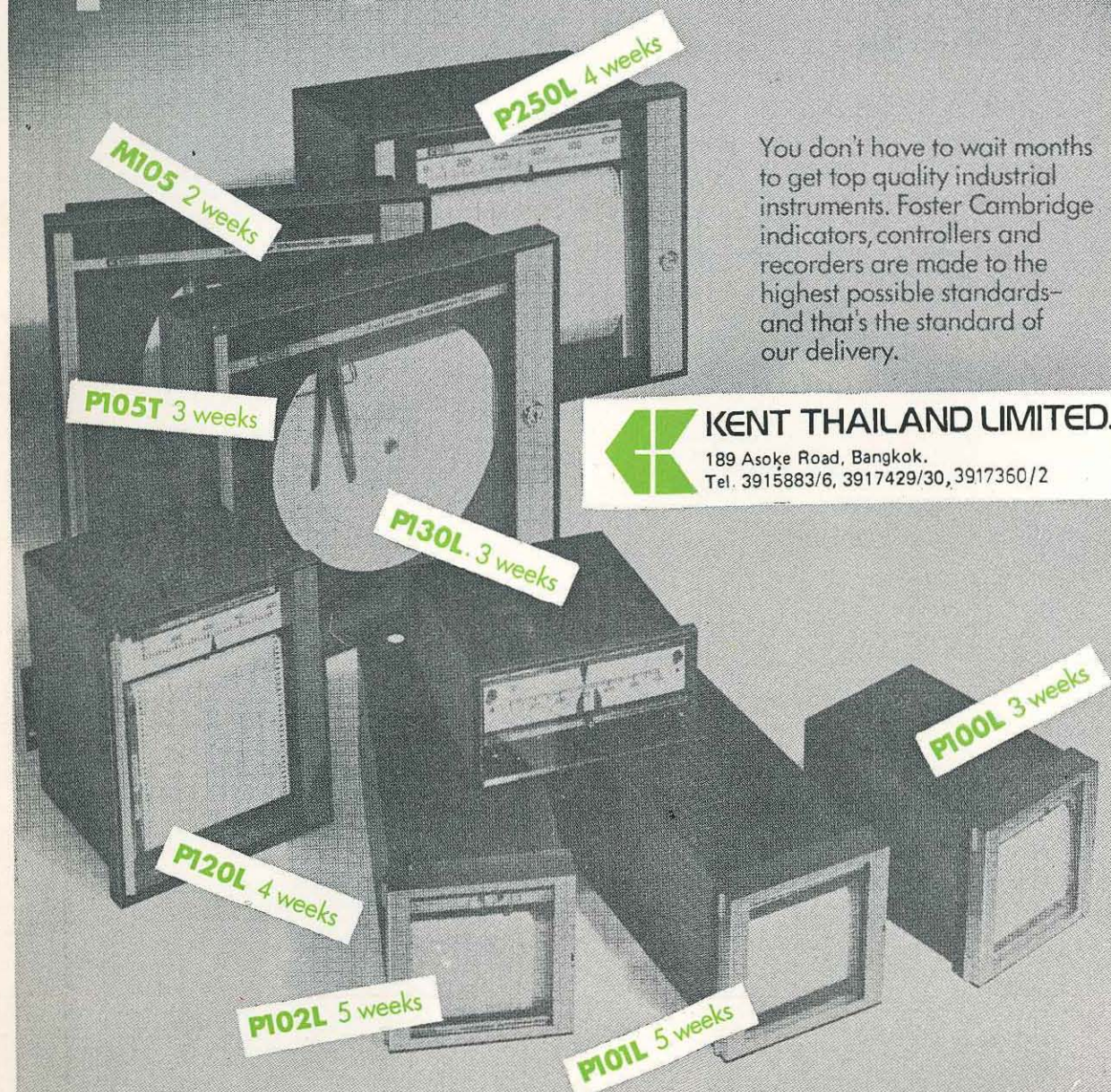


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NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 1979

1978 was marked by the Seventy-fifth anniversary celebrations. However, it was a year in which we saw many developments all of which appear to be forward-looking and are carrying us on the crest of a wave into 1979.

The active membership of the Club has increased by over fifty; we are now affiliated to no less than five Clubs (two in UK and three in the Far East); the long range plan is progressing and we saw the completion of the Restaurant and Clubhouse Extension; the Tennis Section has come to life again and the newly formed Ladies Sub-Committee is making its existence felt in many progressive ways. Let us hope that 1979 will be prove to be a boom year for the Club.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held in the Cinema Room on Monday 26 February at 5.30 p.m.

VISIT OF SHIPS

Subject to diplomatic clearance being given HMS MONKTON and HMS BEACHAMPTON will visit Bangkok from 20 to 24 January. The Committee has offered to the ships crews the use of the facilities of the Club for the duration of the visit.

BOOKING OF PREMISES

Members who book parts of the Club premises for use by a non-club organisation are reminded that such requests must be approved by the General Committee.

AFFILIATIONS

An affiliation with the Naval Club, London has been confirmed from 1 December. Details of the terms of this affiliation are available in the Office.

READING ROOM

The Reading Room will be closed on the morning of Saturday 6 January for Childrens Day activities.

NEW MEMBERS

The following were elected to membership of the Club in December 1978

Ordinary

Mr. C.J. Andrews	Deemar
Mr. M.F. Chilton	New Zealand Embassy
Mr. A.J. Hobson	Anglo Thai Motors
Mr. J.B. Mattinson	Ben Line
Mr. R.J. Payne	Chartered Bank
Mr. R.C. Prince	Insurance

Country

Mr. J.A. Butcher	Valentine, Laurie and Davies
Mr. J.A. Magill	TORC

Non-Voting

Prof. G. Beale	Mahidol University
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Ladies Privileges

Miss O. Jones	British Embassy
Mrs. S. Lenderking	Housewife
Miss S. Connolly	Bangkok Patana School

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NEW MEMBERS NIGHTS

New Members will be invited to meet the Committee in the Reading Room at 5.30 p.m. on the following days:

Tuesday 9 January (Closing date 6 January)
Tuesday 6 February (Closing date 3 February)

Candidates and sponsors are invited to bring their wives to the New Members Night which will take the form of an informal drinks gathering. Dress: Tie (but no jacket) or Safari Suit.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Christmas Cards were received extending best wishes to the Club and all members from:-

The Garfoot family

Mr. & Mrs. David Sprot

The Rudder family

British Airways Flying Staff Recreation Club

The Naval Club, London

The Tanglin Club, Singapore

The Chartered Bank

Narai Hotel

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Silver Bell

King Supermarket

Green Spot

H. Lai Ann Gallery

Anglo-Thai Industrial

Pearl Chemicals Co. Ltd.

Royal China

WINE SPECIALS

The wine specials for January will be:

Cotes du Rhone

Baht 125.-

Casel Garcia

Baht 110.-

Mateus

Baht 110.-

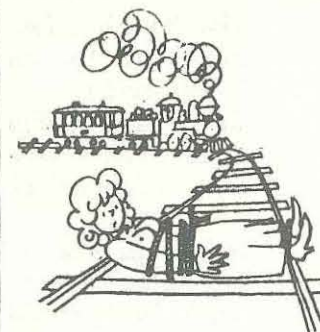
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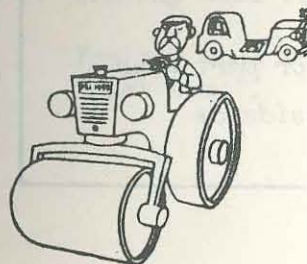
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THE BANGKOK SAMARITANS

The Bangkok branch of 'The Samaritans' officially came into being at the end of July 1978. It is a volunteer telephone befriending organisation reaching out to those in need. It is international and non-religious in character which is in line with similar branches operating in many other different countries of the world.

A headquarters has been established with an easily remembered telephone number (235-4000) which is now being manned nightly (from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m.) as well as for about one-third of the remainder of each day. It is the intention to provide a 24 hour service as soon as possible. Fifty trained Samaritans speak no less than fifteen different languages and about half of them are bi-lingual in English and Thai. Courses are continually being run to train new volunteers who are very much needed for it requires approximately 100 volunteers to man a 24 hour programme.

Since the service officially started in July, we have had about 300 English speaking cases. Of these, approximately 50 clients have continued to use the Samaritan service on two or more occasions. From the many expressions of thanks received from clients (as they are known) the Bangkok Samaritans have been successful in helping and befriending, which is a cause for great thankfulness to them.

STAFF ASSISTANCE

With effect from 1 January 1979 the rates payable to staff assisting at Members homes will be:-

- a. Standard rate - 60 Baht
- b. Over 4 hours - 10 Baht per hour or part hour
- c. Transportation fare to and from residence

A Message for UK Expatriates Intending Someday To Return "Home"

A NEW WAY TO PROVIDE TOTALLY TAX-FREE INCOME ON RETURN TO U.K.

You may have many tax-free "offshore" ways of saving and investing money. But until recently there has been no way, on your return to UK, to enjoy the income from such accumulated capital without it being ravaged by the Inland Revenue.

Now there is a range of new plans*, specifically catering for the UK expatriate. You can accumulate capital from income, or invest already available capital, in such a way that:

- growth is tax-free
and on your return:
- growth can be maintained tax-free
- or you can draw cash totally tax-free
- or have totally tax-free income while still retaining access to the capital

These new plans have been designed by a respected, long-established UK financial institution.

Your financial aim may be to buy a house in UK - or to upgrade your present one.

You may need to provide school fees.

You may want to accumulate capital for a business venture "back home".

You may have to provide for retirement, or want to supplement your present pension arrangements.

Or, you may just want to supplement future UK earnings with extra spendable income. With these new plans there is flexibility to suit most situations -- whether you expect to return to UK in 2, 5, 10, 20 or more years time.

* UK Inland Revenue approval is currently being given for the tax-free benefits of these plans, no matter what legislation applies in the future.

If you want to find out whether these plans can help you, MICHAEL DICKS is available between 10th and 18th January for private discussions in Bangkok.

Leave your name and telephone numbers at the British Club office, and Michael Dicks will contact you.

Or, write to: Michael Dicks, Michael Dicks Associates, "Barn Fold", Clough Lane, Grasscroft, Nr Oldham, Lancs OL44EW, England. Telephone: Saddleworth (STD Code 04577) 2946

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MEMBERS ADDRESS

Mr. M.J. Anthony has asked that it be let known that he is now resident at:

Northway Cottage
Barrow Court
Barrow Gurney
near BRISTOL, England
(Telephone: Abson 3299)

SATURDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AT THE CLUB

Bring your child along to the Saturday morning activities to be held at the Club once a month starting 6 January 1979. Initially the activities offered will be:

Football	open to children 5 years and over
Chess	open to children 6 years and over
Cricket	open to children 7 years and over
Sewing	open to children 5 years and over
Tennis	open to children 8 years and over
Stamp collecting	open to children 7 years and over

Children are only allowed to sign up for ONE activity and it is suggested that they keep to the same activity for a number of months. There are organisers arranged for each activity but the Ladies Sub-Committee would welcome any additional help and parents are most welcome to stay and help run the different groups.

We propose to maintain the same activities from January to June and the 'Activity Morning' will be held on the Saturday immediately prior to the Swimming Gala, which is always held at the Club on the first Sunday in the Month. However, the activities may either increase or vary to those initially offered according to demand. The age limits on each group are only placed to facilitate the running of each activity. The sessions are aimed at children of school age.

Activities will be held from 9 a.m. until 10.30 a.m. to be followed by a short break and then CHILDREN'S FILMS from 11 a.m. A small charge will be made for each activity inclusive of a drink and the film. The programme will end by 12 o'clock.

The Activities co-ordinator is BARBARA DEVLIN. Please contact her (391-3663) if you have any queries and/or wish to help with the children in any way.

ACTIVITIES JANUARY 1979

LOCAL FESTIVALS PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND NATIONAL DAYS

1 Jan - New Years Day

28 Jan - CHINESE NEW YEAR

29 Jan - AUSTRALIA DAY

WEEKLY CLUB EVENTS

Monday BRIDGE 7.30 p.m.

Thursday BACKGAMMON 7.30 p.m.

Friday CLASSICAL BALLET 2 p.m.

SECTION EVENTS

Sun 7 - Swimming. Monthly Gala 11.30 a.m.

Sun 14 - Tennis. Match v IRSC Away

Golf. Hua Mark 2 8 a.m.

Mon 15 - Squash. New league starts

Sun 21 - Tennis. Match v IRSC Home

Sun 28 - Golf. Rose Garden 8.30 a.m.

Tennis. Tennis Day 2.30 p.m.

THE WONG WAY TO PLAY GOLF

It has been said that the members of the Cobra Corps Golf Society (Bangkok) have a local rule which states that no score higher than nine will be recorded.

We understand that the General Manager of a hotel in Canada, Mr. Sam Wong, has come up with local rules which may be of interest to the CCGS and to some of our golfing readers. In passing it should be noted that Mr. Wong holds claim to the dual distinction of being not only the worst Chinese golfer in the world but also the worst golfer in the world. His rules are:

1. A ball sliced or hooked INTO THE ROUGH shall be lifted and placed on the fair way at a point equal to the distance it carried into the rough. It is HARDLY FAIR to penalise the player for the erratic flight of the ball.
2. A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed NOT to have hit a tree. A tree is just bad luck, a phenomenon which has no place in a scientific game. The players should estimate the distance the ball would have travelled under REASONABLE CIRCUMSTANCES and play the ball from that point -- preferably from a nice tuft of grass.
3. There shall be no such thing as a LOST BALL. The missing ball will eventually be found and pocketed by some other player. In which case it becomes a stolen ball. There is no penalty for a stolen ball.
4. If a ball passes over the hole without dropping in, it shall be deemed to have dropped. The LAW OF GRAVITY takes precedence over the law of golf.

5. A putt which stops close enough to the cup to inspire such comments as "you could blow it in" may be blown in. The rule does not apply if the ball is more than three inches from the hole.

If any reader is still unable to cope with the game after applying these simple rules we suggest you turn to page 14.

LADY GOLFERS

At the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 28th November the following were elected to the Committee:

Captain:	Margaret Miller
Treasurer:	Anne Quinn
Handicapper:	Jean Taylor
Secretary:	Noelene Coulson
Committee Member:	Sheila Neville

Programme for January 1979

January 2 - Stableford	Starter Noelene Coulson
January 9 - Ts & Fs	Starter Margaret Miller Scorer Anne Quinn
January 16 - Flag	Starter Sheila Neville Scorer Noelene Coulson
January 23 - Medal	Starter Margaret Miller Scorer Jean Taylor
January 30 - Stableford	Starter Anne Quinn Scorer Sheila Neville

As from 2 January until further notice the group will again play at the Army Course, Bangkhen at 7 a.m.

GOLF COACHING

When you play golf, are you troubled by slicing, pulling, hooking, pushing; or are you just a plain duffer, who has difficulty to get the little white ball airborne?

If you have any of these problems, or others, and you want to know how and why they came about, why not start the New Year right and actually see yourself in action?

Yorkshire golf teaching professional, Steve Kirk, can explain to you the cause and effect of your faults and if you have any doubts or misunderstandings, the video-tape camera never lies!

When you see your swing, you will be better able to understand what Steve Kirk tells you. He will analyse your game and offer constructive advice on how to correct your faults. Unlike many professionals, he will also tell you why he wants you to do certain things.

The Thai Daimaru Indoor Golf School is just the place where you can learn to improve your golf. The filming of your swing takes place in a studio atmosphere and furthermore, you will find yourself being able to concentrate very easily, as the centre is fully air-conditioned.

A ten minute session of filming and playback will only cost you Baht 40. During this ten minute session you will be given a few tips by Steve Kirk, but to receive real advantage from the video-tape, it is better to take a full half-hour lesson; the outlay, Baht 120.

Any golfer, or beginner wishing to take a course of lessons with the video-tape, can take advantage of a special offer and receive five lessons for the price of four. This offer is available for anyone who wishes to make an advance payment of Baht 480.

Group coaching and golf clinics for children can also be arranged through Steve Kirk and sizeable discount rates would apply.

The Golf School is open every weekday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. From January onwards, the centre will open until 7.30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. At the moment the centre operates only five days a week, but later in the New Year it may open every day.

Early in the New Year the centre will also have the additional facility of two driving bays, where golfers will be able to practise their swing. A ten minute use of this facility, including clubs and balls, will only cost a nominal Baht 10.

The Golf School is located in the 'Playland' section on floor 'R' of the Thai Daimaru Department Store, and elevators may be used between 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily, except Wednesdays. On Wednesdays, and hours after 6 p.m. the 'Playland' section may be reached through the Rajdamri Arcade, via the 6th floor.

Ample car parking facilities are available at the rear of the Thai Daimaru Store, and car park 5p is conveniently located near to the Golf School.

For appointments and further information, please contact tel. nos.: - 251-9146, 251-9151, 252-0697 ext. 281 or 277.

SQUASH SECTION

The dearth of squash news in recent newsletters has been due to the unusually early arrival lately of the 20th of the month, resulting in deadlines being missed. However, a special effort will be made in 1979 not to let the 20th sneak by unnoticed, however early it may be.

To round off a good year for club squash, if not for news about it, here are the leading positions in the last two leagues. Please note the need to enter now for the 22nd league, starting on January 15th. Forms are inserted in this newsletter, and should be returned to the club office not later than January 6th.

League Prizes. Unclaimed prizes for the 21st and earlier leagues (first and second places in each division) may be collected from the club office between now and 31st January, after which date any remaining will be returned to stock for future use.

20th SQUASH LEAGUE PLACINGS

Division 1

1. Len Alexander
2. John Weymouth
3. Rod Carter

Division 3

1. Brian Heath
2. Norm Stanley
3. John Cox

Division 5

1. Frank Devlin
2. Frank Frankel
3. Richard Bones

Division 2

1. Nick Launder
2. Neville Downer
3. Peter Braude

Division 4

1. Bob Boulter
2. Eric Thomson
3. Roger Winter

Division 6

1. Terry Spithill
2. John Blay
3. Bruce McLennen

Division 7

1. Nigel Hardy
2. Andrew Cameron
3. Rupert Jamieson

Division 9

1. John Thompson
2. Dennis Haugh
3. Ralph Skelton

Division 11

1. Dolena Hawkins
2. Tricia Hickey
3. Jane Leitch

Division 8

1. Andrew Fraser
2. Tom Evans
3. Peter Hargreaves

Division 10

1. Simon Edmonds
2. Roger Gittins
3. Pam Stanley

Division 12

1. Charles Edmonds
2. Maggie Munday
3. Ian Price

21st SQUASH LEAGUE PLACINGS

Division 1

1. John Weymouth
2. Len Alexander
3. Bill Brandon

Division 3

1. Jim Hyde
2. Myles De Vries
3. Iain Brown

Division 5

1. Roger Miall
2. David Wallace
3. John Davis

Division 7

1. Geoff Davis
2. Tom Evans
3. Peter Sandersley

Division 2

1. Mike Holgate
2. Peter Braude
3. Jim Finnegan

Division 4

1. Murray McNair
2. Roger Winter
3. Colin Slaughter

Division 6

1. Tom Farrington
2. John Blay
3. Nigel Hardy

Division 8

1. David Torrance
2. John Dunford
3. Andrew Bruce

Division 9

1. Rex Goring-Morris
2. Pam Stanley
3. David Hill

Division 11

1. Maggie Munday
2. Andy Bearpark
3. Carol McLennen

Court Booking Arrangements

Some months ago (July) squash players were asked their opinions on the present arrangements whereby courts are booked by bracketing 15-minute periods with a limit of 3 periods per person per day. You were asked to vote "OK", "OK with modifications" or "not OK". Since nothing happened after the questionnaires were returned, it may fairly have been assumed that the well-known democratic principle of asking people what they think but doing something else anyway has been followed. So we should record (with apologies for the delay) that 50 people voted "OK", 9, "OK with modifications" and 5, "not OK". The latter favoured, variously, a return to fixed 30-minute periods, alternate fixed 30- and 45-minute periods through the day, fixed 30-minute periods on one court and 45-minute periods on the other and, in one case, 20-minute slots to replace the present 15-minute ones. The nine people who suggested modifications mostly advocated a) telephone bookings (now available, see below) or b) more effective monitoring, with penalties for infractions. Penalties are not favoured by the squash sub-committee for much the same reasons why the British police don't carry guns - for one thing, not having them means that people are less likely to start shooting when apprehended (we are also against the idea in principle).

Division 10

1. Charles Edmonds
2. Andrew Dunlop
3. Meike De Heer

Division 12

1. Judy Harrison
2. Cindy Thomson
3. Terry Bearpark

The poll shows that 59 people like the present system of booking at least as much as any other, while only 5 are known to be against it. However, there are of course many squash players in the club whose views are still not known. Anyone who would prefer another system of booking, such as one of the alternatives mentioned above, or who has any ideas for improving the one in use, is urged to let the sub-committee know.

Telephone Bookings. Players are reminded that bookings by telephone can be accepted (up to one week in advance) by the duty staff at the poolside bar, from 10.30 to noon, Monday to Friday.

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Rates are:

Members Personal Advertisements

Ten line box	-	25.-
Half page	-	50.-
Full page	-	100.-

Business Advertisements (Not on the Covers)

½ page	-	250.-
Full page	-	500.-

EDITORS NOTES

All material for the February 1979 edition of the Newsletter must reach the Office by 20 January.

Advertisers interested in purchasing the space on the covers of the Newsletter are requested to contact the Advertising Editor.

Classified Ads should be handed to the Club Manager by the closing date for entries published in the Newsletter. Publication fees will be charged to members accounts.

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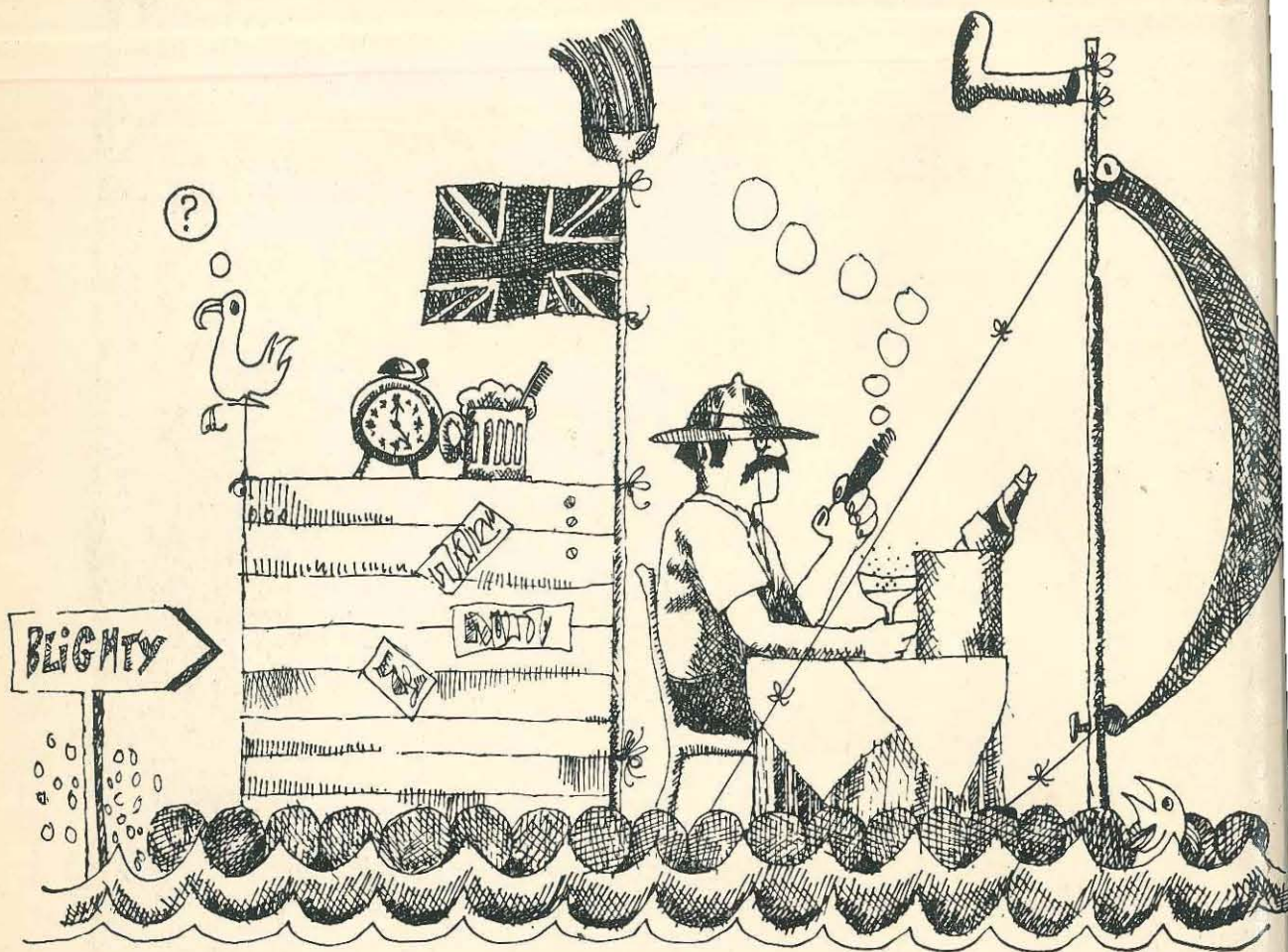
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