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CoDPuk's Christmas Cheer

Another successful CoDPuk Christmas Party...

Thanks to the dedication of Stephanie Edwards and her team of enthusiastic volunteers, everything went smoothly. There was games galore, including what could possibly pass as the longest 'Musical Chairs' and laughs aplenty, especially when the 'Mummies' broke out of their bandages!

Father Christmas dropped in, we were treated to an

No introductions needed.



entertaining rendition of the story *That Pesky Rat* by Paula Garfield, and the kids left with full tummies. The pictures say it all.

The new light and bright



Arrggghh, not the Mummy.

venue, East Horsley Village Hall, we so impressive that we're returning there next Christmas. See you there!

Thanks to our Donors,

A big thank-you to **Bron & David Buxton** for their very generous donation that helped the Christmas Party go with a swing.

our Volunteers

Huge thanks to **Stephanie Edwards** (main organiser) and her team of cheery volunteers, without whom the Christmas Party would not have been possible; special thanks to:

- Olivia Depledge** (photos)
- Paula Garfield** (story-teller)
- Penny Gunn** (food)
- David Hewitt** (Interpreter)
- Alison Veal** (games)
- Terry Edwards, and Jean Hewitt** (floaters)

and our Supporters

Thank-you to **everyone who bought raffle tickets and/or entered the lucky-dip** at the Christmas Party. A staggering £74.60 was raised, very nearly covering the cost of the Hall!

And, thanks to our **members** for your continued support.



Come on, party time!



Storytelling and then the food magically appeared.



All tangled up, but where's the spoon?



Wishes a Very Happy New Year to our members, volunteers, supporters and contacts. Looking forward to seeing you in 2007! Be healthy and happy.

Editor's Corner

It was super to see so many of you at the Christmas Party and have good old-fashioned family fun together. Thank you, all, for being so enthusiastic and 'game for a laugh'. Despite being exhausted (school's just so busy these days) on the day, your broad smiles gave me the energy I needed.

Christmas is a very special time in the Ingham household, a time when we remember family, friends and acquaintances old and new, anyone who has touched us during our lives. In this busy day and age, what a joy it is to sit back and read all those newsy Christmas letters and catch up with what everyone's doing.

For the first time, we attended the village Christmas Eve Crib and Christingle service en famille. The sight of the church lit entirely by candles was uplifting and the number of familiar faces in the congregation (from Ryan's school) gave us a sense of belonging.

I hope you all had a very merry, peaceful and joyful Christmas and look forward to seeing you again in 2007. *Claire*

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CoDPuk Committee Round-up

At the last meeting it was agreed that, in 2007, the Committee will focus on:

1. Fund-Raising - CoDPuk really needs more money in the pot in order to continue running current events. So far, our efforts at applying for sponsorship have been unsuccessful, thus we'll need to rely more heavily on community fund-raising by our members.

2. Running the events programme as it stands - we cannot add to the programme until we have more man-power.

3. Bringing in more volunteers - ideally, we would like 3 or more new Committee members. This would

help to share the work-load and make it possible to achieve more as a team, whilst being lots of fun!

Sadly, we have had to drop the idea of a Camping Weekend due to a lack of resources; we simply don't have enough help.

IF you...

- care about CoDPuk.
- want to see CoDPuk grow.
- have ideas for events.
- can attend meetings on 4 Sunday afternoons in a year.
- are willing to organise one event a year (with support to start with).
- are willing to help at events.

We would LOVE to have you on board and PLEASE get in touch with us!

Spot the 'Terp!



A rather good photograph of Roger, CoDPuk's advisor and his brother, David, in action at the Christmas Party. But which is which? Answers on a post-card, please, and yummy chocs await the sender of the first correct answer. Good luck!

Wanted... £££ (= events)

CoDPuk badly needs funds before we can organise any more events. Every penny really does count. Can you help? Here's some ideas:

- Sell unwanted items at a car-boot sale.
- Have a dinner party with guests donating £10.
- Have a raffle at a party.
- Donate unwanted presents to a CoDPuk raffle.

- Hold a coffee morning.
- Collect 2p pieces in a jar.
- Run the London marathon (or similar) for CoDPuk!
- Organise a sponsored walk / silence / etc.
- Ask local business contacts for donations (e.g. food / items for a raffle).
- Any other great ideas...

Good luck! Let's get the money rolling in together.

CoDPuk Diary

Family Events for 2007

Treasure Hunt
Sunday 6th May
The Look-Out Centre, Bracknell.
Members: free
Non-members: £5 per family (or join CoDPuk on the day).

Summer Family Workshop
July (date to be confirmed)
East Horsley Village Hall, Surrey
To include workshops and activities; details in the next newsletter
Cost: to be confirmed

Picnic in the Park
Date and venue to be confirmed; details in the next newsletter.
Open event—free to all.

Christmas Party
Back by popular demand!
Saturday 15th December
East Horsley Village Hall, East Horsley, Surrey.
Members: free (funds permitting)
Non-members: £5 per child

Parents' Evenings

Doors open at 7.30pm
Light refreshments provided.
Members: free.
Non-members: £1.50
Next meeting: September 2007
Cheese & Wine Party, Bromley

We'd love to see more meetings, but **desperately need help**.
- **Can you book a venue?**
- **Can you organise a speaker?**
CoDPuk will meet the cost (check with us first!) and a Committee member will come and support you on the evening.

Coming...

We hope to organise workshops:

- * **Parenting** * **Self-Defence** *
- * **Music** * **First Aid** * **???** *

Subject to funds and man-power.

Trustees

David Ingham (*Chair*)
Gethin Thomas (*Treasurer*)
Claire Ingham (*Secretary*)

Committee Members

Bronwynne Buxton
Sue Craney
Stephanie Edwards
Roger Hewitt (*Consultant*)