you found out about us, and it came up that your name was Megan

and I was like, oh god. Let's hope she's no good because that's going to get very confusing.

Fudge: Yeah, I was like, it's okay, I'm a Meg. And then you said -

Birch: Yeah, but so am I! And then of course we got cast as characters who are in a romantic relationship.

Fudge: That's so funny.

Birch: So in rehearsals you ended up getting called by your surname mostly.

Fudge: I feel like my surname, people find it quite fun to say.

Birch: That is your curse.

Fudge: People love to say it. And I'm like, yep, I know, I'm aware. It's been Fudge for years.

Birch: Would you be interested in changing your name for acting purposes? Like David Tennant was born David McDonald...

Fudge: No, thing is it's very memorable. I might as well milk it for the one thing it probably will be quite useful in.

Birch: So hopefully one day we'll get you on our TV screens and we'll be able to put up all of the Facebook posts going, yep, that's Meg Fudge, she basically started with the Copthorne Players. That's her origin story!

Fudge: I'll come back and do a cameo!

Birch: Well, we've got that in writing now! Wishing you all the best!

Fudge: Thank you!

The Copthorne Players will be back on stage later this year. Keep an eye on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CopthornePlayers

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Nature watch for May the history of the humble dandelion

Recognisable to pretty much everyone, but often now relegated to grass verges to be viciously mown down a few times a year (budget depending) by county councils, the dandelion has in fact been used for centuries by those in the know for many and varied purposes . . .

In medieval times dandelions were planted in monastic gardens, huge sources of healing for those in need, until Henry the Eighth viciously tried to eradicate those too. They have been cited in Arabian healing texts from the 10th and 11th centuries. They were, and still are, used as food, too - brilliant as dandelions are one of the most abundant edible wild flowers.

Dandelion leaves are a rich source of vitamin A, as well vitamin K and potassium. Dandelions have been used to flush out toxins, helping with water retention, gout and rheumatism amongst other ailments.

Nicholas Culpepper, the famous botanist and herbalist from the 1600s, who published 'Culpeper's Complete Herbal', which was written in accessible language for the time and provided an index of ailments, making it easy to find the correct herb for a cure - good for poorer folk who could not afford a physician - described dandelions as having 'an opening and cleansing quality, and therefore very effectual for the obstructions of the liver'.

During harder times, such as WW2, people would roast and grind the roots as a substitute for coffee, which was scarce. They are popular with home made wine enthusiasts too. They are often used in salads - you need young leaves, before they become too bitter for salads, but you can cook them too, as a leafy green, as cooking removes much of the bitterness. To make tea is easy - put a handful of (washed) leaves in a teapot with boiling water and steep. You can eat the petals too, which provide colour as well as taste.

Dandelions are also useful in companion planting - their long roots bring up nutrients for shallow rooting plants, and everyone knows they are a great way to entertain small children - blowing the fluffy seeds from the stem, and watching them travel. But, this ability of dandelion seeds to travel up 100 km in the right conditions has also been studied by scientists - dandelion seeds are some of the best fliers in nature, tuning their flight and choice of habitat depending on the weather, and understanding how their flight patterns respond to the environment

can help scientist predict the effects of our changing climate.

A lot of brilliance from one humble wild flower.

Merry









COPTHORNE WI

We've had a busy couple of months at the Copthorne WI with a very informative talk about 'Royal Mistresses from George III onward' at our March meeting and one on 'The History of Doll Houses' in April.

In between our regular meetings two groups have been given a guided tour of the Biffa Waste Processing Plant near Horsham. This plant processes the entire landfill waste collected from doorsteps throughout West Sussex. It was very interesting to see how the waste is mechanically sorted and processed and learn that it doesn't all go into landfill. The food waste and organic matter is placed into the Anaerobic Digester, which provides gas which is used

to power the processing plant and a type of compost which is used in large scale landscaping (currently an old quarry in Cornwall). Materials that can be incinerated are taken to Germany and the remainder is compressed and put into the landfill site. It is taken to Redhill as West Sussex no longer has any landfill sites. It also made us think about how we could all do better by recycling more and reducing the amount of food waste we put in our bins.

Our monthly craft group now meets at the Jubilee Pavilion and provides an opportunity not only for social gathering but to learn and share new skills. As we go to print we are busy planning our celebrations for the King's Coronation, an exciting time for our community and country. We will also be at Copthorne Carnival with our famous cake stall.

We have a healthy membership but are always looking to increase our numbers; we are a friendly group open to all ages (not all 'Jam & Jerusalem') and would be delighted to see any new ladies come along to join us. Guests are welcome for a small fee which covers refreshments.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 7.30pm at the village hall, why not come along and see for yourself?

See us on Facebook page Copthorne WI.



Village events

JUNE

- 4 St John's Church lazz on the Green
- 17 Scouts & Guides Jumble Sale

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

JUNE 24

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KINGS AND QUEENS

Live Music

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JULY

- 16 St John's Church Sunday Lunch
- 30 Worth Horticultural Society
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- 13 **Beer Band & BBQ** Live Music: **RADAR DUO**
- 20 **Beer Band & BBQ**Live Music: **FIRETONES DUO**





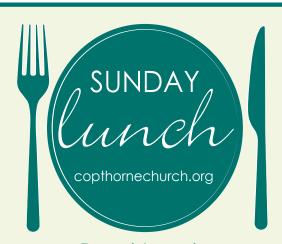
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To find out more call us on 01342 712063 or email office.copthornechurch@gmail.com









ST CATHERINE'S HOSPICE

100 Volunteers Needed for Midnight Walk!

St Catherine's Hospice is looking for 100 night owls to volunteer at its flagship Midnight Walk event, on Saturday 10 June in Horsham.

The Crawley based charity, which provides vital end of life care and support to people living in East Surrey and West Sussex, can only run its much loved event with incredible volunteers working throughout the night.

The Midnight Walk invites walkers to take to the streets of Horsham and challenge themselves to a sponsored 2, 7, 13, or 20 mile night time walk.

The main role for volunteers is as

route guides – keeping walkers safe and encouraging them in their challenge. All volunteers are fully briefed two weeks before the event with detailed instructions on where they need to stand and where to direct the walkers. All volunteers work in pairs and are kitted out with a torch, a high-vis jacket and plenty of snacks!

Volunteers are needed between 7pm and 5am but any amount of time during these hours is appreciated - even a couple of hours can be a significant help.

As well as route guides there are plenty of other volunteering

roles available, including set-up at the Bridge Leisure Centre in Broadbridge Heath, registering walkers, handing out finisher medals and many more.

If you or someone you know would like to volunteer at the Midnight Walk please contact us at events@stch.org.uk or 01293 447357.





St Catherine's Time Capsule - Share your Memories

St Catherine's Hospice is calling on the local community in East Surrey and West Sussex to help mark its 40th anniversary by sharing their memories of the charity for a time capsule which will be buried at its new hospice site at Pease Pottage in July.

2023 is a big year for the charity which will be celebrating the opening of its new hospice in late autumn, and 40 years since it first opened its hospice doors on Malthouse Road, Crawley.

St Catherine's would love to hear what the charity has meant to the community it supports throughout East Surrey and West Sussex. All the contributions will be included in a 'Book of Memories' that will

be placed in the time capsule. To submit your memories, St Catherine's has created a page on its website where members of the public can:

Send a photo of a loved one the hospice has cared for, with a short caption about that special person.

Send a short video message explaining why St Catherine's is important to you.

Get creative! Write a short poem, paint a picture or compose a song. St Catherine's would love to receive anything inspired by its work.

St Catherine's Chief Executive Giles Tomsett says:

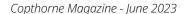
'To mark our significant past and our exciting future, we will be

burying a time capsule in our new hospice grounds at the start of July. The time capsule will be a wonderful legacy of our first 40 years. We would love to include as many contributions as possible for future staff, volunteers and supporters to uncover on our 80th anniversary in 2063! We really hope the local community gets involved with this exciting project and helps us remember this historic year for the charity.'

To send your time capsule contributions visit stch.org.uk/time-capsule.

The deadline for submissions is Wednesday 31 May.







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a Question of Gardening

Summer Scent and Salads!

by Charlie at Burstow Garden Allotments

This time of year, we spend more time in our gardens as the evenings are light and the weather hopefully warm. Whether you are sitting outside relaxing or growing food, this is a very productive time of year.

Plenty of plants have a beautiful scent and can enhance an evening in the garden. One of my favourite scented flowers is nicotiana, also known as the tobacco plant.

Another favourite of many people are sweet peas. The more you cut their flowers, the more flowering stems you will get, so you can enjoy these both in the garden and inside.

Herbs also provide delicious scents; rosemary, mint and basil are all easy to grow, great for adding to food or drinks and look great in a garden setting.

Mint is best grown in a container as it will rapidly take over a garden border if planted directly in your soil.

Basil likes warmth, so a hot sunny spot is best. Some rosemary varieties can get quite large, try a low growing variety if you want a small plant.

For summer salads, home grown salad leaves taste so much nicer than shop bought. Salad leaves are easy to grow in a container on your patio or a hanging basket if you don't have a veg patch in your garden. Seeds of salad leaf mixes are not too expensive and grow fairly quickly in the summer with just a little watering required after sowing.

Microgreens and pea shoots also make very tasty and healthy additions to meals and can be grown in a week to ten days at this time of year.

Enjoy summer in your garden, with some tasty produce too.

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We have recently celebrated the one hundredth birthday of one of our members, Jean White, who lives with her family in Crawley Down. Such a special occasion! Jean has worshipped with us at the Chapel for many years.

We have also hosted the Sussex Martyrs Commemoration Council meeting on the 15th April, dealing with those martyred in our local area, especially East Grinstead. A very interesting afternoon.

We will be running our usual stall at Copthorne Carnival on the village green on Saturday, the 24th June, see you there!

We are also holding Summer coffee and cake mornings at the chapel, starting on Saturday, 27th May between 10.00 and 12.00 am. All welcome to pop in.

Otherwise we continue to hold our usual Sunday services at 10.30 am, followed by tea, coffee, biscuits and occasionally cake. It's always good to stay on for a catch up and cuppa with everyone.



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







Copthorne Village Millennium Group

The Copthorne Archive, The Parish Hub, Borers Arms Road, Copthorne RH10 3ZQ

CopthorneArchive@gmail.com Facebook: The Copthorne Archive Tel: 07884038002



Pam Norman 1931 - 2023

We're sad to learn of the recent death of our friend Pam Norman, a valued member of the Copthorne Village Millennium Group since its inception in 1996.

Born in Copthorne, Pam was the only child of Myrtle (nee Denman) and Frank Lisher. She attended the village school, maintaining close friendships with her school friends all her life. In 1950 she married Don Norman and their two sons were brought up in the village. Pam's mother was a founder member of the Copthorne WI, and her father a local builder. Amelia Potter, Pam's great-grandmother owned land and cottages in Copthorne, and was an astute businesswoman, and Pam has been generous in sharing her family's history with the Archive, including a large number of deeds, transfers and mortgages covering land purchase and sale, which gives us a fascinating insight into Copthorne's past.

When the long-held idea of producing a book about Copthorne became more than a possibility Pam volunteered to write the chapter 'Copthorne at War'. Her memories of living as a child through World War II in Copthorne, and the impact of the war on our village, formed the basis of the chapter, and it's well worth re-reading. Pam had a lucky escape the day the East Grinstead cinema was bombed, as she and Janet Charlwood had planned a trip there, but changed

their minds at the last minute and went to the Crawley cinema instead, and tragically a Copthorne father and his young son were killed in the blast.

Pam's research on Copthorne's casualties during both World Wars was done the old-fashioned way with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, by telephone and post, as the resources of the world wide web hadn't quite made it into our lives when we were researching and writing the book.

The book was published in 1999 and launched at a three-day exhibition over the May Bank Holiday and Pam is pictured in this photo taken then, with the other authors (3rd from the left at the front).

We will miss her greatly.



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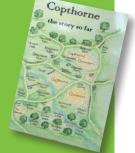
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We need volunteers to deliver the magazine in the new Heathy Wood development! Please contact the church office if you would like to help.

office.copthornechurch@ gmail.com or 01342 712063 Our book 'Copthorne, the story so far' is a very interesting read for anyone new to the village - only £10.

Also available for £5, **The Copthorne Archive CD**contains St John's Church
Baptism Records 1877 to 1887,
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plans etc not included in the
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Pre-School Corner

Peter Pan Playgroup



With the summer term upon us, the children have been busy in their play. Using foam bricks, a variety of constructions were built from houses, castles, to boats and even the Great Wall of China. They also experimented using sand to lay in between some layers to build walls. Sunflower seeds were also planted for the children to monitor their growth at home, so fingers crossed we will see who has grown the tallest one.

We've had many celebrations these past two months. For Easter, the children decorated hats choosing their own resources to attach, and made chocolate nests. For Ramadan and Eid, the children helped to make salt dough before cutting out stars and moons to paint and decorate. Most recently was the Coronation, with the children making their own sandwiches for a 'tea party' and dressing up as kings and queens.

We've also been fundraising to enable us to continue to support the children in their learning with new resources and experiences. We would like to say a huge thank you to the children and parents for their fantastic support.

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



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Peterpan playgroup Copthorne

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We had a lovely time celebrating Easter by listening to the Easter story in the church, along with an egg hunt. All the children enjoyed it immensely, along with all the parents too!

We celebrated the King's Coronation, made lots of beautiful crowns and made a big display. All the children came dressed up in red, white and blue!

Our pre-school hours are Monday to Friday 9.15 to 12.15, with an option of lunch until 1.15 or an option of all day until 2.15. We also offer an early start at 8.45, and we accept 15 hours and 30 hours funding. We take children from 2 to 4 years old, term time only. Please contact Kim or Jo by emailing stjohnssunshine@hotmail.co.uk for more information.



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For more info, contact Annabelle on 07732 335193







Carers Support West Sussex calls out for votes to get a share of Tesco's Community Grants fund



Carers Support West Sussex are bidding for a cash boost from the Tesco Community Grants initiative. Tesco works with community charity Groundwork to run its community funding scheme, which sees grants of up to £1,500, £1,000 and £500 awarded to local community projects.

Three groups in every community have been shortlisted to receive the cash award and shoppers are being invited to head along to Tesco stores to vote for who they think should take away the top grant.

Carers Support West Sussex is one of the groups on the shortlist.

The Young Carers Partnership looks to support children, as young as five, who have taken on responsibility way beyond their years to care for someone they love. These are amazing children, doing an amazing job and often very proud of what they do – but they deserve the time and space to be children. The Carers Activities programme will free up their time for enjoying the things other children take for granted, whilst improve their mental health and wellbeing.

Sonia Mangan, Carers Support CEO added: 'By casting your vote for us, you are increasing the potential in helping us give those young carers' childhood back to them. The grant will help in organising days out, carer groups and support programmes to make sure those young carers have the chance to experience those precious moments of childhood . . . before it's too late'.

Voting is open in Crawley Tesco stores from early April and customers will cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out each time they shop.

Tesco's Community Grants scheme has already awarded over £100 million to more than 50,000 projects across Britain. Tesco customers get the chance to vote for three different groups every time they shop. Every three months, when votes are collected, three groups in each of Tesco's regions will be awarded funding.

Claire De Silva, Head of Community at Tesco, said: 'Tesco Community Grants help support local good causes but especially those projects supporting young people, those providing food, and local causes close to our colleagues' hearts'.

Groundwork's National Chief Executive, Graham Duxbury, said: 'Tesco Community Grants continues to give local projects the boost they need to help their communities thrive. By funding services which support young people and reduce food poverty, we hope to facilitate positive change from the ground up across the UK. We are pleased to have been able to help so many local good causes over the years and look forward to seeing what community organisations can achieve in the future with the right resources'.

Funding is available to community groups and charities looking to fund local projects that bring benefits to communities, particularly those helping to provide food and giving children the support they need for a good start in life. Anyone can nominate a project and organisations can apply online. To find out more visit www.tesco.com/communitygrants.

Carers Support West Sussex is a countywide voluntary organisation providing information, financial, practical and emotional support to carers. We have more than 30,000 carers registered with the charity, with an average of 400 new registrations per month. Our vision is to bring the day forward when unpaid carers are seen, heard and included.









We did it! After 6 weeks of writing, rehearsing, painting scenery, learning lines, songs and dances, making props, sewing and ironing we made it to the 13th of May and our two performances! All the children involved were brilliant, and had a blast! WE ARE SO PROUD OF THEM! We are also very grateful to all our leaders and adult volunteers who have given up so much of their own time to make all this happen! Here are just some photos of us enjoying our big weekend!

We were proud to present this year's Gang Show. It's now 4 years since our last Gang Show in 2019. So much has happened in between, we weren't sure we would ever get to this point!

Gang Shows have been a part of Copthorne Scouts and Guides programmes for many, many years and in the past these have been organised and produced by Gwyn and Christine Cheesmur. Following the last show, Gwyn and Christine decided that the time was right to take a step back and for a new team to step up and take over the production of the show.

We would like to thank Gwyn and Christine for all their hard work and commitment over the years and their on-going support and help with the production of this show. We are excited to introduce the new Creative Team led by Jade Hawken. We hope you enjoyed the show!

Owen Cheesmur – Group Scout Leader Janette Burke – Guides District Commissioner I would like to begin by saying thank you to the Scouts & Guides for trusting myself and the team with this year's Gang Show.

It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know, collaborate and work with all the young people on what is now *their* Gang Show. Their ideas, energy, and sense of fun are just some elements you will have enjoyed during the show.

From our very first workshop to the very last rehearsal, we are so proud of what each person has achieved and how far they have all grown, and in just 6 weeks!

Whilst rehearsals have been in full swing, teams of volunteers have worked tirelessly throughout, ensuring everyone has the best costumes, set, props, sound, lights, music and, just as importantly, an audience to see what they have achieved! That old saying 'It takes a village' very much applies. It has been heartening to witness and be a part of the unwavering enthusiasm and commitment to 'It's for them' for the last few weeks

Everything really can be 'Awesome, when you are part of a team'.

Jade Hawken – Director

























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Still thinking of a summer party or celebration and haven't decided on a venue?

There are no Saturday or Sunday afternoon slots left in June and only a few in July, so don't delay and make your enquiry as soon as possible while we still have our 2022 hire rates until the end of August.

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For hire of the Main Hall, please contact Tracey: copthornehub@gmail.com 07853 653649







Bringing Residents, Associations & Business together for the benefit of the village

On Sunday 7th May, to celebrate the King's Coronation, the Copthorne Community Group were tasked with putting on an afternoon of entertainment and celebration.

With the weather forecasts prior looking 'unsettled', we were delighted that the day remained dry and occasionally the sun came through.

The residents of Copthorne were entertained by Jo York, Graffiti and Time to Rock and it was great to see so many of you singing along and dancing!

Thank you to those of you who entered our 'Best Dressed Table or Gazebo' - congratulations to the winners and well done to all the children who entered our sports activities and fancy dress competition.

I would also like to thank all our stall holders for making this event a success.

Finally, a plea. These events don't just happen, and the more volunteers that we have the easier it is for everyone. If you would like to find out more about how you can help with future events and ideas that we have to enhance the village, then please contact us at ccq.secretary@mail.co.uk.

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- We are looking for volunteers to help us run both the sports field and the Pavilion. If this may interest you, please email us at: info@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.

Interested in being part of **Copthorne Cricket Club?**

Copthorne Cricket Club are playing their first matches at Copthorne for over 5 years. New players are always welcome and no previous experience is necessary. We play 40 over Saturday afternoon matches and are trying to increase our T20 fixture calendar for midweek games this season too.

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