

Coopersale Chronicle

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A Guide to What's On in Coopersale
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Victorian Music Hall

The Old Tyme Music Hall concert by "Chiefly Yourselves" in the Institute Hall on Sat 15th Nov was a great success, with hardly an empty seat in the house.

The talented Coopersale and Epping based company provided an evening of melodious and amusing entertainment, chaired eloquently and splendiforously by Mr Peter Wells. The audience participation, hesitant at first, improved as the evening progressed, no doubt helped by the wine which was most generously donated by D & K supplies.

A tasty and warming chilli supper, prepared by Tina Keener, Fiona Verhagen, Jim Hassey and their helpers was enjoyed by all, and the evening ended with a raffle of over 20 magnificent prizes donated by residents and local traders thanks to the efforts of Rosemary Willis. A full list of prizes and other generous supporters can be found elsewhere in this issue.

The magnificent sum of £1,431.97 was raised towards the cost of the new floor. Sadly Doreen Pavitt, the Institute Committee's prime fund raiser and event organiser, was unable to attend the event due to a most untimely bout of influenza.

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Raffle Prizes

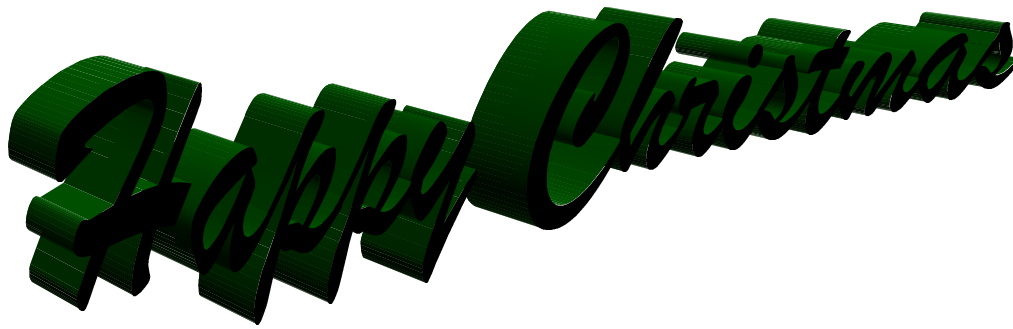
Meal for Two - The Theydon Oak
Autographed Book - Victoria Beckham
Haircut Voucher - CML Hair Studios
£10 Voucher - Church's Butchers
Box of Fruit & Veg - Ashlyn's Organic Farm
Book - A Painting Pilgrim - Mark Hoare
Bottle of Wine - Ron & Mary Knight
Meal for Two - The Mole Trap
Anthology of The Beatles - Carol Zyck
Lexmark Colour Printer - Apton Media
Meal for two - The Merry Fiddlers
Bottle of wine - Coopersale Handy Stores
Madonna and Child picture - Val Sapsford
Meal for Two - Herbs & Spice
Bottle of Brandy - Peter Wells
Bottle of Whisky - Cliff Tredgett
Hairdressing Voucher - Hair by Nigel
Wine & Chocolates - Hambrooks
Bottle of Whisky - Peter Wells
Meal for Two - The Garnon Bushes

Other Sponsors

Peter & Laura Newton - £50 for expenses
Asda Stores - £20 towards new plates
D & K Supplies - 24 bottles of wine
Maurice Padfield - Sack of Potatoes
Swinny's Autos - £20 towards expenses
S McLaren ITC - £83.68 for the food
All who contributed to the £113.82 collected in the bucket

and of course

"Chiefly Yourselves"



Christmas Carols

Carol singers will tour the village on Thursday 18th December.

All are welcome to join the party which will meet at St Albans Church at 6.30 pm.

Even if you don't join the singers please open your doors when they come round, enjoy the carols and if you are feeling generous at this time of the year you can make a donation to Tear Fund which helps the poor and deprived throughout the world.

Give Us your News

If you want anything published in the March 2004 issue, please send your contribution to:

The Scribe, Coopersale Institute
(e-mail
Scribe@coopersale.org.uk)
or hand it to any member of the Committee before 15th Feb.

Horticultural Society

By the time you receive this the CHS will have held its AGM and last meeting of the year, which means that it's almost time to pay your subscriptions for the coming year.

Membership is still remarkably cheap at £2 per year (£3 for a couple). Subscriptions can be paid to the Treasurer, Miss Clarke, 16 Vicarage Road, Coopersale, Epping, Essex. Please make cheques payable to 'Coopersale Horticultural Society'. Alternatively you can pay at the monthly meetings (3rd Monday of the month). The first meeting next year is on Monday 15th March. We will bring you details of that meeting and other forthcoming events in our next issue.

Epping Horticultural Society has very kindly offered us the use of their Trading Hut next year. We are in the process of sorting this out with them and will keep you informed on the progress.

To join the society contact Tina Keehner on 578521, or come to any of the Monday evening meetings.

If you have trouble reading this Chronicle ring Chris on 572568 and ask for a large print version.

Little Ark Pre-school

Little Ark Pre-school is now in the position to offer many different packages of childcare. We have changed our registration to full day care for 3-5 year old children, and added a breakfast club every morning for 4-11 year olds and until Christmas a limited number of After school clubs. As from January if there is a need we shall be opening everyday after school as well from 3.15-5.30 or longer by special arrangement.

On our return from the summer holidays we were faced with a quality of care OFSTED Inspection. They were at the pre-school for two days, unannounced, and were very thorough. The outcome was that apart from an out of date phrase in one of our policies and not having enough story books with disabled people in them we have no weak areas or areas for action. "Good" and "satisfactory" is usually how good it gets when OFSTED inspect a provision but in the final report it stated that the quality of care and the staff are "Excellent". We are now taking bookings for January 2004. So if you are now looking for a nursery for your 2 year old come along and have a visit. Please call first on 01992 578322 so we can arrange a convenient time for both parties. Looking forward to meeting with you.

Lesley C. Seville

Funds Still Short for Floor

In spite of the success of the concert, we are still short of several thousand pounds for the new floor. Our applications for grants from the National Lottery, Essex County Council and several national banks and supermarket chains have all been turned down, because we are either not deserving enough, or it is not their policy to provide funding for buildings or other capital projects.

Unfortunately if we can't secure enough funding to be able to commit to this project and pay a deposit before the end of March, we will also lose the £1,900 grant promised by Epping Forest District Council.

Has anyone out there got a fairy godmother with a few thousand pounds to give us?

If you pay income tax and would like to make a donation, you can use the Gift Aid Scheme. This will enable us to claim the tax back increasing your donation by about a third. If you would like to help this way please contact Chris Hoare on 01992 572568 for a gift aid form so that we can get some of your tax back for the village.

Coopersale Web Site

Have you visited the Coopersale web site yet? There is information about several village groups, Institute activities and news articles.

Local businesses have the opportunity to advertise at very reasonable rates on the web site and contribute to Institute funds at the same time, so if you have your own business why not get in touch with Chris Hoare on 01992 572568 and get your name on the web.

You can visit the site at www.coopersale.org.uk

Cops Come to Coopersale

The police mobile, rural office now visits Coopersale. The space in the timetable was made by the office being taken away from Epping Green. Chris Caten (driver of the office) said, "We could not continue to visit Epping Green as the records showed only one visit in six months! Epping Green's loss is Coopersale's gain!"

Neighbourhood watch was a key issue raised by villagers on the first visit. Anyone interested in running a scheme in Coopersale can ring Chris on 07715 771603.

Chris will call at the Institute Hall in Coopersale every other Friday between 2.30pm and 3.30pm.

Stars at Night

I have happy memories of looking at the stars at night: staring at those shining lights beyond this planet, and enjoying the patterns they make in the sky. Stars, planets, and constellations have long captured the imagination of human beings, for they give us cause to wonder at what is beyond this world and this universe. They remind us of a bigger picture, a bigger world than us, and of how very small we are, in comparison to the rest of space.

And as often as not it is to somewhere out in the beyond that we point to when we think of where God is: somewhere out there, a very long way away. But the message of Christmas is that the God of the beyond, becomes the God who is with us: right by us, indeed one of us. The miracle of Christmas is that God becomes flesh and blood: he comes to live with us, to literally get under our skin, to discover what it is like to be us and to share in the experience of being a human being.

And the implications of this is that God in the mind of the Christian is never just beyond, but always here, to be discovered in each other and in ourselves, because by becoming human in Jesus, God has also shown that through being human we can experience God directly in our very being.

I hope you have a happy Christmas. As you gaze at the stars, don't forget to also gaze into your hearts and all hearts of love, and find God there too: a happy guest who delights in each and every one of us.

Jonathan.
(Vicar for Coopersale)

If you would like to join us for any of the services at Christmas, you would be most welcome:

Sunday, 14th December at 6.00pm
Wednesday, 24th December at 11.30pm
Thursday, 25th December at 11.00am

Carol Service for the Parish of Coopersale
Midnight Mass at All Saints', Theydon Garnon
First Communion of Christmas with Carols