

Coopersale Chronicle

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A Guide to What's On in Coopersale
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JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Golden Jubilee celebrations in Coopersale were muted with the main activities cancelled due to the lack of support. Only a small number turned out for the Tea party on Mon 3rd Jun, but those who did enjoyed an excellent tea of sandwiches, scones and delicious cakes, which had been generously provided by members of St Alban's Church congregation. A quiz and raffle added to the enjoyment and resulted in some money being raised for St Alban's Church and Institute funds. Special thanks are due to Mary Knight for organising this festive occasion.

A few residents decorated their houses, although several seem to have been more motivated by World Cup fever rather than support for the Queen's Jubilee. Vicarage Road had the highest concentration of decorated houses with No 7, the home of Doreen and Len Pavitt, being judged the winner. Len, who won the prize for the competition held on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee, had said that he didn't want to win again, so left the work of decorating their house to son Martin, who wins a bottle of champagne. Len and Doreen's talents were not wasted, as they masterminded the decoration of the Institute hall.

The residents of 16 Vicarage Road and 21 St Alban's Road had also gone to considerable trouble to decorate their houses and were judged equal second by the judges.

VANDALS AT LARGE

During the summer the Institute Hall and allotments have been subjected to the unwelcome attention of vandals, who have caused wanton damage to carefully tended plants. Onion sets have been pulled up and runner beans and their poles uprooted and scattered about. Village residents who have lavished hours of work on their plots and won prizes at Horticultural Society Shows are devastated by this mindless vandalism. Attempts to secure the allotments by locking the gates have been met by more damage as gates are battered down and ripped off their hinges. In addition fence panels have been broken and windows smashed.

What can possibly incite anyone to carry out such pointless damage? Do they get kicks out of upsetting others and creating more work for the few volunteers who look after the hall and allotments, or are they intoxicated by drugs and alcohol.

The Institute Committee are now considering installing CCTV as a means of deterring further damage or catching the perpetrators, and all incidents will be reported to the police. If the situation does not improve, closure of the recreation area will also have to be considered.

Ark Angels Toddler Group

The Ark Angels toddler Group will meet every Monday from 1.15 to 2.45 in the Parish Room starting on 9th September. If you have a 0 - 5 year old come along for fun, refreshments and friendship. Entrance is usually £1 (adults) and 50p for over 6 months but is free if you bring this Chronicle.

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 pm to 7 pm Contact: Lynne Aston, 23 Rahn Road, Epping, Essex CM16 4JB (01992 573666)</p> <p><u>Aerobics</u> Every Tues from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm Contact: Gary Moyler Ivy Cottage, 56 The Plain, Epping CM16 6TL (01992 577770)</p> <p><u>Ladies Karate & Self-Defence</u> Meet every Tuesday from 8:00 to 9:30 pm Cost per session £4.00 Contact: Lyn 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 pm to 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 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 want anything published in the December 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 24th November.

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Line Dancing

Monthly Line Dancing sessions are planned in the Institute on the first Wed of each month from 8 pm - 10 pm. The first session will take place on Wed 4th Sept.

No experience is required and the cost of each session will be kept to a minimum to cover the cost of hiring the hall. If you don't want to join in, you will be welcome to come to watch and enjoy the music.

COOPERSALE PRE-SCHOOL EXCELLENT SAYS OFSTED

Coopersale Pre-School which operates from the Social Institute Hall had its first OFSTED inspection in June and was rated as excellent by the assessors. Cathy Kemp is delighted with the result, especially as the inspectors agreed that the number of places could be increased, allowing children on the waiting list to start.

Following the success of last year's summer holiday opening, Cathy kept the school open for the first four weeks of this summer holiday, providing a welcome relief for busy mums during the long summer break. From September, she will be using the Institute's newly refurbished reading room as a quiet area for reading and writing.

Send the Chronicle to a Friend

If you have friends, or relatives who don't live in the village, but who would like to receive the Chronicle regularly, we can send them a copy by **e-mail**. I am sorry but we can't afford to send out copies by post. Simply send an e-mail address to **chronicle@coopersale.org.uk** (or pass it by hand) and we will add them to our electronic mailing list.

History of Coopersale

Fred Brown

Prior to, and into 1953, gravel was dug from the common area, now Garnon Mead. The product was used for local road works, in fact the Coopersale common road was only tarmac surfaced in 1931 and if you appreciate that before that for a good number of years coaches were horse drawn you will realise that travelling was not very comfortable. In the adjacent forest area there are still holes, although some of course are bomb craters made by German bombs aimed at North Weald airfield. Gravel digging was literally by hand with little or no machinery as we know today.

Up until the early 1950s there was no lighting from the Epping-Ongar road up to the railway bridge. In 1953, after much argument and discussion by the Council, four lights were installed making it better for local residents during the hours of darkness and fog.

The Horticultural Society began life in 1926 and prior to the second World War and for some years after, wonderful flower shows were put on, with gymkhanas, baby shows, dog shows and all sorts of events which make up village life. When of course it became necessary to build houses. The Parklands estate, normally the show venue, was lost and shows (much diminished) were held in the school.

Increasing hire costs and the lack of support for handling equipment from the Horticultural shed to the school and back resulted in the show being moved to the Institute, where it is now held. Unfortunately, although three excellent shows are put on each year, the small committee attracts no younger blood and struggles to carry on. It seems that the village attitude has died, as assuredly will local activities, which is a pity as these things keep the community together.

Parklands Development Plans

Epping Forest District Council has approved limited funding for further improvements to the area outside the Parklands shopping precinct. Ideas being considered are based on the results of the consultation exercise which took place in August 2000 and include removal of the rest of the "egg-box" paving and replacing the rest of the low level lights with one or two tall standard lamps similar to the new ones introduced last year. Other ideas being costed for possible inclusion are CCTV and better lighting for the area immediately outside the shops, and restoration of the brickwork around the planters as well as turfing some areas and planting some more shrubs. Stuart Mitchell of EFDC's Planning Department hopes to circulate proposals for comments within a few weeks with the aim of having the work completed by next April.

Gardening Hints & Tips

By Fred Brown

Organic gardening is the latest craze brought about by overuse of chemical fertilizers and pesticides, this, in order to produce more cheaper food. However, you can reduce your use of chemicals to a minimum and still produce good results. Use soap solutions more when spraying for bugs, systemic insecticides used as a drench need perhaps only two applications and also using Armillatox as a ground drench helps to stop vine weevil and club root. Concentrated manures like 6X are less likely to contain harmful residues than farmyard manure.

Here are some useful tips you can consider. When flowers appear on your potatoes, remove them; this helps to increase yield as the plant considers its job done when flowering. When watering plants in pots, give a thorough watering initially and after 30 mins water again as this ensures that no air is contained in the pot and assists top growth. The use of a soap solution is a good deterrent of bugs as this desiccates the bugs without harming the plants. Stergene used at the rate of three drops to a pint of water in a hand spray is sufficient to deter aphids, whitefly etc.. Saddle soap, obtained from a saddler (try Batchelors) is excellent as also is fairy liquid. You can of course if you choose add a small amount of any current insecticide.

Further to the above, companion planting is useful in the garden. Take vegetable gardening for example. Grow carrots and onions adjacent to each other; this keeps away the carrot fly and the onion fly. Growing onions close to runner beans deters the black fly as also does growing Marigolds among your beans.

Unfortunately I cannot give you any answer to the maurading cat problem - the biggest garden pest of the lot.

As the weather worsens, cooler conditions and shorter nights herald autumn and winter, consider shortening stems of roses to stop wind rock and loosening of the roots. When leaves are shed spray the stems (after you have removed all fallen leaves to the dustbin) using a solution of Armillatox, also the surrounding ground to kill spores of blackspot.. Armillatox is biodegradable and turns into fertiliser. If you have hardy fuschias in the garden again pick up leaves as they fall. Do **not** cut back as the stems keep away frost, cover the crowns with compost, leaves or peat and the plants should come to no harm. Dig over ground as it becomes vacant and if possible cover with black polythene, old carpet etc as this suppresses weeds and warms the ground.

A new substance looking like fine white grit and called "Fyto" or "Phyto" is a new deterrent for slugs and snails. A large bag is £10, not cheap, but I am assured it is very effective, does not kill but keeps them away from plants and is not toxic to animals, birds etc.

Coopersale Horticultural Society

We meet on the 3rd Monday of every month. In September Frank Murray will entertain us with an evening of Guitar Music and Songs. Mr Peter Morris will talk about Growing Perennials on 21st Oct and Mr Alan Gillingwater will tell us all about Growing Flowers from Seed at the November meeting.

The next show will be held on Sat 21st Sep. 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.

The Trading Hut is open every Sunday (behind the hall) 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.

St Albans Corner Farewell to Little Angels

We have approximately ten children leaving this term, all of them starting off along their different branches of life and I often wonder what will become of them, we all hazard guesses by their characters, "he's going to be a footballer", or "she's going to be an actress". I wonder, years ago what my teacher thought about me, I bet she didn't think I'd be doing what I am doing. What I'm trying to say is never discourage a child from doing anything they want to do no matter how bizarre and unlikely it may seem (except if it's something illegal I suppose). The world is their oyster, let them grab hold of the opportunities that are put in front of them. I hope that we have managed to get the most from the children who pass through our doors, presenting them with challenges and exercising their enquiring minds. Please keep us informed of their progress and come back and visit us when you can. Good Luck and God Bless.

Lesley Seville