

# COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL

Issue No. 64 - Winter 2022

**WISHING YOU ALL A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR**

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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

**Dear Residents.** The Parish Council was very sad to learn of the death of Her Majesty the Queen in September and thank her sincerely for her dedication to the people of the UK and the commonwealth. There was a condolence book in Coppull Library for people to pay their respects and the Parish Council also wish HM King Charles III all the best in his reign. Long live the King.

It is also with great sadness that I inform you of the death of Councillor Nora Ball. Nora had been a Parish Councillor for many years and I'm sure most people knew her or knew of her! She took great delight in helping to make improvements around the village, together with her late husband Ken, and loved being Ken's consort when he was Mayor of Chorley. After Ken's death in 2016, Nora soldiered on and enjoyed her life with her family and friends. She met Frank and made the most of days out and holidays abroad, despite poor health. Nora will be very much missed.



The work for the new village hall should have commenced by the time you read this newsletter. Demolition is commencing from 1 November, with the site cleared and left tidy prior to Christmas, then the building work will commence. The build will take approximately 30 weeks, after which there will be rooms available for hire. If you need any further information, please contact myself or the Clerk.

The Christmas lights will be put up shortly and I would like to thank everyone who volunteers to help me each Christmas time and also throughout the year with gardens and anything else that occurs. We have also got a sponsor this year, **Phil Armstrong from AW Fire Safety**. Many thanks to Phil for this generous and much appreciated gesture.



Special thanks go to **Bill Bailey** who has decided to retire this year from voluntarily looking after the Memorial Garden. Bill worked for the Parish Council as a gardener for a number of years and then retired, but gave up his time to keep the Memorial Garden pristine as a volunteer. Bill is pictured with his wife Lynne and we wish them both well in retirement.

If anyone would like to volunteer to take on Bill's role of looking after the Memorial Garden, please contact the Clerk.

As the darker nights are now upon us, if you are a dog owner, please ensure that you still pick up after your pooch! This problem gets worse every year in winter, maybe because owners think they can't be seen! German Lane, all of the ginnels, but especially the one off Mavis Drive and the one next to Acreswood Surgery, are hot spots at the moment and the Dog Warden has been asked to patrol these areas more regularly. Also, if you are walking your dog near a school, **DO THE RIGHT THING - PICK UP!** Don't let children walk in this and then take it into school. It only takes a minute and there are plenty of litter bins around for you to put it in.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you need any help in the coming year, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Council, via the Clerk.

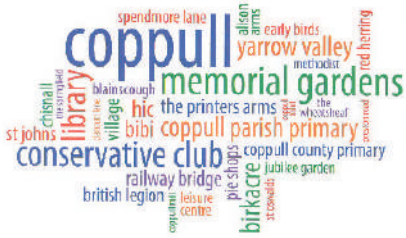


If we can help at all, we will, or at least point you in the right direction for help.

**Michael Atherton**

**CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION:**  
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# COPPULL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE



The Steering Group are working on the results of the surveys and have produced an initial report for the Parish Council, and it has been decided to continue work on the Neighbourhood Plan.

This is great news for the village and while there is still a lot of work ahead, early signs are encouraging.

Chorley Borough Council has appointed a consultant to help Neighbourhood Plan Steering Groups to focus their plans and, having met with the consultant, we are looking forward to using his service to bring the plan to its first stage.

A residents' meeting on the theme of 'Getting Around Coppull' will have taken place by time of printing and the Steering Group are hopeful that further valuable information will have been gathered to inform the Plan.

As always, we are keen to attract new members to the Steering Group, you don't have to have any qualifications, just a keen interest in making Coppull the best it can be now and in the future, attracting local businesses, maintaining our areas of beauty and creating an environment where rural & village life will flourish.

You can register your interest to join by contacting us via the following:

- Coppull Parish Council Clerk at [coppullparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:coppullparishcouncil@gmail.com)
- 
- Joining our Facebook Group 'Coppull Neighbourhood Plan'
- 
- Contacting via the Coppull Parish website <http://coppullpc.co.uk>

## COPPULL MEDICAL PRACTICE

### NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

In response to patient feedback we are pleased to announce that we are implementing a new and improved telephone system.

**From 11.00am on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 the new phone number is:**

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## SPENDMORE LANE METHODIST CHURCH

Preparations for Advent and Christmas are well underway at Spendmore Lane Methodist Church. The interior of our church is transformed at this time of year as candles and greenery displays are placed in all the church windows alongside similar displays in the choir, pulpit and pews. These together with a Christmas Tree, Advent wreath and Nativity set provide a very beautiful space for worship as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. So what services are we offering during this Festive Season?



We have 4 Advent Meditations on Monday evenings beginning on 28th November at 6.45pm. These take the form of short reflections and offer a quiet, peaceful half hour during such a busy time for us all.



On Monday 19th December we extend a warm welcome to 'the community' to join us for Carols Round the Tree at 7.30pm. This will be followed by mince pies and hot drinks. Weather permitting, we'll be singing outside in the church garden but if wet, we retire inside the church where it's warm and dry!

On Sunday 18th December we have a lovely service of '9 Lessons and Carols' at 10.30am and at 6pm there will be a Family

Nativity and Christingle Service which will be ideal for families with young children. We would love to see you there, young or old!

Finally, on Christmas Eve we have 'Carols, Candles and Communion' at 6pm. This is a service by candlelight and is a wonderful conclusion to the Advent Season.

All are invited to come along to any of our services where you can be assured of a very warm welcome.

On a different note, we are a very busy church all year round and do as much as we can to help our community. During these difficult winter months ahead, we can offer a warm, friendly space at our weekly Coffee Morning which is held every Tuesday from 10am to 11.15am and on the first Tuesday of each month, there is a short Communion Service after the coffee morning has finished.

Finally, on behalf of everyone at Spendmore Lane Methodist Church, I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas. And again, I extend the invitation to come along to any of our Christmas Services.

# Halloween Party

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The annual Halloween Party held at Springfield Park Leisure Centre was a huge success! All people who attended had some brilliant costumes. Fun was had moving around the Sports Hall which was followed by some food in the cafe and then to wind down a spooky film on the projector in the Sports Hall. With staff all working for free and the food being purchased by very kind and helpful contributors the charity managed to raise £338 which will go towards new equipment as the struggle continues returning from the lockdowns. Thank you to everyone who helps the Charity.



# Christmas Party

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- Fancy Dress
- Training - Sports Hall
- Food
- Christmas Film
- Raffle
- Fun Fun Fun

**Sunday December 18th 2022**  
**(3:00pm until finish (around 8:00pm) - £7.00 per ticket)**  
\*No buying tickets on the door\*  
**TICKETS ON SALE NOW IN RECEPTION**

Don't miss out Limited Tickets Available!

# WARM HUBS IN COPPULL

Here is a list of places you can go during the winter months to keep warm and get something to eat or to try new activities:

**Monday:** Coppull Library- Coffee and chat 2-3.30pm

**Tuesday:**

- Springfield Park Leisure Centre, Indoor Bowls (Coppull Conservative Club) 2 sessions 12-2pm and 2-4pm - turn up for more info and prices, or tel: Linda Chew on 07522266994
- Methodist Church - Coffee Morning - 10-11.15am
- St. John's Church Hall, 3rd Tuesday of each month 12-1.30pm light lunch and chat £3.50
- Coppull Library - Art Club for adults - 1.30-2.30pm £4.00

**Wednesday:**

- Methodist Church Hall - Good Food Club at 10.30 am - £10 to join and £4.00 per week for £25 of food (luncheon club each month-ask at the hall for details)
- Coppull Conservative Club, 12 noon, a light lunch for £3.50, followed at 1pm by bingo (optional)
- Royal British Legion - Luncheon Club - enquire at the club for details

**Thursday:** Coppull Conservative Club- Social domino night at 8pm - contact Linda Chew on 07522266994

**Friday:**

- Springfield Park Leisure Centre, Friendship Group on alternate Fridays, tel: Marjorie Parkinson on 01257 793566 for more information
- Coppull Library - Craft and chat - 10-11.30am

**Saturday: If anyone knows anything happening on a Saturday or any other day, please let the Clerk know**

**Sunday:** Coppull Conservative Club - Sunday roast from 3-7pm £11.95

## COPPULL PARISH AND ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- Sunday 4 December 4.00pm Christingle in St John's Church
- Friday 16 December 6.30pm Christmas Carol Singalong in St John's Church Hall
- Sunday 18 December 6.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols in Coppull Parish Church
- Saturday 24 December 6.15pm Christingle and Nativity in Coppull Parish Church
- Saturday 24 December 11.00pm Midnight Holy Communion in St John's Church
- Sunday 25 December 10.00am Christmas Morning Holy Communion in Coppull Parish Church



# COPPULL LIBRARY

## Library Events

There is so much going on at your local library!

We still have places at these weekly activities:

<b>Mondays: 2pm</b>	<b>– 3.30pm</b>	<b>Coffee and Chat</b>
<b>Tuesdays: 1.30pm</b>	<b>– 2.30pm</b>	<b>Art Club for Adults</b>
<b>Fridays: 10am</b>	<b>– 11.30am</b>	<b>Craft and Chat</b>



We have lots of “one-off” events every month too!

For more information pop into the library, call 0300 1236703 or check:

<https://events.lancashire.gov.uk/search/index.asp?q=&area=all-Venue&venue=Coppull>

A festive poster for a Christmas Family Fair. The background is dark red with gold confetti. At the top, there are illustrations of Christmas stockings (red and green) hanging from a holly branch. The word "Christmas" is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below it, "FAMILY FAIR" is written in a bold, green, sans-serif font. The date and time "Saturday 3rd December 09:30 - 12:00pm" are written in a white, cursive font. A list of activities is provided in a white circle, and a "FREE ENTRY" badge is also present. At the bottom, it says "AT COPPULL LIBRARY" and "ORGANISED BY THE FRIENDS OF COPPULL LIBRARY".

**Christmas**

**FAMILY FAIR**

*Saturday 3rd December 09:30 - 12:00pm*

- Children's activities
- Locally crafted gifts
- Raffle and prizes
- Refreshments available

**FREE ENTRY**

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# SAINT JOHN THE DIVINE

This article is about the beautiful War Memorial at Saint John the Divine Church, Coppull. The granite war memorial was dedicated in 1921 after the end of the First World War, one hundred years ago last year. It was unveiled by Brigadier General Darlington on 9 July 1921. The names of the fallen from the First World War were engraved on the memorial and the names of the fallen from World War Two were subsequently added. During the Remembrance Day service of November 2021, a visually impaired veteran who was laying a wreath stumbled over a concrete flag that had become loose.



Following on from this, a member of the public attending the service, John Chadwick, formed a small action committee with John Harrison and Dave Whelan (John and Dave are both members of St. Johns PCC - Parochial Church Council).

They promptly moved the flag and took steps to make it safe again. Dave and John started to tidy up around the base by placing shuttering and laying white limestone chippings. John Chadwick, a local painter and decorator, cleaned the marble on the statue and repainted the names of all the fallen service men who are remembered on the war memorial. This was a very skilled and labour intensive task. Also, a local joiner, Greg Whelan, built some wooden crosses pictured here. These also act as flower planters.

Greg and John (pictured below with Dave Whelan) have also done other works around the Church on a voluntary basis. Dulux Paints, at no cost, provided the unique paint that was required to repaint the names of the fallen servicemen. Also, Alty's Builders Merchants of Chorley provided the material to make safe the approach to the war memorial. Stringfellows Builders of Coppull carried out the work to re-flag and tarmac the approach to the war memorial.



St. John's Church is regarded by the Royal British Legion as their Church, as the Remembrance day service is always held there. Each year there is a very poignant and moving service held in St. John's and, if you have ever attended, you will no doubt know what a wonderful service it is, and a very proud act of remembrance is also held at the war memorial.

# CHURCH MEMORIAL



St. John's Church and the Royal British Legion work very closely each year to make it so. It is the very least we can do to take time out of our day each year, for an hour, to acknowledge the sacrifice these brave men made for our freedom. Rev. Matt Hornby and Harvey Butterworth from the Royal British Legion Coppull pictured left.

As we say in the service "they gave their tomorrow for our today). GOD Bless each and every one of them.

George Mortimer, Standard Bearer, Royal British Legion Coppull, is pictured right.

If you have never attended the service before, you are cordially invited by St. John the Divince Church and the Royal British Legion to the services in future.

Reverend Matthew Hornby, the Church Wardens and the Parochial Church Council of St. John the Divine, and the Royal British Legion, would like to thank John Chadwick, Painter and Decorator, Greg

Whelan, Joinery, Mark and his team from Stringfellows Builders, Altys Builders Merchants and Dulux Paints for their kindness in carrying out the work and donation of materials to do the work.



Pictured from the left are: Sue Williams (Church Warden), John Chadwick, Dave Whelan (PCC), Geoff Magrath (Church Warden), Harvey Butterworth (Chairman, Coppull Royal British Legion, Rev. Matthew Hornby, Lez Howard and John Harrison (PCC).

Thanks also to Keith and Sheila Harris for the wonderful photos. Article by Dave Whelan.





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# COPPULL FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Coppull Village Hall had its last party on 30 September 2022, as it is currently being demolished to make way for a new hall. The party was for Rex Critchley, an ex Parish Councillor, on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Rex was on the Parish Council when the Village Hall was originally purchased on the 23 June 1983.

A lovely buffet was enjoyed by members of Coppull Friendship Club and a beautiful decorated cake was made for his celebrations.

The Friendship Group meet every alternate Friday from 2.00pm-3.30pm. For the time being, it will meet in the Leisure Centre off Springfield Road North, going back to the new Village Hall when it is completed, hopefully by Autumn 2023.



Please contact Councillor Marjorie Parkinson on 01257 793566 for more information on how to join the group.



There is still time to enter this competition. Please email your photos by the end of December, stating which category you wish to enter.

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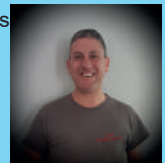
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- Coppull Parish School, Roe Hey Drive
- St. John's School, Preston Road
- St. Oswald's Primary School, Spendmore Lane
- Coppull Clinic, Springfield Road
- Coppull Conservative Club (public), Spendmore Lane
- Coppull United Football Club, Springfield Road
- Tree Face Cafe, Yarrow Valley Park (just out of Coppull)

If you know of any other locations in or around Coppull, please inform the Clerk to update the list.

## COPPULL PARISH COUNCILLORS

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Coppull Parish Council meetings are now being held face to face at the Leisure Centre on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, with Management & Finance committees meetings now convening as and when necessary.

The two notice boards are - Berry's Garden, Chapel Lane, near The Printers Arms, and in front of the Library. There is also a new smaller notice board at the entrance to the Leisure Centre. Agendas are posted in all the notice boards, in the Leisure Centre and also on the Parish Council website.

Please contact the Clerk if you wish to attend a meeting, as there is very limited room.

### Do you want to advertise in this newsletter?

This newsletter is hand delivered to every household in the village. It costs from only £25 for a credit card size advert and it has a circulation of over 3,000 — great value for money! Please contact the Clerk to place an advert or to obtain costs for larger adverts. Sizes may vary dependent upon artwork supplied and available space.

Additional copies of this newsletter can be obtained through the Clerk at Springfield Park Leisure Centre, through the website, or by email: [coppullparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:coppullparishcouncil@gmail.com)

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**1 February (Spring), 1 May (Summer),  
1 August (Autumn), 1 November (Winter)**

Please send your articles by email to the Clerk. Articles received after the above dates may be too late to be put in that particular issue.

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### Business owners!

Would you like to sponsor a flower bed in the village and have your company's name shown on the plaque? If so, please contact the Clerk for further information.