



COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER: MARCH 2018

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The Parish Council Newsletter

Welcome to the March 2018 edition Parish Council Newsletter. This enlarged version of the Newsletter will be available on the Council's website early in February. In addition, paper copies will be available from the Bartley Post Office and the Courtesy Filling Station shop, Romsey Road.

Copythorne Annual Parish Meeting – Agenda

As trailed in our February Newsletter, the Copythorne Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled to take place on:

Tuesday 27th March 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Main Parish Hall

This is a key point in the Parish Council and community year, and a chance for all members of our community to meet and hear about and discuss local issues, achievements, plans and developments. This year, as there are so many areas of positive development within the Parish, the Parish Council has proposed a theme of:

A Celebration of Copythorne Civil Parish

with a range of speakers presenting on a variety of topics in relation to our Parish. The agenda was agreed at the meeting of the Parish Council on 13th February, as follows

1. **Welcome to all attending**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting 14th March 2017**
4. **Copythorne Parish Council Chairman's Report**
5. **County and District Councillors' Reports**
6. **Parish Awards – a new development for recognising contribution to our community**
7. **Presentation – 2nd New Forest (Stanley's Own) Scout Group, the Stanley's Own heritage building refurbishment and the Scouts trip to Gambia**
8. **Presentation - Copythorne W.I. – 100th Birthday Celebrations**
9. **Presentation - Friends of Copythorne Playground**
10. **Presentation – Copythorne Parish Hall - A Community Asset**
11. **Northern New Forest Neighbourhood Policing and Copythorne Community Speed Watch**
12. **Copythorne Area Village Agent**
13. **Logo Competition – for the Parish Council**
14. **Close and invitation to enjoy refreshments provided by the W.I. and meet the presenters.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

*The **Parish Council Annual Meeting**, is an entirely separate meeting which is required by law, to take place in May of each year. It is the first meeting of the new Parish Council year, where elections to roles on the Parish Council take place and other business matters are addressed. This will take place on **Tuesday 8th May 2018**.*

A Special Thank You.....

The Parish Council would like to extend its thanks to Cllr. Diane Andrew of the NFDC for her very prompt help and action on behalf of the community. Some months ago, the litter bin located on the much used layby next to the telephone box opposite the junction of Winsor Road and Pound Lane disappeared.

After raising the issue at the Parish Council meeting in December 2017 and again in January 2018, Cllr. Andrews went back to NFDC and got the bin replaced – it's now back and in use!

Thank you Diane!



Testwood Lakes After school club

We have received a notification from Grace Brennan of the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust to advise that, from **Thursday 19th April**, staff at Testwood Lakes Nature Reserve, Totton will run a weekly after school club for children aged 5-11 and their parents and or carers.



Families can experience nature throughout the seasons with the Hampshire IOW Wildlife Trust, learn about wildlife, gain practical skills and have a chance to play in the great outdoors. Activities will include: den building, fire lighting, campfire cooking, bird watching, bug hunting, map reading, pond dipping, woodcraft and more.

Linda Seekings, who will be running the club, says 'I run weekly Forest School sessions for under 5's at Testwood Lakes. When the children left to start school there wasn't anything similar that they could do each week with their parents – until now! That's why we set up this club. Children really enjoy visiting the same area of woodland each week, continually developing their skills, ideas and games. This club will give them the opportunity to do just that.'

The club will run from **3.30pm (for a 3.45pm start) to 5.15pm every Thursday**. Booking is essential – 'phone **02380 667929** or email testwoodlakes@hiwwt.org.uk. Each session costs £6.50 per child.

Next Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 13th March 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in the Parish Hall annexe

Special Notice – New Email Address for Clerk to the Parish Council

With immediate effect, the email address for contacting the Clerk to the Parish Council has been changed to:

parishclerk@copythorne.org.uk

Please delete the old address from your contacts.

The **Clerk to the Council, Susan Brayley**, can be contacted by post at: Spinaway, Wootton Road, Tiptoe, Lyminster, SO41 6FU, or by telephone - **01590 681228** or by email at: parishclerk@copythorne.org.uk; website: www.copythorne.org.uk. Details of individual Parish Councillors, and information on District and County Councillors, can also be found on the Parish Website and on community notice boards.