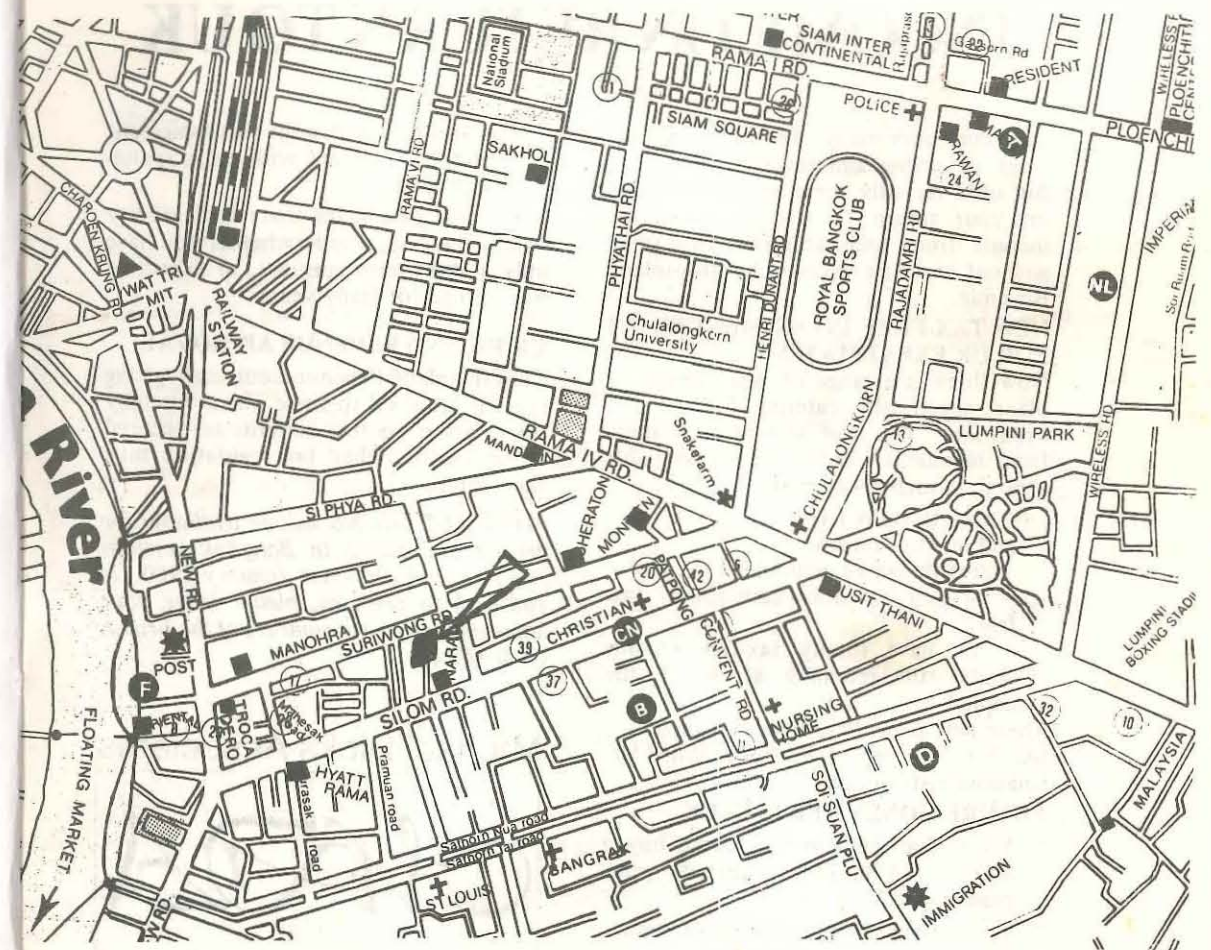


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A Message for UK Expatriates Intending Someday
To Return "Home"

A NEW WAY TO PROVIDE TOTALLY TAX-FREE INCOME ON RETURN TO UK

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.

NEW TAX-FREE INVESTMENT PLANS FOR UK EXPATRIATES

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

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- 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 number of respected, long-established UK financial institutions.

FUTURE MONEY NEEDS IN UK

- * 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.
- * 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.

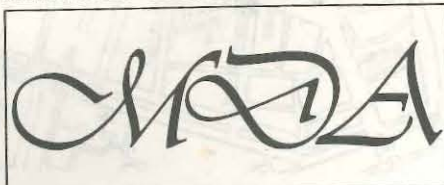
With these new plans there is flexibility to suit most situations, whether you have only a short-term contract, or expect to stay abroad for many years.

UK INLAND REVENUE APPROVAL

The UK Inland Revenue is currently giving specific approval to these plans, whereby their future tax-free benefits are secured — no matter what tax legislation may then apply.

MICHAEL DICKS will be available for private discussions in Bangkok between 7th-11th and 29th-31st January 1980. If you wish to see him, please leave your name and telephone numbers at the British Club office.

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Newsletter

January 1980

B.C. News

As a new decade starts we can look back on 10 years of evolution of our Club with some satisfaction. The Club has continued successfully to fulfil its object in "providing a social meeting place, and games and entertainment, for its members, on a non-profit basis."

The most significant events of the past decade were the amendment of the eligibility for membership rule, the introduction of Associate Membership and the decision to embark on a long range development plan of the premises and facilities on our present site.

The fact that membership is currently at its highest level ever and that utilization of the Club and its facilities have increased considerably demonstrate that these changes were both timely and necessary.

Currently work is proceeding on further stages of the long range plan and during the 1980's our Club will continue to improve both the facilities available and hopefully the active participation of the members and their families.

The Committee and the Newsletter editors wish all members a Happy New Year.

AN APOLOGY

We apologise to the advertisers who had booked space on the cover for this month. We have been unable to agree on a new contract with the printer and thus have had to resort to a do-it-ourselves cover for this issue.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

NEW MEMBERS:

The following were elected to membership of the Club in December 1979:

Ordinary

Mr. R.P. Bersma	Canadian Embassy
Mr. R.T. Butler	Wellcome T. Ltd.
Mr. P. Donnelly	Thai Airways
Mr. J.D. Lightbody	
Mr. W.R. Lundy	Canadian Embassy
Mr. D.G. Myatt	Canadian Embassy
Mr. G.M. Perks	Thai Coats Thread Co.
Mr. W.A. Sheppit	Canadian Embassy

Up-Country

Mr. D.M. Owen	Howard Humphries & Pts.
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NEW MEMBERS NIGHTS

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

Tuesday 8 January (Closing date 5 January)

Tuesday 5 February (Closing date 2 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.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Club as at the end of 1979 reveals a healthy increase over the situation at the end of 1978. The current composition of our membership is as follows (1978 figures in brackets)

Honorary	11	(10)
Ordinary	407	(377)
Up Country	19	(8)
Non-Voting	12	(17)
Associate	26	(15)
Ladies Privilege	37	(30)

TOTAL 512 (457)

We are sorry to announce the death in London of John Graham, last month.

John had been a member of the Club since 1970 and our heartfelt sympathy goes to his widow, Mom Sumala Graham.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE LADIES ADVISORY/LIAISON GROUP

Wives of members and ladies privilege members:

We are holding a meeting to elect a new group of ladies interested in helping with those matters concerning the family and the British Club. This will be on Thursday 10th January 1980 at 10 o'clock in the Reading Room.

The primary objective of the Group is to liaise with the Main Committee on matters concerning families, and children's needs in particular. If you would like to stand as a member of this Group or if you have any ideas that you would like to put forward, please come along to the meeting as we need your help.

The following women are currently members of this Group and would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Caroline Davidson	Marion Hyde
Barbara Devlin	Sheelagh Spratt
Val Hill	Penny Whalley
Joyce Walsingham	

CLUB MEMORABILIA

The Club is indebted to Mr. Charles Stewart for his gift of a postcard addressed to a Mr. R.W. Giblin announcing an auction of Club newspapers and periodicals.

We cannot establish the date of posting, however, Mr. Giblin is included in the group photograph which was taken during 1909. This photograph can be seen in the Club bar.

The postcard is being framed and will also be hung in the Club bar.

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and the new range of Quamar Zaman squash rackets

All available in the Dunlop Showroom in Convent Road.

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A GRATUITOUS THOUGHT

One of the traditional customs (and advantages) of most Clubs has been "no tipping" of individual members of the staff.

Latterly, the "no tipping" rule at the Club appears to be being breached frequently and the Committee has decided to regularise the position by placing a box for this purpose, primarily for the use of Visiting Members, and members who perhaps would like to show their appreciation for a special dinner party or function at which the staff have performed superlatively. Coupons, cheques, foreign currency, lunch vouchers, Green Shield stamps and even cash all gratefully accepted.

This innovation should in no way be interpreted as solicitation for "douceurs" - merely as a convenience for those who wish to show appreciation for special service. To ensure fair distribution, the box will be emptied frequently and distributed quarterly and equally to all staff except the Manager, who has indicated he would prefer his dues by crossed cheque mailed in a plain envelope to his private address.

B.C. DEPARTMENT STORE

101 PRICELESS Articles of Swimwear, Lingerie, Sports Equipment and bric-a-brac abandoned by their owners and handed into LOST PROPERTY by the staff, are awaiting collection in the General Office.

Please come and claim your objets d'art before they are assimilated into Club stores on 31st January.

In future a Lost Property Log will be kept in the office indicating the property handed in and the name of the "hand-in".

PEWTER COMES TO THAILAND

It has taken nearly 4000 years for pewter to reach Thailand. The first signs of pewter objects are found in discoveries of pewter jewellery in North Persian Tombs, dating back to 2000-1500 B.C. There is also evidence in ancient scriptures that pewter plates and other pewter products were used in the Roman Empire prior to the seafaring Phoenicians bringing the raw material tin to the Mediterrean area from Spain and England.

Although pewter is one of the worlds oldest alloys Thailand has not been known as a pewter producing country. Like the ancient Egyptians, Thais have only used tin as an alloy with copper in the making of bronze.

Out of the five largest tin producing countries in the world Thailand now ranks as the largest after Malaysia. Tin in Thailand is mined and refined from the rich alluvial ores in the dense jungle valleys of Kanchanaburi, the hot plains of the southern isthmus as well as off-shore in the Andaman Sea.

In 1976 a group of Europeans and Thais formed a company in Thailand to manufacture pewter objects using traditional methods as developed by European Pewterers many centuries ago. Pewter manufacture begins at the foundry with the melting of 100-pound tin; ingots to which only small quantities of antimony and copper are added. The exact method of mating these metals remains a closely guarded secret. Moulds for large items, such as beer tankards, are made of steel. Smaller items are cast centrifugally in silicone rubber moulds.

When the molten metal reaches the proper temperature, workmen ladle the silvery liquid from the furnace and pour it into the waiting moulds or casting machines. After the casting, skilled smiths remove burrs and rough edges. Depending on the type of finish desired, the article may be hand-turned or rubbed and polished by artisans who use a special abrasive material.

The components like handles for jugs, stems and bases for wine goblets are carefully soldered together. Engravers can then etch designs into the finished piece or bevel the malleable surface of the pewter with a hammer.

Although pewter manufacture may seem relatively simple, the process is lengthy and complicated with each step of the operation requiring large amounts of hand work. The result of such craftsmanship is artwork with universal appeal that transcends the functional intent of the pewterware.

Yet function has always been an important consideration in pewter manufacture. From prehistoric times pewter has been both a medium for artistic expression and a material from which domestic utensils were fashioned.

Pewter has played an important role in the development of civilization both in the European countries as well as countries of the Orient. As its popularity spread, so did the names of pewter manufacturers. In medieval England it was customary for Pewterers to cut their "touch" into their wares to indentify their membership in a guild called The Worshipful Company of Pewterers. (This same company recently celebrated its 500th anniversary).

Manufacture of pewter in Thailand was practically unknown until recently. Thailand is now preserving this ancient art form in today's safe, stylish pewter and is making a new name for one of the world's oldest alloys-beautiful and utilitarian 20th century Thai pewter.

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This feature was based on information kindly provided by Thai Present (Pewter) Co. Ltd.

BREAKFAST AT THE POOLSIDE

**** A New Service ****

From 2nd January our bright-eyed and beautiful staff will be available - to serve you a superb English Breakfast from 7.15 every morning.

The Works ----- B50

Fruit Juice

Cornflakes or Porridge

2 Eggs (any style),
Fried Tomatoes
Fried Bread
Bacon, Ham or Sausage

Toast or Croissant
Butter, Marmalade, Jam or Honey

Pot of Tea or Coffee

or a la Carte. For the cost-conscious - tablecloths are free.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY 1980

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS/SPECIAL DAYS

Tuesday 1 - NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

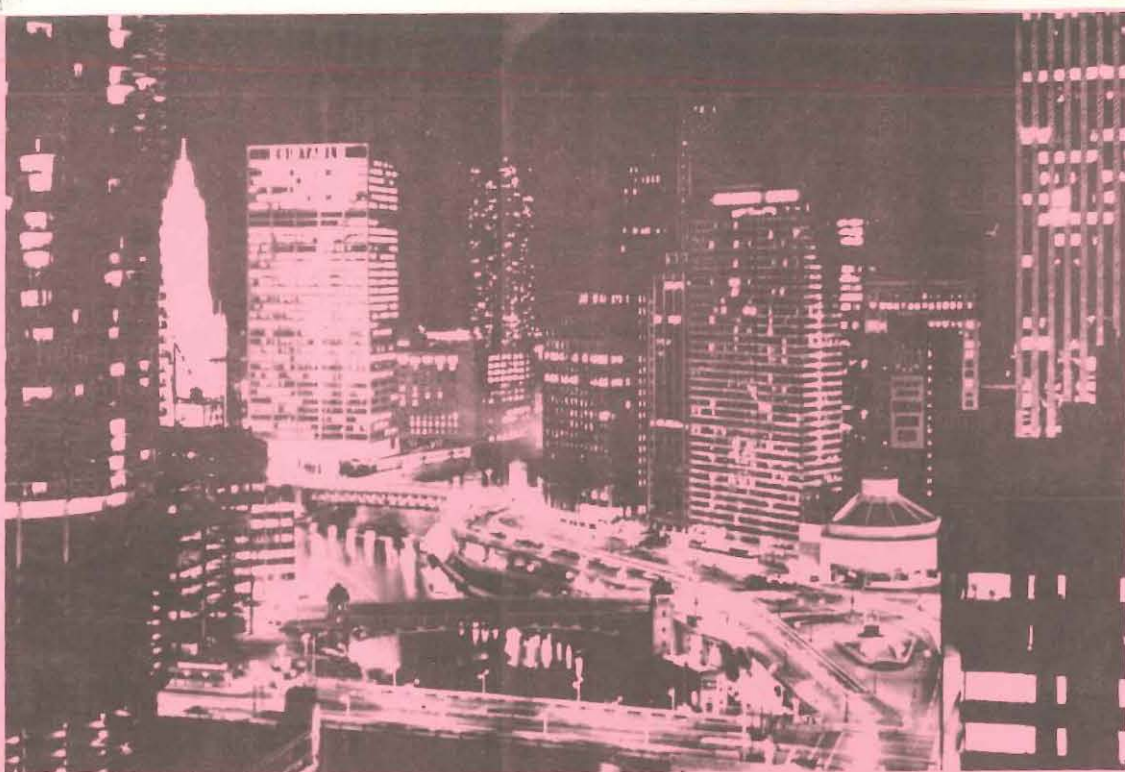
WEEKLY CLUB EVENTS

Monday	BRIDGE	7.30 p.m.
Tuesday	TENNIS	2.30 p.m.
	SWIMMING TRAINING	4.30 p.m.
Wednesday	TENNIS	2.30 p.m.
Thursday	TENNIS	2.30 p.m.
	SWIMMING TRAINING	4.30 p.m.
Friday	BALLET	2.00 p.m.
Saturday	TENNIS	10.30 a.m.
Sunday	TENNIS	10.30 a.m.

Have you paid your December bill yet?

CLUB/SECTION EVENTS

Sun 6	- <u>Swimming.</u> Monthly Gala	11.30 a.m.
	<u>Tennis.</u> BC v RBSC	2.00 p.m.
	<u>Video Tape.</u> "The Swarm"	2, 5 & 8.00 p.m.
Tue 8	- NEW MEMBERS NIGHT (Cinema Room)	5.30 p.m.
	COMMITTEE MEETING	6.30 p.m.
	<u>Ladies Golf.</u> Stableford	
Thu 10	- Election of Ladies Advisory/Liaison Group (Reading Room)	10.00 a.m.
Sun 13	- <u>Video Tape.</u> "Raid on Entebbe"	2, 5 & 8.00 p.m.
Mon 14	- <u>Start of 26th Squash League</u>	
Tue 15	- <u>Ladies Golf.</u> Hidden Holes	
Sun 20	- <u>Video Tape.</u> "The Deep"	2, 5 & 8.00 p.m.
Tue 22	- <u>Ladies Golf.</u> Bisque Bogey	
Sun 27	- <u>Video Tape.</u> "My Fair Lady"	2, 5 & 8.00 p.m.
Tue 29	- <u>Ladies Golf.</u> Medal	
Sun 3 Feb.	- <u>Video Tape.</u> "Airport'77"	2, 5 & 8.00 p.m.



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HONG KONG BOUND?

With hotel occupancy around 90-100% most of the time, it's difficult enough to get a hotel room at all, let alone obtain a discount.

Members, however, may take advantage of the 10% discount offered by the ISLAND HOTEL, just behind the Excelsior Hotel, in the heart of Causeway Bay.

The Island Hotel has most of the room facilities that the "name" hotels in Central have, is ideally situated for shopping, feeding, strolling in Victoria Park and is five minutes away from Central.

The staff actually seem pleased to see you, remember who you are and pass on telephone messages. The current room rates are HK\$170 for a single and HK\$190 a double, nearly half the rate of the H-----N and other similar hotels.

A brochure can be seen in the Club office and the discount obtained by presenting your membership card or an introductory letter at the time of checking-in. Reservations should be made directly by the Member.

THE BANGKOK ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

At the AGM of the St. George's Society, held on November 21st 1979, at the British Club, the following were elected to office for 1980:-

President	: Mr. D. Mellor
Hon. Secretary	: Mr. C.H.P. Edmonds
Hon. Treasurer	: Mrs. J.M. Ragless
Members	: Mr. H. Creasy Mr. M.D. Thacker Mr. R.W. Wilmott-Pilgrim Mr. B.W. Heath Mr. G.B. Sewell

LADY GOLFERS

At the Annual General Meeting held at the Royal Thai Army Golf Club on 4th December 1979, the following Committee was elected for 1980:

Lady Captain	Anne Quinn	(391 2322)
Hon. Secretary	Margaret Miller	(286 5906)
Hon. Treasurer	Joyce Lumsden	(252 8402)
Handicapper	Jean Taylor	(286 2346)
Committee	Sheila Neville	(391 6000 Ex 39)
	Ape Armistead	(391 4399)
	Sheila Kerr	(252 6517)
	Poo Dickson	(314 5293)
	Loretta Parker	(391 5778)

Programme for January 1980

8th January - Stableford

Starter: Ape Armistead (391 4399)
Scorer: Margaret Miller

15th January - Hidden Holes

Starter: Anne Quinn (391 2322)
Scorer: Joyce Lumsden

22nd January - Bisque Bogey

Starter: Jean Taylor (286 2346)
Scorer: Anne Quinn

29th January - Medal

Starter: Margaret Miller (286 5906)
Scorer: Sheila Kerr

N.B. As the Royal Thai Army Course will be preparing for two big Open Tournaments, they will be closed for a period of several weeks, so all the above games will be played at the HUA MARK NO. 1 COURSE.

SOCCER REPORT

The on/off Farang soccer season gave the British Club team two weeks off, following our win over Cosmos.

The first was caused by a malfunction in the league computer, at Munchen gate, later defined as excessive Amarit in the Video circuit (blurred vision), whilst the second was due to "wet" conditions following the Ploenchit Fair (also blurred vision).

Thus it was an eager team which lined up in the tunnel at ISB for their usual pre-match tactical discussion. In fact so eager were the team that it took ten minutes to realise that Captain McWallace was in fact detailing the formations for the Scottish Dancing at the St. Andrew's Ball, later that night (we should have known by his tartan stockings).

So it was to a great roar of sound that we reeled on to the pitch. Parading our Irish guest star (no not him). Ready to face the Thai German students.

From the kick off it was apparent that our Irish guest (from Sydney) was a fine attribute to the team, as Frank proceeded to show both sides how the game should, and could be played.

No doubt inspired by this performance the British Club eleven played their best football of the season, and turned on a great first half of flowing soccer.

The first goal was scored from 25 yards by Frank Merrigan with a fierce, dipping shot into the back of the net which even U.N. Fit must have admired.

A burst up the left flank by Paul Fairbrother, who on reaching the six yard area, gave in to the imploring cries from the other forwards and pursued the ball back into the middle, right into the path of (Lanky) Steve Balme, who fought off the challenge of his team-mates, and smashed a rising shot past the opposing keeper for the goal of the season (according to Steve and Paul!)

The rest of the half was in the same vein (even Chico looked good) as the British expatriates continued to sparkle without actually adding to the score line, thanks to fine work from the T.G.S. goalie, and the woodwork.

The second half, alas, was a different story with the now complacent side deciding to ignore safety first and try to play football in defence - always a dangerous tactic.

Sure enough, after a period of pressure, the Thai German students grabbed a well taken goal from a fine header.

It was after this goal, that we found our centre half had vanished, leaving behind a glass football boot and a President Hotel laundry bag.

Despite this, but with the aid of some desperate manoeuvres, T.G.S. were denied any further score, whilst at the other end, a bustling attack actually got the ball into the net. Unfortunately the goalkeeper went in with it, so it was no goal, a free kick to T.G.S., and a substitute goalkeeper who played out the final minutes.

Final Score

BC (Merrigan, Balme) 2 T.G.S. 1

The post match revelries were cut short by the Haggis Dance later that evening.

The following week brought the now confident BC up against the not too successful I.S.B. team.

How things change!

This young fit side out-ran the British Club and soon opened up the scoring with a long range shot that eluded big Bill's grasping fingers.

Naturally this did not please big Bill - or the rest of the team, but there was not much that they could do about it as the students continued to outplay the British Club and gave them a 5-0 pasting.

Hoping for better things the team did turn up the following week for the game against the Swiss, despite the advice in the Bangkok Post.

The bankers however, had the correct combination to give a good account of themselves, and they were soon able to put their skis under the British Club defence with some determined play.

Seizing on a goal line clearance after a corner kick, they immediately dispatched the ball, past a dazed defence, into the net.

The referee seemed to enjoy this even more than the Alpine eleven and blew a Sonata on his whistle.

However the British Club fought back and actually drew level with a goal from a Cobbett cannon ball free kick, but it was not to last.

Despite some energetic play from Eric Thomson and Tom Farrington, plus some good work by Roger Winter, it was soon evident that it was not to be our day, though Groper Richards and Tony Trail did raise our hopes with some goal mouth incidents.

Final Score

Swiss 4 BC (D. Cobbett) 1

Shortly after the game, Captain Wallace announced that he was leaving for Scotland on a short trip and requested that we play as many games as possible in his absence!

The British Club Soccer Team wish both our fans a Happy New Year.

TENNIS SECTION

December produced a feast of tennis, gaining the attention of the national press. Results were as follows:

B.C. v R.B.S.C. - November 25

Both sides equal in mens and ladies doubles play, to give us the best result against our old friends the Sports Club in many years. Unfortunately due to lack of experience in the mixed doubles we did not perform as well and therefore the overall result was a win to the Sports Club. The return fixture on January 6th at the B.C. courts promises to be the highlight match of the season.

B.C. v Panaga Club (Brunei) - December 1 and 2

Our first interport game for several years produced a pleasant weekend with B.C. winning both days' tournaments, 7 matches to 2 and 6 matches to 2. The Panaga Club have invited us to play a return fixture in Brunei during 1980, preferably around April or May - some interest has also been expressed by the Squash Section.

B.C. v I.S.R.C. - December 16

This usually pleasant fixture was made even more enjoyable when our revived tennis standards helped us to a 13-1 win, our only loss of the day being one men's doubles match.

Finally on December 22nd our juniors played R.B.S.C. juniors - the first juniors fixture for many years.

Tennis Ladder - It's started (at last) so all you swinging singles (of the raquet) sign up if you have not already done so. Rules are displayed on the tennis notice board.

January Fixtures - B.C. v R.B.S.C. January 6th (2.00 p.m.)

British Club courts (if you get this bulletin as late as last month's you'll have missed it!). This promises to be the battle-royal of the season.

1980 Tennis Championships - Have you entered? Closing date for receipt of entries is January 8th. The number and standard of entries received so far indicates this will be a top class tournament this year.

Last minute entry forms are available in the Club office.

Courts - commiserations to all those losing balls through holes in the fencing, and down drainholes etc., however assurances have been received that repairs will be carried out shortly.

DARTS SECTION

The 14th Cathay Pacific Bangkok Darts League will start on 10th January, subject to official confirmation. Interested players should contact Captain Roy Regan (Tel: 2890130), or Bryan Baldwin (Tel: 2211895-8) so they can register for the new league.

Having won the Sportsmanship Trophy last time, the Brits are raring to win the league title - even if it may be Division 3!

SWIMMING SECTION

A LETTER FROM MIEKE DE HEER

Hereby I would like to thank the Swimming Section once again for the heartwarming farewell party.

Your lovely present will always remind me of the many happy training hours spent on the poolside.

Good luck to all children with their swimming times, especially at the Lady de La Mare, I hope the cup will come back again this time!

In case you pass through Amsterdam, I do hope we will meet again.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I am pleased that the Committee have now introduced video tape recordings as an added attraction for members. Would it be possible to include some of the more popular television series such as "Faulty Towers".

Yours etc.

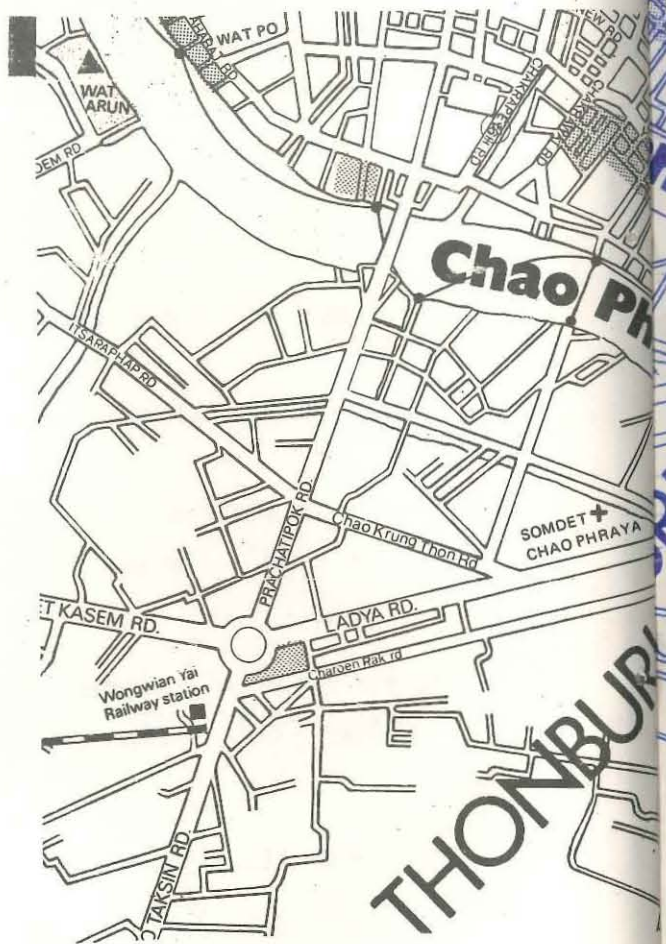
Mr. & Mrs. J. Cleese

Articles, drawings, letters or contributions of any descriptions are invited from anyone (we are desperate).

All material, including advertisements (at ludicrously cheap rates) for the February issue must reach the office by 18 January.

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