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A Guide to What's On in Coopersale
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Jazz Night

Have you got your tickets for the Jazz Night on 12 March yet?

The committee have arranged an evening with a live band playing foot-tapping music to dance to, or just to sit back and enjoy. There will be a raffle with many prizes so bring some cash, as we hope to raise funds for new curtains.

The tickets are only £15 and include a buffet; please bring your own drinks. Contact Tina on 578521 or Doreen on 576498 for tickets.

Don't delay, the tickets are selling fast.

New Year's Eve Disco

The New Year's Eve Disco raised over £450 towards hall funds. Thanks to all who attended, and donated prizes for the raffle, including **The Theydon Oak**.

Well done again Doreen and Rosemary.

Institute AGM

This year's Institute AGM will be held on Wed 27th April at 8.15 pm in the Institute hall.

We would love to see a few new faces at this meeting, which is your chance to find out a little more about the varied activities that take place in the village and suggest ideas for the type of function which you would.

If you would like to help in a more practical way, why not offer your services as a committee member. Meetings are very friendly and informal and we only meet about four times a year.

Some of our committee have served faithfully for many years and deserve a break, so how about getting involved. If you would like to know more, or wish to stand for election, contact Fiona on 560694 or any member of the committee.

Flower Festival

This year's festival will be held in St Albans Church on 18th & 19th June. Refreshments, memorabilia and crafts will be available

What's 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 5 - 6 pm, and 6 - 7 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 noon. Contact: Cathy Kemp, 15 Brickfield Road, Coopersale Tel: 01992 571101</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 6 - 7 pm Contact: Lynne Aston, 23 Rahn Road, Epping, Essex CM16 4JB (01992 573666)</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>
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.

Little Ark

Two days before we finished for the Christmas break St Albans Little Ark Pre-school had a quality of education OFSTED Inspection. The Inspector was very nice and thorough, she was there from 8.45 - 5.30 and went over everything. In the end we came out very well, we got a "generally good" overall but in four of the areas we achieved very good and two generally good. Things we do well are "maintain a good partnership with the parents" and "use our community" very well, the items for action are two minor things really the planning needs a little tweeking, linking it more to our observations and the second was that the supervisor should delegate more. Which in all honesty I tend to agree with.

In the end we were very pleased to manage to get a 3-4 years until our next inspection, which is the maximum you can get, unless they move the goalposts again like they are talking about and doing a spot inspection without any warning, which I also generally tend to agree with.

Over the last ten years I have seen my job change into a completely different profession. With the introduction of Funding and the Foundation Stage the job has become much more "professional". The staff and myself are always going on training sessions and courses to ensure the care we give is of a high standard and relevant to Early Years. My good OFSTED Inspections should endorse this. However, I feel a little undermined when schools decide to take the children younger and younger pressurising the parents to send them. This Government has made a promise to make it easier to get mothers back to work quickly after having children, which is fine, but they seem to be turning schools into childcare centres rather than Education emporiums. What child wants to stay in the same place for breakfast, lunch and tea for potentially 10 hours a day. The quality of care the child is getting must be appropriate to that age group and in the right environment. Children shouldn't be going to school until after the term they are five years old but some are going at four, barely able to put their own coats on or dress themselves; what message is this giving to the child, probably one of a feeling of failure because they are unable to do what their peers are doing. Most Pre-schools are of such high standard these days that with the Foundation Stage they are working from the same curriculum anyway. So when deciding when to send your child to school, look at the child as an individual and ask yourself if they are really ready.

Lesley Seville

Pre-school Funding

Many parents may be unaware that 3-year-old children are eligible for pre-school vouchers. Essex County Council provides vouchers for children from the term after their 3rd birthday. Parents do not need to claim; this is done by the nursery or pre-school, so if you want to take advantage of the facilities provided by either Coopersale Pre-school or Little Ark get in touch with Cathy (571101) or Leslie (578322).

Group 2000

Group 2000 started the New Year with a cheese and wine evening on January 19th. It was well attended and the group had a very happy evening with home cooked food as well as rather good wine.

On February 16th Ann Witchalls gave us a very interesting talk about "Shoes Through Time". She spoke about her own baby shoes and Chinese shoes used by the ladies in the past who had their feet bound to please future husbands; these were tiny fitting into the palm of the hand. We also learnt about shoes worn by royalty and the up-to-date elaborate designs by Jimmy Choo.

On March 16th we have a talk by Jane Trice from Oriflame cosmetics; this will include a make up demonstration.

We welcome new members, and will give you a warm welcome, whether you wish to be a regular or just come for the evening. The subscription is just £2 for one evening, and includes refreshments.

Rosemary Willis (575827)

End of an Era

Our local newsagent's shop is changing hands. After 32 year's service to the village, Joyce Hambrook has decided that it is time to retire and has sold the business.

Joyce, Fiona and Philip have provided a friendly service for longer than many residents of Coopersale can remember.

We wish Joyce a happy retirement

Coopersale Horticultural Society

The first meeting of 2005 will be on Mon 21st March, when Ann Witchalls will give a talk on Theatrical Dressmaking. On Mon 18th Apr, Carole Hassey will speak about Flower Arranging for the Home, and on 16th May, Simon Jackson's topic will be Cookery.

The Spring Show will be held on Sat 2nd April. There will be prizes for cookery, handicrafts and children's competitions as well as for gardeners. Entry is available to non-members, so why don't you have a go at one of the many classes.

Peggy Walker

Peggy Walker who died recently at the age of 84 had lived in her home on Parklands since it was built some 40 years ago.

She was an active member of the Horticultural Society, rarely missed a meeting and for many years prepared lunches for judges, teas for visitors and refreshments for members.

She helped at Coopersale Primary School for nearly 30 years, initially as a dinner lady and later helping the children with their reading. She was also a member of the Coopersale Social Institute Committee for many years.

She was a wonderful cook who was very popular and loved by the school children. She will be sadly missed by the many people in the village who knew her.