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Dear All

Thankyou to all the people who volunteered for the various FETE STALLS, and also to those who put up the bunting and the signs.

The FETE was considered a success even though it was so close after Easter and many people may have still been away and also the National Exhibition Centre markets were on the same day.

The fete raised \$1,322.60 as at 8th April, with some monies that still may come in.

The Word Processor, as was advertised on the notice board, has been sold.

A Tuesday dance in the new extension is planned, and a date to be set.

On a sad note, Monday soups will not be available for the remainder of the year, due to Kath's ill health. IF ANYBODY WISHES TO TAKE THIS TASK ON, THEY WILL BE MOST WELCOME. NOTE: THIS IS SELF SUPPORTING.

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COMPUTER GROUP

Beginners Course.

As you will have seen from the notice (What notice? The notice that has been up on the board for the last three weeks!) the next Beginners Course, starting Monday 21 April at 1.30 pm., will, regrettably, be the last of the series. How come? Well, the theme of the course is "inexpensive home computing". That theme is predicated on the availability of very cheap 286 machines, around which the course is designed. But the supply of these is drying up as their value drops to the point where people no longer bother to advertise them. The bottom end of the second hand market is now the 386, and the course (particularly the practical work which is the kernel of the course) will need to be extensively re-written to take account of this. Due to other commitments this will take several months, and may not be done at all unless there is a strong demand.

Continuation Course

This is not so much a Course as a regular mutual support and problem solving meeting. (Mondays at 3.00 pm. if there is a Beginners Course running - otherwise 1.30 pm.) It will continue as long as there are members wishing to attend. Although they don't know it yet the "students" are about to write their first computer programmes.

The club's New Computer.

A local entrepreneur has supplied the Club with a 386 machine with 8 MB of RAM and a VGA colour monitor for use by Club members. It has MS Works for Windows installed as well as other programmes used for the Club's administration. Let me know if you would like to use it - if it proves too popular we may have to devise a booking system as they do in the Library. And if after using it for a while you would like to own it, it can be yours for \$280 - a real bargain. The entrepreneur will then replace it with a similar machine.

Internet Cafe.

Plans are afoot to start an Internet Centre solely for senior citizens, located at the Turner Senior Citizens' Club. At the moment, it is not quite clear who will pay for the hardware and the connection charges, but it is hoped that some of the local computer retailers will come to the party, and with the cooperation of the PCUG as the service provider, the cost to members of the various Senior Citizens clubs should be quite low - certainly less than any other method of accessing the Net. Watch this space for more news as it comes to hand.

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