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THE ANGLO-AMERICAN ISHAM ANCESTRY ASSOCIATION

"THE ISHAM GATHERING"

TUESDAY, 23rd. JULY 2013

THE FARE

Except for the wines, most of the Fare is from UK sources taken from the "**Taste the Difference**" range at the Sainsbury Family supermarkets. Lord Sainsbury of Turville has a large farm near us in Alton, Hampshire and he attends regularly at the House of Lords legislation debates.

"J.Sainsbury" was established in 1869 and we used their Family Grocer shop in Roehampton Village, near London, in the 1930's, where we lived before the war (in a small *rented* house, of course, in those uncertain days!). Sainsburys pioneered the "self-service" idea and the "own-brand" products.

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The **Champagne** is "Antoine de Clevecy" selected by Sainsburys as a blend of grapes from small vineyards in the champagne region of France.

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The **Wine** is "Mateus Rose", again from Sainsburys, which is "a blend of grapes from vineyards in Portugal developed after the last war to appeal especially to the North American and English markets, where it has proved to be very popular"; it is bottled in Portugal in a distinctive flask-like bottle which, surprisingly, holds the same 750 ml as the conventional wine bottle. Similar small collectors' item bottles are available from Sainsburys stores.

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The **Food Fare**, including the home-cooked local ham and turkey and the homemade cake, comes mostly from various farms and growers in Britain with the ham and turkey being "free range", the cheeses being from England, the Yeo Farm milk is from Somerset, the biscuits being from Scotland, the English scones are with "Tiptree" English farm strawberries and Cornish clotted cream; the chocolate biscuits and fresh strawberries are English.

The "Black Magic" chocolates are, of course, "Made in England"!

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We do hope you will try, and enjoy, it all!

Bon appetit!

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(Although from Sainsburys, the table napkins are made in Poland!)