

Coopersale Chronicle

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A Guide to What's On in Coopersale
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Report Lawlessness

Many of us often see minor incidences of lawlessness, such as vandalism and feel there is no point in reporting it to the police, who have far more serious crimes to deal with. However, police funding and manning is determined in part by the number of incidents reported, so if you don't report things to the police, they will never get the resources to improve policing.

The message seems clear, report all incidents to the police, so that they are logged and help to establish a record of the level of policing which is actually required. However don't dial 999 unless it is a genuine emergency; the number to use to report something which has already happened is **01992 561212**

Institute Play Area

Further instances of vandalism have occurred around the village and youths congregate on the Institute Play area scattering litter and broken glass which renders the area unsafe for young children. Epping Town Council, which leases the area from the Institute, is unable to keep up with the damage to the fencing around the area. As a result the Institute Committee is considering terminating the Council's lease and locking the area so that it can only be used by approved groups hiring the hall. The Institute car park would also be closed off.

This drastic action would undoubtedly deny this facility to many who have not caused any problems but there seems no alternative.

St Albans Corner

It was encouraging to see one or two new faces at the Over 60 or Retired Tea Party on Wednesday the 23rd October, and even though some people couldn't come, through other commitments or ill health, it was well attended.

It is hoped the next one will be just after Christmas and before the children go back to School, so watch out for the posters. If you don't get out much, or see many people, do come and join us for good company, tea and a quiz.

Christmas Services

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| Sun 15 th Dec at 6.00pm | Carols by Candlelight, including singers from the Church School, the Church and Little Ark |
| Thurs 19th Dec | Carol Singing around the Village; all are welcome. We meet at Church at 7.00pm |
| Sun 22nd Decr 11.00am | A Christingle Service for young and all. Money raised will go to The Children's Society |
| Tues 24th Dec 11.30pm | Midnight Mass at All Saints' Theydon Garnon and St. John's Epping. All are welcome. |
| Wed 25th Dec 11.00am | Parish Communion with Carols at St.Alban's Church |

Whats On at the Institute?

Monday	<p><u>Pre School</u> Every weekday in term time from 9 am to 12 pm. Contact: Cathy Kemp, 15 Brickfield Road, Coopersale Tel: 01992 571101</p> <p><u>Floral Art</u> Meet 2nd and 4th Monday each month (March to November) from 7.30pm to 10.00pm Cost £5 per annum Contact: Mrs Myra Amos, 11 Princes Close, North Weald. (Tel: 01992 522442)</p> <p><u>Horticultural Society</u> Meet every month (usually 3rd Monday) from 8.00pm to 10.00pm Membership fee: £2.00 per annum. Contact: Mrs Tina Keehner, 9 Laburnum Road, Coopersale (01992 578521)</p>
Tuesday	<p><u>Pre School</u> Every weekday in term time from 9 am to 12 pm. Contact: Cathy Kemp, 15 Brickfield Road, Coopersale Tel: 01992 571101</p> <p><u>Karate</u> Meet every Tuesday from 6 - 7 pm and 7- 8 pm Contact: Lynne Aston, 23 Rahn Road, Epping, Essex CM16 4JB (01992 573666)</p>
Wednesday	<p><u>Pre School</u> Every weekday in term time from 9 am to 12 pm. Contact: Cathy Kemp, 15 Brickfield Road, Coopersale Tel: 01992 571101</p> <p><u>Line Dancing</u> Meet 1st Wed each month from 8 .00 pm to 10.00 pm Contact: Mrs Mumford, Tel : 01992 522423</p> <p><u>Coopersale Brownies</u> Meet every Wednesday (term time only) from 6.30pm to 8.00pm Contact: Mary Gill Tel: 01992 813253</p> <p><u>Group 2000</u> Meet 3rd Wed every month from 8 pm to 10 pm (except August) Contact: Mrs Rosemary Willis (Tel: 575827) or Mrs Marilyn Davis, 6 Laburnum Rd (Tel: 572712)</p>
Thursday	<p><u>Pre School</u> Every weekday in term time from 9 am to 12 pm. Contact: Cathy Kemp, 15 Brickfield Road, Coopersale Tel: 01992 571101</p> <p><u>Karate</u> Meet every Thursday from 5 - 6 pm and 6 - 7 pm Contact: Lynne Aston, 23 Rahn Road, Epping, Essex CM16 4JB (01992 573666)</p> <p><u>Tap Dancing</u> Meet every Thursday from 7.15 pm to 8.15 pm Contact: Alison Burkert 01992 578467</p>
Friday	<p><u>Pre School</u> Every weekday in term time from 9 am to 12 pm. Contact: Cathy Kemp, 15 Brickfield Road, Coopersale Tel: 01992 571101</p>
Sunday	<p><u>Horticultural Society</u> Horticultural Shop (at rear of hall) every Sunday (Mar to Oct) from 11.00am - 12 noon</p>
Anytime	<p><u>Petanque</u> Anytime, subject to booking Cost: Free Contact: P Newton, 10 Laburnum Road, Coopersale, CM16 7RA (Tel: 01992 574674)</p> <p><u>Snooker Club</u> Membership: £10.00 per annum. Light meter: 50p per ½ hour Contact: D Lambel, 58 Parklands, Coopersale, CM16 7RF (Tel: 01992 613511)</p> <p><u>Private Hire</u> Anytime, subject to availability Cost: Weekdays £6 per hour, Saturday £135 for the day, Sundays minimum hire £20 for 3 hr. Contact: W H C Hoare, The Gate House Coopersale, CM16 7QT (Tel: 01992 572568)</p>

If you have trouble reading this Chronicle ring Chris on 572568 and ask for a large print version.

New Year's Eve Disco

Doreen Pavitt is organising a disco to celebrate New Year. Contact her for tickets on 576498. If you can spare some time to help prepare the hall, give Doreen a ring, all help will be welcome.

Correction

In Fred Brown's article on the History of Coopersale in the September issue, we incorrectly stated that gravel had been dug from the common as recently as 1953. This was a typing error the correct date was 1933. We apologise to Fred and anyone who may have been misled by this mistake.

Coopersale Horticultural Society

We meet on the 3rd Monday of every month. Our first meeting next year will be on Monday 17th March.

The Trading Hut will open every Sunday (behind the hall) from mid-March from 11 till 12 o'clock and has a good range of items at discounted prices.

To join the Society contact Tina Keehner on 578521, come along to the Trading Hut on a Sunday or come to any of the Monday evening meetings.

Parklands Development Plans

Following a positive response from residents, the proposed improvements to the Parkland Shopping Parade have been approved. The lighting and CCTV should be installed in January and the remaining improvements will be carried out in February and March. It is hoped that the Coopersale Horticultural Society will once again help with suggestions for suitable plants and shrubs.

Give Us your News

If you want anything published in the March 2003 issue, please send your items to The Scribe, Coopersale Institute, (e-mail Scribe@coopersale.org.uk) or hand them to any member of the Committee before 15th February.

Coopersale In Early Days

What is now the brickyard was originally a brick making area, it also produced a terra cotta product known as Samian ware, a much sought after commodity. This ceased when the brick clay petered out.

Mill Lane between 42 Coopersale Common and where a small shop used to be, more generally known as Baker's Yard, housed a mill at some stage, presumably for grinding corn, when it ceased to exist I have not been able to establish.

Rood Street in Garnon Mead, now well overgrown, passed just before Woodlands from the old brickfield at the rear of the cricket field over the railway line into Forest Glade; it was the road used to transport bricks down to the main road. A five barred gate still stands on a small glade which was the entrance to an enclosure wherein pigs were kept.

Prior to 1902, the water supply in Coopersale must have come from dubious sources, ponds, wells and whatever. Due to pressure from a Dr Clegg and a Quaker gentleman, Bernard Winstone, much trouble ensued over a committee drawn up to look into a clean water supply and had to be dissolved due to a disagreement as to the cost. A law passed by parliament requiring work to be carried out resulted in an artesian well being sunk in Epping which served only 300 households. Next a Bishop Stortford firm installed mains and a supply for the whole of what had become the Urban District, including Coopersale, came about.

Fred Brown

Thank You

We would like to thank the many parents who regularly contribute to the success of Little Ark pre-school. During the summer a father had a day off work just to erect our shed and another father kindly arranged for and fitted a new security access system, the pre-school is really part of our village community and we are grateful for any help from the parents to achieve all the items on my giant imaginary "dreams" list. Thanks again.

Lesley

Gardening Hints & Tips

By Fred Brown

Now the season has finished it's time for reflection. Most of our so-called summer has been wet which whilst it has been of some value, re growing conditions it also brought its problems. Slugs and snails have had ideal weather for their predation on plants both floral and edible and what to do has caused some heart searching. Did we use conventional methods or organic ones? With pot plants, Hostas for example, a good deterrent is sharp sand on the surface of the pot(s) and sprinkled with slug pellets. The subsequent kill being disposed of in the dustbin. A substance called "Fito" sprinkled on pots does not kill but wards them off, also a preparation of a glue substance half way up your pots painted on and them dusted with sharp sand will provide a barrier. If aphids have been a problem, apart from standard insecticides, which you need to ring the changes as one specific type only used aphids become immune to. In a pint hand spray add a couple of drops of Armillatox this renders plants unpalatable and will kill the pests and is biodegradable. Another useful spray is soft soap in water or Stergene a few drops in your spray gun and eternal vigilance, remember prevention is better than cure. The cat is a nuisance, you must decide on a plan of action of your own.

In the vegetable garden you may have had runner beans that in growing bent. This is overcome if you remove the dead flower from the end of the bean and as it lengthens stroke with a finger and thumb, this allows the bean to grow straight. Slug holes in potatoes can be lessened or obviated if prior to planting you drench the growing area with a solution of Armillatox a desert spoonful to a gallon (5 litres). When planted sprinkle some slug pellets in the trench plus a sprinkling of salt after initial covering. If you encounter clubroot among brassicas soak the planting hole with Armillatox prior to planting this will kill the fungus which causes clubroot. Broad beans do attract black flies as do runner beans, when first noticed a drenching with Murphy's systemic insecticide just one application is usually sufficient and will not cause problems with the produce and with broad beans the removal of the growing tips also helps. If like me you have raised beds a good base dressing is chicken pellets worked in with a five tined tool, garden claw or similar, also addition material can now be added peat, John Innes No 2, rotted manure, your own compost, grow bags and well worked in.

When prepared if at all possible cover the beds with black plastic, old carpets etc. This keeps down weeds and warms the ground making it easier in the spring.

Green houses need a thorough clean up to clear bugs and any disease, so cover all plants and prepare them for a winter's rest and look forward to next spring.

Good Gardening

A Christmas Message from Rev Jonathan Lawson

As Vicar with care for the Parish of Coopersale I write to wish you a very joyful Christmas and New Year. As the Church community in this place we are here to serve you, and all are very welcome at St. Alban's Church, at Christmas and at any other times.

As I write this in late November the World appears a bit bleak, with threats of war with Iraq, possibilities of terrorist attacks on London, and an unresolved fire-fighters dispute. A long way it would appear from the comfy depiction of Christmas seen on many Christmas cards.

But the day of Jesus' birth, and his future life were also unsettled and frightening times. Born away from home in a mucky barn, and then taken as a refugee into Egypt to escape a ruthless child killing King, Jesus' early life was far from cosy. The God we believe in became a human so that he might share the experience of what it is to live as we do on earth. He is no patronising God living in a hermetically sealed palace, but one who knows the pain as well as the joy of what it is to be one of us.

When life is tough for me, I feel lucky to have friends who have "been there" and know what it's like: they can't make it all better, but they can be there for me, and the fact that they know what it's like makes their care all the more helpful and genuine. The message of Christmas is that God has "been there", and knows what it is like to be human. He has promised through his Son to be always with us through the worst and the best. That is what we celebrate this Christmas. I hope you have a good celebration!

Jonathan.