

COPMANTHORPE

Village Newsletter



June 2020

Message From the Editors

We have again brought together updates from a number of village organisations in this online version of the June 2020 issue of the Newsletter

Please note that it is not possible to include the advertising pages in this online version.

While the Covid-19 restrictions are in place we will continue to produce a monthly online version of the Newsletter and make it available via the Copmanthorpe Parish Council website.

Deadline for July issue

Please send any items for the July issue of the Newsletter by email to editorcopvillnews@gmail.com by 10 June.

Weekly Village Newsletter

In an effort to bring together the latest information about support and supplies in Copmanthorpe during the coronavirus outbreak, the Village Newsletter team has created a list of useful contacts and information for residents. This is also available on the Parish Council website. This list will be updated as amendments are received, please let us know if anything needs changing or adding.

Contact us

To include an item in either the monthly Newsletter or the weekly update please contact the editorial team by email or call Katie Betts on 07786 308061 or Peter Whitfield on 709133 or email: editorcopvillnews@gmail.com

With best wishes to all Copmanthorpe residents - Stay safe,

Katie and Peter
Copmanthorpe Newsletter Editorial Team

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There are times when everything feels calm and other times when the reverse is true. For many self-isolation is a stormy experience. Our hearts go out to those who have lost loved ones to COVID 19 and to others for whom Coronavirus has changed everything. It certainly is an uncertain and scary place for us, our loved ones and for those in our community.

At times Jesus' disciples were scared. I am reminded of the events recorded in Matthew 8: 23-27. The story of Jesus calming the storm can bring perspective and hope. After preaching to large crowds near the Sea of Galilee, Jesus and his disciples took a boat to the opposite shore to find some time and solitude to rest. As they crossed the sea, a storm came up with winds so great that the disciples thought they would die. Jesus was below deck sleeping throughout the storm and they rushed to wake him and ask why he did not care. Jesus woke and told the storm to be still and the winds stopped immediately.

Are we like the disciples? *We are here Lord, we are in this rocky, turbulent boat called life, Lord. Do you see us? Do you care?* We try to shake and wake him. We know we only need his touch. We cry out and call. We want to know that he hears us and will not let us drown. And Jesus says to those on the boat and those of us with ears to hear *"You of little faith, why are you so afraid?"* And in this moment, they realise, he was with them the whole time. And the storm calmed.

Jesus is in our turbulent boat. Yes, the storm is raging, and we can feel isolated, but be assured that he will not leave our sides. Jesus call us to hold on tight to faith. For Jesus, his death on the cross was surely his biggest personal storm, yet that was not the end – the resurrection followed. **Jesus has already conquered all storms.**

Revd Steve Barlow

Methodist Minister for Copmanthorpe working alongside Revd Helen Freeston

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Churches Together in Copmanthorpe (CTC) Local Ecumenical Partnership

Sunday Services for June 2020 – all welcome

The Churches in the Village are still very much alive and active despite Church buildings being closed and public worship not possible.

We are pleased to confirm that we are now offering online worship and other worship resources that can be forwarded to villagers. Please check out our websites and Facebook pages for details or get in touch with any of the Church leaders below for more details. There are also other opportunities to connect online including:

Church of England: www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online/virtual-services/virtual-services

We have been working in partnership with community groups to provide support to those self-isolating and in need. The Copmanthorpe Covid 19 Support Group can be contacted on 07871 781052 or copmanthorpecovid19@gmail.com

We continue to pray ...

Praying for Our Village

The following streets will be prayed for by Churches Together in Copmanthorpe:

- 7 June St Nicholas Close, Pike Hills Mount, St Nicholas Road, St Nicholas Crescent
- 14 June Top Lane, Larkfield Close, Hallcroft Lane
- 21 June Back Lane, Westfield Court, Manor Farm Close
- 28 June Low Green, The School, Orchard Garth, Croft Farm Close

If you would like any specific confidential prayer, please don't hesitate to contact either Rev'ds Glenda, Helen, Geoff or Steve. One of our pastoral visitors will be happy to call to see anyone on request. Just contact us via the numbers opposite.

Or you could use one of these help lines: Premier Lifeline 0300 1110101, UCB Prayer Line 01782 363 000 or The Samaritan Helpline 116 123

Churches Together in Copmanthorpe**Local Ecumenical Partnership - Regular Events**

(Please note all currently suspended and Church offices closed)

Open Churches St Giles' Church is open for quiet prayer on request –
Please contact the office or Geoff

The Methodist Church is open for quiet prayer every Friday, 9:00-12:00 and
on request to Steve or Helen

Shoppers' break – every Saturday, 10.00-11.30 in the St Giles' Centre.
Join us for coffee, tea, refreshments and conversation.

Holy Communion – every Wednesday at 9.30 in St Giles'.

Mothers' Union – on second Thursday of the month at 14.00 in St Giles'
Centre.

Women's Fellowship – on first Tuesday at 14.30 at Clock Cottage.

Men's breakfast – on last Saturday of the month at 08.30 in the Methodist
Church.

Praise and Play - (*for pre-schoolers*) – on the second Friday at 10.00 in the
Methodist Hall.

Playbox - (*for pre-schoolers*) – on all other Fridays at 10.00 in the Methodist
Hall for play and story.

NEW Little Fish - (*for pre-schoolers and their carers*) – every Tuesday 9.00
– 11.00 in the St Giles Centre
during term time (York Schools) – beginning 4th April.

Fizz - Exciting Children's Church – all ages welcome. Meet upstairs in the
Methodist Church every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. 10.15am –
11.45am.

For St Giles' Enquiries

Revd Geoff Mumford, 707716, mobile 07980 569450, email::

vicar@stgileschurchcopmanthorpe.org

Revd Glenda Webb, 07871 241933, email::

glenda@stgileschurchcopmanthorpe.org

Website: www.stgileschurchcopmanthorpe.org Find us on Facebook

The Church Office for Askham Bryan, Bolton Percy with Colton, and Copmanthorpe is at St Giles' Church and is open on Wednesday 8:30 – 12:00 and Friday 08:30 – 15:30, Phone: 708813, email:

admin@stgileschurchcopmanthorpe.org

St Giles' Centre is available to hire for meetings, parties, etc. Please contact: Kevin Jarrett at bookings@stgileschurchcopmanthorpe.org or via the Church Office

For Methodist Church enquiries

Revd Helen Freeston, 594460, email:: helenfreeston1958@gmail.com

Revd Steve Barlow, 709713, email: revsmbarlow@gmail.com

Website: www.copmanthorpemethodist.org.uk Find us on Facebook

The Church Office for Copmanthorpe Methodist Church is open on Fridays, 9:00 – 12:00. Phone: 708982.

The Church's Lower and Upper Halls and smaller rooms are available to hire for meetings, parties, etc. Please contact Janet White on 704203 or bookings@copmanthorpemethodist.org.uk



Our founder, Sheila Leach, 1934-2016

'Keep your pet' is a service for older & vulnerable people in the York & Selby areas, offering short-term help with care for their pets at times of medical & other emergencies.



helping older people and their pets to stay together

The service was set up in 2012 in collaboration with the local branches of Age UK & the RSPCA.

Details from: 01904 866070
or email keepyourpet@ageukyork.org.uk
www.keepyourpet.co.uk

Age UK York Reg. charity no. 1118346

Copmanthorpe Branch Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month. Obviously, in the light of the current situation, we have no option but to cancel all our meetings and outings for the foreseeable future. However, we look forward to seeing you all again when things return to normal.



In the meantime if there are any problems or you need help in any way please do not hesitate to get in touch with **Gillian, telephone 704992.**

Virtual Chattercraft

ChatterCraft now meets on **Zoom** every **Wednesday** at **10.00am**. Bring your tea and crafts – always optional - to a table and screen near you. For the Meeting ID and Password, please ring Rachael on 07941 384233 or contact copmanthorpewi@gmail.com.

We also have a **WhatsApp** group for **ChatterCraft** – if you'd like to join in, please send your mobile phone number to Rachael as above.

Newsletter – Contact Us

The production and distribution of Copmanthorpe Village Newsletter is managed by a small team, supported by a dedicated group of volunteers who bring it to your door each month. If you would like to contribute or volunteer to deliver in the future, we'd love to hear from you.

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Deadline for July issue - please send contributions for the front section of the newsletter (e.g. for village clubs, groups and activities) by **10th June** at the latest. Thank you.

General Data Protection Regulations - The Copmanthorpe Village Newsletter committee has an agreed "Privacy Policy" prepared under the terms of the General Data Protection Regulations. A copy can be obtained from George Wood as detailed above.

Copmanthorpe Library

All our events have been suspended for the time being but in the meantime it is possible to access some of our services via the Explore Library website at

www.exploreyork.org.uk/coronavirus



Get information and support during the Coronavirus crisis

- Join the library online
- Borrow ebooks and eaudiobooks - free
- Visit our new York Images site and explore the history of the city through photographs, illustrations, maps and archival documents
- Start your family tree and find reliable information about everything on our Online Reference pages

We are looking at other ways we can support you as you Stay Safe at Home so look out for regular updates.

Do you have other questions? You can email us and we'll get back to you.

All books have been renewed until 30th June and no fines will be applied. We hope everyone is staying safe

Telephone: 01904 552672

Email: copmanthorpe@exploreyork.org.uk

Twitter: follow us @coplibrary

Facebook: follow our page: Copmanthorpe Library

Reading group blog:

busybeesreadinggroup.wordpress.com

Sports & Social Club at the Rec Centre

Vicky Lawton writes: It was a very sad day when we had to close the doors of the club but we have decided to use the time to give it a facelift ready for when we can re-open and welcome everyone back.

We have been busy sanding, painting and stripping anything that stays still for long enough! The colours are bright and cheerful, the bar has had a make-over too and the whole place will emerge deep cleaned and ready for business.

Copmanthorpe WI

Whilst we cannot meet up right now, we're trying different ways of keeping in touch, including Zoom meetings and WhatsApp video calls. You can access the meetings free of charge by clicking on the link we'll give you.



We've got great things on our Facebook and Twitter pages and another option for inspiration is

Unofficial WI on Facebook – a free Zoom catch up goes on Monday to Friday at 10.00am.

No shortage of ideas and a good way of keeping in touch and meeting new people!

For further information about any of the above, please email: copmanthorpewi@gmail.com or ring Rachael on 07941 384233.

Copmanthorpe WI – inspiring women since 1924!

 Find us on **Facebook** Copmanthorpe Women's Institute
  **@CopmanthorpeWI**

Peace Of Cake

Missing our Sundays together but we hope you are all keeping safe and well .

We hope to see you all again when the café is able to reopen.

God bless

Copmanthorpe - The Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 9th June at 19:30 in Howell Hall or via online conference.

All residents are welcome to attend if at Howell Hall and, for the first 15 minutes, raise matters of concern to them. This will be preceded by a meeting of the Planning Committee at 19:00.

An interim meeting of the of the Planning Committee will be held on Tuesday 23rd June at 19:30 in Howell Hall or via online conference if required.

The Parish Clerk, Mrs P D Greenwell, can be contacted via email: copmanpc@gmail.com or by telephone on 01904 801 822

Parish Council Website: www.copmanthorpeparishcouncil.org.uk

Neighbourhood Plan Website: www.plan4copmanthorpe.org.uk

Parish Council Twitter: [@CopmanthorpePC](https://twitter.com/CopmanthorpePC)



Peter Whitfield writes: There is no doubt that dogs are benefitting from increased walks during the Coronavirus restrictions. Unfortunately, that has resulted in an increase in the amount of dog waste being left on pavements and footpaths. It has also resulted in a big increase in the number of dog poo bags being left by owners who, apparently, believe that someone else will dispose of it or that it will magically disappear.

Dog waste is unpleasant and can spread parasites and disease. PLEASE – pick up your dog's poo and then dispose of the bag properly. Not by leaving it on the path, not by placing it on a wall, not by hanging it from a tree. There are plenty of dog waste bins provided in convenient places, or you could take it home and put it in the bin there.

To report dog fouling directly to City of York Council please use the form at: www.york.gov.uk/DogFouling



Both of these pictures were taken locally



**Be a responsible dog owner
There is no such thing as a 'dog poo' fairy!**



Panda Playgroup, Sticky Mitts & Tiny Tots
www.pandaplaygroup.co.uk
 07716 653801
pandaplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk



A Funny Old Time...



So, at the time of going to press, we don't know what June will look like.

Will some lockdown measures be lifted?
 Will some of us be back at work?
 Will we be able to go to Mum's for Sunday dinner yet...? (I can't wait for this one!!)

However, whatever your post/during-lockdown life looks like, this is a great time to think about what your future childcare looks like. Many of us will have amended work hours and patterns, or be well in need of some time to clear up after having the kids at home for so many weeks.

Working more from home and struggling with juggling childcare?
 Worried about getting little ones socialising again after so much family time?
 Looking for smaller groups where social distancing is easier?
 Need some lovely, caring, qualified, excellent people to look after your kids whilst you try to put your house back together? (Or just have a cuppa in peace!)

Panda's **home-from-home, small, family-like environment** is a fantastic place to ease your kiddies into getting together again - and get them learning the EYFS too!

We're already taking bookings for September and making sure we have a lovely, friendly, safe place for your children. Contact us on pandaplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Don't forget to check out our Facebook pages too, to keep up with all the latest information.

Most importantly... stay safe Pandas!



“Online” Art Exhibition 2020

Annual Art Exhibition in support of
Copmanthorpe Carnival

Don't despair – All is not lost!

We are attempting to organise a simple “Online” Gallery for early July 2020

Want to know more?

- Watch the Village Newsletter next month
- We will try to contact all past artists and visitors by email or phone.
- Keep an eye open for posters around the village.
- Ask Jill 703188; Norma 700091 or Kathy 705530

Coronation Cup Gardening Competition

Megan Taylor reports: Its time for the annual gardening competition - open to all residents.

Have you spent hours on your garden recently? Are you proud of how it looks? Then why not enter this year's village Gardening Competition and show off all your hard work?

Size really doesn't matter, very small patio gardens through to very large have all won in the past. It's the content that matters.

The categories are:

- Best Front Garden
- Best Back Garden
- Best Plants Person
- Best Allotment

The closing date for entries is Friday 10th July and judging will take place during the evenings of 20th and 21st July by an independent judge. Social distancing rules will be observed and no more than two people will enter your garden, where appropriate. For very small gardens it will be the judge only.

Entry forms are available from coppcplanning@outlook.com, the [Parish Council website](#) or the Post Office.

Please return all entries to coppcplanning@outlook.com or to 32 Manor Heath by the deadline.

Copmanthorpe Community Pool Update

Simon Bowen reports: The results are in from the community survey we conducted in March. Even with social distancing coming into effect part way through, over 300 people let us know their thoughts about Copmanthorpe Community Pool, and the responses were overwhelmingly positive!

244 people responded that keeping the school swimming pool and reopening it as a facility for the whole community was very important (96) or extremely important (148). 245 people also responded that they would use a reopened pool, and for a variety of activities. Lastly, while people do travel to swim, difficulty accessing pools elsewhere was noted in 47 responses and poor bus services noted in 36 responses thus reinforcing the usefulness of keeping a swimming pool within the village.

A more detailed summary of the results, and the full report, is now available on our website: <http://copsinkorswim.org.uk/community-survey-results/>. We are very grateful to Imagine Projects for coordinating the community survey for us.

The survey responses also demonstrated that many people would like to help the pool project in some way or other. As a first step, we have created a Help Out page on our website with further details of how people can get involved: <http://copsinkorswim.org.uk/help-out/>

Congratulations to our May Sink or Win village lottery winners! The £25 first prize went to Dan Taylor (ticket 92) who replied “[I’ve] supported the lottery from the beginning. A great cause, which will be of great benefit to our Village and nice to have won something for the girls piggy bank”. The £10 second prize went to ticket 189 and the £5 third prize went to ticket 62. Prize amounts increase as more people join the lottery as well as raising money for the pool so please consider buying a ticket if you don’t already have one.

You can buy tickets via monthly payments of £1 per ticket per month on our website (www.copsinkorswim.org.uk) and we also accept ticket sales by post – supply your name, address, and a cheque for £12 for an annual ticket made payable to “Copmanthorpe Sink or Swim” to The Treasurer at 117 Temple Lane, Copmanthorpe, YO23 3TE. Also visit our website for updates on all aspects of the project.

Thank You Village Retailers

Bill Marsh writes: A big thank you to everyone working in the village Co-op, Pharmacy, Doctors surgeries and the Post Office who have supported us so magnificently during the current crisis. We really would be lost without you.

Copmanthorpe Recreation Centre

Martin Pickard reports: There's not a lot of news when everything is closed, but life goes on and events happen. In March the Recreation Centre Committee did not meet, but transacted its business using emails and producing a document setting out what it agreed in respect of an abbreviated agenda. In April we became more sophisticated and held a virtual meeting using Zoom technology, but still concentrating on an abridged agenda.

We congratulated our Treasurer who had successfully obtained a grant of £25,000 under the government's scheme to assist small businesses. We used up the greater part of this grant by agreeing to suspend the rent which we would normally receive from the Sports & Social Club until the end of October in the hope that, by then, they would be up and running again. The Club's rent normally constitutes more than half our annual income so it is vital that we ensure the survival of the Club's business. We also agreed to waive any water charges or insurance premiums that fell due during this period. The Sports & Social Club itself is using the lockdown to carry out a full refurbishment of the premises so that, when it is allowed to re-open, it will be an exciting new space in pristine condition.

The Recreation Centre is looking really good as the sports field continues to be mown, the cricket square and bowling green are being maintained and the tennis court replacement scheme has now been completed with the painting of the court surfaces. Members of the Tuesday Group are cutting the amenity grassed areas and while the play park is locked up, the wooden boards on the White Rabbit toddler climbing frame have been repainted and the missing board has been replaced. The remainder of the toddler equipment has been washed down and the seats have been repainted. Thanks to Trevor for making the new board and to Kathy for doing the painting. You could tell that the new board had been made by an engineer because the bolt holes fitted the nuts on the frame perfectly without any need to jiggle the bolts around to make them fit.

The Cricket Club has laid a hard surface alongside the cricket square which will be used for bowling practice and for some junior games. Whether we shall see it in use this season depends on when the Covid-19 lockdown comes to an end.

The play builder play equipment on the Sports field has been fenced off at the request of the Police who were concerned that the Covid-19 virus could linger on the metal and plastic surfaces for several days.

Copmanthorpe Tennis Club

Claire Fuller writes: This month our contribution comes from Dave Kershaw who has been thinking of 'alternative tennis' during lockdown in lieu of playing our mixed team matches. We are all hopeful that by the time you are reading this we are somewhat closer to being able to play the traditional game on our lovely new courts.



Dave Kershaw writes: The good news is that both mixed teams have an unbeaten start to the season. The bad news is that the season has already been cancelled, at least so far as league matches are concerned.

Unfortunately, running while holding a tennis racket does not fall within the definition of running for the purpose of daily exercise permitted under government guidelines and no one knows when the lockdown measures will be eased sufficiently to allow tennis to resume.

So how do we get back to playing tennis, especially as the new courts have now been painted. I have an idea! Tennis could safely resume if matches were played without players coming into contact with each other. In doubles this would mean players being restricted to an allocated quarter of the court, never changing ends, not using tennis balls (potential viral sponges) and miming their shots, but not randomly. The winner of each rally would be determined by the roll of a dice. For example, throwing a 6 would equate to serving an ace; 5 would be a double fault, including directing the second serve into the middle of your partner's back (it does happen); 4 would be a winning backhand volley (a rarity in reality); 3 would amount to a winning lob, a useful but very annoying (but not to Rob the Lob - can you guess why?) shot; 2 would be a winning miss-hit (the best shot of all if you can perfect it, but then it would no longer be a miss-hit); and 1 would be a winning smash aimed at your opponent's midriff or worse (a shot almost forbidden in mixed matches but played with relish in men's doubles).

There is definitely more work to be done on this but the LTA is interested in my idea and is keen for Wimbledon to go ahead on that basis. At times like these.....(cue song).

