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Dear Friends,

Another year has passed and as always life has gone on - new life comes and sadly old life has left saddened relatives behind. Even the weather has been atrocious, the blame being laid at the door of global warming. Even sunny Oz has had the worst weather for many years. New South Wales had floods covering an area larger than the UK !! Even this week (mid-January) Weipa is still cut-off in Northern Queensland, the road from Townsville to Mount Isa has only just been cleared of debris to enable trucks to take in food and supplies.

Cairns too, just up the coast from Townsville, had its fair share of what Nature was distributing for free after a period of shortage. Down in the deserts flowers bloomed after years of keeping their heads down out of the heat and Lake Eyre was filled to the brim, a rare occurrence. Well, we in the UK have had our share too. There is a place in Cumbria where it is normal to get 125 inches of rain in a year, one inch (big deal !) more than Townsville's normal average. Wales and several areas in England have had severe floods, many people being flooded out of their homes more than once.

But enough of the sad and wet news!! How many of you have something nice to be thankful for..... or news to tell the other Stockdens around the world. Joyce (1938) Havard (née Stockden) and her sister Anthea (1948) Jenkins are going to Canada to see their brother Eric (1944) Stockden in March 2001. They will be taking a copy of 'The Stockden Family History 1741-1997' to show him and his family. They should have a wonderful time in Calgary. Don't forget to go over the Rockies and see Vancouver and Victoria too!!

Kevin (1937) and wife Cynthia again went for their favourite holiday area, northern Western Australia. They had two weeks in Exmouth where they had a wonderful time with all the family over Easter, and also three months in Broome for the fishing and racing. Its a great break for Kevin from his lawn cutting business.....come and do mine Kevin, with all our rain it grows faster than I can sharpen the mower blades! Its been an exciting year for them. Their daughter Kellie (1969) had a baby boy in November (see Hatches, Matches & Despatches). The reason for the excitement? Well, girls have been the offspring for several generations!! Their daughter Amanda (1964) and her husband are back from the Snowy Mountains and after a suitably lengthy holiday will be heading for Broome in northern WA to work for the season there.

Avril (1935) and I had a small variety of breaks. A week in Crete during early June, which we enjoyed very much although it was over 100 degrees F. We are both interested in archeology so we enjoyed the visit to the ancient Minoan city of Knossos. Before that we had a wet and windy three days in Llandudno, north Wales. An opportunity there to meet again with another genealogist who lives at Llanfairpwllgwyn etc and was working on part of my Spurgeon connecton where it joins in with her Sudbury origins in Halstead, Essex, my home town. In July we were in Folkestone, Kent, for a four day break. A very cold break it was too!!

But we enjoyed the things to see and do which included a visit to Dover Castle and its WWII tunnels and operations rooms.

Our final break for the year was a four nights stay in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. This was our fifth visit and we did enjoy ourselves! ...and NO !! we did not win !! We went with Geofferey George (1940) Stockden and his wife Julie and again met friends there who are local genealogists, one is actually a Scotswoman and we have corresponded for about seven years. She did eventually get her United States citizenship last year after nearly forty years over there!

Hatches, Matches & Despatches

1: Births

16 November 2000 : Matthew David LANGLEY, was born to Kellie (1969) and husband Steven LANGLEY, their third child.

14 May 1999 : Rebecca May STOCKDEN was born to Richard (1965) STOCKDEN and his wife Julie.

2. Marriages

22 April 2000 : Robyn Louise (1971), daughter of Ian John (1944) STOCKDEN and his wife Carol Lynnette, married Anthony John Forrest (1958) COOK.

30 September 2000 : Andrew David (1967) STOCKDEN was married to Suzanne Louise ADAMS

19 May 2001, Joanne (1976) STOCKDEN whose engagement was given here in the last newsletter, has set the date for her wedding. Her fiancée is Mark COLLINS.

3: Deaths

Our sympathy goes firstly to the South African families. Sadly, after losing his wife Catherine on 21 December 1999, Herbert John (1915) STOCKDEN died on 18 February 2000.

Next came the news of the death of Ned (Edward John 1920) STOCKDEN of Argoed, GWENT. Ned had a final heart attack on 16 March 2000. Our sympathy goes to his wife, Winifred.

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Do let me know the details of events (as much as you can get out of them!) so that I can keep up to date on the master copy of the family tree. Anyone who would like a direct line print has only to ask. Eventually I would like to get it onto the Internet, but I am not a clever computer man, so it will take some time. Meanwhile, I shall try to get the details and the book onto a CD to distribute to anyone interested as it is now impossible to make more copies of the book, which you will appreciate is now also out of date. I hope you will all place the new information on the back pages of your copy to keep yourselves up to date with the Stockden families worldwide.
Our love and best wishes for the new Millenium (the proper one this time!)

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