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SILC NEWS

A publication of the Samutprakarn International Ladies Club



November

Dear All

As I try to write this we are at the end of the first day of half term for my children. We are off to Krabi on Saturday which I am really looking forward too but which has been greeted with varying degrees of pleasure and displeasure by my children. The biggest problem being that none of their friends will be there and that the resort we are staying at does not have the channel showing the Rugby World Cup Final. I have to say that, being English, although I am delighted we are in the final it may be a blessing in disguise if we are unable to see it given the disparity in points (or lack of them on our part) in the last game we played against South Africa. Never mind a final is a final and what will be will be.

A far more exciting point, and one you will all be interested in, is the fact that our bazaar raised around 190,000 baht. Thank you to all who attended, gave up their time to help, bought raffle tickets and shopped. It was a really successful day. A special thank you of course goes to Edwena and Colette for their time spent organising the event we really do appreciate it.

We have also had several other events this month, the ladies night out at Coyote, the fabulous – but expensive for some – coffee morning at Kalae, and by the time you receive this many of us will have ventured to the fabulous Christmas tree factory which is very well worth the trip. I just get excited at the thought of being able to put my tree up again but equally terrified that it comes around so quickly and that I have to think of presents. That is going to be another challenge this year as the UK is in the middle of a postal strike so I fear 'Christmas' will be a little late for a lot of relatives back home.

We will be very soon be selling tickets for our New Year Party on 14th January. Membership numbers are up this years so don't delay as there are limited tables available and you don't want to miss what I am sure will be a fabulous night wonderfully organised by Dominique.

Anyway I think that is enough of my ramblings for now. Have fun, stay safe and hope to see you soon

Jane

Halloween Edition



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Aims and Policies

Organisation of the Club

SILC creates an opportunity for women of all nationalities living in the Samutprakarn area to meet socially and participate in a variety of activities without travelling into Bangkok. We invite members to join monthly meetings, tours and interest groups. Members pay an annual fee of 600 Baht to cover costs and receive a newsletter and club directory.

Newsletter

The newsletter is published ten times a year with articles and information on club activities. Contributions are welcome and can be sent to the newsletter editor.

Committee Meetings

These are held once a month and are open to all members. Please inform the meeting hostess if you wish to attend.

SILC Policy on Children

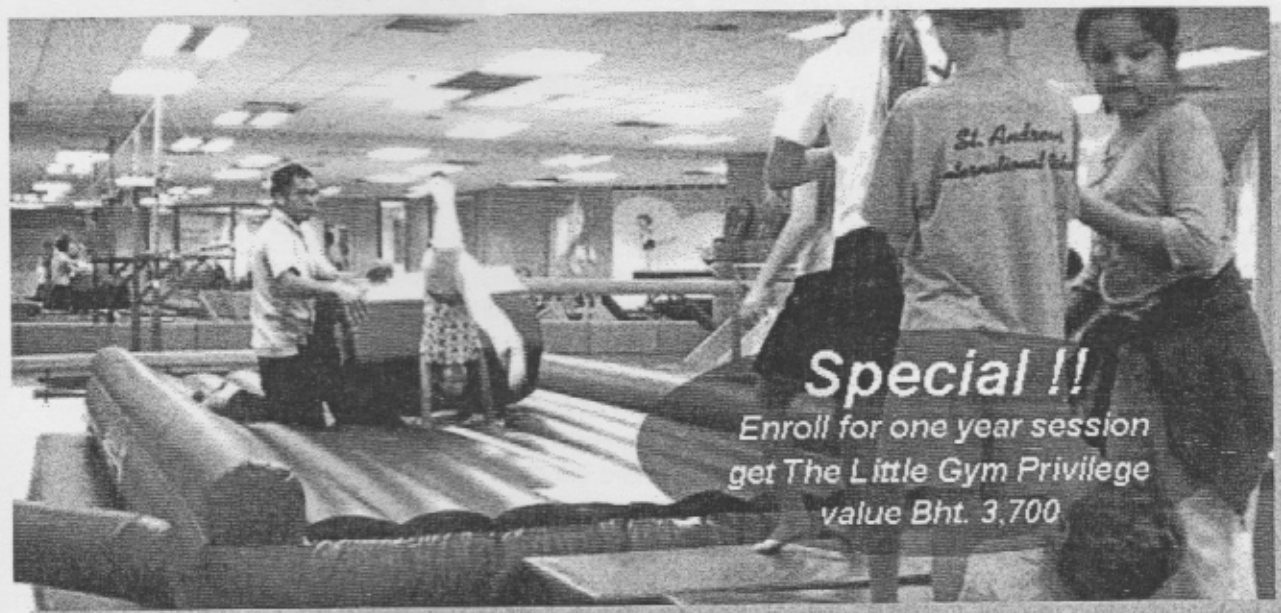
As the main purpose of SILC is to provide a network and support for its members, it is our policy that children do not attend functions and tours, except in the case of very young babies who are being breastfed and/or cannot be left with a carer. Members with babies, toddlers and children are invited to join regular playgroups advertised in the SILC newsletter and special family activities. Details of contact names and numbers can be found in the newsletter.

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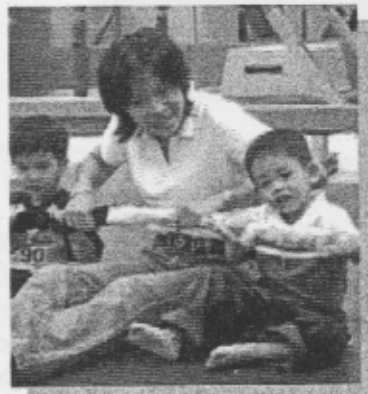
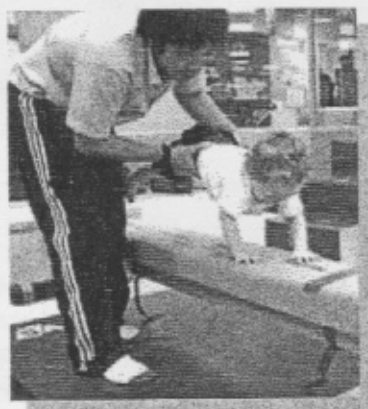
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New Members!

Ngoc Richt

Ngoc Richt (original Vietnamese) Husband : Wolfgang (a German)
Two daughters : Julia Richt Y8L Stephanie Richt Y4E Both are in Bangkok Patana School

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My shipment will only arrive at the beginning of next month! Now I have only a house and a mobile phone.... I will only be able to show you my photo sometime in the middle of next month! Hopefully, the editor will give me some space for the next newsletter. So sorry about that. I hope to meet all the ladies soon.

Tracey Daleman

We arrived in Bangkok in April this year. My daughter attends Bangkok Patana school and thinks every day is a holiday. I spend most of my time looking after Hollie, Attending Bambi and SILC playgroups where I must say I have met some wonderful people. Without these groups I think I would have gone back home before now. I enjoy reading which I seem to be able to do here but am also trying to teach myself the computer. Apart from that I jars take each day as it comes.

Nalini Ashok

I am Nalini Ashok, a new SILC member. I am excited and delighted to be a member of SILC . I consider this as a great opportunity to meet other SILC members and participate in the social and charity events organized by the members. They are extremely impressive and commendable. Would like to greatly appreciate the organizers and coordinators for dedicating their valuable time to this women's club.



Just a brief introduction about me: We have lived here four years ago. So, this is our second time to Thailand and we arrived last August. My husband, Ashok Rammohan is the Country Manager of Philip Morris International, Thailand. We have two children, Roshan Ashok (10 yrs) and Namrata Ashok (5 yrs). Both of them are at Bangkok Patana School. We are enjoying our stay in Thailand. We have lived in Hong Kong, Vietnam, Indonesia too and have visited most of the South East Asian countries.

Isabelle Vaessey

Hello, I'm Isabelle, born in Belgium but left to live in England when I was 5 years old. Come to think about it, I

suppose this was my first experience of expat life without the perks!

Married to Ashley (and his work!!!) with three delightful children, Christian 11 soon to be 12 going on 15, Patrice 10 (who's attitude is 15) and Catherine 7, who thinks she's the next Britney Spears. Pretty much a full house.

To keep myself sane I do Pilate's or should I say TRY to do Pilate's which gives me 1 hour of free time but unfortunately not painless, I find that by going to have foot reflexology. I also teach part time at my children's school on a one to one for children who need that little extra help, which I thoroughly enjoy.

We arrived in July 2006, after spending 4 years in Singapore. It's amazing really, as before we left England I said we would only do 1-2 years..... how wrong could I have been. Sometimes I think it's been the best thing, other times I'm sure we all go through it and wonder WHY!

Anyhow, have nearly spent 1 year in Bangkok and after the initial culture shock, getting used to the traffic, I now find myself loving it, as do my children. I hope we can settle here longer and continue to enjoy what we have.

That's about all, just wanted to say Hi and look forward to meeting you all in the future at one of the many venues.

Sarah Chaplin



Attached photo is of me with my family and our new niece Harriet. My husband, Andy, works for TIG in Bang Na. I have two children who both go to Patana. My daughter Emily is 12, likes netball, swimming and hip hop dance. My son Oliver is 10 and loves football. We arrived in Bangkok in August from Shanghai but are originally from the UK. We have had two other overseas assignments prior to China in New Jersey and Jakarta. We have enjoyed each location for different reasons and are looking forward to exploring Thailand and countries nearby while we are here.

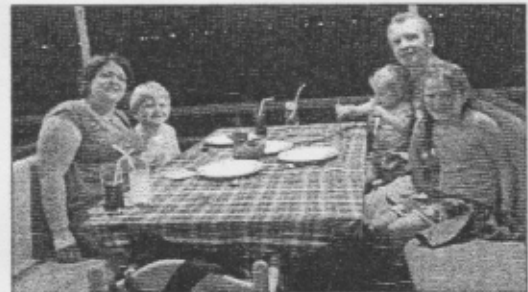


Jill Sirisompan

My name is Jill Sirisompan. I arrived in Thailand last February with my husband and teenage daughter who now attends Patana school in year 11. For the past 22 years we have been running Thai restaurants in Manchester one of which has now been sold and the other rented out. Therefore this is a complete new lifestyle for myself and a return to his roots for my husband who left Thailand to live in England 32 years ago. He is now busy working in the national stadium for the promotion of mateur Muay Thai. I am enjoying having more leisure time, relaxation and meeting new people.

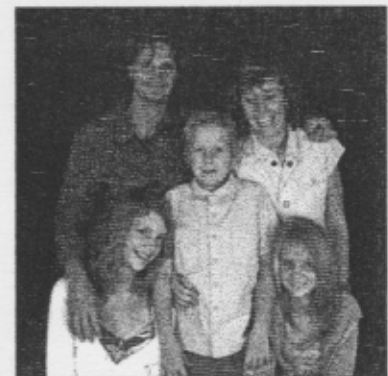
Sara Carr

My name is Sara Carr and I'm married to David and we have three kids; Olivia aged 9, Ethan aged 6 and Estelle who is almost 2. We moved to Bangkok in August and in the 5 weeks that we've been here we all have met some really lovely people and feel pretty settled already. Before Bangkok we lived in Shanghai for 2,5 years and had an amazing time with both great and weird experiences. I lived in Holland for over 20 years where I met David and where we were married. After living in different countries we are still very English and are always happy to find digestive biscuits and Heinz salad cream, but no Tetley tea-bags in Bangkok?



Mie Ghesquiere

This is us; my husband Kris, 2 daughters Inne (14) and Erien (12), our son Jorik (8) and me (is also my name ; Mie)
The kids go to Patana.
We live in Moo Baan Panya



Rhonda Anderson

My name is Rhonda Anderson. I come from Phoenix, AZ, USA. We are here on a 2 year assignment through my husband's job, of course. I have two daughters, Corrine is 12 and attending Patana School, and Paige is 2. I'm hoping to make lots of nice friends here in Bangkok to do things with. I enjoy cooking, photography, family adventures, and travelling. I also love sweets, as you can tell from my photo!

Julie Finigan

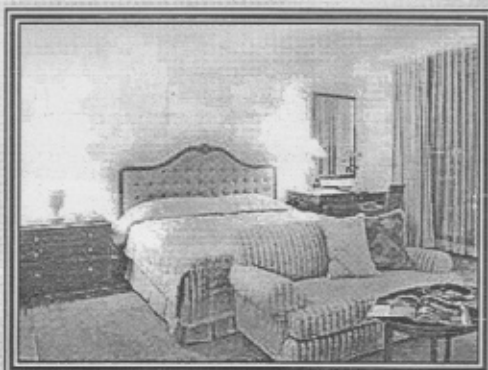
My name is Julie Finigan and I am an American married to an Italian living in Thana City. I have two boys, who are 2 1/2 and 4 years old and am a Grade 2 teacher at Concordian International School. I love cooking, travelling and reading.

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The Editor: silcnews@hotmail.com The Treasurer: Emma Shah

Committee Meeting Highlights

As at the end of September:

Cash in the bank: **220,593 baht**

Cash in hand: **13,207 baht**

If you know anyone that may be interested in joining SILC please ask them to contact:

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SILC Evening Event – October

The October evening event took us to Coyote's Mexican restaurant in Soi Convent. Ladies night and free margaritas were calling. When we arrived it was already very busy and we obviously weren't the only ones tempted by the good food and free booze! We were only a small group that night but that allowed us to have a nice chat with new members Doreen and Sandy. The food was delicious and the service was excellent. It is a good recommendation if you want a reasonable meal in town and it is only a hop and a skip to Patpong! (although we weren't tempted that night). A good night was had by all and we hope to see more of you at our wine tasting event in December!

Pamela



Coffee Morning Review



On Tuesday the 16th of October the coffee morning was being held in a most Unique little Asian Handicraft furniture tea-room which reminded me of entering Pandora's Box as there were all little rooms full of the most excursive and unique furniture and bits and bobs of all different kinds which were displayed beautifully especially the Purple floral arrangement on the coffee table (which Kay is going to purchase the girl who can never re-

sist a bargain even if it is not a bargain, but has a good eye for nice things)! Even though it is called a tea-room we had the most beautiful French coffee which was freshly percolated (Edwina had her cuppa with the teabag at the side but unfortunately it wasn't English breakfast but she did get the cold milk eventually, but the tea was not quite right.) The gorgeous croissants and French baguette from Follies bakery up the road were delieuse (delicious) with the butter and Jam, it was like being in a little french cafe up Montmartre in Paris.

Our french host was delightful and gave a very interesting lecture on the furniture, I went into too much detail but I will give you a brief summary of the lecture.

Most of the furniture in the show room was between sixty and one hundred years old (you could almost smell the oldness (if that's the term you could use to describe it) of some of the wood it was so strong smelling when you opened the doors of some of the cabinets.) Furniture only really came into

vogue after the fifth century before Christ because before that what existed was what was classed as a mat culture in Asia. The reason there is so much furniture now for sale of this age is (most of the furniture comes from China) the Chinese people are now selling their old furniture that has been in their homes for many years for more modern furniture and a lot of it is exported to Thailand restored and sold again. There was some beautiful window frames of the most intrigue and beautifully carved designs which would be quite expensive and will not be available for much longer as they are regarded as a National treasure in China and can not be exported any longer. It was only in the thirteenth century that furniture was being made higher for example book shelves, cabinets and tables before that it was only benches and chairs. My personal favorite wood in the showroom was the elm because it reminded me of light colored pine which most of my furniture in my house consists of. Kim's favorite was Huanghuali wood but there was none of that in the showroom as Serge explained it is almost extinct and very expensive to buy.

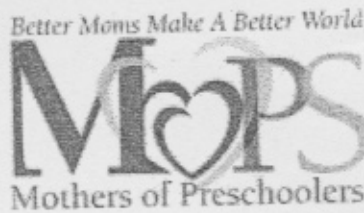
Well girls hope I have not bored you all with too many details but it was a lovely morning and this shop is definitely worth a visit and the prices are so very good as well.

Au revoir

Colette



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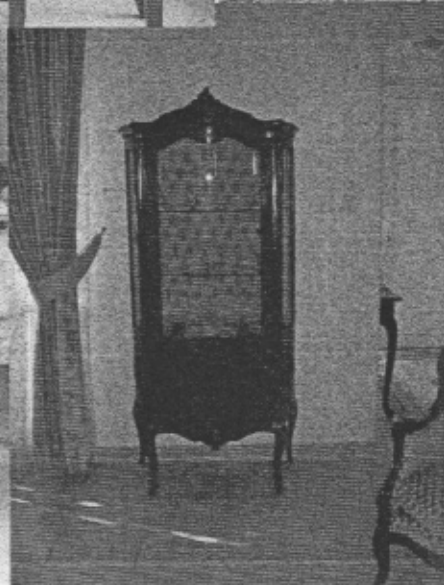
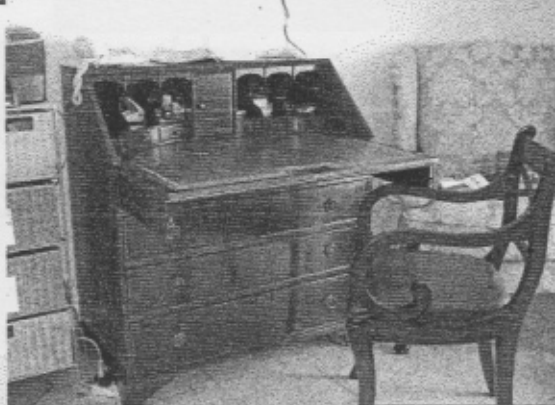
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- 2 lamps (formal)

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November Events

ST ANDREWS COFFEE MORNING

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9.30 to 1130



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Please RSVP Irene on irenemgray@gmail.com or 0818069240 before 23rd of November

Tour Ceramic Factories in Ratchaburi on Tuesday 27 November

On Tuesday 27 November we travel all the way to Ratchaburi to visit two Ceramic Factories.

First we will visit Tao Hong Tai Ceramic Factory where you can find beautiful, up-market, modern ceramic products designed by ceramic artist K. Wasinburee. In the gardens surrounding the factory all sort of colorful pots are lying around in the grass. Inside the showroom and factory you get to see more modern ceramic art works and pots. Hopefully we can also see the craftsmen at work and see what a gas kiln looks like. Up-market prices here.



Later on we will go to Ruangsilp Pottery 3 where they make traditional Thai ceramic products. We can see Thai craftsmen at work making pots. And very surprisingly they use a traditional Japanese style wood kiln. The complete process takes 20 hours! To be able to see this kiln is really rare and impressive!

Meet up at the front desk of Bangkok Patana School at 7.30 hrs.
After visiting the factories we'll have lunch in the area and then return to Patana.

Hope to see many of you on this tour!

Please RSVP to Marit by Wednesday 21 November at the latest [ger-ton-marit@yahoo.com](mailto:marit@yahoo.com)



**All SILC events are subject to change.
Please confirm your attendance with the relevant contact.**

What's on in Bangkok



Venue

Muangthai Ratchadalai Theatre

Location

4 th Floor, Esplanade Shopping Center, Ratchadapisek Road

Total Performance: 14 Performances

**Furniture , Fashion , Food Festival
Wedding , Gift Festival**

**Venue : Impact Muangtongthani
HALL 6-8**

17th - 25th November 2007

10.30 am - 9.00 pm

Food Festival

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Exhibition Profile

- Food products
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- Canned Food

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Exhibition Profile

- Living Room set
- Bedroom Furniture
- Dining Set
- Kitchen Furniture
- Office Furniture
- Electrical appliance
- Home Decorative items

Christmas Party

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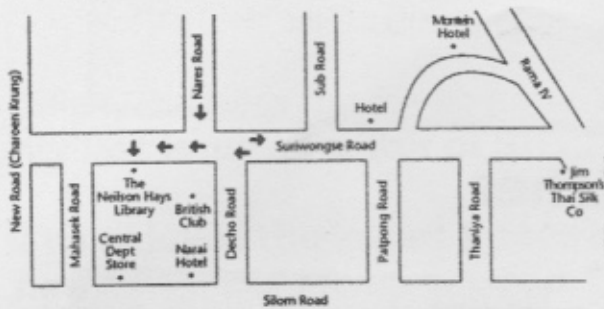
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Nara Yeung:-



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Cooks Kitchen



This month its **Alan (my husband)** shares some ideas, says that Villa has the best Taco's and who am I to argue

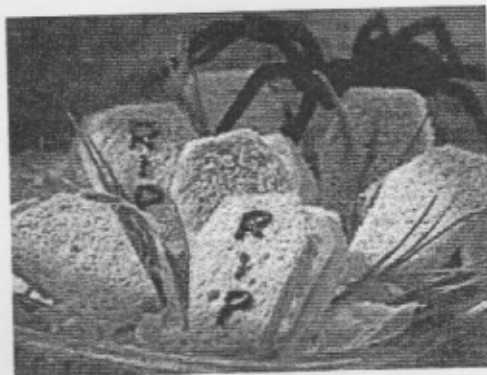
Coffin Sandwiches

- 2 slices whole wheat bread
- 3 slices Ham
- 1 Cheese Single
- 1 Tbsp. salad cream or mayonnaise
- 1 lettuce leaf

CUT bread slices into coffin shapes.

LAYER with sliced meat, Singles, dressing and lettuce. Spear each sandwich with toothpick to hold it together, if desired.

CUT sandwich into coffin shape using coffin template and sharp knife. For an even stronger template, trace the template onto a piece of cardboard and cut out.

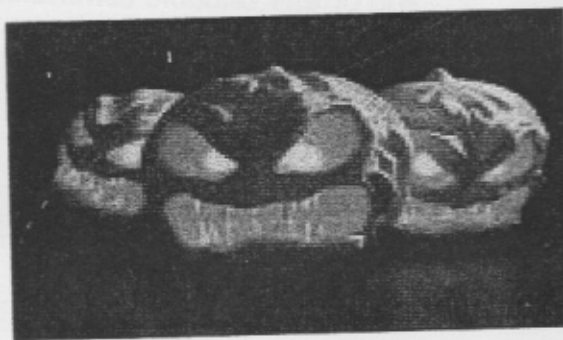
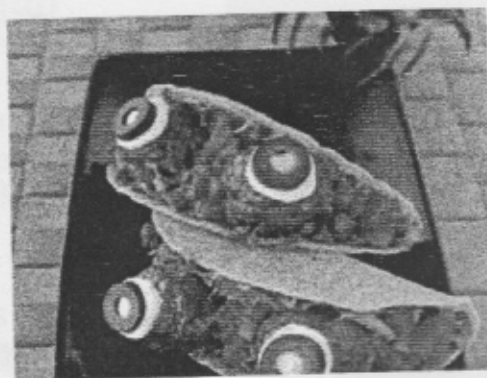


Spooky Eye Taco's

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 pkt Taco Seasoning Mix
- 12 Taco Shells
- Thick 'N Chunky Salsa
- 3/4 cup Sour Cream
- 1 can sliced pitted ripe olives

MIX meat and seasoning mix. Shape into 36 (1-inch) balls; place in 15x10x1-inch baking pan.

BAKE at 350°F for 15 to 20 minutes or until cooked through. Fill each taco shell with 1 meatball; drizzle with salsa. Top with 2 meatballs dipped in sour cream. Garnish with olives to make "eyeballs."



Note From the Editor

"Well, it's time for me to move on to other things and this will be my last issue as editor of SILC.

I've enjoyed the issues I have done for you and equally hope you have found them a good read."

So.....The Editor's job is VACANT and anyone who would like to take on this interesting role should contact our Chairman Jane Wise @ wiseinbk@truemail.co.th or give her a call on 087 050 0950.

I'm shore I'll see you soon at one of the SILC evening events.

Bye for now!

Jo

Bazaar Update

A whopping Baht 86,100 was made at the SILC Bazaar last month.

Well done to all of you for your hard work in making the Bazaar such a success and a special BIG THANKYOU goes to Colette and Edwena.

Brilliant Job Ladies!

Welfare Update

Just before we broke up for the summer myself and Colette made a visit to Chulalongkorn Hospital to check on Khun Uraiwan's progress. For those of you who don't know, Khun Uraiwan is the 15 year old burns victim that we have been helping out financially over the past year.

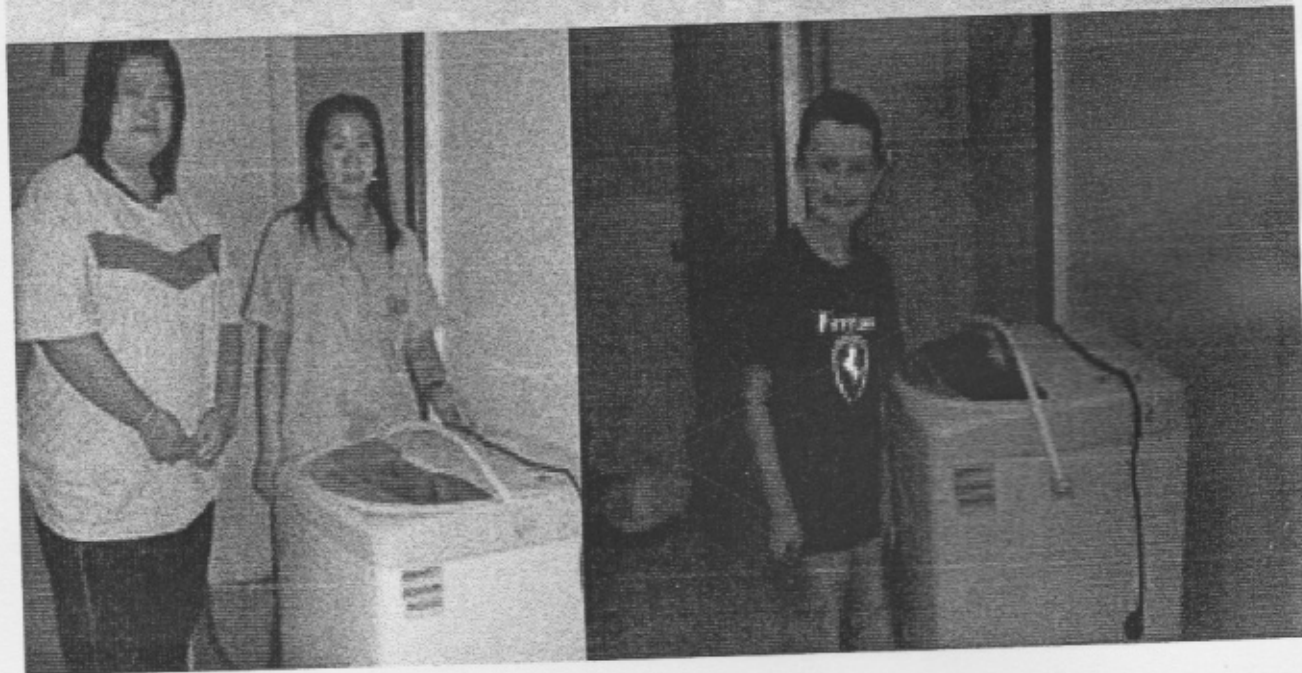
Her progress is coming along very nicely. She can now walk and dress herself and was able to leave hospital a month or so ago. We are now helping her out with her education and have paid 5,000 Baht for her first term. We are going to continue to pay for her education as the cost is only 15,000 Baht a year. As she's a very bright girl I think this is a worth while investment for her future! I know she's only one in millions who need help but we have to start somewhere! So on behalf of Sister Joan (her carer) and Khun Uraiwan I would like to say a very big thank you to all Silc members for your kind and continued support.

On another note, we are still looking for help on our Friday trips to the Thai Mahawong School so if any of you ladies have an hour or two to spare one or two Friday's a month we would appreciate your help. We brought them a washing machine last week that was kindly donated by Maoliosa Denye (thank you) and the teachers were so excited they were like kids on Christmas morning. How a small thing that we take for granted can give someone so much pleasure. It was wonderful!!

And finally, I just want to say thank you to the playgroup and Mahjong ladies for their kind donation to the fruit fund every week. It now stands at 8,640 Baht. We also use some of this money to buy odd supplies that we need from time to time for the school.

Thanks again to one and all.

Kay.



Guy Fawkes Night

Traditionally known as **Bonfire Night**, **Guy Fawkes Night** is an annual celebration (but not a public holiday) on the evening of the 5th of November primarily in the United Kingdom, but also in former British colonies New Zealand, the island of Newfoundland (Canada), parts of the British Caribbean including the Bahamas, and to some extent by their nationals abroad. Bonfire Night was common in Australia until the 1980s, but it was held on the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June.



It celebrates the foiling of the Gunpowder Plot in which a group of Catholic conspirators, led by one Robert Catesby, and including Guy Fawkes, attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament in Westminster on the evening of 5 November 1605, when the Protestant James I of England (James IV of Scotland), his eldest sons, and the majority of the English Parliament were within its walls. The conspirators were later tortured and executed.

The celebrations, which in the United Kingdom take place in towns and villages across the country, involve fireworks displays and the building of bonfires, on which "guys", or dummies, representing Guy Fawkes, the most infamous of the conspirators, are traditionally burnt. Before the fifth, children traditionally used the "guys" to beg for money with the chant "Penny for the guy", although this is now rarely seen. In recent years the night is becoming increasingly known as "Guy Fawkes Night".

Book Club?

NEW SILC BOOK CLUB

The idea is to found a SILC Book Club!

We would meet on a monthly basis, preferably on Monday, Tuesday or Friday mornings.

Rotating at members' homes.

It should be interesting, fun, inspiring, social, scrumptious (if we decide to bring a snack to share each time...).

This group would also provide an opportunity to exchange books from our personal libraries.

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Lunch Review

SILC Cooking Class and Lunch at Beccofino

Given that cooking is something I do very little of these days I did swither as to the reasoning behind my decision to attend this lunch. Coupled with the fact I try to avoid eating pasta you may think it strange that I went at all. However from the moment the car turned on to a free flowing Srinakrin Road I knew it was going to be a good day.

Beccofino on Soi 55 or Thong Lor is very easy to find even for those of us who get nosebleeds if we go further that Seacon Square. On arrival we were greeted by the very Italian Chef Angelo (memories of Brotherhood of Man came flocking back!) and taken through to a special room at the back where we were given delicious coffee whilst we waited for everyone to arrive. I had thought we were going to be doing the cooking so had not come in my best lunch clothes but no-one seem to mind.

Once we had all settled down - and stopped talking - Chef Angelo told us about the menu that he was going to show us, Beef Carpaccio with Rocket Salad and Parmesan Cheese, Spaghetti All'Amatriciana and Vanilla Panacotta with strawberry sauce. He also explained some basics about Italian Cooking. This included all the differences in Olive Oils - I never knew it was so complicated but at least I understand why it is so expensive now. Chef Angelo was very knowledgeable and amusing and dealt with all our questions very well - even those he didn't quite understand. By the time he had finished showing us how to cook these dishes we were all salivating like Pavlov's Poodles and dying to get down to the eating!

The restaurant was very accommodating as not everybody wanted to eat exactly what we had cooked. This neither delayed our lunch nor upset the staff which was very pleasing. As well as being given delisios food we had the pleasure of 3 different wines ,one with each course. Some SILC ladies liked them so much that they even bought a couple of bottles to take home with them. I thoroughly enjoyed my food especially the Panacotta which was sooooo delicious but a little too creamy to be eaten regularly. At the end of the lunch we were all presented with our own certificate of participation - and a card to say that if we complete 5 such courses we get one free.

I left the restaurant feeling very content and perhaps a little sleepy due to the wine but really feeling I had learnt something. Although a couple of the ladies were unfortunately unwell afterwards I would still recommend this to anybody.

Thanks to JO again for organising the lunch and hope to see you all at the next one!



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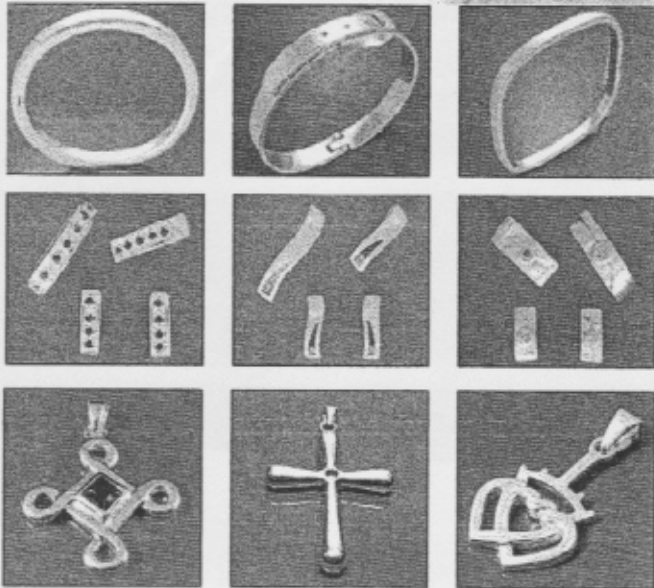
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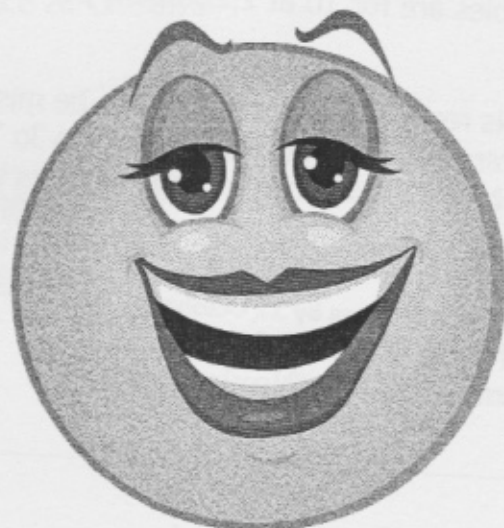
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Puzzle 1

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They also are not of uniform width (may be wider in middle than on the end), thus burning half of the rope is not necessarily 1/2 hour.

By burning the ropes, how do you measure exactly 45 minutes worth of time?

Puzzle 2

A quick test of intelligence

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Sudoku

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Sudoku Rules:

1. Every row must contain the numbers from 1 through 9
2. Every column must contain the numbers from 1 through 9
3. Every 3x3 square must contain the numbers from 1 through 9

Spot the Difference



Scary

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**You will
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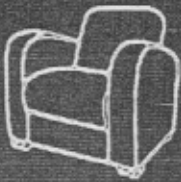




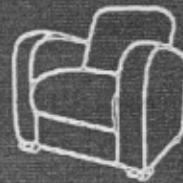
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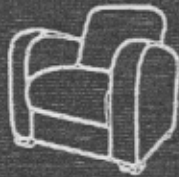
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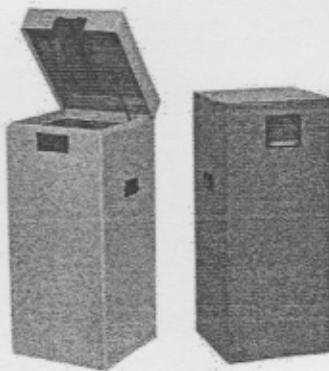
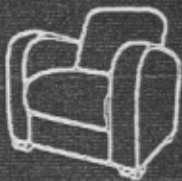
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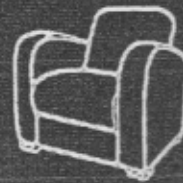
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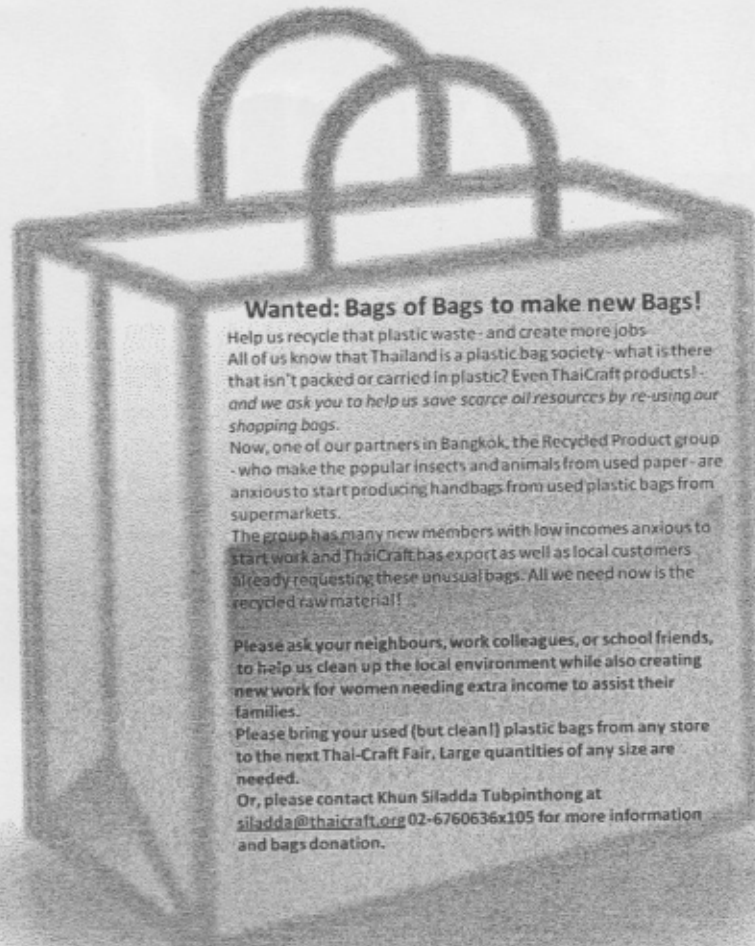
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