

## Our Feast Celebrations

The current fuel crisis did not deter the many Goan families from attending the feast celebrations held at Hampstead Town Hall. It gave one a great feeling to join in the Mass celebrated by our own Fr. Mazarello and joined in the choir ably conducted by Oboe Noronha. This was the first time Holy Pictures were distributed. Fr. Mazarello in a short sermon reminded us of our debts to Saint Francis Xavier and asked those who could manage it to take their children to the exposition next December. This would be an experience they would always remember.

The Mass was followed by President, Amorito Nazareth's address in which he wished all those present BOAS FESTAS.

Members were amply rewarded for queuing for more than 15 minutes for sorpatel and pulao. Generous helpings of our delicious dish were served by a hard working team of Bertha Carvalho, Ruth Vas, Aurora Saldanha and Virginia Vas. Manuel Carvalho, the Treasurer, helped by his little daughter, Michelle, was always busy issuing tickets for drinks and eats and collecting membership fees. General Secretary, Rabi Martins was running around organising the bar helped by Committee members and friends.

The lunch was followed by a programme of cultural activities. The first was Bharatnatyan Dance superbly performed by Miss Neena Gupta. Then came a highly enjoyable Bengali programme organised by Mr. S. Mukerjee, and artists Mrs. Gopa Bose, Mrs. Chitra Guha and Mr. A. Choudoury. Two excellent dances to Tagore's Music and songs (Bengali) by Mrs. Anusila Barua, was staged. After that came our own Mandos and Oulpods organised by Oboe Noronha with singers Virginia Vaz, Ester Lobo, Phylis Siqueira, Maria Noronha, Tolly Barretto, George Saldanha and Bonny D'Souza. These songs greatly delighted the audience who join in the singing and asked for many encores.

The whole occasion was the result of careful planning and painstaking effort of Cultural Secretary, Thomas Pereira. All those who took part were encouraged by the appreciation shown by the audience. The lambskin coat donated by Francis Fernandes of Simba Skin, was displayed by Anna D'Souza, who drew the winning ticket No. 283 won by Mr. Po.

The majority of those who attended were unanimous in saying this was a great occasion portraying all that was best in us and in our culture.

Editor's Note: The feast organisers wish to thank all those who helped in making the feast celebrations a success. Lack of space prevents us from mentioning all the names.

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Dear Mr. Nazareth,

Will you please convey to your members our very grateful thanks for your generous donation of £ 10-00 towards our Christmas Fair which was held on behalf of Mother Teresa of Calcutta's work for the hungry of the world.

We would also like to thank those who donated to the bottle stall and the members of the G.O.A. who worked so hard to make it a success.

The total proceeds of the Fair was £ 635.

With every good wish to you and all the G.O.A.

Yours sincerely,

Sg. Violet Woods  
London/Middlesex Committee.

Editor's Note: The G.O.A. bottle stall was run by John and Maria Coutinho, ably assisted by Liza, John Barros, Francis Cardoso and Ivor De Souza. Another tireless Goan lady working for this cause every year is Mrs. Jessy Lobo of Twickenham.

## Colva Feast

300 villagers and guests gathered for the Feast of Infant Jesus at St. Anselm's, Tooting Bec on 27th October, 1973. High Mass was followed by a social where sorpatel and pulao prepared and served by Mrs. Franklyn Fernandes, Colva President's wife. Traditional folk singing was led by Seby Gomes, supported by Charlie Vaz, Claudio Santimano and guests including Lily Calaco and Ismailia Rodrigues. Augie Alvares and his CLUBMEN provided music. In reply to the feast President's speech Mr. Lionel Pereira, G.O.A. Social Secretary, thanked the COLVACARES for being the first Salcete village to hold such an occasion in this country.