

Coopersale Chronicle

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A Guide to What's On in Coopersale
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Hall Improvements

If the new doors have not appeared by the time you read this article, it should not be long before they are in place. We are grateful to Epping Town Council for a grant of £600 towards the cost of these new doors. When the weather improves, we hope to finish painting the window frames and cills and clean the brickwork. This should finish off the external refurbishment and we are already planning the next major project - a new floor. We have had quotes for the work and have applied for grants towards the cost from Epping Forest District Council and the National Lottery Fund. Provided we get the money that we have asked for, we hope to schedule the work for August to avoid disrupting the groups which use the hall.

Coopersale Web Site

Have you visited the Coopersale web site yet? In addition to the Little Ark's Web Page (referred to elsewhere in this Chronicle) there is information about several village groups, Institute activities and news articles. Local businesses have the opportunity to advertise at very reasonable rates on the web site and contribute to Institute funds at the same time, so if you have your own business why not get in touch with Chris Hoare on 01992 572568 and get your name on the web. You can visit the site at www.coopersale.org.uk

From the Court Archives

Joan, wife of Thomas Retts, of Coopersale, being an idle and disorderly person and supposed to counterfeit madness, threatening to burn her neighbours' houses and so put them in fear, was committed by Mr. Henry Woolestone, to the House of Correction.
17 May 1650

Institute Play Area

Over the last six months, we have reported repeated cases of vandalism and anti-social behaviour on the play area at the rear of the Institute car park. There has been damage to fencing, graffiti, broken glass and damage to neighbours' property, as well as rowdy behaviour late at night. Notices have been posted warning that if the situation did not improve, consideration would be given to closing the site. The only reaction to these warnings received by the committee was that it should be closed.

The Institute Committee and Epping Town Council, which has leased the site for many years and maintained it as a public amenity, have therefore agreed that the high cost of maintaining the play area for public use can no longer be justified. The Council will give up the lease and the area will be secured.

It will still be available to groups hiring the hall. The committee will discuss the possibility of allowing responsible individuals to book and use it in an acceptable manner.

Parklands Improvements

As many will have noticed, the improvements to the area outside the Parklands shops is underway. The CCTV cameras have been installed and are already working. A new lamp standard has been erected and will be painted as soon as the weather permits. The bollard lights have been removed and the "egg-box" paving will be removed during the week commencing 24 Feb, after which the area will be turfed and a new bed, trees and some additional paving laid. The work should be completed by the end of March.

Whats On at the Institute?

Monday	<p><u>Pre School</u> Every weekday in term time from 9 am to 12 noon. 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 noon. 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> <p><u>Aerobics</u> Every Tuesday 8.15 - 9.15 pm Contact: Mrs Paula Green, 73 Parklands (07773 179169)</p>
Wednesday	<p><u>Pre School</u> Every weekday in term time from 9 am to 12 noon. 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 noon. 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 01277 354780</p> <p><u>Aerobics</u> Every Thursday 8.30 - 9.30 pm Contact: Mrs Paula Green, 73 Parklands (07773 179169)</p>
Friday	<p><u>Pre School</u> Every weekday in term time from 9 am to 12 noon. 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, Saturdays £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.

Aerobics Classes

A new club will be starting at the Institute Hall on 4th March, meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Paula Green, a fully qualified aerobics and fitness instructor, can also advise on dietary needs. Any age and level of fitness can join.

For more information contact Paula on 07773 179169

Dogs get their Chips

Losing a dog can be very stressful, not only for the owner but also for the dog. Some are found and spend a night in the dog kennels at Police Stations awaiting their owners to come and collect them. Others are stolen, or claimed by the finder as their own. Fortunately it is now possible to identify dogs in a way which enables the police to contact the owner quickly and which proves who the owners are without any doubt.

A tiny chip is placed between the shoulder blades of the animal using a lance similar to an injection. It is usually painless and only takes about 10 seconds to insert. Once in, it is there for life and attempting to find and remove it is extremely difficult as it would mean a surgical procedure. The chip holds a unique number, so no personal details of the owner can be obtained just from scanning the chip. When the chip is scanned and the number found the police or local authority then call the national register who hold the details on computer, the owners details can then be passed and the pet reunited with owner as soon as possible.

Over the past few months the local area has been experiencing a number of thefts of dogs of which none have been chipped. Information has come to light of the possible location of these animals and when searches have been made although similar dogs have been found it has been impossible to say that the dog is definitely the stolen pet. With the chip there would have been no requirement for identification from the owner and possible disputes would be avoided.

The cost of the chip is £11.75 per dog. For further information please contact Rob Hance at Epping Police Station on 01279 625442

Letters

Dear Scribe

I would wish to reinforce your message regarding vandalism stated on the front page of the Coopersale Chronicle dated December 2002.

An attitude has emerged in this country that 'minor incidences of lawlessness', a description assigned to vandalism, are a feature of modern society and as such are given low priority by authority and hence the police. These so called minor incidences of lawlessness often affect the life of the most vulnerable members of our society - the old and the young, an example of the latter is what is happening to the Institute play area the broken glass etc. Lawlessness is lawlessness and dividing it into so called minor and major categories may be of interest as a statistical exercise but it does not help the victim.

How does one categorise the recent break-in at the Little Ark -it may be minor in terms of the value of the property stolen but I would suggest it is major in terms of the distress it caused to Lesley, the staff and the children. The financial gain from such a crime will soon be spent, and hence, particularly in view of the time of the year, it could be repeated elsewhere, with another significant upset caused to the victims.

I would suggest that Society and hence the police should take a zero tolerance attitude towards these so called minor acts of lawlessness because as media publicity shows many offenders of this type of crime have a long list of offences to their name. Prompting one to ask if the perpetrators of the so called minor offences, unless checked, move on, after having served their apprenticeship, to major crime.

Yours sincerely

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Give Us your News

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

Little Ark Pre-school

Despite the break in at the pre-school just before Christmas in the end the children and parents had the most fantastic Christmas party, in actual fact we had two parties as one of the parents kindly arranged for an entertainer on the last day. It was these acts of kindness and generosity that made me realise how decent most people are.

The term started off with many new children most have been remarkable in settling in. With the introduction of funding for three year olds our sessions are filling up nicely. We have quite a healthy waiting list now. If you would like to add your child's name for the future please contact me on the number at the foot of this article.

Our big project for the future is the continual redevelopment of our outside area. This is very exciting because I have waited a long time for it to be complete and it looks like it might become reality in the not too distant future.

We now have a web page on coopersale.org.uk. Follow the links through Directory, then Schools and then Little Ark Pre-school.

We are contactable by e-mail
littleark123@aol.com

Many thanks for your continual support.

Lesley Seville
01992 578322

Neighbourhood Watch

Do you and your neighbours keep a friendly eye on each other's property? If you do, or think it would be a good idea, why not form a Neighbourhood Watch? The police can provide advice and you might even be able to get a discount on your home insurance.

If you and your neighbours are interested, contact Chris Hoare on 572568, or Tres@coopersale.org.uk or the Epping Crime Reduction Officer Tony Ellis (01279 625525) for more details. If sufficient people are interested we will arrange a meeting.

Coopersale Horticultural Society

The Trading Hut will re-open on Sunday 16th March, and every Sunday from then on. It is open from 11 till 12 o'clock and has a good range of items at discounted prices. Members of the society are reminded that their subscriptions for 2003 are now due; these may be paid at the hut.

The Society holds meetings in the Hall at 8pm on the 3rd Monday of every month from March to December; non-members are welcome and a range of interesting talks are given, many of which have nothing to do with gardening, so you don't even have to be a keen gardener to come along and enjoy a sociable evening. The first meeting of the year will be on Monday 17th March

The next show will be held on Sat 5th April. In addition to traditional competitions for the best seasonal flowers and vegetables, there are opportunities for those with culinary skills, craft and flower arranging abilities to demonstrate their talents.

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.

Group 2000

Group 2000 met on 15th January for the start of a new year together. The group, which is a friendly ladies evening, meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month except August. Joining fees are £10 per year or £2.00 per event if so desired.

January saw the group having a cheese and wine party - delicious food was provided by all members and we caught up with all the news of the Christmas season. February 19th we had a talk on Aloe Vera - it is always nice to learn something new that benefits our 'skin'; refreshments were also provided.

March sees us having a talk on Ghosts which should be extremely interesting. We do hope many more of the female villagers will join us at 8pm every 3rd Wednesday of the month - we will make you most welcome.

Rosemary Willis (Club Secretary)