

Coopersale Chronicle



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Get involved – upcoming meetings/events

What?	When?	Where?	Who?
Committee Meetings Come along with your ideas and enthusiasm to help plan and deliver fun in the village.	Tuesday 4 October, 20:15- 21:15	Institute Hall	Young people / Adults
	Tuesday 1 November, 20:15- 21:15		
	Tuesday 29 November, 20:15- 21:15		
Planting Day & Litter Pick Details below	Sunday 25 September, 10:00-14:00	Piazza	Everyone
Dementia Friends Information Session Raising awareness and understanding of dementia	Monday 3 October, 19:30 – 20:30	St Albans Church	Adults
Scarecrow Festival Details on reverse	Sunday 9 - 16 October (see details to register)	Village	Everyone
Scarecrow Bake Sale, Social & Awards Details on reverse	Sunday 16 October, 14:00-16:00	Institute Hall	Everyone
Craft/Art/Sellers Market An opportunity for some early holiday shopping	Friday 25 November. Time TBC	Institute Hall	Everyone
Christmas Light-up Night Decorate your home/shop for the 'light up' at 17:00, social and singalong. Gather from 16:45, special guest from 17:30	Sunday 4 December, 16:45-18:00	Piazza / Institute Hall (rainy day option)	Everyone
Santa's Grotto (children and families) Afternoon tea/lunch (older people) Details TBC – welcome volunteers & ideas!	Saturday 17 December	Institute Hall	Everyone

Beautifying the village: planting and litter picks

Wildflowers bloomed and brightened the Piazza this summer, fading sooner than expected due to the hot, dry weather. We are using the remaining Health & Wellbeing Grant awarded by Epping Forest District Council to prepare the beds for autumn/winter and spring blooms.

Everyone is welcome to get their hands dirty, dropping by anytime on Sunday 25 September between 10:00 - 14:00. We will cut back wildflowers, plant seasonal flowers and spring flowering bulbs and pick litter. All tools, plants and light refreshments provided. Bring your gloves and water.

Road safety update

Earlier this year Essex Highways conducted a speed survey along Coopersale Common (near the church) at urging from concerned residents. The survey, which averages all vehicle speeds, concluded that there is no speeding issue in Coopersale. Cllr Holly Whitbread stated that the highways agency can only implement a plan if speeding issues are shown. She is aware that many residents will disagree with this report and requested the reports' full details and a review of the survey.

Coopersale's 3rd Annual Scarecrow Festival: Sunday 9 – Sunday 16 October

Have you been spending the summer dreaming up what you are doing for a scarecrow festival this autumn? Well now is your time to shine! There are three categories, with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes awarded for each, voted by the public via Google Docs or in person at the bake sale/social (Sunday 16 October). This year, we will have a 'village favourite' award.

Categories:

- Fictional (film or book)
- Historical (key figure, time period)
- Original (get creative)

You must register by Saturday 1 October to take part. Email your name, address, scarecrow name, category to coopersalecommunity@gmail.com.

NOTE: Your address will be added to a Google map so that people can find your scarecrow.

Looking Back on Community Day: 13 August

Our second annual Coopersale Community Day was an absolute success! Several hundred villagers and friends joined us on the cricket field for fun in the sun. Together we raised an outstanding £971.30 that will be used to plan and deliver events in December (see upcoming events).

The Community Day really took the community to make it happen! Thank you to everyone for sharing their time, talent and skills: donating/making raffle and tombola prizes, baking cakes, painting faces, reading stories, playing and singing music, cooking food, pulling pints, playing games, cleaning/setting up/clearing away the day.

Many thanks for the Coopersale Cricket Club for hosting, Institute Hall, Coopersale & Theydon Garnon School and St Albans Church & Hambrook News for their support, Hammond & Smith Estate Agents for sponsoring and advertising, Avey Lane Kennels, Shooters, Mini Athletics, DJ Tracy, Addi, Gal & Tracie, Theydon Oak, Andy's Whippy and Epping Forest Music Festival for helping make the day happen.

Special acknowledgement to the fabulous Claire Addison for her never-ending enthusiasm, fantastic organisational skills and brilliant ideas who made this year's event bigger and better than we imagined. We are so lucky to have you in our village. 😊

Epping Forest Dementia Fair

This important event will be held on Saturday, 1st October 2022 from 10 am to 2pm at St John's Church in Epping. There will be information stall and short presentations from local service providers

St Albans Church

The Church continues to be open for worship every Sunday at 11.10, and all are welcome.

Revd Lee Batson, 01992 561517, ibatson@chelmsford.anglican.org

Check out our website and Facebook group (Coopersale Community) for more news and local information. The next edition of *Coopersale Chronicle* will be in December.

Email us your news and contributions: coopersalecommunity@gmail.com