

Coopersale Chronicle



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Looking back and looking forward

The start of a new year is a time for reflecting and planning for the year ahead. We have thoroughly enjoyed hosting events that have brought our village together to let our community spirit shine: Community Day, Scarecrow Festival, Light-up Night. We hosted three litter picks, a sunflower planting day/competition, published four editions of *Coopersale Chronicle* and our website.

It is hard to believe that Coopersale Community is nearly two years old. In 2021, the committee made big strides formalising the group, better establishing it for the future. In 2022 we hope to welcome new people to the group, whether as a committee member or volunteer/participant for a one-off event. We look forward to meeting you this year!

Looking ahead: Upcoming events in 2022

Below is an outline of what to expect from Coopersale Community this year. Check out our website for more details close to the event dates.

Date	What is it?	Who can come?
TBC <i>postponed from 21 January</i>	Game Night Fun and friendly board game competition.	Adults only
Saturday 5 March 11:00-13:00 Location: TBC	Spring clean + social One hour litter picking, one hour lunch + social. Litter pickers, bin bags and light lunch provided. Bring your own gloves.	Everyone
Sunday 13 March 15:30-17:00 Institute Hall	Defibrillator Training Come along to learn how to use the new defibrillator, to be located at Institute Hall.	Adults only
Saturday 16 April Time: TBC St Alban's Church	Easter Egg Hunt St Alban's Church are planning the return of this very popular event.	Families
Sunday 5 June Time: TBC Cricket Field	Jubilee Picnic Bring your own picnic to this village together to mark this special bank holiday weekend.	Everyone
Spring/Summer	Sunflower growing competition	Everyone
August	Community Day Scavenger hunt, games, information, raffle, fun! We will also reveal who grew 2022's tallest sunflower.	Everyone
October	Scarecrow Festival	Everyone
December	Light-up Night + Christmas Parcel Delivery	Everyone

Winners from Coopersale 2nd Annual Scarecrow Festival



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Scarecrow Festival in October 2021. There were 18 scarecrows this year, with 126 votes cast for favourites in three categories. Thank you Coopersale Yoga and Brian Davis for sponsoring the 2021 Scarecrow Festival. And the winners are...

Fictional: The Worst Witch (1st), Madhatter's Tea Party (2nd *pictured*), The Cat in the Hat (3rd)

Original: Caveman (1st), Witchy Custard (2nd), Jack (3rd)

Keyworker: Police Officer (1st), Skinny the Paramedic (2nd), Captain Tom Moore (3rd)

Coopersale Light-Up Night + Christmas Parcels 2021

On Sunday 5 December, we kicked off our village's festive season with a coordinated lights switch-on, carol singing and social. Over 100 people of all ages turned out at the Piazza to enjoy hot drinks, mince pies and share holiday cheer with neighbours. We wish Jinal Patel and Hambrooke News a HUGE thank you for all their support with this event.

A few days before Christmas, Sara Cormack led on spreading holiday cheer to five special villagers. She kindly put together treat parcels for five people, nominated by neighbours. These individuals show kindness throughout the year; this was a chance to share how valued they are by others in Coopersale.

Funds raised at Community Day (August 2021) paid for these initiatives.

Update: Spring planting project

We love Coopersale and proud of our village and community, but our communal spaces do not reflect this. In January, Coopersale Community applied for community funding from Epping Forest District Council to enable us to plant in our communal spaces, making them places of beauty and pride in our village.

If successful, we will trial initiatives, starting small with planting schemes to measure success. We look to make this a planting scheme that is naturally beautiful, easy to maintain, increases biodiversity and supports pollinators. We hope, as well as improving the environment, new planting will enhance wellbeing.

News from Coopersale Social Institute Hall

The Coopersale Social Institute Hall is available to hire for private functions, meetings and regular classes. For booking enquiries and information about groups and classes, please email coopersale.institute@gmail.com. The latest schedule of classes is available: www.coopersalecommunity.co.uk/local-information

News from St Albans Church

The Church continues to be open for worship every Sunday at 11.10, and all are welcome. Regrettably, we have had to take the decision to explore the possibility of selling the Parish Rooms as the congregation does not have the funds to renovate and maintain it. No final decisions have yet been made.

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Check out our website and Facebook group (Coopersale Community) for more news and local information.

The next edition of *Coopersale Chronicle* will be in March/April.

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