



THE COPPED HALL TRUST

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1065569/0

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**Guided Tours, Open Days
Concerts, Theatre, Study Days and
Courses**

2012

HOW TO OBTAIN TICKETS

STUDY DAYS

Please contact Alan Cox on 020 7267 1679 or via email on coxalan1@aol.com.

CONCERT AND THEATRE EVENTS including the quiz evening

Please write to Frances Dennett, 7 Highfield Green, Epping CM16 5HB. Frances can be contacted by phone on 01992 610713 (answerphone) or via email on f.dennett3@ntlworld.com.

Please note tickets cannot be reserved by phone or email as a cheque is required to secure them. No refunds are made for unused tickets. When writing please include your phone number and, if you have one, an email address in case an event is cancelled or alterations are made to date, time, etc.

Children under 14 (5 for carol concerts) have free entry. Please inform us if you are bringing any children so we know the number of seats required; however, under-fives will have to sit on adults' knees at carol concerts.

You may also purchase tickets for concert and theatre events from three other establishments:

Tourist Information Centre, Waltham Abbey

Epping Book Shop

North Chingford Book Shop

When attending an event please do not arrive before the stated time as you will be unable to gain access to the mansion. Thank you for your consideration.

PLEASE BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WHEN VISITING COPPED HALL ON OPEN DAYS, TOUR DAYS OR FOR EVENTS.



GUIDED TOURS AND OPEN DAYS 2012

GENERAL INFORMATION

The only access drive to Copped Hall is via the white 18th century gates on Crown Hill (the Upshire Road) south of the mansion. The gates will be manned when Copped Hall is open. The lodges are privately owned and it is essential not to disturb the lodge owners for access.

- On Guided Tour days the gates are open from 10.00am (last entry 11.00am).
- On Open Garden days the gates are open from 2.00pm (last entry 4.00pm) and the car park is locked at 5.15pm.
- On Open Days and Apple Day entry is between 11.00am and 4.00pm.

Friends of the Copped Hall Trust and children under 14 enter free on Guided Tour days, Open Garden days (including Easter Sunday), Open Days and Apple Day. There is no need to book beforehand. On these occasions dogs are welcome but must be kept on leads.

MONTHLY GUIDED TOURS

These tours take place on the third Sunday of every month except December. Tours last about 2½-3 hours and cover the whole of the gardens, a large part of the mansion, the cellars and the stables. Tours start from 10.15am and last entry is at 11.00am.

Sundays: 15 January, 19 February, 18 March, 15 April, 20 May, 17 June, 15 July, 19 August, 16 September, 21 October, 18 November 2012. Entry £7.00 per person.

Tea, coffee and homemade cakes are available in the Racquets Court where there is also a shop selling books about Copped Hall and a range of gift items. Secondhand books are on sale in the mansion. There are also permanent exhibitions on site. At most times of the year, we sell seasonal fruit and vegetables from our Walled Kitchen Garden.

OPEN GARDENS with optional mansion tour

Sundays: 4 March, 1 April, 6 May, 3 June, 1 July, 5 August and 2 September 2012. Entry £3.50 per person plus an additional £3.50 for an optional mansion tour.

Gates are open from 2.00pm with last entry at 4.00pm. The car park closes at 5.00pm and is locked at 5.15pm. This is an opportunity to wander round the gardens at leisure in the afternoon and talk to our gardeners. A map with brief descriptions of the gardens is given out on arrival. From 2012, visitors will have the option of a one-hour guided tour of the mansion (excluding stables). Refreshments are available in the Racquets Court until 4.00pm. The Trust shop is open at the same time.

OPEN DAYS

Sundays 27 May and 26 August 2012 11.00am-4.00pm. Entry £7.00 per person.

There is access to the whole of the gardens, parts of the mansion (room stewards), the cellars and the stables. Tea, coffee, homemade biscuits, cakes and lunch are available, as well as a bar selling alcoholic drinks. There are stalls and exhibitions, homemade and homegrown produce for sale, and the Trust shop is open. The August Open Day will have a craft theme.

APPLE DAY

Sunday 14 October 2012. Gates open 11.00am-4.00pm. Entry £7.00 per person.

Access to both gardens and mansion (room stewards) as for open days.

Apple Day is a national annual celebration of our apple orchards and local distinctiveness, initiated by Common Ground in 1990. Join in the fun, play some traditional games, help with the juicing and have your own apples identified by our expert. There will be a display and apples for sale. There will also be entertainment, refreshments and bar, lunches, produce for sale and of course the Copped Hall Trust shop.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter Sunday 8 April 2012. Gates open at 2.00pm with last entry at 4.00pm.

The car park will be closed at 5.00pm and locked at 5.15pm.

Children can see the Easter bunny and join in an Easter egg hunt while adults enjoy the spring flowers. There will be tea/coffee and homemade cakes available until 4.00pm and the gift shop will be open until the same time.

PRIVATE GROUP TOURS

Copped Hall may be visited throughout the year by special interest groups. To book one of these educational tours, write to The Administrator, The Copped Hall Trust, The Stables Courtyard, Crown Hill, Epping, Essex CM16 5HS. Tel: 01992 571657. Your group should contain 20 people or more. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes are always available on such tours, which take approximately 2½ - 3 hours.

COPPED HALL ON FIRE

Last year, one of Copped Hall's volunteers, Roger Blake, decided to paint Copped Hall as it might have looked when it was on fire in May 1917, incorporating contemporary accounts of the fire. Roger donated the picture to the Trust and since then another volunteer, Peter Gamble, a professional photographic re-toucher, has made prints of the painting in a limited edition of 25. One of the prints is on display in the Racquets Court. These signed, unframed prints at £50 each can be ordered from June Brown on 0208 505 1041. All proceeds go to the Acquisition Fund.

EDUCATION – WORKSHOPS

Dilys Bidewell SUMMER DRAWING COURSE

**Wednesday 6 June, Monday 11 June, Wednesday 20 June and Monday 25 June
9.30am to 5.00pm**

Cost £25 per day which includes tea or coffee on arrival. Tea and coffee will also be available throughout the day. Please bring your own lunch and we will provide fresh fruit salad and cream at lunchtime in addition. You may attend any or all of the days. The course is limited to ten people per session.

The historic architecture and gardens of Copped Hall (and the inside of the mansion if it rains!) offer a rich and varied range of subjects to anyone interested in drawing from observation. You can spend the day drawing just one flower or the whole mansion. The course will provide an opportunity to spend time in this inspiring location, while developing your drawing skills, at your own pace, with the one-to-one support of an experienced artist and tutor. There will also be a brief presentation of different aspects of drawing at the start of each day. All levels of experience are welcome, including beginners. The course places no restrictions on the choice of media used for drawing. Easels will be provided.

Dilys Bidewell is an artist and qualified teacher. Originally trained as an architect, Dilys has an MA in Fine Art and has taught as a regular visiting lecturer on the BA and MA Fine Art Painting Courses at Wimbledon College of Art over many years. She has conducted summer schools for Central St Martins at Byam Shaw School of Art.

Please telephone **Alan Cox on 020 7267 1679** or email: **coxalan1@aol.com** for any questions to do with the course and the purchase of tickets.

Arbutus Music MUSIC WORKSHOP: MERRIE ENGLAND

Wednesday 25 July 2012 10.00am to 4.00pm. Cost £30.00 per person.

Venue: Saloon at Copped Hall. Registration from 9.30am.

There will be tea and coffee intervals, but no lunch provided. Participants should either bring a packed lunch or may be taken to a local pub.

This workshop will celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a day singing Edward German's patriotic comic opera Merrie England, a lively celebration of the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. Enjoy singing this rich and colourful music in a beautiful venue, itself steeped in history. As well as exploring repertoire, Arbutus courses include voice-coaching ideas and tips and the opportunity to build group singing skills, including part-singing for those who wish. All done in a fun and light-hearted way, these events are as suitable for those new to group singing as they are for "old hands" who fancy a change and enjoy trying new repertoire. All singing materials will be provided. Please wear warm clothing.

For enrolment contact: workshops@arbutusmusic.net or telephone 01277

651970. Or contact Frances Dennett, 7 Highfield Green, Epping, Essex CM16 5HB
Tel: 01992 610713 Email: f.dennett3@ntlworld.com.

EDUCATION – STUDY DAYS

10.00am for 10.30am start. Price includes lunch and coffee or tea on arrival.

For tickets contact Alan Cox on 020 7267 1679 or email coxalan1@aol.com.

Tuesday 12 June

William Tyler POWER AND INFLUENCE: The Story of Some Essex Families

Some powerful and influential families have helped shape our county's history over the years – its economic, architectural, political, social and even landscape history. They include powerful families like the De Veres of Hedingham Castle, the Petres of Ingatestone Hall and the Courtaulds of Halstead and Bocking, but also less well-known families such as the Mildmays of Chelmsford, the Harveys of Chigwell and the Gilbeys of the northwest of Essex. We shall explore some of these families and others, during our time together, so as to create a rich tapestry of our county's history. **Cost £25**

Thursday 9 August

Peter Lawrence WARSHIPS TO OLYMPICS: A History of the Lower River Lee

This study day begins at the mouth of the River Lee (or Lea) where it joins the Thames. Here, over three centuries, ships were built for the Royal Navy and the great maritime trading companies that served the British Empire. As we journey up the Lee we see the sites of industry that made ordnance used in the American war of independence and then the arrival of coal gas into people's homes. Further upstream is the ancient river crossing at Bow that has carried merchants from East Anglia to London markets for 800 years. Immediately to the north, on the Essex side, is a vast area, once open marsh, which became the site of the Great Eastern Railway headquarters. Then we reach 2012, an important year in our national and local history. As with my earlier study days, the historic link will be the many investors and power brokers who operated in this area and had their country houses in southwest Essex. **Cost £25**

Tuesday 6 November

Bill Sargent PARGETING

Bill Sargent is amongst the highest regarded pargeters in the country. His work can be seen in Suffolk, Essex, Kent and Norfolk and covers most areas of conservation plasterwork and pargeting. Much of this work is on listed buildings and also includes lime mouldings and arches, lime floors and lime washing, together with work in brick, stone and slate.

Bill began plastering in the mid-1960s and worked with his father - continuing the tradition of conservation plasterwork and pargeting begun by his grandfather in 1926. They worked throughout the Anglia region. Since 1971 Bill has been based in mid-Suffolk, where many examples of his work can be seen. Bill has worked on a number of different kinds of period buildings, including those constructed from clay lump, brick, stone and timber. Bill uses materials such as clay plasters, chalk lime, sand lime and putty plasters to produce a traditional finish. **Cost £30**

The study day will include practical demonstrations.

EDUCATION – ARCHAEOLOGY

Copped Hall is an important archaeological site with a complex sequence of building phases. Its recorded history starts in the 12th century. **The Copped Hall Trust Archaeological Project (CHTAP)** is carrying out a programme of excavations on the site of the earlier mansion (“old” Copped Hall), which stood at the northern end of the gardens and was demolished in 1748. The site is mainly Tudor but there are finds from all periods from the modern back to medieval, Saxon, Roman and prehistoric times (the Iron Age and earlier).

In **July 2012** the **CHTAP** will be running three Taster Weekends, each one aimed at teaching beginners the absolute basics of archaeology and excavation.

The dates will be as follows:

Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 July

Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 July

Saturday 28 July and Sunday 29 July

Each weekend will include presentations by a professional archaeologist on methods of investigation and on finds, but the aim of the weekend will be for students to spend the great majority of their time on actual excavation.

Cost of each weekend will be £50.

In **August 2012** two five-day Field Schools will be held for those who have already learned the basics of excavation and recording, either at Copped Hall or elsewhere, and wish to develop their skills further. The aim of the schools will be to advance the archaeology of old Copped Hall.

The Field School dates will be as follows:

Monday 6 - Friday 10 August;

Monday 13 - Friday 17 August inclusive

Weather permitting, the students will work in the trench all week under the direction of professional archaeologists, assisted by supervisors who know the site very well. Certificates will be awarded to those who complete each School.

Cost of the Field School will be £90 for the week.

Bookings must be for a whole Taster Weekend or a whole Field School, not single days.

For more information or to make a booking, please write to:

Pauline Dalton, Roseleigh, Epping Road, Epping, Essex CM16 5HW.

Tel: 01992 813725 Email: pdalton87@gmail.com

EDUCATION – LECTURE

Alan Cox LAST YEAR AT COPPED HALL

**Sunday 18 March 2012 at Theydon Bois Village Hall. 2.30pm for 3.00pm start.
Cost £5 including tea and biscuits in the interval.**

Alan Cox is the co-founder of the Copped Hall Trust and its chairman and architect. He will give an illustrated overview of the achievements at Copped Hall during the last year, covering the mansion, gardens and events.

Tickets can be purchased at the door. To buy tickets in advance, contact Frances Dennett, 7 Highfield Green, Epping, Essex CM16 5HB Tel: 01992 610713 Email: f.dennett3@ntlworld.com.

EDUCATION – TALK AND DEMONSTRATION

Helen Lowther CONTAINER GARDENING

**Saturday 14 April 2012 9.30am to 1.00pm
Cost £10 including coffee/tea and homemade biscuits and cakes.**

If you love pots and baskets but would like to know a little more, then come along to this informative and enjoyable morning on container gardening. There will be demonstrations, advice, hints and tips on compost, plants, planting and all aspects of container gardening, as well as a question-and-answer session. The talk and demonstration will take place in the south room.

Tickets available from Frances Dennett, 7 Highfield Green, Epping, Essex CM16 5HB Tel: 01992 610713 Email: f.dennett3@ntlworld.com.

OTHER EVENTS AT COPPED HALL

QUIZ EVENING

**Saturday 18 February 2012 at Theydon Bois Village Hall
Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.
Cost £10 per person including Ploughman's Supper. Tickets must be purchased in advance.**

Tables of six to eight people. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

For tickets apply in writing to Frances Dennett, 7 Highfield Green, Epping, Essex CM16 5HB enclosing a cheque made payable to The Copped Hall Trust and a stamped self-addressed envelope. Tickets will be sent to you by post.

COPPED HALL RUN

**Sunday 7 October 2012. Organised by the Rotary Club of Epping.
Contact John Padfield on 01992 575762 for all details.**

This will be the eighth year that the run has taken place in support of the Copped Hall restoration fund and local schools. The main event is a run over a multi-terrain course of five miles around the Copped Hall Estate. There are also schools' runs of one mile for under-11s and two miles for under-13s. The event now attracts between 400 and 500 runners each year.

WHAT YOU CAN BUY AT COPPED HALL

THE COPPED HALL TRUST SHOP

The shop is situated in the Racquets Court and stocks a good selection of books relating to the history of Copped Hall and its gardens. There are also many items, all bearing the Copped Hall logo, which make ideal gifts. Each year we produce packs of Christmas cards and calendars which feature recent photos of Copped Hall. All profits go to the restoration of Copped Hall.

The shop is open on all tour days and Open Days and you can also see our price list online at: www.coppedhalltrust.org.uk

THE BARGAIN BOOKSTALL

The books accepted and displayed for sale on the bookstall are located in the Education Room in Copped Hall. The books are in good condition and sell for the very reasonable price of **£1**. As with the catering, we wish to establish a reputation for excellence and a reason for visitors to return again and again. All money raised from sales goes towards the Acquisition Fund.

WALLED KITCHEN GARDEN PRODUCE

When visiting Copped Hall on Tour Days and Open Days, come to the Racquets Court to purchase our wonderful selection of fresh fruit, vegetables and flowers cultivated by the dedicated team of volunteer gardeners working in the Walled Kitchen Garden. Supplies of produce vary according to the season.

MUSIC AND THEATRE AT THE MANSION 2012

See inside front cover for details of how to obtain tickets for Music and Theatre at the Mansion.

If you have a query about a particular concert or ticketed event, the Box Office number/answer phone is 01992 610713. Please leave a message if the phone is not answered.

A licensed bar will be available at all the following events.

**MIRIAM KRAMER (violin) accompanied by DAVID SILKOFF (piano)
Saturday 16 June 2012 Gates open 6.00pm for 7.00pm start. Cost £15**

The distinguished international violinist Miriam Kramer is returning to Copped Hall this year and, accompanied by David Silkoff, will be performing in the south room a programme that will include pieces by Mozart, Schumann, Elgar, Paganini and Rachmaninov.

COPPED HALL CHOIR – Afternoon Concert

Sunday 23 June 2012 Gates open at 3.00pm for 4.00pm start. Cost £10

After its successful introduction last year, the Copped Hall Choir will hold another afternoon concert in 2012. It will be performed in the saloon.

GREEK THEATRE PLAYERS

Richard III by William Shakespeare

Sunday 24 June 2012 Gates open at 3.00pm for 4.00pm start. Cost £10.00

Richard, Duke of Gloucester, the youngest brother of King Edward IV, is deformed in body and twisted in mind. Callous and cruel, malevolent and manipulative, he sets about securing the throne of England for himself using language which seduces, dazzles and destroys in equal measure.

Richard will stop at nothing and friends, foes and family alike all suffer at his murderous hands until, haunted by his own wickedness, and by the ghostly spectres of his victims, he at last meets Justice at the battle of Bosworth Field.

Unquestionably Shakespeare's best-known History play, this entertaining tale of medieval murder is brought to you by the Greek Theatre Players who have performed at Copped Hall every summer since 2005.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT OF RAIN THE PERFORMANCE WILL TAKE PLACE INSIDE THE MANSION

NEW REDBRIDGE WIND ORCHESTRA

Music for a Summer's Day

Saturday 7 July 2.00pm to 5.00pm Gates open at 1.00pm Cost £10.00

This event will be held in the gardens. Bring your own picnic and chairs and enjoy the music played during the afternoon by this popular local orchestra.

FITZWILLIAM STRING QUARTET

Sunday 22 July 2012 Gates open 6.00pm for 7.00pm start. Cost £20.00

Founded in 1968 by four Cambridge undergraduates, the Fitzwilliam Quartet is internationally acclaimed and the Trust is fortunate to have them return to Copped Hall for a third year. They will be performing Delius: String Quartet "Late Swallows", Shostakovch: Quartet No. 7; Schubert: Quintet in C major.

BLACKJACK AND THE WAH-WAHS

Saturday 4 August 2012 Gates open at 6.00pm for 7.00pm start. Cost £15

Blackjack and the Wah-Wahs are a five-piece jazz band led by pianist Chris Mear on the piano/keyboard. They play a variety of styles, ranging from the big band swing of the 1930s and 1940s, through jazz standards and ballads of the 1950s and 1960s, to Latin, funk and beyond. Their performance will take place in the cellars.

GALA GEORGIAN EVENING –The Covent Garden Company

Saturday 22 September Gates open at 6.00pm for 7.00pm start. Cost £25.00

Price includes refreshments.

This very well-known group performs 18th century social dances in full, authentic period costume. They aim to recapture the spirit and atmosphere of the grand events that took place in the Georgian Assembly Rooms. As well as providing demonstrations, everyone can join in the proceedings and learn under the supervision of a renowned Dance Mistress, who will guide you through your flourishes, fleurets and fan-waving! You do not need to have any dance experience, just enthusiasm to recapture the atmosphere of a grand 18th century event. The music for the dances is that of the great baroque composers, such as Bach, Handel, Lully, Mozart, Purcell and Rameau. Period dress is optional. The Covent Garden Minuet Company are returning to Copped Hall by popular request. This year the dancing will take place in the larger south room on the ground floor. A sound system will be used.

FOUR CAROL CONCERTS

Saturday 8 December 2012 The Copped Hall Choir

Sunday 9 December 2012 Harlow Chorus

Saturday 15 December 2012 Cantando Chorale

Sunday 16 December 2012 The E15 Drama Group (music and drama festival)

Carols start at 3.00pm except on 9 December when they start at 3.30pm. Gates open at 2.00pm (2.30 on 9 December)

Cost £10.00 Children under 5 free but will not have their own seats.

Mince pies and mulled punch are included in the ticket price and the Copped Hall shop will be open for last-minute Christmas presents. **Warm clothing advisable.**

The concerts will be held in the south room.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
15.01.12.....	Monthly Guided Tour	01992 571657
18.02.12.....	Quiz Evening: Theydon Bois Village Hall.....	01992 610713
19.02.12.....	Monthly Guided Tour	01992 571657
04.03.12.....	Open Gardens (with optional mansion tour)	01992 571657
18.03.12.....	Monthly Guided Tour	01992 571657
18.03.12.....	Lecture: Alan Cox (Theydon Bois Village Hall).....	01992 610713
01.04.12.....	Open Gardens (with optional mansion tour)	01992 571657
08.04.12.....	Easter Sunday Egg Hunt.....	01992 571657
14.04.12.....	Talk and demonstration: Container Gardening.....	01992 610713
15.04.12.....	Monthly Guided Tour	01992 571657
06.05.12.....	Open Gardens (with optional mansion tour)	01992 571657
19.05.12.....	Friends' Outing: Knole	01992 610713
20.05.12.....	Monthly Guided Tour	01992 571657
27.05.12.....	OPEN DAY (11.00am-4.00pm)	01992 571657
03.06.12.....	Open Gardens (with optional mansion tour)	01992 571657
06.06.12.....	Drawing Class 1: Dilys Bidewell	020 7267 1679
11.06.12.....	Drawing Class 2: Dilys Bidewell	020 7267 1679
12.06.12.....	Study Day: William Tyler.....	020 7267 1679
16.06.12.....	Concert: Miriam Kramer and David Silkoff.....	01992 610713
17.06.12.....	Monthly Guided Tour	01992 571657
20.06.12.....	Drawing Class 3: Dilys Bidewell	020 7267 1679
23.06.12.....	Summer Concert – Copped Hall Choir	01992 610713
24.06.12.....	Play: Greek Theatre Players	01992 610713
25.06.12.....	Drawing Class 4: Dilys Bidewell	020 7267 1679
01.07.12.....	Open Gardens (with optional mansion tour)	01992 571657
07.07.12.....	New Redbridge Wind Orchestra.....	01992 610713
14.07.12.....	CHTAP Archaeology Taster Weekend (14 & 15 July) ...	01992 813725
15.07.12.....	Monthly Guided Tour	01992 571657
21.07.12.....	CHTAP Archaeology Taster Weekend (21 & 22 July) ...	01992 813725
22.07.12.....	Fitzwilliam Quartet	01992 610713
23.07.12.....	Music Workshop – Arbutus Music	01992 610713
28.07.12.....	CHTAP Archaeology Taster Weekend (28 & 29 July) ...	01992 813725

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
04.08.12.....	Blackjack and the Wah-Wahs	01992 610713
05.08.12.....	Open Gardens (with optional mansion tour).....	01992 571657
06.08.12.....	Archaeology Field School (five days)	01992 813725
09.08.12.....	Study Day: Peter Lawrence	020 7267 1679
13.08.12.....	Archaeology Field School (five days)	01992 813725
19.08.12.....	Monthly Guided Tour.....	01992 571657
26.08.12.....	OPEN DAY (11.00am-4.00pm).....	01992 571657
02.09.12.....	Open Gardens (with optional mansion tour).....	01992 571657
16.09.12.....	Monthly Guided Tour.....	01992 571657
22.09.12.....	Gala Georgian Evening	01992 610713
07.10.12.....	Copped Hall Run.....	01992 575762
14.10.12.....	APPLE DAY (11.00am-4.00pm)	01992 571657
21.10.12.....	Monthly Guided Tour.....	01992 571657
06.11.12.....	Study Day: Bill Sargent	020 7267 1679
18.11.12.....	Monthly Guided Tour.....	01992 571657
08.12.12.....	Concert: Carols at the Mansion	01992 610713
09.12.12.....	Concert: Carols at the Mansion.....	01992 610713
15.12.12.....	Concert: Carols at the Mansion	01992 610713
16.12.12.....	Concert: Carols at the Mansion	01992 610713

EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you are on the internet, rather than telephone the appropriate number, you can email through the website www.coppedhalltrust.org.uk or use the following email addresses instead.

01992 610713 email: f.dennett3@ntlworld.com
020 7267 1679 email: coxalan1@aol.com
01992 813725 email: pdalton87@gmail.com
01992 571657 call minder

HISTORY

The present mansion was built from 1752-58 by the architect John Sanderson for the owner John Conyers. The mansion was extended in 1895 for the then owner, E.J. Wythes. The mansion was burnt in 1917 and asset stripped from 1950. The M25 was built through a corner of the Grade II* listed landscaped park in 1980.

The mansion is superbly sited on high ground at the end of a ridge. Like many similar houses, it was built on an ancient site of human habitation. Recorded history starts in the 13th century when there was a mansion on the site. The Abbots of Waltham held the property from 1350 until 1537 when Henry VIII took it from them. Elizabeth I gave the estate to Sir Thomas Heneage who built a substantial mansion incorporating parts of the earlier building. Almost all of this structure was pulled down in 1748. The present house was built on a site a few hundred yards to the southeast.

Recent History

After a nine-year campaign against aggressive development proposals, the heavily vandalised and overgrown site was saved by the specially formed Copped Hall Trust when it purchased the freehold of the mansion, stables, ancillary buildings and gardens in 1995. Apart from permanently protecting the site, the purpose of the Trust is, firstly, to carefully restore the buildings and gardens after detailed research and, secondly, to establish relevant educational, cultural and community uses.

The parkland surrounding Copped Hall had been saved by the Conservators of Epping Forest – The City of London when they purchased this in 1992. The Conservators are committed to the restoration of the parkland, the reintroduction of animals and to the preservation of this important wildlife habitat.

In 1999 the Trust acquired the completely derelict Walled Kitchen Garden, one of the largest in Essex. After 12 years, all the undergrowth has been cleared from the garden and the glasshouses. This work has been largely carried out by volunteers. The garden is now mainly planted with produce sold locally and to visitors. One glasshouse has been restored with two others under way.

The Copped Hall Trust has made substantial progress in the last 16 years. The Racquets Court and the stables have been largely restored, together with other service buildings. Much work has been carried out clearing the gardens of non-original vegetation. Replacement trees have been planted and lawns re-seeded. Internally, the mansion is to be restored to its 1750s' form, and since 2001 some of the roof and floor structures have been reinstated and essential structural repairs carried out. Since 1998 the Trust has been supported in its work by a Friends organisation which now has more than 1,000 members. From these members a very committed band of volunteers assists with all aspects of the project.

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE COPPED HALL TRUST

By joining The Friends of the Copped Hall Trust you can help secure the future of this important house and gardens.

The Friends are supporters of the Copped Hall Trust and its objectives.

**For an application form, please write (enclosing an SAE) to:
The Membership Secretary, The Copped Hall Trust,
The Stables Courtyard, Epping, Essex CM16 5HS
Tel: 01992 813725**

or visit our website to download the membership form on:
www.coppedhalltrust.org.uk

"SO WHAT IS A 100 CLUB?"

It is a private lottery, a way not only of supporting the purchase of acquisitions relating to Copped Hall but also of providing you with the possibility of winning a prize in one of the monthly draws.

By paying an annual fee of £24 you are guaranteed entry into 12 monthly draws. Of the fee, £12 goes directly into the Acquisition Fund with the balance being paid out in prizes. Nothing is deducted for expenses, as these are funded by a member.

The 100 club has more than 200 members and the total to date allocated to the Acquisition Fund is over £9,000 with an equal amount paid out in prizes.

**Application forms are always available at Copped Hall or from
Gordon Brown.**

Tel: 0208 505 1041 Email: gordon.lbrown@tesco.net

PREMIUM BOND SYNDICATE

Did you know that we have a premium bond syndicate? This is run by Frances Dennett and costs £50 per annum. The rules state that any prize under £1,000 goes directly to the Trust; with prizes of more than £1,000, 50% goes to the Trust and 50% is divided between the participants.

**If you are interested in joining please phone Frances on 01992
610713 and she will explain how it works.**

