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A Guide to What's On in Coopersale
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Fancy Dress Disco

The fancy dress disco held in October was less well attended than we had hoped; however those who came had a thoroughly good time and many who had opted not to wear fancy dress regretted it.

The event raised another £169 for Institute funds. Thank you Doreen for all your hard work and to those who joined in the fun.

New Year's Eve Disco

There will be a New Year's Eve Party in the Institute Hall on Fri 31st December, 8.30pm till half-past Midnight.

Tickets will be £10.50 per head and music will be provided by the popular Black Cat Disco. There will **not** be a bar, so bring your own drinks and food, and some money for raffle tickets.

Tickets are selling fast and numbers are limited, so if you want to join the festivities please contact Doreen on 576498 as soon as possible.

Admission by ticket only

Old Time Music Hall

Some 80 guests enjoyed an evening of excellent entertainment in the Institute Hall on Sat 13th November.

Chiefly Yourselves our local company chaired by that master of circumlocution and tautology, Peter Wells, sang and danced their way through old favourites and some newer, less well known pieces. The audience, fortified by Tina's *chilli con carne*, Fiona's baked potatoes and Tesco's plonk joined in with gusto. Jim and Carol Hassey provided a vegetarian option.

At the end of the performance, a Grand Draw, organised by Rosemary Willis and Doreen Pavitt, for which all prizes had been generously donated, raised a further £165 for hall funds. The most popular prizes were vouchers for meals at several local hostelrys, **The Garnon Bushes**, **The Merry Fiddlers** and **The Mole Trap** and a voucher for cake and coffee at **Sweet Temptations**. Bottles of whisky, port and wine and other items including a Cuddly Toy meant a fruitful outcome for many.

In all the magnificent sum of over **£770** was raised.

What's On at the Institute?

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| Monday | <p><u>Pre School</u> Every weekday in term time from 9 am to 12 noon. Contact: Cathy Kemp, 15 Brickfield Road, Coopersale Tel: 01992 571101</p> <p><u>Floral Art</u> Meet 2nd and 4th Monday each month (March to November) from 7.30pm to 10.00pm Cost £5 per annum Contact: Mrs Myra Amos, 11 Princes Close, North Weald. (Tel: 01992 522442)</p> <p><u>Horticultural Society</u> Meet every month (usually 3rd Monday) from 8.00pm to 10.00pm Membership fee: £2.00 per annum. Contact: Mrs Tina Keehner, 9 Laburnum Road, Coopersale (01992 578521)</p> |
| Tuesday | <p><u>Pre School</u> Every weekday in term time from 9 am to 12 noon. Contact: Cathy Kemp, 15 Brickfield Road, Coopersale Tel: 01992 571101</p> <p><u>Karate</u> Meet every Tuesday from 5 - 6 pm, and 6 - 7 pm Contact: Lynne Aston, 23 Rahn Road, Epping, Essex CM16 4JB (01992 573666)</p> |
| Wednesday | <p><u>Pre School</u> Every weekday in term time from 9 am to 12 noon. Contact: Cathy Kemp, 15 Brickfield Road, Coopersale Tel: 01992 571101</p> <p><u>Coopersale Brownies</u> Meet every Wednesday (term time only) from 6.30pm to 8.00pm Contact: Mary Gill Tel: 01992 813253</p> <p><u>Group 2000</u> Meet 3rd Wed every month from 8 pm to 10 pm (except August) Contact: Mrs Rosemary Willis (Tel: 575827) or Mrs Marilyn Davis, 6 Laburnum Rd (Tel: 572712)</p> |
| Thursday | <p><u>Pre School</u> Every weekday in term time from 9 am to 12 noon. Contact: Cathy Kemp, 15 Brickfield Road, Coopersale Tel: 01992 571101</p> <p><u>Karate</u> Meet every Thursday from 6 - 7 pm Contact: Lynne Aston, 23 Rahn Road, Epping, Essex CM16 4JB (01992 573666)</p> |
| Friday | <p><u>Pre School</u> Every weekday in term time from 9 am to 12 noon. Contact: Cathy Kemp, 15 Brickfield Road, Coopersale Tel: 01992 571101</p> |
| Anytime | <p><u>Petanque</u> Anytime, subject to booking Cost: Free Contact: P Newton, 10 Laburnum Road, Coopersale, CM16 7RA (Tel: 01992 574674)</p> <p><u>Snooker Club</u> Membership: £10.00 per annum. Light meter: 50p per ½ hour Contact: D Lambel, 58 Parklands, Coopersale, CM16 7RF (Tel: 01992 613511)</p> <p><u>Private Hire</u> Anytime, subject to availability Cost: Weekdays £6 per hour, Saturdays £135 for the day, Sundays minimum hire £20 for 3 hr. Contact: W H C Hoare, The Gate House Coopersale, CM16 7QT (Tel: 01992 572568)</p> |

*We wish all our readers a Very Happy
Christmas and Prosperous New Year*

Telephone Scam

Don't get caught

Here are details of a telephone fraud which is currently in operation. It applies to home and/or work telephones - land lines and mobiles.

The scam starts with a call, congratulating you on winning an all expenses trip to an exotic location. You will then be asked to press 9 to hear further details. If you do so you will be connected to a premium rate line that costs approximately £20 per minute. Even if you disconnect immediately, it will remain connected for a minimum of 5 minutes, costing around £100.

The final part of the call involves you being asked to key your postcode and house number. After a further 2 minutes you will receive a message informing you that you are not one of the lucky winners. The total bill will be £260.

As the calls are originating from outside the UK, BT and other telephone companies are relatively powerless to act. The only safe solution is to HANG UP before the message prompts you to press 9.

There appear to be a number of similar scams so HANG UP on any unsolicited 'free offer' calls.

Other calls to beware of, are from someone claiming to be a telephone engineer testing the line who asks you to dial 9, 9# or 09#. These will also result in a large bill for you.

DO NOT DIAL 9 (or 9 # or 0 9 #) FOR ANYONE!

Jazz Evening

Following a number of suggestions into ideas for social functions, the committee are planning a jazz evening, probably in March.

Little Ark

The Committee and Staff at St Albans Litte Ark Pre-school would like to wish the people of Coopersale a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Coopersale Horticultural Society

The last meeting of the year will be the AGM and Quiz on Mon 6th December. We will then be hibernating until spring and will meet again on Mon 21st March.

EFDC Grant

Epping Forest District Council has paid a grant of £1,900 towards the cost of the new floor.

Group 2000

We have had an enjoyable 3 months. In September we had a talk by Matthew of "Matthews Nurseries" on how to arrange hanging baskets of flowers which he demonstrated with great skill; he made it look very easy. The arrangements could be bought at the end of the session; they were both pleasing and colourful.

There was no speaker in October, so we had a social evening together catching up on news of our holidays etc.

In November, Carole Hassey, the Chairman of our Horticultural Society gave a demonstration of flower arrangements for the Christmas table; these were lovely and were later given as raffle prizes.

In December we are having our Christmas dinner at the Clock Tower in Epping.

The New Year sees us with a full programme of speakers. New members are always welcome. £10 for a year's membership. Our first meeting is on 19th January at 8pm in Coopersale Social Institute.

Rosemary Willis (575827)

Christmas Services at St Albans

Christmas Day

11.00 am Sat 25th December

Midnight Service(Fri)

11.00 pm St John's Epping

11.30 pm Theydon Garnon

Crib Service (Fri 24th)

5.00 pm St John's Epping

Sunday 26th

10.30am St Johns only

St Albans Church

Once again we are appealing for help in maintaining the churchyard. The small group of volunteers has struggled stoically to keep the grass under control, and would welcome any additional support. Although the helpers usually meet on the last Saturday of each month to work together, if that is not convenient, or you would prefer to labour alone, your help will not be turned down.

If you can help in any way, please contact Arthur Loy on 572405

Can You Help

Are you willing to help your local community in the New Year?

The Coopersale Institute is looking for new committee members to inject ideas and help organise functions. We only meet about 4 times a year; meetings are friendly and informal and the duties are not demanding.

If you are interested please contact our secretary Fiona on 560694, or speak to any member of the committee.

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