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# The Editor notes...

Our cover picture of the Link's first Editor, Miss CM Chandler was drawn by Eric Ford, who now lives in Miss Chandler's house, Little Orchard, The Avenue, and used to live next door. It is however based on a photograph taken when Miss Chandler was visiting the Fords in Canada!

It is a special cover because the Link is now 20 years old. I have the first issue (January 1974 - 5p) before me. Many people mentioned in it are still involved - Peter Finch was Production Manager, Reg Wilderspin and Margaret Morris both contributed articles, Dorinda Rowe wrote as secretary of the Conservation Society, Bob Wright was setting up the very first Beer & Skittles Evening ...

This year the Link costs 15p a copy, £1.50 for the year. Your distributor will have brought you an envelope. If it is not collected and there are no instructions on it, please ring Betty Amos (822397). Thank you all very much indeed.

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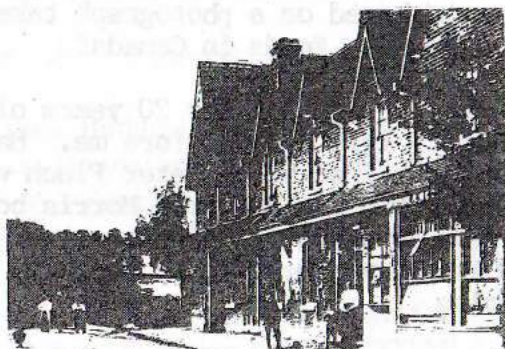
Some of these people have been at it for the whole 20 years. One such is Veronica Hills, who has now handed over to Jean Harrington. Kit Drew has taken over Oakwood Close from Sam and Ann Nicholls. John Hedges has a new round in The Copse.

Last month's Link was collated by the Footballers + Roy Clark, Dennis Porter, Phil Lloyd - don't forget The Puzzle.

Everything for February by 12th January. Margaret Finch

THE LINK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR

AROUND NUTFIELD



Don't forget if you want any item of news or forthcoming event put in the Surrey Mirror -

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Sylvia Gammon

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Thank you in anticipation of your support.

CHRISTMAS COMPEPTION - a reminder

I hope you'll be sending me your Competition entry before the closing date of 14th January. Please don't forget! The Village Hall needs your support!

Phil Lloyd

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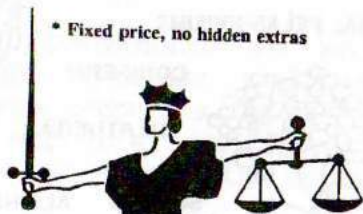
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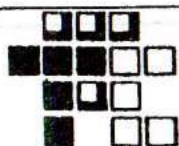
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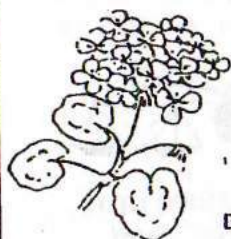
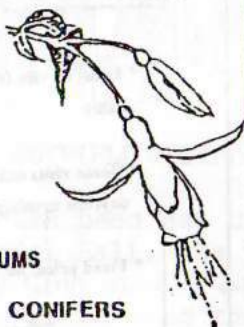
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## NEWS FROM TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Residents will be aware that this Autumn some areas of the village suffered from serious flooding. Water entered houses causing considerable damage. A full report has recently been presented to Council on our response to this emergency. It is clear that arrangements made for the emergency telephone service did not meet the demand and this is to be improved. The Direct Works Unit of the Council did accomplish a considerable amount of cleaning up in the District and the Council does offer a limited courtesy clean up service. Tandridge has no statutory responsibilities in this area though it does operate as an agent of Thames Water in the maintenance of foul sewerage systems. Thames Water does offer a limited service and there is a leaflet outlining what is on offer. For further details ring 0345 200800. It seems to me that those of us affected by flooding must bear most of the cost on our house insurance.

The Inquiry on the proposed developments at Redhill Aerodrome will start on 23rd March. It is now vital that we unite in our efforts to defeat these proposals. Do we really want 1994 to be the year when our rural environment was destroyed? I would urge all readers to support the excellent work of the Consortium and KRAG.

I mentioned in December the proposed reorganisation of local government. It now appears that Tandridge will have to look toward Reigate and Banstead not Sevenoaks for a future merger into a new unitary authority.

As you clear up from Christmas and New Year celebrations, don't forget to use TDC recycling services! Collections for papers, cans and textiles will be on 14th and 28th January.

My next counselling sessions will be on Saturday 8th Jan at 10 am at 150 Mid Street and 11 am at the Memorial Hall. Meanwhile I wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year.

Margaret Martin 822334 District Counsellor

## NUTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**CHRISTMAS 1993** I apologise for omitting to mention in the December Link the Parish Council's greetings to all parishioners for a happy and productive Christmas. I'll try to do better next year. However, let it be known that your parish council earnestly sends you all greetings in arrears and if you want to know what your parish council has done for you in 1993 please come to the Parish Annual General Meeting to be held at Memorial Hall, High Street, Nutfield, some time in March or April 1994, the firm date to be announced later.

**PARISH CONSTABLE** Further to the entry in the December Link, it was most unfortunate that the Surrey Constabulary called a meeting on the subject on November 24th at Oxted, the same night as the Police Liaison meeting at Bletchingley. I cannot inform you of developments until I receive a copy of the Minutes of the Oxted meeting. Perhaps next month.

**HOGTROUGH LANE MIRROR** This mirror has been out of action for some time due to vandalism but it has since been fixed and is, hopefully, in use to help motorists approaching the T junction from Philanthropic Lane to obtain a clear view right and left of traffic in Fullers Wood Lane. In rainy weather the mirror clouds over but this is due to condensation, not to council's lack of effort.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 1994** At the Village Hall, Mid Street, South Nutfield: January 10th, February 14th, March 14th, May 9th, June 13th, August 8th, September 12th, November 14th, December 12th. At the Memorial Hall, High Street, Nutfield: April 11th, July 11th, October 10th.

**MEMORIAL HALL FOOTBALL PITCH** The junior team which uses this pitch in the season on Sundays has given notice that this will be their last season, so the pitch is free for the 1994/5 season. It has been reported that this is the best football pitch in East Surrey, so council is open to offers from other clubs.

LOCAL HIGHWAY MATTERS The Mid Street flooding and the huge pot-hole in Kings Cross Lane about 200 yards east of the church were reported to Surrey Highways on December 7th. Hopefully by the time you this this both will have been repaired.

CHANNEL TUNNEL RAIL FREIGHT In the November Link I mentioned the meeting at Westminster between parish council representatives and our MP and British Rail. Soon after this meeting I received a letter from British Rail saying the issues raised meant further consultation with technical officers, but nothing has been received since. This may be due to leaves on the line or faulty points or even the race-track at Tattenham Corner, but I must make mention to those residents very much concerned with this issue that as soon as I hear from British Rail I shall publish a contracted version of their findings.

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL This will be at the Village Hall, Mid Street, at 7.30 pm on Monday, January 10th, 1994.

RC MARKHAM, Parish Clerk, 822 530

#### TRAIN SERVICE FOR JANUARY 1994

Sundays: Bus Service from Nutfield Station

1st January - Saturday Service

3rd January Sunday Train service

Christopher Geary (823438)

(Apologies for the mistake in the December Link, which was a typing error, not Chris's fault at all. MF)

VILLAGE FOOTPATH WALK There will be a footpath walk on Sunday 9th January. We shall meet at Nutts Corner (junction of Mid Street and Station Approach North) at 2.15 pm.

Robert Coupland and Christopher Geary

## TREES UPDATE

Nutfield celebrated National Tree Planting Week in style this year with two separate plantings of trees - and more to be planted in the Cemetery Extension later on. The money for the planting comes from a grant from Surrey Council.

How lucky we were with the weather! In between the frost, wind and rain of the past few weeks there was one sunny, even warm, day, and that was the morning chosen for the planting at Nutfield Church School. Class 1, with the help of some of their Mums, started things off, then some of the older children joined in to dig the holes, bang in the stakes, and plant the trees. Oak, ash and hornbeam were planted down the back fence; and hawthorn, aspen and guelder rose on the 'bund'. Very many thanks to all who helped and especially to Mrs Ingrams, Mr White and Mr Bryant. Ten days later it was the turn of the grown-ups. About ten people turned up on a fine Sunday morning to extend the shelter belt between Nutfield Marsh and Mercers Park. About forty young trees were put in here.

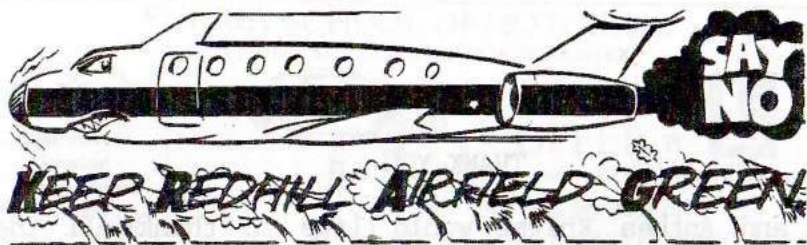
Thank you again to all the volunteers who gave up their time and to Ken Hamilton for all his help in supplying the trees in the first place.

Liz Ramsay, Tree Warden

### THE "DON'T BIN IT .. BAG IT!" RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

The success of this new fortnightly recycling collection service is dependent upon reasonably high levels of participation, as every extra tonne we recycle helps to make the service cheaper as well as benefiting the environment

JM Singham, Recycling/Amenities Officer, Directorate of Central Services, Tandridge District Council, Station Road East, Oxted, RH8 0BT (Telephone 0883 722000, Extension 451) would be grateful for assistance such as displaying posters, providing a forum for him to talk to local residents, and providing him with contact details for local publications.



### KRAG Action Group UPDATE

The Public Enquiry about Redhill Aerodrome is to be held on 23rd March 1994 at Reigate Town Hall. May I repeat that we will need to fill the public gallery to the limit in order to show all parties concerned that South Nutfield and surrounding communities are totally opposed to the proposal! Get in touch with Paul Murray, campaign coordinator, 822700, if you wish to go at a set time or just turn up on the day.

Many thanks to those who helped with the KRAG 60s dance. It raised over a thousand pounds. At the time of writing we have raised over £7,000. Some will be used for publicity but we are now aiming to have KRAG legally represented at the enquiry, concentrating on issues local to South Nutfield and the surrounding villages. Environment issues such as noise, hydrology, general disturbance in construction, would be high on the list. We are planning various open workshops to be held during the day at the village hall, one of which should have already taken place. If you have experience in local issues or have to time to help please come along to these workshops or get in touch with Paul Murray. Dates of these events will be displayed on posters nearer the time.

We had a successful KRAG members' meeting at the Village Hall on 8th December. Again thanks to all who helped. In future such meetings might be replaced by the open workshops. More information nearer the time.

Newsletter No 3 has been published after some delay. 2,500 have been circulated! No 4 will be out soon. Please display as prominently as possible the posters that came with No 3. If you want more please contact John Topham 822341.

To one and all a Happy and Prosperous New Year apart from we know who!

## THANK YOU

(1) John and Anthea Knight would like to thank all their friends and neighbours who helped while John was in Hospital for lifts and Get Well wishes and shopping, also all the staff of Abinger Ward, East Surrey Hospital.

Once again, many thanks, and a Happy New Year,

John and Anthea Knight

(2) THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL: I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Village for their support and all the collectors who gave their time for the House to House collection this year and helped to raise the grand total of £1176.71p.

Poppy Organiser, H Fanthorpe

(3) Thank you to all who supported the Christmas Fair for Cancer Relief in the Village Hall on 20th November. We raised £386.91 for this good cause.

Clare Robson

(4) The Hospice Coffee Morning at Shortacres raised £85. Many thanks to all who gave their support.

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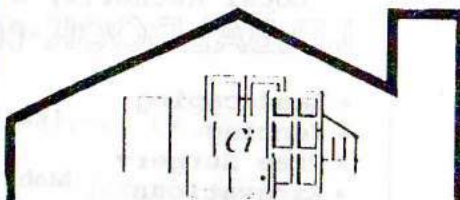
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Jan Mills 823200

ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW: The 1994 Arts and Craft Show will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 2nd April (Easter Weekend).

The aim of the show is to promote local arts and crafts. All entries are welcome, of all standards, and a wide variety of exhibits is anticipated. Past shows have provided paintings, pottery, tapestry, embroidery, wood carving, flower arrangements and paper sculpture.

Exhibitors will be welcome to demonstrate their craft, and to sell their produce, but will be asked to donate 10% of any takings to the Hall.

Entry forms will be available early in February.

For more information, contact Tim Kent on 822566

MEMORIAL HALL, High Street (= A25)

Mothers - Don't miss this special offer for 1994.

Do you worry about the aftermath of that Christmas, Birthday or Special Occasion Party? Have nightmares about cake crumbs in the carpet, sticky sweets on the settee, dubious dents in the doors!!

Well, you don't have to any more - the Nutfield Memorial Hall is available on Special Offer to take the strain of those parties any Sunday afternoon (or evening) for only £15 throughout 1994.

So why not give your lounge a chance this year and phone 0737 822808 to reserve your party date?

## PETSEARCH

Please beware of people advertising for cats and dogs saying they will find good homes. It seems there are people who buy and sell pets which just maybe will not be going to good homes at all. We cannot say more, but we understand that enquiries are being made in several areas.

Should you lose your dog, first go in person to the Police Station and make certain they get the "Dog" book out. Visit your local kennels - you must go in person, to see if the dog is there. If you don't your pet could be sitting there pining. A phone call is not good enough. They can be put to sleep in 7 days if not claimed. And always remember: "A Dog without a Tag is a Loser".

Joy Willison, Phone 0737 822495 or 0737 246954

from NUTFIELD CRICKET CLUB newssheet (thank you Iain Barker)

The club played two fixtures in France against Eymet and Perigueux Cricket Clubs. We lost to the weaker of the two sides, Perigueux, on the Saturday by about 80 runs, never having been in with a chance. In losing we became the first touring side ever to lost to them. In addition it was the first occasion that Perigueux had ever scored more than 200 runs. On first reading this I have no doubt that you will feel that having been thrashed we may have had somewhat of a miserable start to the tour - Never fear dear reader Perigueux were just in the mood for a very pleasant celebration. We had a very enjoyable evening.

So, on next day to Eymet, last year's French champions and one of the teams in France (there are 74 in total). We arrived, thrashed them, had another pleasant evening, and did a great deal for Anglo French relations. Bravo.

The team stars were John Skimmer and Nev Blackman ... Noone performed badly over the two days ... NCC were excellent ambassadors for the game and already have been invited back for next year.

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Last month the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, made proposals for Neighbourhood Watch to adopt a higher profile in the fight against crime by means of local (passive) patrols - the guidelines of which have yet to be determined. There are however two schools of opinion on this matter. On the one hand, a great likelihood of witnessing & reporting crime, and on the other the potential for confrontation and possible violence. Other questions require clarification, eg the legal and insurance status of persons so engaged. Reaction to the proposal nationally has been mixed dependent upon the location of the respondents and the incidence of crime in their particular area. Locally, at the time of writing, there has been a negative response. I will be attending meetings in the New Year where this matter will be discussed with the Police authority and the Crime Prevention Panel, and will report in due course.

### CRIME IN NUTFIELD - OCTOBER:

Burglary non dwelling	2	Burglary dwelling	0
Criminal Damage	0	Theft	3
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	Theft from Motor Vehicle	2
Damage to Motor Vehicle	0	Unlawful taking	0

John Hedges 822854

### MORE CRIME IN NUTFIELD - LAST MONTH'S FOXY COVER

A poultry keeping reader points out that although the fox is attractive he will make his way into the safest hen house and once there show no mercy. He does not take one bird, but kills the lot. This must be his way of maintaining a full larder for he will return again and again, removing the spoils even if they are buried. Another unpleasantness is the unearthly screech given out when a fox goes a-courting!

She is puzzled by the interesting fact that scavengers such as fox or crow do not succumb to the dreaded disease of myxomatosis which makes their prey blind and easy to catch.

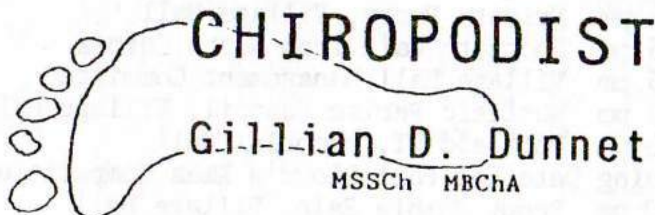


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## JANUARY 1994

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|----|-----|----------|--|
| 4  | Tue | 2.00 pm  | Baby Clinic, Village Hall                      |
| 4  | Tue | 8.00 pm  | Wine Makers, Village Hall                      |
| 5  | Wed | 2.30 pm  | Wednesday Guild, Village Hall                  |
| 7  | Fri | 2.30 pm  | Over 60s Club, Village Hall                    |
| 8  | Sat | 10.00 am | Margaret Martin, TDC, 150 Mid Street           |
|    |     | 11.00 am | Margaret Martin, TDC, Memorial Hall            |
|    |     |          | pm Private Party, Village Hall                 |
| 9  | Sun | 2.15 pm  | Footpath Walk from Nutts Corner                |
| 10 | Mon | 8.15 pm  | Village Hall Management Committee              |
|    |     | 7.30 pm  | Nutfield Parish Council, Village Hall          |
| 13 | Thu | 7.30 pm  | Nutfield WI, Memorial Hall                     |
| 14 | Fri | Closing  | Date for Phil Lloyd's Xmas Competition         |
| 15 | Sat | 2.00 pm  | Scout Jumble Sale, Village Hall                |
| 16 | Sun |          | Friends of Nutfield Choir Lunch, Memorial Hall |
| 18 | Tue | 2.30 pm  | Unity Club, Memorial Hall                      |
|    |     | 2.00 pm  | Baby Clinic, Village Hall                      |
| 21 | Fri | 2.30 pm  | Over 60s Club, Village Hall                    |
| 22 | Sat | 8.00 pm  | RBL Cheese & Wine, Village Hall                |
| 29 | Sat |          | Beer & Skittles, Village Hall                  |

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 12 February Nutfield WI Jumble Sale, Memorial Hall
- 12 February Scouts Valentine Dance
- 20-26 February Showtimers, Village Hall
- 12 March All Nutfield Cheese & Wine, Village Hall
- 19 March Redhill & Reigate Lions Dance, Village Hall
- 23 March Airfield Public Inquiry, Reigate Town Hall
- 26 March Weds Guild Baker Shop, Village Hall
- 30 March Horticultural Society AGM/Talk, Village Hall
- 2 April Arts & Crafts, Village Hall
- 16 April SNCC Dance, Village Hall
- 14 May Bellringers Barn Dance, Village Hall
- 4 June Wedding Reception, Village Hall
- 11 June Nut WI Flower Show, Memorial Hall
- 2 July Horticultural Society Summer Show, Village Hall
- 3 Sep Horticultural Society Autumn Show, Village Hall
- 15 Oct Nutfield WI Jumble Sale, Memorial Hall
- 17 Oct Hort Soc Autumn Meeting, Village Hall



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The Village Hall was packed for a presentation in the style of "Etudes" at the last class this term on 25th November. The children demonstrated their work at the barre and in the centre. All were immaculately and correctly dressed - the small girls in their pink and the older ones in dark blue georgette skirts that were much admired. The boys had their own special uniform and changed for Tap and Modern with the girls, led by Miss Dene. We also saw "character" work in more beautiful folk skirts. From the youngest to the teens, the children showed an enjoyment and understanding of the discipline required in class. This was sometimes helped by the use of props such as teddies and giant butterflies.

At the end we were treated to class dances, a culmination of all the hard work. Each dance was entirely different. The younger ones looked gorgeous with palest pink head garlands. There was a sailors' dance and classical studies by the older children. Naomi played the harp and the afternoon ended with a circle dance, making a happy family occasion.

Many thanks for all the hard work, children, and, of course, Mrs Jeffs.

Sylvia Hill

### SOUTH NUTFIELD MOTHERS BABIES & TODDLERS GROUP

2.00 - 3.30 pm: Village Hall

- Tuesday 11th January: General Session +  
Pam, the hairdresser, will be along  
Tuesday 18th January: Snowflakes  
Tuesday 25th January: Christmas Card Collage

Hope you all had a lovely Xmas and that any New Year celebrations went with a swing! The Committee look forward to seeing members (and new faces are, of course, always welcome) on the 11th.

Jan Smewing 822565

## NUTFIELD WI

On 9th November Nutfield WI held their annual Christmas Party. This year hot meals were provided - Shepherd's Pie and Lasagne, prepared by the Committee members, plus a green salad and the usual 'yummy' sweets from the members. Mrs Marion Easton, VCO, was unfortunately unable to join us. Just under 60 members and guests enjoyed the supper and entertainment by the now renamed RBL male singers, whose repertoire was, as usual, varied and so suited all tastes. An all round super evening.

Olive Griffin

## SOUTH NUTFIELD EVENING WI

SNEWI's 20th Birthday Party: It was "balloons, booze and birthday cake" at our November meeting. All the members dressed in newsworthy black and white. Bucks Fizz was served on arrival to keep out the bitter cold of the evening and to sustain everybody through the more mundane parts of the AGM.

Thus fortified, the business part of the meeting went at a rattling pace and Mrs Jean Leggett, Past President, retired and Mrs Sue Renaut was voted in as the 1994 President, with a full Committee. In the temporary absence of Mrs Paula Marsh, Mrs Jean Leggett agreed to step in as Secretary. Glasses were raised to Paula to wish her a speedy recovery - and things just won't be the same until she returns!

The Surrey Mirror arrived in the shape of a photographer and after a few photographs (did you see us?) and cutting of the Birthday cake - eagerly shared at coffee time - we were entertained by two judges on how NOT to show items of cookery and floral art. Mrs Des Moulins and Mrs Elsie Richardson put some invaluable tips our way - another good reason for joining the WI.

We look forward to the Christmas Party next month.

Mrs Margaret Edmonds

## SOUTH NUTFIELD WEDNESDAY GUILD

We very much regretted the absence from our Xmas Lunch Meeting of our Chairman, Vi Damen. We were pleased to hear she was home from hospital and sent best wishes for a speedy recovery. Lunch was also sent to her.

Eileen Akehurst ably stepped into the breach, acting Chairman. Flavours of Reigate did the catering and a Xmas turkey course was faultlessly served, then when the Pavlova (chosen by most) appeared there were exclamations of pleasure all round. It was really delicious. Coffee and mints followed.

Because of the illness of the arranged entertainer Phyllis and Bob Wright stepped in. The former took me back to my young days by playing Ketelby's "Bells across the Meadow". Bob kept us amused with his songs. Dorothy Hadingham followed with a monologue which had a very unexpected punch line and raised much laughter.

A good sum for St Catherine's Hospice was raised by a craft sale of items made mainly by Vi Damen and Doreen Hedley. This sum was increased by a raffle for a Xmas cake made and donated by Mrs Hatt's daughter Rita.

Bob Wright judged the competition for the best table decoration and anonymous presents were exchanged by means of raffle tickets being drawn. The afternoon ended with tea and mince pies.

It was a very enjoyable and successful afternoon and the work entailed in making it so was much appreciated.

New members would be welcome to join us at our monthly meetings, first Wednesday of each month, 2.30 pm in the Village Hall. January would be a good time to join for the full year's programme.

Ivy Gibson

## SOUTH NUTFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A Happy New Year and successful gardening for all members. At the end of '93 numbers stood at a record 256 which is exceptional for a comparatively small village, and very encouraging. If you are a bit hazy about all the various facilities associated with membership, let me know and I will provide an info sheet. This also includes an enrolment form, so if you have any friends who would be interested, pass on the word. We are also very pleased to welcome any new residents in the village. You do not however have to be a resident of Nutfield or South Nutfield to be eligible.

Subscriptions are now due for '94: £1 per person, £1.50 for 2 living at the same address. Remember that you need a current card to obtain discounts and take advantage of other facilities.

Dates fixed for this year: Wed 30 March: AGM, talk/slides  
Sat 2 July: Summer Show  
Sat 3 Sept: Autumn Show  
Mon 17 Oct: Autumn Talk

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## SOUTH NUTFIELD YOUTH CLUB

Youth Club members recently enjoyed a Quiz evening devised and arranged by Teresa Wright with assistance from husband Philip. Members especially enjoyed the Blockbusters Quiz and everyone did very well. It was quite a close competition.

Youth Club membership is gradually increasing and hopes to continue doing so. Helpers are still desperately needed, as at least 5 people are needed each week, to go on a rota. It would make it easier for those already giving their time on a Friday evening. Anyone interested please contact Sylvia Gammon 823291.

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## SOME MEMORIES OF NUTFIELD FROM A READER IN PAIGNTON

We lived at Braes Farm and Elaine Milson (nee Howick) sends me the Link. I pass it on to my sister in Brighton and Alan and Barbara Rosser (ex Morris Road) now living near Truro.

I have been reading the many War memoirs in the Link ... My mother has vivid and detailed memories of the burning B17 bomber crash landing at the Aerodrome, and says it was nothing short of a miracle that it made it that far.

My enduring memory is of the Canadian Road convoys which were routed up Bower Hill Lane, past the gate into the drive to Braes Farm. I can well remember that you could hear the convoys coming as far away at Earlswood. The semi-resident gang of lads playing on the farm was always on the listen out for them. At a mere hint of one coming we would rush down to the farm gate to meet the first vehicle. If it was a British convoy our enthusiasm soon died as our boys had very little to give away, but if it was an American convoy that was a different story. We would be up on the gate chanting the now immortal words "Got any gum chum?". Then from the backs of the personnel carriers would come chewing gum, chocolate and all manner of goodies. Literally manna from heaven, and we would be down in the dirt fighting over it.

Can you even imagine any such scene these days? That was the norm for us, and millions of other children, however.

You may find that the railway arch adjacent to Nellie Bates' cottage still bears the scars of those convoys. Trying to get a large tank on its transporter through that arch was like trying to get a quart into a pint pot!

I have a million other memories of South Nutfield, of course ... Best wishes to all

David A Stark

We would be grateful for more when you are in the writing mood again! Thank you.

## THE LINK IS BETTER THAN BEST



Miss Amy Ruth Hunt, pictured above with an amaryllis, was born at Works Cottages, Nutfield, and went to Mrs Moon's school in Trindles Road and then to the school in Upper Nutfield, where the teachers were Miss Fry, headmistress, and Miss Whitehead.

Among other accomplishments, Amy was in the Guinness Book of Records in 1976 for the biggest Hydrangea bloom, a blue flower 32" in circumference. She keeps busy, reading, and "baby sitting" for the staff in Moana Nursing Home, Redhill.



One of the nurses sent the poem below to Best magazine, and we were all rather disappointed when it was returned. However, perhaps the Link really is better than Best, as Link readers may remember Amy from days gone by.

In Moana Nursing Home  
There is a grey haired lady  
with a crooked spine,  
She does complain about the pain  
Which comes and goes and comes  
again,  
She prays for others who are in  
pain,  
And thanks all the nurses  
for their care and attention,  
And hopes, when they retire,  
They will get a good pension  
Says Amy Ruth Hunt,  
- 87 years young

#### LAST MONTH'S PICTURE OF NUTFIELD SCHOOL NETBALL TEAM 1931-2

We asked for married names. A kind lady rang and told me that Gladys Geal, whose sister she knows, who is in the back row of Vi Damen's photograph, was married twice, having therefore two married names, Beckett and Coppard. Unfortunately I did not take the lady's name and telephone number and cannot make much sense of my notes! More information welcomed.



CHURCH LADS BRIGADE, 1908

Godfrey Akehurst's father Arthur is second from left.

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"When we compare the life of man with that time of which we know not, then it seems to me like the swift flight of a lone sparrow through the banqueting hall where you sit in wintertime to feast with your chief men... Inside there is a comforting fire to warm the room; outside the winter storms of snow and rain are raging. While he is inside he is safe from the winter storms; but after a few moments of comfort, he vanishes from sight, from winter into winter. But we know nothing of what went before this life and what follows. Therefore if this new teaching can reveal any more certain knowledge, it seems only right that we should follow it." (St Bede)

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By prayer and worship; by the study of God's Word in the Bible; by fellowship with other Christian pilgrims, we are given all the help we need to follow the way into the very presence of God, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning of our life and the end.

As we begin a New Year the old familiar advice is still relevant--;

'I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year. "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." He replied, "Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better that light and safer than a known way."

God bless you on your pilgrimage in 1994!

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Baptism 28th November 1993: Alexandra Ann, daughter of Andrew and Ann Stone of Bower Hill Close, South Nutfield

DEATHS - Our sympathies are with those mourning:

Mr Fred Stark, late of Braes Farm, died at Churston near Brixham aged 85 on 9th November 1993. (see also page 31)

Mrs Louisa Mable Dickinson of Mid Street died on 21st Nov after being unconscious for 66 days, following an accident. After a Requiem Mass at St Joseph's, Redhill, she was interred in the family tomb at Teignmouth.

Mrs Dickinson was born in Swansea in 1908 and educated at Rugby School for Girls and Weston-super-Mare. She was a certificated hairdresser. In 1965 she married Eric Dickinson ("Pegasus" of The Link). A pianist, artist and astrologer, she was a member of several choirs and opera companies. Moving to South Nutfield in 1976, she joined the Choral Society and was one of the first members of David Watts' art class.

Mr Michael Beirne of Blacklands Meadow passed peacefully away on 23rd November, aged 90 years. He originally lived at Peytons Cottages, and was the much loved husband of Norah, and father of Tony, newly retired South East England organiser for the Labour Party, and David, in New Zealand.

Miss Margery Green (Madge) of Bower Hill Close passed away peacefully at Moana Nursing Home, Redhill, on 24th November. Sadly missed by her neighbours.

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16th	Focus on South American Missionary Society 11.00 am Morning Prayer 6.30 pm Holy Communion
23rd	Growing in Wisdom - Wisdom in Work 8.00 am Holy Communion 11.00 am Morning Prayer
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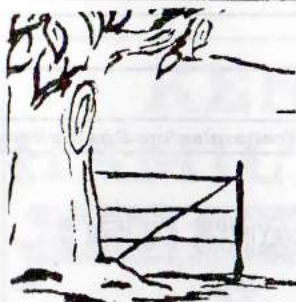
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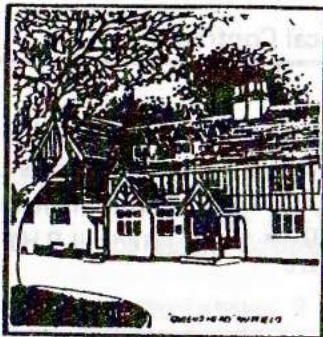
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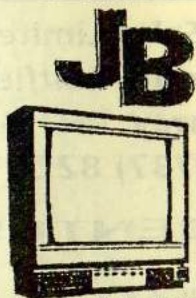
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