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**ORGANISATION OF THE CLUB**

SILC creates an opportunity for women of all nationalities living in the Samut Prakarn 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 500 Baht to cover costs and receive a monthly newsletter and club directory.

**NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter is published once a month with articles and information on club activities. Contributions are welcome and can be sent directly to the newsletter editor.

**MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS**

Club meetings are usually held on the first Monday of each month. Venues for meetings vary and are published in the newsletter. Meetings start at 8.00 p.m. and last approx. 2 hours. Visitors are most welcome.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### November Coffee Morning

DATE: Wed. 10th November  
TIME: 9.30  
VENUE: Helen Isaac  
754 Lakeside Villa 1  
RSVP: Helen 316 8061  
Julie 385 8133

This will be a chance to learn some new Thai cooking skills. Helen has kindly opened up her kitchen for a demonstration. A number of dishes will be made so everyone will get the chance to see at least one dish being made.

There will also be a chance to hear and buy, Khun Preeda's "blue and white" pottery. Don't forget your cash!

### November Monthly Meeting

DATE: Tues. 23rd November,  
TIME: 7.30 p.m. prompt!  
VENUE: Helen Isaac  
754 Lakeside Villa 1  
RSVP: Helen 316 8061

Eric Chocat who is a well known local photographer will be speaking about his work. There will also be a chance to sign up for a photography course in this area! Don't miss out, be there.

### Welfare Sub Committee

DATE: Friday 22nd October  
TIME: 09.30  
VENUE: Khun Paradee's

RSVP: 398 5796

Anyone is welcome to join the meeting and share ideas on SILC Welfare projects. This meeting will be to draw up the programme for Pong Ploy and allocate activities, as well as discussing other welfare projects.

### October Lunch

Don't forget the Combined Women's Lunch to be held on Wednesday 20th October at The Imperial Queen's Park Hotel, Sukhumvit Soi 22.

Sale of Xmas Gifts at 10.00, Lunch at 12.00 followed by a Cultural Show. Phone Nathalie Scott now on 758 6787 before its too late

### November Committee Meeting

DATE: Monday 8th November  
TIME: 08.30 a.m. Prompt!  
VENUE: Nuri Ismail  
704 Lakeside Villa 1  
RSVP: 316 2696

## SILC LUNCH NOVEMBER



DATE: Thursday 18th November

TIME: 12.00 noon

VENUE: Sunita Kulisra  
145 Moo 9 Lakeside Villa 2

RSVP: Nathalie 758 6787

Sunita has kindly offered to demonstrate her Indian cooking skills and offer lunch for us at her home. Numbers are limited to 20, so please sign up on the sheet at the next SILC function, or phone Nathalie by Thursday 11th November with pre payment of 300 Baht

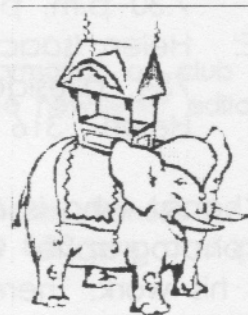
## NEWS FROM THE SILC SWIMATHON

The children of Ban Khun Wong, (the village which is to benefit from the funds raised at the swimathon), have hand made some lovely key rings as gifts for those children who took part in the swim. Susan Race has passed these on to Felicity, so if your children swam and would like one as a memento, please see Felicity at the next SILC function, or call her on 758 6492.

Is anyone interested in visiting the Hill Tribe Village of Ban Khun Wong to see the water project which SILC has contributed to?

Susan Race is organising a trip there from Friday 12th November to Sunday 14th November. The journey involves a flight to Chiang Mai and various types of transport from then on! Interested?

Call Felicity for more details as soon as possible. Tel 758 6492



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am now sitting here writing a message for the October newsletter, what ever happened to September?

Thank you to Nellie for hosting the last coffee morning, there was a good turn out and very encouraging to see so many new faces. If any ladies still haven't filled in their newcomer's forms, please contact Nuri on 316 2696 or myself on 316 4074.

I think the next time we have a function at Nellie's house, we ought to take our swimming costumes, the pool certainly looked inviting. Only with the host's permission, of course!

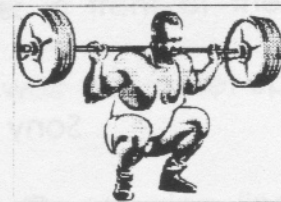
The SILC Welfare bazaar, well, I thought it went very smoothly, (but then again it was my first!) and hopefully enjoyed by all? A tremendous thank you to Kate Thomas and Lyn Bradley who organised the event, also to Lorraine Longden for grabbing volunteers, and to Pat Cookson who put on her craft hat and produced some brilliant posters and door hangings. Well done to everyone.

I for one, have learnt many a lesson this time, and shall pass them on to the next President- all positive of course! Lyn (the treasurer) has still got her abacus out and will be finalising the figures soon.

I bumped into Alan Richardson (Estate Dept Manager) at Patana School yesterday, and congratulated him. He enquired " on what, winning the emerald and diamond ring, or the other event"? Well I will congratulate Tanya on the birth of their second son.

Lastly I would like to thank Anna Whitcraft and Alan (see above) at Patana School, for letting us occupy their premises.

Every time I went to Anna's desk she always had a smile, okay so maybe through gritted teeth, but always helpful and willing.



Also thanks to the Vendors, who must all have muscles like Arnold Schwarzenegger?

I hope you enjoyed the day?

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Future SILC events: Gill Symons and Nathalie Scott are at this very moment planning the adult Christmas Party. See this newsletter for details. Susan Holland has already taken out one of her many black accessories, (a personal organiser) and has delegated a few startled volunteers for the children's Christmas party, 'a few good men' this time please.

PLEASE CAN YOU SUPPORT THESE EVENTS, as we are all volunteers just trying to make you happy!

Jonquil Henry

There is to be another  
"Major Sale at Pranda Jewellery"

Warn your husband's it's time to buy your own Christmas present again! Remind them it is a stress free event for them, all they have to do is open their wallet!

The sale takes place from:

Thursday 25th November to Thursday 2nd December.

There will be a 60% reduction on most stock.

Pranda is situated very close to Bangkok Patana School in Soi La Salle, Sukhumvit Soi 105. To get there, turn left out of Patana School gates and left again at the

'Esso Lubricants' sign. (There is no sign for Pranda from this end). Go through the main gates of the Factory and the show room and shop are to the right. All major credit cards accepted.



FOR SALE

Sony CCD-F340E Video 8 Video Camera Recorder

Recently serviced; new battery. All leads and battery charger included in price

Only 9,000 Baht



Contact Nathalie, Tel/Fax 758 6787



Two people who worked behind the scenes were **Yoky Padmore** (set-up) and **Edith Livet** (clean-up). Unglamorous work but very much appreciated! Thanks also to **Paradee, Maureen and Laddawan** for the eye-catching SILC welfare display. Speaking of eye-catching, who could have failed to notice the classy decorating job donated by **Pat Cookson**? She is a true artist, and we are so fortunate that she was willing to donate many hours and supplies to create our fabric-draped entry, scripted signboards and multi-level raffle prize display. In between, she moved tables and collected entry fees. Thanks, Pat, for an outstanding job.

**Jonquil Henry** risked permanent and lasting damage by hobbling around for hours on a twisted ankle, setting up tables and explaining some of the shocking graffiti on the desks to me...On the day of the sale she was everywhere at precisely the right moment. I am beginning to suspect that she is supernatural (except for mah jong). Best of all was the support I received all summer from **Lyn Bradley**. She dealt with vendors, cheques, deposits and the like and still managed to bake bread. Most importantly, she brought me a cup of tea during the bazaar. Now *that's* support!

The Charity Bazaar brought out some of the best things "SILC" stands for: **Sharing Interesting and Lively Conversation.....Supporting Individuals and Local Charities.....Showing an Interest in the Local Culture....**I had a great day and I hope you did too.

Kate Thomas

### CAN YOU HELP?

We are trying to trace one of our Charity Bazaar raffle prize winners. The winning ticket has the name "SARI K" written on it, but gives an incorrect telephone number.

If you know who this is and where they might be contacted, please telephone Kate Thomas on 336 0780 so that the winner may claim her rightful prize!

Contact Nithale Tel/Fax 750 6787



The following letter was received from Susan Race, as a result of the successful Swimathon organised by SILC.



181 Sukhumvit 39,  
Bangkok

Dear Felicity,

On behalf of the Primary Education Office of Mae Hong Son, the headmaster and the students of Ban Khun Wong Nua, I would like to thank you for SILC sponsorship of the 57,000 Baht water project at the school.

I would like to say a special thank you to the organisers, Jan Parkin and Becky Hazleton, and especially the swimmers!! I know their efforts will be well rewarded.

Judging from the photos it was a super event and I must say that I am very sorry that the circumstances on the day prevented me from attending.

I have forwarded the photos, cheques and story of the event to the school and I know they will be impressed. I will follow up with SILC as the project progresses.

And thank you Felicity for your personal support of the project,

Yours sincerely,

Susan Race. THEP (Thailand Hilltribe Education Projects)

This letter was dated 6th July and was inadvertently missed out of last months newsletter. Please accept our apologies. Thanks....Ed.

If you feel like visiting this project to see for yourself what is being done, read all about the trip on page 2 of this newsletter.

UPDATE ON THE WATER PROJECT AT BAN KHUN WONG NUA  
MAE HONG SON PROVINCE - FUNDED BY SILC

At the SILC Bazaar, Susan Rce handed me an envelope full of wonderful thank-you letters (in Thai) and drawings done by the children at the village of Ban Khun Wong Nua. Also handmade keyrings (made of wool) for all the swimmers and helpers. We are doing our best to distribute these, but if your child was involved and has not received theirs, please call me on 758 6492.

Reading the letter from Khun Apichat, (the head teacher) will bring home just how much of an impact we made. They were all very intrigued by the photos of our swimathon that Susan sent them after the event. I would like some more photos, of our children with their keyrings, maybe in their school uniform or at the poolside. I will then take these up with me when I visit, with Susan Race, in November. Please send all photos to me in the next 10 days if possible. (I would like to make up a framed collage that they could hang in the school as a gift from us).

In the meantime, if you would like to make the "long weekend" trek to visit the village, see information in this newsletter and phone Susan Race A.S.A.P. Please also call me if you would like more informaton.

Felicity Dent

To: Teacher Panwadee (a colleague of Susan Race)

I have received a cheque in amount of 57,000 Baht and this amount has already transferred to our school bank account. I set up a meeting with teacher team and school committee and agreed that we will operate our hilltribe water project in October 10 - 30 1999.

I showed the pictures that you gave me to my students and community members. They are very excited (especially adults) because they have not seen farang children before. If we run our hilltribe water project, will they come to visit us? (Tour organisers take note.....! Ed.) My students want to see them a lot as shown in your pictures.

Students, youth and teacher team will make key chains for the financial supporters of this project. Attached, please find letters and pictures from my students. I assure you of my respect,

Apichat (Head teacher at the school in the village).

HERE ARE SOME OF THE LETTERS RECEIVED FROM  
THE STUDENTS.....

Dear all friends, sisters and brothers,

I am glad that all of you sent photos to students and teachers here. I thank all of you. I am glad that all of you are good swimmers raising money for our project. All of you are very generous to us. I would like to be a good swimmer like all of you. I really want you to come visit us.

Love and miss all of you,

Siriya Chuankitroongruang  
Grade 4

Dear friends, sisters and brothers,

I am so glad that you sent money to our water supply project. We are glad that we can use tap water. All of you have given to us. Can I ask your names? If you have time, please come to visit us. Please reply my letter.

From Amnaj Sanguanwaja  
Grade 5

Dear friends,

I am glad that you sent money to us for the water supply project. Thanks for all your kindness. I would like you to come and visit us. I have seen everyone's photo.

I love and miss you all

From Matsi Palangjitmunkong  
Grade 5

## PLEASE BE AWARE.....

It has come to light that one or two members have received phone calls from sales men and women and it was eventually established that they had taken the telephone numbers from an old SILC Directory.



Please could we ask all members to be aware of this and be cautious when disposing of old directories and newsletters with telephone numbers in, (you mean you don't keep your newsletters and re read them over and over again?.....Ed). There is no need to take a trip to a shredding machine, but please at least render them useless (who said they were anyway!!) and be aware of the potential problem.

## NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

Non-members must pay 1000 Baht for a full page advertisement, 500 Baht for a 1/2 page and 250 Baht for a 1/4 page. If flyers are provided and no copying is required, the cost is 500 Baht for a full page.

Personal advertising is free for members, however if advertising a business or service, a nominal charge will be incurred.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS  
NOVEMBER 15TH  
DON'T MISS IT!!

e-mail your articles of interest to  
[gsymons@loxinfo.co.th](mailto:gsymons@loxinfo.co.th)  
or fax to Gill on 758 5172

## REPORT ON SEPTEMBER COFFEE MORNING FOR NEWCOMERS

It really is a wonderful feeling to be back in "Amazing Thailand". Hopefully we're all trying to resume our old routines, especially those members with children now back at school. We had the first SILC coffee morning after the long summer break filled with both new and old members, all warmly welcomed by our host Nellie Holm. Everyone who joined the gathering enjoyed chatting as we had a lot of catching up to do. No wonder the noise was getting louder and louder! Suddenly we were surprised by the sound of Jonquil's "tooter" to silence us all.

Jonquil addressed everybody with her warm welcome speech, especially the newcomers. She mentioned many of the forthcoming activities for this year which you will also find in your newsletter. Everyone is encouraged to participate in any of the activities and meet new friends. Jonquil then thanked Gill Symons for the work she has done, she noted the great effort Gill had put in to get the newsletter out ahead of time before the bazaar. CONGRATULATIONS!! (thank you.....Ed!). A very big THANK YOU to Nellie, our host for the morning and to everyone who joined us.

Lastly, there was a sale of second hand books at super discounted prices. The money collected will go to the charities that SILC supports through the welfare committee. We hope to see you all at the next meeting. Don't miss it!

Millie

Something to make you chuckle!..... The following are taken from Royal Marines and Royal Navy fitness reports...yes they are for real!

- ◆ His men would follow him anywhere, but only out of curiosity
- ◆ He has carried out each and every one of his duties to his entire satisfaction
- ◆ He would be out of his depth in a car park puddle
- ◆ Technically sound, but socially impossible
- ◆ Since my last report, this officer has reached rock bottom and has started to dig
- ◆ She sets low personal standards and then consistently fails
- ◆ I would not breed from this officer!

SILC Bazaar Extraordinaire

It was so wonderful to be purely a shopper this year. I submitted happily when "volunteered" to write the review.

It was with a sudden shock that I realised this was my 4th SILC Bazaar (it made me feel a real "old timer") and they just seem to keep on getting better. The beautiful blue and white entrance way was stunning (designer and artist Pat Cookson!) and this led into a light and airy spacious "sales hall" which I didn't recognise as the usual black shrouded High School Examination Room. It was a real pleasure to go shopping - to see all the familiar faces, as well as many new ones, amongst the vendors - and also to bump not a former SILC member, Krystyna Pawlowicz, visiting from South Africa. Good advertising that!

I managed to find items I just couldn't resist and buy them with money I really didn't have, succumbed to temptation (without too much of a struggle) at the "Duc de Praslin" chocolate stall and enjoyed a curry puff and coffee at the refreshment table.

If the venue was excellent, then the organisation verged on the flawless (why wasn't this lady on the committee....?) and a BIG Thank You to Bangkok Patana School for all their help. It seemed very fitting that the first prize in the raffle, (a stunning emerald and diamond ring, donated by our own member, Laurie Adulayacvichitr) should be won by Alan Richardson of the Estate Department. What a nice gift for his wife, Tanya, who had just had a baby boy the previous day.

Amidst all my enjoyment as an avid shopper, it was great to see the purpose of the day not forgotten, a wonderful "Welfare information table" with displays by Ladawan Wong, Giny Posthumous and Maureen Bligh, including lots of information on how the SILC welfare money is spent.

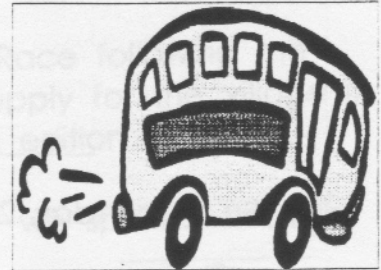
Many congratulations to Kate Thomas and her team and thanks again to all at Patana for making this SILC Bazaar such a pleasure and success.

Felicity Dent



## (The First) NOVEMBER TOUR

- DATE: Wednesday 3rd November
- TIME: Depart Bangkok Patana School  
at 08.30, returning around 1.00 p.m.
- COST: 200 Baht
- RSVP: Sign up sheet or call Heather 385 8148  
Sandra 385 8729



This visit is to The Monks Bowl Village, the nearby Amulet Market and to round it all off a visit to the Nielloware Factory and shop. There may even be time to shop at the nearby Gold Leaf Factory.

Make sure you don't miss the chance to be there, sign up at the next SILC function, or phone Heather or Sandra now. Anyone who has not experienced a SILC trip before may like to know that we travel in school mini-buses with drivers and usually aim to get back to school by 1.00 p.m. Read all about the second November tour further on!

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY  
BRING YOUR FRIENDS ALONG FOR A FUN DAYS  
SHOPPING FOR CHRISTMAS BARGAINS

### DEAR LADIES BAZAAR

(Supporting Education in Thailand)



Thursday 4th November  
Mezzanine Common Room  
The Imperial Queen's park Hotel  
Sukhumvit Soi 22  
10.00 to 2.30 p.m.  
Donation of 50 Baht

silk, linen ceramics, clothing, cards, toys, candles, jewellery, silver, baskets, chocolates, Christmas crafts, home baking, refreshments.

**A VISIT TO NAGA HOUSE**  
**(The second) NOVEMBER TOUR**

**DATE:** Thursday 25th November

**TIME:** Leave Bangkok Patana School at 09.00 a.m. sharp  
Returning approximately 1.30 p.m.

**COST:** 600 Baht Pre paid please.  
(includes transportation , morning tea and lunch)

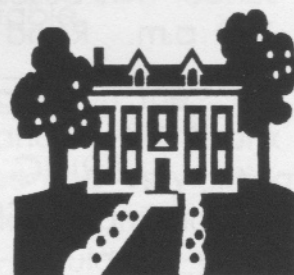
**RSVP:** By Monday 15th November. There is a maximum of 10 people  
so please book and pay early to secure your place

Please call:

Heather on 385 8148 or fax: 385 8402

Sandra on 385 8729 or fax: 758 7077

Join us for an opportunity to visit Naga House, situated in a beautifully restored colonial style residence built in the 1920's and set in a stunning garden in Dusit. The house is now an exclusive showroom displaying designer jewelry, antiques, silk and collectable items.



We will leave Patana promptly at 09.00 and upon arrival at Naga House we will have morning tea on the verandah and an opportunity to browse around the house. We will then have an introductory talk in the Silk Room on this fascinating fabric. Group size is limited to 10 people to allow hands on experience of the silks. We will then retire to the Thai Sala for a relaxed luncheon in a beautiful setting before departing on our journey home.

**PALLADIO DESIGN AND COLLECTIBLES.....**

Are having a sale on 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th November from 09.30 to 6.00 p.m. at Apt 9B Oriental Towers, Ekamai Soi 12, Sukhumvit Soi 63, Bangkok 10110. Tel: 382 0198 or 382 0236 Here you will find all sorts of "different" ideas for Christmas gifts, or just to keep for yourself.



## WELFARE NEWS

We have received a very nice letter from Susan Race following the successful swimathon which helped with a water supply for the village in Mae Hong Son in the north. See elsewhere in this edition for letter.

SILC has received details of 8 new students that we sponsor through the International Support Group. The ages of the total of 10 students we now sponsor ranges from 9 - 16 years old and from grade 3 to grade 10. Most of them are from the north and northeast, although 2 are from local schools.



I have recently visited a home which is provided by the Human Development Centre for HIV mothers and babies in Klong Toey. The house now has a plaque saying it was furnished by SILC. (60,000 Baht was donated in April).

Jonquil and Maureen represented SILC at the Combined Women's Welfare meeting on October 6th. This is a very interesting meeting where more than 10 International women's groups including SILC join to discuss and share their welfare projects and ideas once every 2 to 3 months. The next meeting will be held in January.

Our next SILC welfare meeting is on Friday October 22nd at Khun Paradee's house, starting at 09.30. The meeting is open for everyone who is interested to attend.

Helpers are still needed for Concordia and Pong Ploy. The number of children at Pong Ploy has increased from 120 to 150. Please telephone me for more details if you think you may be able to help.

Many thanks to Becky Hazleton and Zalcha Evans for their donation of clothes and toys and other playground equipment.



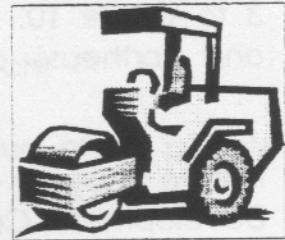
Thank you to everyone who supported us at the recent SILC Bazaar.

Khun Paradee

## September SILC Lunch at Crêpes & Co.

By all accounts the September luncheon was a success, the food was delicious, service was great and it goes without saying that the company was second to none. As a newcomer to Bangkok I have come to realize that every trip to a new place is an event in itself which brings it's own set of challenges and surprises. The lunch at Crepes & Co. was no exception.

Having battled the narrow street of Sukhumvit Soi 12, with it's torn up pavement and lumps of concrete everywhere (the road is currently under construction) - we arrived at our destination. None of this seemed to phase my driver who is obviously well-accustomed to the quirks of Bangkok (I haven't yet braved the roads myself). To complicate matters more there is no parking - all of which adds to the charm of Bangkok, of course. Nonetheless, I soon found that the trip was well worth it.



The menu had every crepe imaginable, savoury and sweet. The sweet ones especially, would cause even the strictest of dieter to throw caution to the wind and just indulge. One member (Gill), none too pleased to be interrupted by a phone call, as she was digging into her Calvados Flambe, remarked to her caller that it was just "scrummie". She quickly ended the call to focus her attention on the paradise on a plate in front of her.

Incidentally, for those of you who enjoy "rabbit food" like myself the selection of salads is excellent too. That's only if you can pass up on the ever so tempting crepes. Since this was my first SILC luncheon I didn't quite know what to expect. Being more accustomed to business lunches I thought we might have an official agenda to adhere to during the course of lunch. Not quite (I think I prefer the SILC way of "doing lunch" myself).

As it turned out the conversation varied from where to get the best jewellery made, my daughter's "terrible twos" tantrums to travel and luggage woes and adopting stray cats. Then there was the owner with his French accent who gave a whole new meaning to being called "Madame".

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This was something I initially found difficult to get used to, but with a French accent, being addressed as "Madame Tracey" is not a problem! As I mentioned before the service was very good, they made a point of taking all our names which added a personal touch. The goodies kept coming, even down to our individual bills which came in shot glasses each with our names on and a sweet at the bottom.

Despite the fact that the music seemed a little out of sync with the restaurant and the extra-long table which made it difficult to know what was going on at the other end, all in all a great time was had by all. This would be a great place to take the kids too. "Two thumbs up"!!



While some may argue over whether the best recommendation was the savoury or the sweet crepes, given the condition of the road and absence of parking, the owner might have had the best recommendation - Take a taxi!

Tracey Magee

## HANSEL AND GRETEL

An interactive children's play for the young and young at heart!

Bring your little ones to Bangkok Community Theatre's wonderfully inventive version of "Hansel & Gretel" to be performed in The British Club's Suriwong Room", on December 4th 5th and 6th (public holiday). Although designed for the under 10's, the child in everyone will enjoy this unique type of live theatre, which stimulates the imagination and involves the audience in the action.

Tickets at 200 Baht for adults, and 150 Baht for children will go on sale mid-November and can be purchased at The British Club, Tel: 234 0247 and from Asia Books, Sukhumvit Soi 15, Tel: 252 4373. The show is open to the general public and will be performed twice daily at 2.00 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. Refreshments (not included in the ticket price), will be available before and after the show.

With magic and mime, clowns and colourful costumes, "Hansel & Gretel" promises to be a fun filled opening to the festive season. Don't delay! Seating is limited, book early to avoid disappointment.

For more information call Bangkok Community Theatre on 258 8495 or 262 9121.

## SILC Childrens Christmas Party

DATE: Sunday 12th December

TIME: 10.00 - 2.00 p.m.

VENUE: Susan Holland's House  
Lakeside Villa 1



Please bring a plate of food suitable for children and a gift for underprivileged children. This gift should be chosen by your children and should be an unwanted toy, picture book, game or item of clothing. These gifts will be taken to a local orphanage following the party.

Father Christmas will be making an appearance at some point during the party, depending upon traffic conditions for reindeers! There will also be a magicians show. Please provide a gift for your child to the value of no more than 300 Baht per gift. Each gift must be securely and clearly marked with your child's name and age. Please make the label from plain white paper, or a sticky white address label, stuck on with tape on all four sides, to avoid the risk of the label falling off and the children being disappointed as they watch everyone else receive their gift. Please arrange to drop off this gift at the appointed collection point at least a week before the party. A list of collection points will be placed in next months newsletter.

### BUNKO NIGHT!

I was asked to write a report on the Bunko Night, recently held at my house. Well this is it..... there was no Bunko! Sadly we had very few people turn up, maybe due to the horrendous storm which broke out just as people arrived. I had been told to expect about 50 people who would come to share this exhilarating game. The tables were set, the rules printed..... and those of us that did show up, had a wonderful evening chatting about holidays and anything but Bunko!

Maybe we could organise it again and place an order for fine weather, and clearer rules! I'm not sure anyone knew what we should have been doing, perhaps just as well we didn't!

Gill Symons

SILC CHRISTMAS PARTY  
Friday 10th December  
at The Royal Princess Srinakarin Hotel

Planning is now well underway for this sparkling event and some members have already shown their support don't be shy, we need lots of people to come to make this a successful event. Please note that the event will be on a FRIDAY night this year due to prior bookings at the hotel. Put the date in your partners diary NOW!! Tickets are now available from Nathalie or Gill. Individual tickets may be purchased, however why not put together a table of friends? There are ten per table and tickets cost 1200 Baht per person.

Anyone who can supply raffle prizes, or knows a man who can, please get in touch with either Nathalie Scott, Tel: 758 6787 or Gill Symons, Tel: 758 5171. Many thanks

BOOK CLUB MEETING

DATE: Wednesday 3rd November at 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.  
BOOK TITLE: WIDE SARGASSO SEA BY JEAN RHYS

VENUE: Aine Pickering  
33/348 Soi 2/7,  
Moo Baan Ladawan



RSVP: Aine: Tel: 758 6719

Newcomers are welcome, but please RSVP! At this meeting we will be discussing our forthcoming programme of books, particularly in view of our recent difficulties obtaining texts! Please come along with your ideas.

ADVANCE NOTICE: the next meeting, Wednesday 24th Nov. at Val Ashman's house, we will be studying To Kill a Mocking Bird, get your copy now, available from the school shop or resource centre.

NEW DAY TIME BOOK CLUB: If you think you are interested in this, please call Felicity Dent on 758 6492 Felicity is happy to "get the ball rolling", but we then need a volunteer to co-ordinate the new group. It is not a lot of work.....honestly. (but it is a lot of fun!)

### MEDITATION

- \* For relaxation
- \* Non-Religious
- \* Beginners welcome

Monday 10.00 to 11.30  
Venues: Lakeside 11, Ladawan,  
Garden Towers and Thana City  
on a 2 week rotating schedule.

Suitable for beginners and the  
more advanced

Teacher: Emorn Haridoss  
50 Baht donation to welfare  
Contact: Mala 758 7026

### NEW HANDICRAFTS FROM KASHMIR NOW AVAILABLE

Sunita is back from her trip  
to India and has lots of  
new handicrafts to sell.  
Also available are some  
lovely Pashmina shawls.

Call Sunita to view  
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### GOLF - 9 HOLES

Royal Navy Thai Course

Cost: 410 Baht plus 100 Baht  
tip for your caddy

Never played? Never mind!

Call if you would like to join us

Contact: Isabella Henderson  
758 6726

### GOLF - 18 HOLES

Green Valley  
call to organise a group

Contact: Val Ashman  
316 8120

### MAH-JONG

Thana City

Wednesday rotation  
Contact: Julie Thompson  
336 0543

Ladawan

Tuesday rotation  
Contact: Julie Heather  
385 8133

### ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Lakeside 1, Thurs. 07.30-09.30

Contact: Helen Frost  
317 1132

### Step classes

When: Tuesday 4.00 - 5.00  
Thursday 08.30  
Where: Ladawan Clubhouse  
Contact: Isabella Tel: 758 6726



### Wanted!!!

Aerobics,  
aqua aerobics or "stretch  
and tone"  
instructor willing to take  
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Felicity Dent  
Tel: 758 6492

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### YOGA

Friday 11.00 to 12.30  
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Cost of 1500 Baht,  
payable in advance for  
4 sessions

Contact Danielle Tel:  
213 1110 to confirm start  
date or for more  
information. Please bring  
your own mat.

### MAID REQUIRED

Number 1 maid required  
Must have good English skills  
Have recent experience dealing with toddlers and babies  
Be able to manage household duties and number 2 maid also

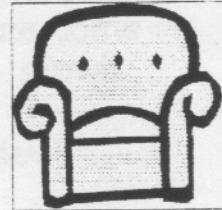
Please call after Saturday 23rd October for further details

Contact Lorina at Thana City  
Tel: 336 1010 (please leave a message) or  
e-mail: lorinademoamart.co.th



## WHERE DID YOU GET THAT?

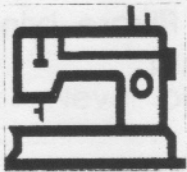
Has anyone been lucky enough to find a little man called Khun Somchai who works from a shop on Sukhumvit Soi 31? One lucky SILC member saw his work and was so impressed she will soon be sitting pretty on a new three piece suite. Khun Somchai lives near Lakeside Villa 2 so there is no problem with evening visits to your home.



Khun Somchai speaks little English, but has some pictures he can show you, however, if you have a picture of what you have in mind that is even better. Khun Somchai has a small range of fabrics, but there is another recommendation for fabric shopping below.

Khun Somchai will take about one month to make a chair and he will invite you to visit his shop to check his work once the frame and cotton covering have been made, before the top fabric is placed onto the chair.

Khun Somchai can be contacted at work by phone on: 258 8161 or at his home on 316 8242



To buy your fabrics have you tried the little shop on Pattanakarn, about 1/2 mile from the Srinakarin junction, on the left hand side, next to Baan Siri. There are a lot of flags on the forecourt and the shop is called SILK AVENUE.

In here you will find a reasonable size stock, but more appealing are the prices. Upholstery cotton is around 280 Baht per metre.

Have you bought something useful, or found a good shop and want to share it with other SILC members? If so fax me the details and I will include it in the "where did you get that" section of the next newsletter.



OCTOBER TOUR TO CONNIE  
MANGSKAU'S HOUSE

The tour to Connie Mangskau's House was a delight for those who attended.

Our gracious host and owner of the two hundred year old Thai house complex, Khun Pornsri Luphaiboon, greeted us with a warm welcome and a refreshing treat of fruit and drinks and then proceeded to give us an insight into the history of this wonderful house. Khun Pornsri has a special love for this house and a sincere desire to preserve it for Thai heritage.

Our group was enchanted by the stories as we strolled through the house, viewing the collection of antiques and the craftsmanship of this ancient home from Ayutthaya.

We viewed photographs and news articles which depicted much of the history of the house, including photographs of celebrities who have visited it in the past.

Thank you to Khun Paradee for arranging such an interesting tour.

Heather Gatland

Don't forget to sign up for the November tour to the Monks Bowl Village and much more.

EXPERIENCED DRIVER AVAILABLE



33 years old, pleasant looking man, married with two children and the husband of my salesgirl. Out of work for just 2 weeks due to previous employer finishing his term in Bangkok

For more details contact Anna Leong Tel: 758 7339

As the festival of Diwali-Deepavali approaches, we thought it would be nice for our members to know a little more about this important Hindu Celebration. Thank you to our SILC member, Mala for writing the article for us.

## DIWALI-DEEPAVALI

Diwali is not only celebrated in India, but all over the world where Hindus reside. In Malaysia, we say Deepavali, it also means "Festival of Lights". There are many versions of why Hindus celebrate this occasion. One version is from the Hindu Ramayana epic where Rama returns from the forest, the country is lit up and welcomes him. The other version is where King Narakasura, who was a demon king, never allowed the people to live in peace. When he sees a house lit up he will destroy them and the people lived in fear. The people prayed to the Lord and the demon king was killed. When he was dying he then realised how cruel he was, told the people to bathe in oil an bath which signifies cleansing and wearing new clothes to begin a new life and to eat sweets which also means to bring in the sweetness to their lives. He then asked for forgiveness. The main theme was good wins over evil.

The Hindus also welcome Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and good luck. Every night there are fireworks and plenty of fun and excitement. Everyone prepares for the festival. Children fill small clay bowls with oil, they put wicks made of cotton wool into the oil. Mothers and grandmothers have been preparing for the festival too. They have been cleaning the house, making special Diwali sweets and hanging garlands of flowers over the door.



On the main day of Diwali, everyone gets up early, has an oil bath and puts on new clothes. In front of the house, the ladies decorate the floor with colourful rice and sago and make beautiful patterns. This is to signify that the Hindus do not forget to feed the ants and birds who come to eat them. They then visit the temple and relatives, and give each other presents. There are always lots of good things to eat.

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Before sunset, each family sets out its Diwali lamps. They put them in rows outside the front door. As the sky grows dark, the lamps are lit. Hindu children know that these Diwali lights will help guide the goddess Lakshmi. She will visit each house where the lamps are twinkling. Then the family in that house will be blessed with good luck for a whole year.

In Malaysia, the Chinese and Malays look forward to visiting their Hindu friends to taste the delicious tosai, idli and taste the famous "murukku" and sweets. The food is being prepared the whole day to serve their friends. This auspicious day is more meaningful when friends and relatives forgive each other and celebrate the goodness in their lives. This year Diwali falls on 7th November and please don't forget to visit your Hindu friends in Bangkok.

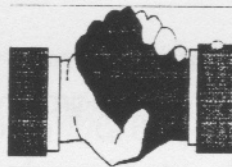


Mala Arunagiri

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW SILC MEMBERS

You have heard of bumper issues, well this is a bumper WELCOME ABOARD to all our new SILC members and their families. 15 families have joined the club since the new school term. Some are entirely new to Bangkok, whilst others have been around for some time. Whichever it is, we look forward to seeing you at our gatherings and to get to know you, shall we say, more intimately!

Sandhya Bhagwat  
Diane Jones  
Joanna Hodgson  
Tracey Magee  
Janine Noble  
Kiran Oberoi  
Uma Parasar  
Gill Sheffield  
Katarina Stoppelenburg  
Christine Whittingham



Rhonda Ewington  
Pascale Journot  
Sarah Gori  
Gusta Van Del Heuvel  
Rita Gupta  
Louise Orach  
Kumutha Silva  
Shirley Smith  
Lisa Waller

Why not browse through the latest copy of the members directory, distributed with this newsletter and find out where everyone lives. Make a new neighbour feel welcome!

**Photo Trip to the Ancient City Muang Boran  
With Eric Chocat**

**Date; Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

Explore Thailand in a day amid the beautiful surroundings of Muang Boran. This trip will give you the opportunity to photograph some of Thailand's most famous monuments; present and past. Along with Eric, who will be there to direct and advise you, you'll have the chance to see some of the most magnificent architecture from throughout Thailand.

This relaxing day will take you away from the crowds of Bangkok and submerge you in landscaped gardens, waterfalls and wildlife.

**Price of 1,700 Baht includes;** transport, entrance, lunch and soft drinks and of course Eric. Please wear cool comfortable clothing and shoes.



**Photographic Trip to Angkor Wat**

**November 26, 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>**

Capture the ethereal beauty of Angkor Wat, the enigmatic smiles of the Bayon, and the centuries-long struggle of nature over history at Tha Phrom. This three day adventure into the jewel of the former Khmer Empire offers photographers innumerable opportunities for improving and proving their talent. With the help and advice of the professionals, this is a must for any aspiring photographer who wishes to add one of the world's most beautiful World Heritage sites to his or her portfolio.

Price includes;

Return flight, hotel accommodation, food, transport, visa, entrance to Angkor Wat and a professional photographer to offer advice and guidance.

Price does not include;

Airport taxes and any alcoholic beverages

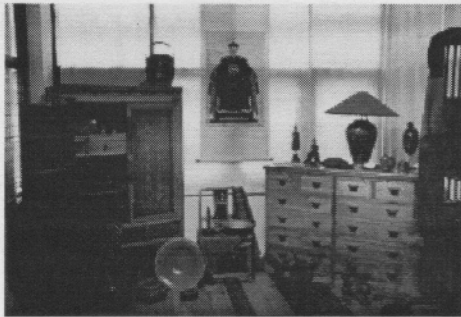
Payment in full required no later than 9<sup>th</sup> November 1999 Places are limited.

Contact numbers; Tel: 251 0677 or 01 914 2155, Fax: 653 3997  
e-mail; grensand@ksc.th.com

# Kalae

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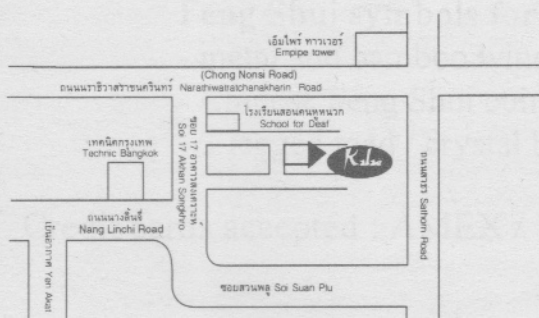
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# Do It Yourself !

## Feng Shui your home or office in just three lessons with Anna Leong ( Compass school of Feng Shui )

### **Beginners Class Course 1 ( 3 lessons ) - Group "B"**

1 <sup>st</sup> lesson	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 1999	:	9.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> lesson	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 1999	:	9.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.
3 <sup>rd</sup> lesson	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 1999	:	9.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Course 1 ( 3 lessons ) Group "B" - THBaht : 1,800.00 ( including notes for each lesson, coffee, tea and light refreshments ).

### **Lessons will be conducted in English**

#### **Lesson 1 : Where do I begin ?**

- ➔ Introduction to Yin / Yang principles.
- ➔ 5 elements ( water – wood – fire – earth – metal ). The Productive and Destructive Cycle and how they interact with each other.
- ➔ Colours related to each element & compass directions.

#### **Lesson 2 : Issues that always caused a lot of confusion**

- ➔ Reading accurately from a modern compass.
- ➔ How to take measurements of your house / office.
- ➔ Difference between directions and locations.
- ➔ Now I know my element and my good colours, how do I apply it to my everyday clothes and surroundings ?

#### **Lesson 3 : The most important area of your house**

- ➔ The Main door / the "bright hall" / Master bedroom
- ➔ Creating an auspicious wealth corner in your house.
- ➔ Where and how to enhance and suppress good and bad areas.
- ➔ Symbolic objects (their meanings) and the correct placement.
- ➔ How to energise your working desk correctly.
- ➔ Making your own Feng Shui chart.

Lessons will be conducted at **A & L Siam Trading Co., Ltd.**

**No. 51/17, Soi LaSalle, Sukhumvit 105, Bangna, Bangkok**

### **Similar Course for Beginners - Course 1 ( 3 lessons ) - Group "C"**

1 <sup>st</sup> lesson	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 1999	-	9.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> lesson	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 1999	-	9.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.
3 <sup>rd</sup> lesson	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 1999	-	9.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Anna assures that after the 3<sup>rd</sup> lesson you can Feng Shui your house / office with full confidence. Please call to book in advance ( Please state either Group "B" or "C" ).

Contact : **Anna Leong** : 758 7339 – 10 (Hse) / 7458179 (Shop) / 01 831 2356 (Mobile)

*Anna practises classical and Compass School of Feng Shui, which she began studying in Malaysia in 1988. She has attended numerous Feng Shui seminars in Malaysia, Hong Kong and the U.K.. Also a member of the Feng Shui Society, U.K. Anna is also a keen follower of Flying Star Feng Shui.*

# Capture the 'CHI' with Anna

*Familiarise yourself with Yin / Yang and the 5 Elements*

## **WHY Feng Shui?** (*pronounced 'fung shway'*)

The ancient system of creating harmonious surroundings which bring happiness, good health and prosperity.

In Feng Shui, the 5 Elements theory is used to determine which element is dominant or deficient in a space. Cures, based on elemental correspondence to each compass direction, bring the elements back into alignment. Used as guides, the 5 Elements can help you make positive energetic adjustments to your living space according to your needs. The result is a balanced environment that you can really relax in and call 'home'. Working with the 5 Elements guarantees personalisation of the Feng Shui principles.

Your building / house / office is completed and with keys in hand you are ready to move in. Have you ever wondered whether this place is suitable for you and your family? Any doubts?

You have just moved into your new home / office and you feel good in every sense of the word, everything seems peaceful and normal and you feel very at home in your new place. Every member in your family is doing great and feeling happy. Then there is no need for you to read further.

OR perhaps it is the opposite. You moved in and you feel uneasy, but cannot explain why? Family members constantly falls sick, suffering from frequent headaches, cannot relax or sleep properly, heated quarrels within the household, bread winner having problems in the office, accidents happened .... something is wrong. What is it and why?

Most of the time, Feng Shui can offer potent explanations. Positive and negative fortunes and luck arise from auspicious and inauspicious Feng Shui surroundings. Curiosity and interest in this ancient Chinese wisdom and practice has resulted in a spectacular revival in many parts of the world today. Without realising, you may have blocked the smooth flow of 'Chi', the life giving invisible energy the Chinese believe flows through our bodies and our surroundings sometimes by the unfortunate positioning of a table or bed. There are ways on how you can rectify any shortcomings to good Feng Shui principles. Ideal layouts will be pointed out on each area, both at home or in the office, showing you how to achieve the best Feng Shui environment with a minimum of change. Unbalanced Feng Shui currents may for instance be counteracted by a simple choice of the right colours, the correct setting in the placement of furniture (sometimes all that is needed is a shift of a few degrees). Perhaps a tree is too close to your house, the careful placement of plants or symbolic objects corresponding to the 5 Elements according to the compass directions. Know your element and wear your good colours. Sleep, sit and work in your most auspicious direction / location.

With Feng Shui changes, the environment at home or at the office can be made restful and the atmosphere in both places more stimulating. Having the correct Feng Shui applications for your home and office for instance is said to enhance good luck, good health, happiness and prosperity. Certainly, if the interior is pleasing, this will promote tranquillity and it is easy to understand how this will lead to increased confidence and success.

Feng Shui is the art of harnessing 'wind and water'. It is all about capturing the cosmic breath of the dragon. 'Chi' the force that circulates and moves within the environment indoors and outdoors, on land, water, across mountains. 'Chi' is everywhere. 'Chi' is the source of peace and tranquillity. In areas where good 'Chi' exists and accumulates, your home and business establishment with good 'Chi' will definitely expand and prosper.

Man's destiny is vastly improved when 'Chi' is captured through the practice of Feng Shui. It just calls for balance and harmony with the earth's environment and just good sound common sense.

*"A house is simply a shell or a shelter from the elements and the difference between a house and a home is how it is personalised and how people's personalities shape the environment to make it compatible with them".*

Are you ready to Feng Shui your own living space? You do not need to consult any Feng Shui Master. **YOU CAN DO IT YOURSELF!**

Just enrol with Anna's Feng Shui Course for Beginners. See details of Beginners Course in a separate sheet.

Personal Feng Shui Chart available. Contain :

- *Information for your auspicious direction / location in your working environment, at home and your sleeping direction*
- *Know your lucky colours and pattern for wearing and your surroundings according to your personal element.*
- *The various types of Feng Shui enhancement that is suitable for you.*
- *Creating a wealth sector in your home and office.*
- *How to choose a compatible working partner.*

Personal Feng Shui Chart – THBaht : 800.00 only. The information I need from you is your birth date and the time you were born for a more detailed chart. Queries for Feng Shui Chart will be treated in strict confidence.

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