

# COPMANTHORPE

## Village Newsletter

July 2020



## **Note from editors – printed copies to resume in August**

We have brought together updates from a number of village organisations again in this online version of the July 2020 issue of the newsletter hosted on the Copmanthorpe Parish Council website: <https://www.copmanthorpeparishcouncil.org.uk/village-newsletter/>

We are delighted to let you know that we plan to restart distribution of the printed Newsletter with the August 2020 issue. This follows the easing of measures designed to restrict the spread of coronavirus and consultation with our dedicated team of volunteer delivery folk, without whom getting the Newsletter to every home in the village would be impossible.

We will, of course, review this plan if the situation with the virus requires it but, otherwise, we will proceed with plans to print and distribute the August issue of the Newsletter to village residents.

Please note that it is not possible to include the advertising pages in this online version (for July) but the adverts will return in the printed August issue.

### **Deadline for August issue**

Please send contributions for the front section of the Newsletter (e.g. for village clubs, groups and activities) by email to [editorcopvillnews@gmail.com](mailto:editorcopvillnews@gmail.com) by 10 July.

### **Weekly Village Newsletter**

In an effort to bring together the latest information about what's happening in Copmanthorpe during the coronavirus outbreak, the Village Newsletter team has created a list of useful contacts and information for residents, also added to the Parish Council website.

### **Contact us**

To include an item in either the monthly or weekly newsletter please contact the editorial team by email or call Katie Betts on 07786 308061 or Peter Whitfield on 709133  
[editorcopvillnews@gmail.com](mailto:editorcopvillnews@gmail.com)

With best wishes to all Copmanthorpe residents.

Stay safe,

Katie and Peter  
*Copmanthorpe Newsletter Editorial Team*

## Copmanthorpe Covid-19 Support Group

The Parish Council, City Cllr David Carr and  
Churches Together in Copmanthorpe  
(Copmanthorpe Methodist Church, St Giles' Church  
and Peace of Cake)

We are a group of volunteers in the village who are ready to help people who are self-isolating or quarantined. We do not ask for anything in return, we simply believe in helping one another.

For example, we can assist with:

**Shopping for essentials**

**Collecting medication**

**A friendly phone call**

**Posting urgent letters**

**Walking the dog**

Please be aware, our volunteers will **never** enter your home, nor will they take money from you before providing the goods you have requested.

If you would like to speak to us or need help and support, please ring the community mobile on **07871 781052** between the hours of 9am and 12 noon, seven days a week, or you can email

**[copmanthorpecovid19@gmail.com](mailto:copmanthorpecovid19@gmail.com)**

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Dear friends,

As we go through this 'unprecedented time', I have been reflecting on where we are at the moment. As I write we are at the end of the first week in June, so the situation in our nation may have changed considerably by the time you read this.

My reflections keep bringing me back to the forty years that the people of Israel wandered in the desert under the leadership of Moses. I am not suggesting that we will be in the wilderness for 40 years, although it definitely has passed the 40 days mark. Those forty years were a liminal space in time. Richard Rohr, author and theologian, describes a liminal space as being 'where all transformation takes place, if we learn to wait and let it form us, a place where we are betwixt and between the familiar and the completely unknown'. This could be a scary space or it can be an exciting place depending on how we embrace it.

The Israelites were not wandering in the desert by choice, they were there because God was transforming them and preparing them for something else – entry in to the so-called 'promised land'. They were not yet ready and, amongst other things, God was shaping them for what lay ahead. Things were going to be very different in the promised land, compared to what they had been where they had come from, but also compared to their expectations.

When we eventually emerge from our current situation, things will be very different for all of us, although we may not know how. Some aspects of life will the same no doubt, but we will have to go about things differently. Some of our context may have changed: we may be forced to find different employment, we may have made decisions about our future direction, we may have new dreams and hopes. The one thing we can be certain of is that we will have changed, and our context will have changed and that won't necessarily be a bad thing.

We have already seen new shoots – the way the community has come together to support those most in need, through the Covid-19 group for instance, or the value of small local businesses who can help us most in these strange times, when we have previously always used large businesses. It is my prayer that the good things which have developed may be new beginnings that will carry on.

Perhaps we can also spend some time thinking about how we can personally 'be different' for the benefit of others and allow our context to shape us into the best people we can be. May we embrace this 'liminal space' and allow ourselves to be transformed.

I am praying for each of us in the midst of this situation.

May God keep you safe.

Geoff

*Vicar of Copmanthorpe*

## **Churches Together in Copmanthorpe (CTC) – Local Ecumenical Partnership**

### **Sunday services for July 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 (pending any change in Government advice).

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](http://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](mailto:copmanthorpecovid19@gmail.com)

We continue to pray ...

#### **Praying for our village**

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

- 5 July Barnfield Way, Homefield Close, Paddock Close, Wilstrop Farm Road.
- 12 July Barons Crescent, Reygate Grove, Malbys Grove.
- 19 July Vavasour Court, Fairfax Croft, The Recreation Centre.
- 26 July Deacons Court, Vicars Close, St Giles Way, Beadle Garth, Bellmans Croft.

*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 speak to anyone on request. Just contact us on the numbers above.*

*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.*

#### **For St Giles' enquiries**

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Website: [www.stgileschurchcopmanthorpe.org](http://www.stgileschurchcopmanthorpe.org) Find us on Facebook

#### **For Methodist Church enquiries**

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Website: [www.copmanthorpe methodist.org.uk](http://www.copmanthorpemethodist.org.uk) Find us on Facebook

## 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 and we hope to have more to share with you in August.

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**.



## Copmanthorpe WI

**inspiring women since 1924**

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](mailto:copmanthorpewi@gmail.com) or ring Rachael on 07941 384233.



[Copmanthorpe Women's Institute](#)



[@CopmanthorpeWI](#)

## 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](mailto: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.

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**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 by email or call 702602  
[georgewood46@hotmail.com](mailto:georgewood46@hotmail.com)

## 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:

<https://www.exploreyork.org.uk/coronavirus/>

### Contact us

**Twitter:** follow us @coplibrary

**Facebook:** follow our page Copmanthorpe Library

**Email:** [copmanthorpe@exploreyork.org.uk](mailto:copmanthorpe@exploreyork.org.uk)

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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.

**Stay at Home:** Reading links to bookish things for readers and book groups.

**Questions you may have**

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

All books have been renewed until 30 September and no fines will be applied.

We hope everyone is staying safe

## Copmanthorpe - The Parish Council

The Parish Council meeting for May will be on 14 July at 7.30pm either at Howell Hall (if restrictions are lifted) or via video conference, this will be preceded by a meeting of the Planning Committee at 7pm. An interim meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 28 July again, either at Howell Hall or via video conference.

The Parish Clerk, **Mrs P D Greenwell**, can be contacted via email [copmanpc@gmail.com](mailto:copmanpc@gmail.com) and by telephone on 01904 801822.

**Website:** [www.copmanthorpeparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.copmanthorpeparishcouncil.org.uk)

**Neighbourhood Plan:** [www.plan4copmanthorpe.org.uk](http://www.plan4copmanthorpe.org.uk)



## Panda Playgroup, Sticky Mitts & Tiny Tots

[www.pandaplaygroup.co.uk](http://www.pandaplaygroup.co.uk)



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### And we're back, yippeee!!



Panda Preschool Playgroup re-opened at the start of June and welcomed back some of our children – it's been... BRILLIANT!! We're following the government guidelines and the children are having a lovely time seeing their friends and learning through play. It's lovely to hear Howell Hall filled with laughter and fun again! There's lots of outdoor play, a wide variety of spaced-out activities and lots of handwashing and cleaning. The children and staff have all been fantastic – a true success.

**Do you need childcare for September?** Whether you're destined to juggle more working from home, or you're heading back to the workplace, and/or you/your child just needs a bit of time away from home; we're taking bookings now. Get in touch.

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

We're a lovely, friendly, safe place for your children. We're Ofsted-rated **GOOD**, take government funding and are one of the best value childcare providers in the area.

Contact us on [pandaplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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.

**And what about Sticky Mitts?** We don't think it's quite the right time to start back with our amazing stay-and-play groups just yet but watch this space. Hopefully we can get back up and running after the summer. It'll be worth the wait.

**HAVE A LOVELY SUMMER – SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER**



## Tennis Club

*Claire Fuller writes:* As I write we have been very fortunate that tennis is one of the few sports allowed under the first relaxations of lockdown and the courts have been extremely busy. One enthusiastic member has instigated a 'ladies ladder' for fun tennis during the singles-only ruling which has at least a dozen participants. Well done Jane! I think the following article sums up the feelings of all members who have embraced being out on the court again.



*Imogen Fuller continues:* Andy Murray talks very candidly about how tennis has helped his mental health. He explained in his documentary *Resurfacing*, how the sport enables him not only to find moments of escapism from the difficulties in life but has allowed him to access his own vulnerability and sensitivity to process them.

As many of us rush towards the courts now we are able to play in some format I think this is more important than ever to remember. It has been great to watch how everyone has managed to keep tennis in their lives whilst not being able to play. Some have put up nets in their gardens, taking on volley challenges, using a spare wall or actually playing on rooftops, which frankly I would have found more distressing than enjoyable!

Seeing all of these amazing efforts to keep racket in contact with green fuzzy ball I wonder about the motivation behind it. Who was doing it because they wanted to develop their technique, improve their back-hand volley or work on their slice? I'd like to think they were doing it because it made them feel good, a sense of normality and freedom when things have actually been quite difficult.

Now we are back on the courts I hope that spirit carries on, that through the hustle and bustle of new seasons, with competitions, matches and training that we remember how tennis makes us feel. Tennis makes me feel happy, focused and at this point, out of breath!

I wish you an enjoyable experience getting back on the court, or back to the sport that makes you feel good.



## Copmanthorpe Bowling Club

Peter Tooze writes: I hope that when this is published that we will be playing bowls again in force. As I write this article we are allowed to practise as long as we observe social distancing. Only alternate rinks can be used as rink 1, 3 and 5. We can only have up to two players on any rink at the same time. One player places the mats, the other the jacks. Spectators are not allowed and members bring their own woods with them as they arrive and take them away as they leave. We disinfect our mats and jacks after each game. The club house is locked and there is not a cup of tea in sight. I just hope that this will soon be a distant reminder of the village emerging from the lock down.

Today as you read this, I hope the sun will be shining and we will have our gates open for all newcomers to come along. This being the case then please come down to our bowling green within the village Recreation Centre. Thursdays 12.00 – 14.00 we keep clear for anyone looking out for a new sport/hobby to come along and join us. If you do want to try bowling but Thursdays are not a good time then please contact Sue, our Club Secretary, to arrange a date and time that suits you. Post lockdown, our green will be open seven days a week throughout the rest of the summer season.

To find out more visit our website [www.copmanthorpebowlingclub.org.uk](http://www.copmanthorpebowlingclub.org.uk) or contact our Club Secretary, Sue Davies. Email [SueDavies@copmanthorpebowlingclub.org.uk](mailto:SueDavies@copmanthorpebowlingclub.org.uk) or telephone 07749 970755.

You can also arrange free introductory lessons at bowls by going to our website and pressing the 'Learn to Bowl' tab. Complete the form and we'll contact you back to arrange a date and time that is convenient: <http://www.copmanthorpebowlingclub.org.uk/>.



## Copmanthorpe Community Pool

### Find us on Facebook and Make a Pledge!

Like many people in Copmanthorpe, this time last year we were looking forward to Copmanthorpe Carnival. In our case, busy building our own set of village stocks so that we could subject some familiar faces to a good soaking to raise money for the pool project. The stocks will have to stay in storage this year but we'll be reminding you of all the fun we had in 2019 by sharing some photos on the Sink or Swim Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/copsinkorswim/>). Remember to 'Like' our page to get regular updates on the project!

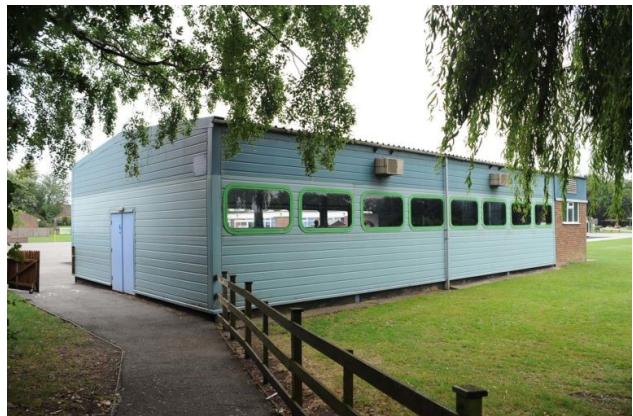


We recognise that, unfortunately, success in our project to renovate and reopen the swimming pool isn't guaranteed. So, we are asking people to pledge money to the project that we will only claim once we get sufficient charitable grants to cover a large proportion of the costs involved. This will also help us with the local fundraising funders expect as a condition of awarded grants. So far, 37 people have pledged a total of £845 to the pool, why not join them and help Copmanthorpe get its own village pool? You can make your pledge via our website ([www.copsinkorswim.org.uk/pledge/](http://www.copsinkorswim.org.uk/pledge/)) or by emailing [hello@copsinkorswim.org.uk](mailto:hello@copsinkorswim.org.uk).

Congratulations to our May Sink or Win village lottery winners! The £20 first prize went to ticket 43, the £10 second prize went to Chris Robinson (ticket 74), and the £5 third prize went to Peter Cuthbert (ticket 177) who replied "*I believe that swimming is one of life's essential skills and hope you are successful in your venture*".

As well as raising money for the pool project, prizes increase in value as more people join the lottery so, please buy a ticket if you don't already have one. You can get tickets via monthly payments of £1 per ticket per month on our website ([www.copsinkorswim.org.uk](http://www.copsinkorswim.org.uk)) and annual tickets 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.

Visit our website for more information about the pool project including the positive results of the community survey (<http://copsinkorswim.org.uk/community-survey-results/>) and details of how you can help out (<http://copsinkorswim.org.uk/help-out/>).



## Have you seen a swift?

*John Wilkinson writes:* If you look up on a warm summer evening in Copmanthorpe you can often experience the wonderful sight and sound of swifts dashing around overhead and making their “screaming” call.

Last autumn we published an article explaining that swifts are under threat due to loss of nesting sites and asking whether anyone would like to have a swift nest box put up on their house. We had a number of responses and installed four nest boxes on houses in Copmanthorpe.

Thanks very much to everyone who got in touch and particularly to the householders who had a box installed and to Martyn at <http://www.brightergardensandlandscapes.co.uk/> for doing the installations.

We'd like to put more boxes up if possible so if you live in Copmanthorpe, ever have swifts flying near your house at roof height and might be interested in having a nest box please contact Sprouts by emailing [johnlawrencewilkinson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:johnlawrencewilkinson@yahoo.co.uk)

### Further information:

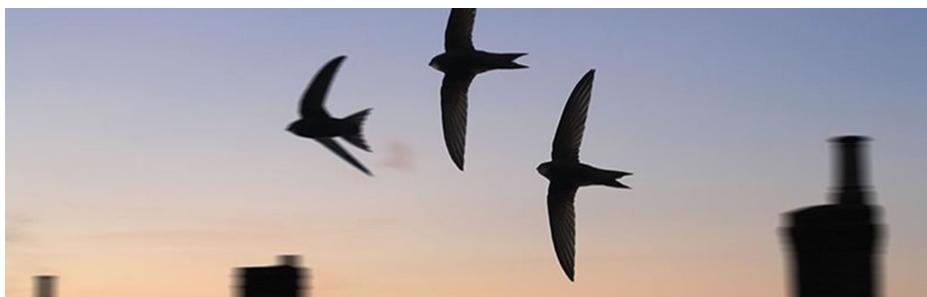
Twitter:

John Wilkinson @Copswifts

YorkSwifts @York\_Swifts

### General information:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/our-work/conservation/conservation-and-sustainability/safeguarding-species/swiftmapper/about-swifts/>



*Picture of swifts courtesy of RSPB*

## Recreation Centre news

*Martin Pickard writes:* We have now been allowed to re-open the tennis courts and bowling green. Both Tennis and Bowling Clubs are operating within guidelines issued by their national governing bodies but it is great to see some official activity taking pace at the Recreation Centre.

Throughout the lockdown there have been a few families taking exercise at the Centre but until recently there have never been more than four or five separate family groups at any one time and our six acres have easily absorbed them without any social distancing problems. It has been noticeable that since the beginning of June, more people have been coming down, but every one appears to have behaved sensibly. The Cricket Club has been making use of its new practice wicket for carefully distanced bowling and batting practice so let's hope that the second half of the cricket season may be able to take place soon.

While the Recreation Centre has been so quiet the Sports club has undergone a complete refurbishment in anticipation of being able to re-open and an application has now been made to the local licensing authority for a minor amendment to the licence to allow off sales from the bar and consumption on the sports field. The Recreation Centre Committee has supported this application and authorised the use of the sports field for this purpose. If the application is approved the Club hopes to re-open on Thursday 11 June with initially limited opening hours of 6.00pm to 10.00pm.

We have no idea when the play parks will be able to re-open. RoSPA had asked that the underpinnings of the contour slide should be painted to prevent corrosion ultimately causing their collapse. Our plan to remove them and have them powder coated was confounded by our inability to remove the bolts holding them together. A suggestion to remove them with a cold chisel was rejected on the grounds that the process might result in distorting the slide itself. Instead we have rather uncomfortably rubbed them down and painted them with Hammerite black paint which paints over and seals in any remaining rust.

The Annual General Meeting of the Recreation Centre should have been held in May, but for obvious reasons this has been postponed and we hope we can hold this in September. In the meantime all members of the Committee will continue to hold office until we can hold the AGM.

There is one exception to this as John Hughes has resigned from the Committee for personal reasons. We are very sorry to see John go. A stalwart of the Cricket Club he has been an elected member of the Recreation Centre Committee for many years and has always made common sense contributions to committee debates and has worked tirelessly on maintaining the sports field and in particular the cricket square. Our best wishes go with him.