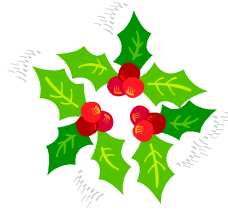




Stevenage – Kadoma Link Association

WINTER 2005 Newsletter



Welcome to the Winter edition of the SKLA Newsletter. Since the last edition we have held our AGM, held a Zimbabwean food tasting evening and have launched our new website.

Some of you may be reading this newsletter for the first time as the mailing list has been updated this month. If it is your first read, then welcome and I hope you enjoy it!

On behalf of the SKLA, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dates for your diary - 2006



Monday 16th January, Committee Meeting - will be held at 7.30pm in the Autun Room at Daneshill House, Stevenage

Tuesday 21st February, Committee Meeting - will be held at 7.30pm in the Kadoma Room at Daneshill House, Stevenage

The SKLA Website is Launched!



The Stevenage Kadoma Link Association (SKLA) website has now been officially launched. You can find it at www.skla.org.

The site is very basic at the moment and we aim to populate it over the next few months with information, stories and photos from people who have been involved in the link over the years.



'Zimbabwe Food Tasting Evening'

On Friday 14th October the Friends Group hosted a Zimbabwe food tasting evening at Grace Community Church Hall in Stevenage.

Joyce and Nitza (who are from Zimbabwe) very kindly organised the buying and cooking of the food and also guided us in the preparation of the dishes. Rose, from the Friends Group, went shopping with them so that she got a real understanding of what food was bought and where it was bought from.

The food selection included:

- mashed butternut squash (mananga) with peanut butter
- sliced butternut squash (mananga)
- sadsa, the staple food of Zimbabwe
- gizzards (zvikanganwa hama)
- pigs trotters (mazondo)
- dried "kapenta" or anchovies (matemba)
- beef pot roast (nyama yaka ngochwa)
- fat cooks - pieces of dough which had been cooked in fat (Mabanzi)
- "ladies fingers" which is another name for okra (derere)
- rice mixed with peanut butter (mupunga unedovi)

All dishes were labelled in both English and in Shona, the main local language in Kadoma. As the tradition in Zimbabwe is to wash peoples hands for them before a meal, we did the same and went round with jugs of hot water, bowls and towels

The evening was a great success!!



Plastic Plant Pots Required!



The Link has a supporter who grows seedlings and sells them at events such as Stevenage Day. All proceeds go to the Link.

Therefore, if you have any spare plastic plant pots – the Link would like them (any size). Please contact any member of the link or bring them to the January committee meeting.

Committee Who's Who



At the AGM on October 3rd 2005, the SKLA Committee was re-elected and the following posts were filled:

- < Jan Addison – Chairperson
- < Nicola Hughes – Deputy Chairperson
- < Leslie Ransley – Treasurer
- < Rose Hamilton – Secretary

In the Next Edition



The Spring edition of the newsletter is due for publication in March. Due to deadlines imposed by Christmas, we were unable to issue the Leslie Ransley profile – this will be included in the Spring Edition.

If you have ideas or requests for other content, please contact Nicola Hughes, newsletter editor by email at vicechair@skla.org.