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A Guide to What's On in Coopersale
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New Year's Eve Disco

There will be a New Year's Eve Party in the Institute Hall on Sat 31st December, 8.00pm till half-past Midnight.

Tickets will be £11.50 per head and music will be provided by the popular Star Sound 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.

Dance Cancelled

The Autumn Dance featuring a live band was cancelled due to the lack of interest. This was very disappointing for the committee which had obtained a licence for the sale of alcohol.

Please let us know what type of functions you would like to attend.

Christmas & New Year at St Albans

Sunday 18th Dec

5.00pm Carol Service
(traditional service of 9 Lessons & Carols)

Christmas Eve

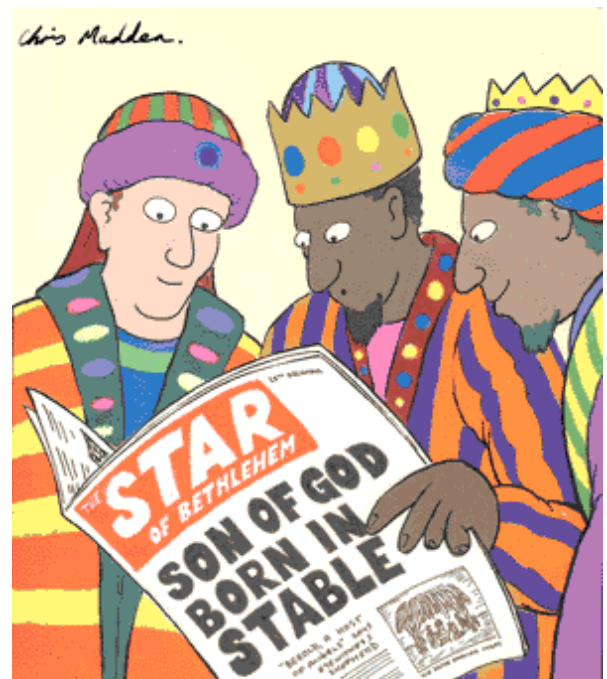
11.30pm - Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

11.00am - Family Communion

January 1st (New Year's Day)

11.00am - Family Communion



The Three Wise Men found the Baby Jesus by following the Star of Bethlehem.

Coopersale Football Club

Membership at the Club has almost doubled compared to last season and the Club now has teams ranging from four years old to mini soccer and under 11's, 13's and 15's.

The Club is still open to new members and would like to see more girls joining. There is also a shortage of 11 year old boys so anyone who would like to train should come along on a Saturday afternoon from 2 –4 pm at Thornwood Common or contact Ian Morris on 0785 4608886.

If there is anyone out there who sees themselves as a bit of an Alex Ferguson, Arsene Wenger or Jose Mourinho and would like to become involved in running a children's football club then come along to see us. Subject to all the necessary checks and references you could live your ambition.

What's On at the Institute?

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| Pre School | Every weekday in term time from 9 am to 12 noon.
Contact: Cathy Kemp, Tel: 01992 571101 |
| Brownies | Meet every Wednesday (term time only) from 6.30pm to 8.00pm
Contact: Mary Gill Tel: 01992 813253 |
| Group 2000 | Meet 3 rd Wed every month from 8 pm to 10 pm (except August)
Contact: Mrs Rosemary Willis Tel: 01992 575827 |
| Horticultural Society | Meet every month (except Jan & Feb), usually 3 rd Monday, from 8.00pm to 10.00pm
Contact: Mrs Tina Keehner, Tel: 01992 578521 |
| Floral Art | Meet 2 nd and 4 th Mon each month (Mar to Nov) from 7.30pm to 10.00pm
Contact: Mrs Myra Amos, Tel: 01992 522442 |
| Karate | Meet every Tuesday 4.30 – 5.30, 5.30 – 6.30 & 6.30 – 7.30 pm, and Thursday 5.30 – 6.30 pm.
Contact: Lynne Aston, 01992 573666 |

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



Group 2000

The village ladies group met in October at the Institute for a demonstration by Matthew of "Matthews Nurseries", Royden on shrubs and winter planted containers to add colour to our gardens this winter.

In November we had a lively, fun evening being instructed by Marilyn Davies, one of our members from the village, in how to make our own Christmas cards. We all sat round the table and very soon had created our own unique card. This was great fun, so thank you Marilyn for inspiring us.

In December we are all going to The Clocktower Restaurant for our annual Christmas dinner so the next time we have an entry in the Chronicle I will be giving you an insight into 2006's events.

Happy Christmas to all the villagers and a healthy New Year. If any other ladies would like to join our group, we will be meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of 2006 at 8pm in the village Institute.

Rosemary Willis (575827)

Christmas Message

Christmas will soon be upon us, in a big, big way.

Already in Epping, all the Christmas Trees are not only up, but have had their lights shining up and down the High Street since before the beginning of November. It seems that we are in a hurry to pre-empt Christmas.

But what's it really all about? It's certainly not about the raz-a-ma-taz and frenetic shopping hype that is going on at the moment.

It's about the most precious gift that God could give to the world. His Son. When we are spending that small fortune that we don't have, on buying presents for family and friends, do we stop and think about the gift that we should be giving to God. How many of us really do stop and think for a moment, why it is that we give all these gifts to people!

In our rush to get everything done in time for the big day, let's all try to spend just a few moments thanking God for all that he has given us, and done for us.

If you're at home this Christmas, do come and join us over the Christmas Season at St Alban's. I hope that there will be something for everybody – traditional 9 Lessons and Carols, Midnight Communion, and Family Services on Christmas Morning, and New Year's Day. There will certainly be a warm welcome.

Bryony

(The Rev'd Bryony Morrison
– Vicar of Coopersale)

Coopersale Horticultural Society

The last meeting of the year will be the AGM and Quiz on Mon 5th December, accompanied by a glass of wine and mince pie.

We will then be hibernating until spring and will meet again on Mon 20th March.

Carol Singing



There will be Carol singing round the village on Thursday 15th December.

Anyone who would like to join in should meet in the Church (back door) at 6.55pm.

It is expected to finish around 8.30pm.

New Curtains

As part of our continuing programme of improvements, and thanks to the efforts of our small but dedicated team of fundraisers, we have obtained new curtains for the Institute.

If you would like to hire the hall please contact Chris on 572568.

Coopersale and Theydon Garnon CE Primary School

Hello everyone, we would like to bring you up to date with what has been happening in your local primary school this term.

In September the School Council organised a non-uniform day to raise funds for new playground equipment. Later in the month, we held a sponsored run. The funds raised from this event are also going towards new playground equipment which we hope will be installed early 2006 ready for the better weather!!!!

In October the children visited the church to take part in a harvest festival service. Several children from each class read out work that they had written themselves. At this time we collected rice, flour, pasta and sugar for Harvest Help.

November has also been a busy month with the whole school learning about British food which concluded with a visit from Ashlyns. The School Council held their second fund raising activity. This time it was a cake stall. The money raised has been sent to support the Pakistan Earthquake Appeal at World Vision which is their chosen charity for the year. A successful book fair was held in the school hall. Two Parent's Evenings took place in the middle of the month, where all parents/carers were able to talk to the teachers individually. The school has participated in a variety of sporting events which included netball and football matches as well as a gruelling cross country team competition.

As you can see life has been very busy as I have only told about some of the things which have been happening. The P.T.A have arranged for a theatre company to perform to both Key stages in December. We also have a Christmas Fayre taking place on Friday 9th December at 2.30. Every one is welcome. Christmas performances are taking place the following week. There will be dress rehearsals on Monday 12th December at 9.30 and 2.00. You are welcome to come and join in the fun.

We hope that this will provide you with a little taste of what our school is like.