

ZEBON COPSE FETE

1-5pm

Sunday 4 July 2010

Zebon Copse Centre

Extended Fun Fair
KATS Dog Agility Display
Fun Dog Show
Birds of Prey
Trad Jazz Band
Face Painting
Crookham Village stalls
Real Ale Licenced Bar
Soft Drinks
Hog Roast
Barbecue
Teas and Cakes
Ice Cream
Other stalls & activities

Fun Dog Show

Open to all attending the fete

Entry fee £1 per class on the day

- * Cutest puppy (under 6 months)
- * Handsomest dog
- * Prettiest bitch
- * Waggiest tail
- * Best veteran (8+ years)
- * Best trick (1 minute to show best trick)
- * Most obedient over a small rally obedience course
- * Grand final between class winners



Rosettes for class winners and runners up

The Zebon Copse Fete is the major event of the year on the estate offering something for all ages. Come along with all the family for a sociable and enjoyable afternoon without having to use the car.

This year the centrepiece will be an agility display by KATS Dog Agility Club, who do their training in Albany Farm stables adjacent to the Community Centre. After their demonstration, at around 3pm they will be running a fun dog show (see above) for owners and pets of those attending. The bar will feature more Real Ales from Alton Brewery that were so well received last year with a supporting range of alcoholic and soft drinks to cater for all tastes and ages.

The ever-popular Hog Roast is back again this year with a supporting barbecue offering burgers, sausages and vegetarian options with an ice cream stall to round off your meal.

Riding for the Disabled will be back again serving tea and cakes from the new kitchen in the Community Centre.

And ZCRA is also pleased to welcome back the very popular New Excel traditional jazz band.

Let's hope the weather is good!

WE ARE VERY SHORT OF VOLUNTEER HELPERS SO FAR THIS YEAR

Helpers are needed for putting up, taking down and during the event.

Please contact Kathy Roades on 627093 if you are willing to help in any way.

Zebon Copse Centre

Zebon Copse Centre (ZCC) was finally taken over by Crookham Village Parish Council on 4 June 2010 after a delay caused by theft of lead from the roof in late March and related water damage inside the building.

ZCC is available for hire by individuals or groups for either single or block bookings.

Bookings and enquiries to 01252-615003.

Full details of facilities and charges are on the CVPC web site at www.crookhamvillage-pc.org.uk.

Film Evening ?

The ZCRA committee is seeking to identify events which could be held in the Community Centre which would attract enough residents to make it worthwhile.

A cinema evening has been proposed for late November. The necessary equipment is already available and films can be hired on DVD for viewing in public. All that is needed is a paying audience to cover the costs.

ZCRA needs an audience of at least 40 people paying around £4 a head to make a cinema show viable.

The two main options are: a general show in the evening; and a children's show during the day/late afternoon.

Please advise zcra@ntlworld.com or 615052 if you would be interested and what type(s) of film would appeal. Only if enough people register an interest will such an event go ahead.

See next newsletter for the outcome.

Fleet & Church Crookham in Bloom 2010

Fleet & Church Crookham in Bloom is run by a small team of volunteers with financial support from Hart Shopping Centre and Redfields Garden Centre. The aim is to enhance the visible impact of the area and to encourage pride in the environment in which we live.

The 2010 competitions for individual gardeners include classes for:

- Summer bedding displays
- Hanging baskets and containers
- All year round gardens (shrubs etc)
- Novices (those who have not won for 5 years)

In addition there is a class for 'neighbourhood': that is a group of houses who enter as a group and are judged against other groups of houses. Entries in all the above classes must be visible to the public.

Another class is for community gardens that are tended communally at places like elderly persons' residences or church halls.

Those entering the competitions do not have to have a 'prize' garden, merely a neat and tidy garden that is a credit to the locality.

Entries should be submitted by 5 July to Sonia Hannan (9 Broom Acres, Fleet), and judging will take place in the week beginning 26 July.

All entrants are invited to the prizegiving at Crookham Memorial Hall, Sandy Lane on Sat 25 September.

Further details and entry forms can be obtained from the Chairman (Terry Egginton) or, alternatively, entry forms are available from the photographic display stand in the Hart Centre.

Spring Bulbs

The autumn is the time for further planting of spring bulbs. ZCRA welcomes volunteers willing to identify suitable areas of public open space for further planting and who are also willing to plant the bulbs once they have been procured by ZCRA. Please contact a Committee member if you would like to take part.

Thefts

There have been several break-ins and thefts from and of cars in our area during the last couple of months. Please be careful not to leave valuables in sight either in a car or in the home and, in particular, make sure that your car keys cannot be 'fished' from your hall table through the letter box.

ZCRA has also been advised that household bins have been vandalised and stolen recently on collection day when householders are away late at work.

Please be alert for suspicious behaviour and contact the police on 999 or 101 if you see anything dubious. Please also advise ZCRA of any such events.

Criminal Damage ?

Once again children have been engaged in extensive earth works in the woods on the left as you approach the Swing Bridge from the estate. There is a fine line between having fun and causing unacceptable damage to the environment. In particular, sawing down trees crosses the line into criminal damage, whilst indiscriminate abandonment of litter is very antisocial. Please ensure that your children take proper care of other people's property when they play in the woods. That applies to parents, too.

Dog Mess

It has been very noticeable of late that dog mess is not being cleared up on open spaces, on footpaths and along the towpath. There is also a growing tendency for people to abandon bagged dog waste instead of putting it in a bin. Please clear up properly after your dog.

Trail Bikes

There have been several reports of late of youngsters riding unlicensed motor bikes around footpaths in the local area. If your child has access to such a machine, please ensure that they only ride it on private ground in an approved fashion. Unlicensed, uninsured riding in public areas or on the roads is liable to attract an unfavourable response from the police - not to mention local residents.

Summer Youth Activities

Unfortunately details of summer activities for youngsters in the local area were not available in time for this newsletter. When available, details will be posted on the ZCRA noticeboard outside the Spar Shop. Keep an eye open!

Spar Shop 'Garden'

The Committee proposes that ZCRA should plant a "resident's garden" in the tubs immediately outside the Spar Shop. Rajan has agreed. ZCRA will fund the plants. All that is needed is a few green-fingered volunteers to prepare, plant and maintain the beds. Please contact a Committee member if you are willing to help.

ZC Toddler Group

The Zebon Copse Centre Toddler Group continues to thrive in the New Hall at the Zebon Copse Centre. We look forward to welcoming you every Wednesday morning in term time from 9:30am - 11am. £1.50 per adult & child, £2.00 for more than one child. Whilst registration is not necessary, it is encouraged and we operate on a first come, first served basis. A fun, friendly session offers parents/carers with their children an opportunity for free play, themed craft activities, tea/coffee, juice and biscuits and our popular story time and sing along song time!

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Keep an eye on the ZCRA noticeboard outside the Spar shop for any late news.