

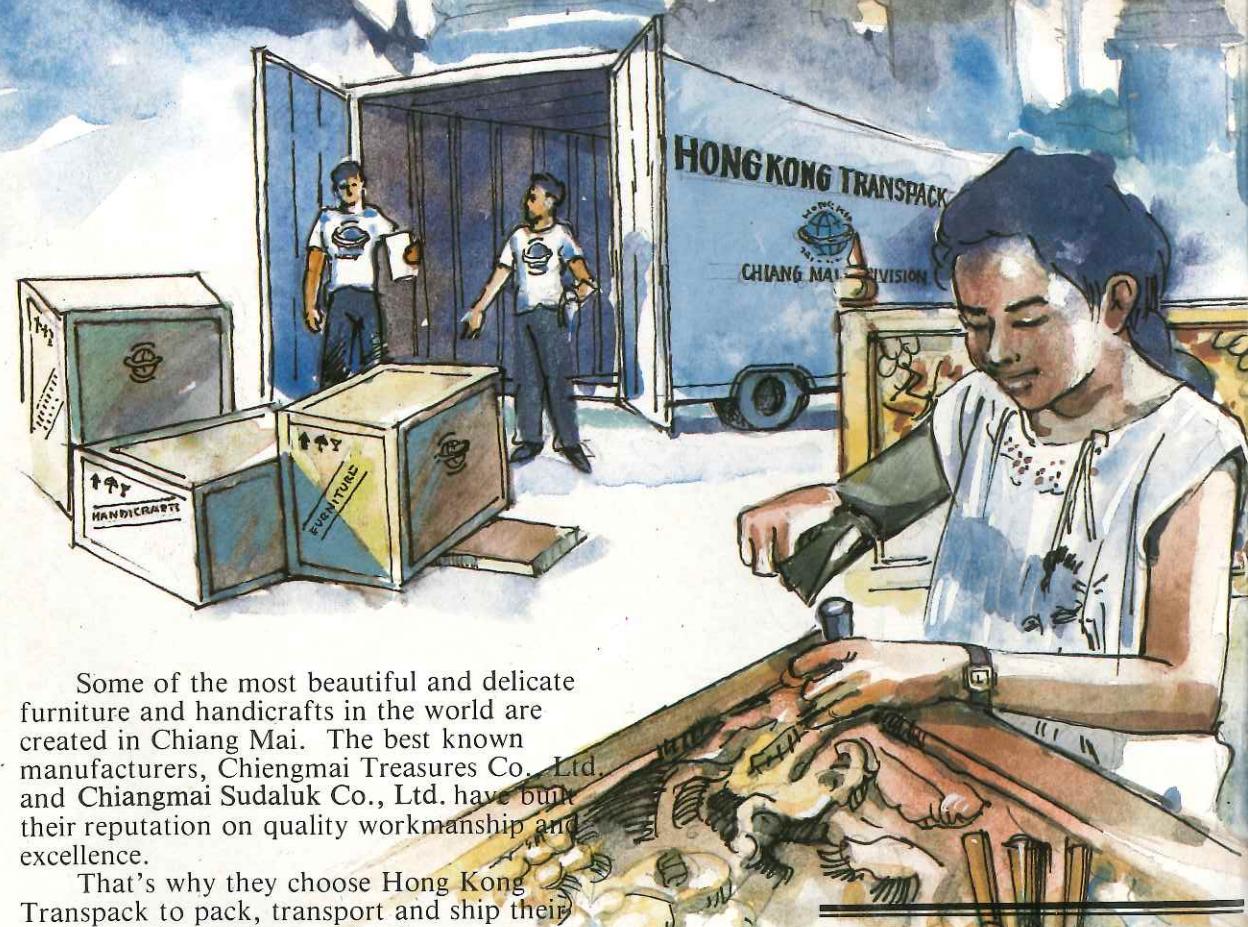
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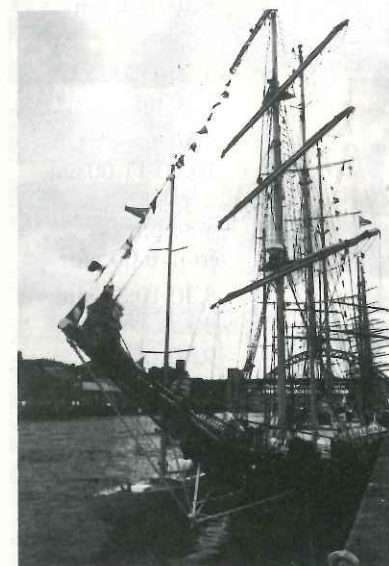
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DIARY

FEBRUARY

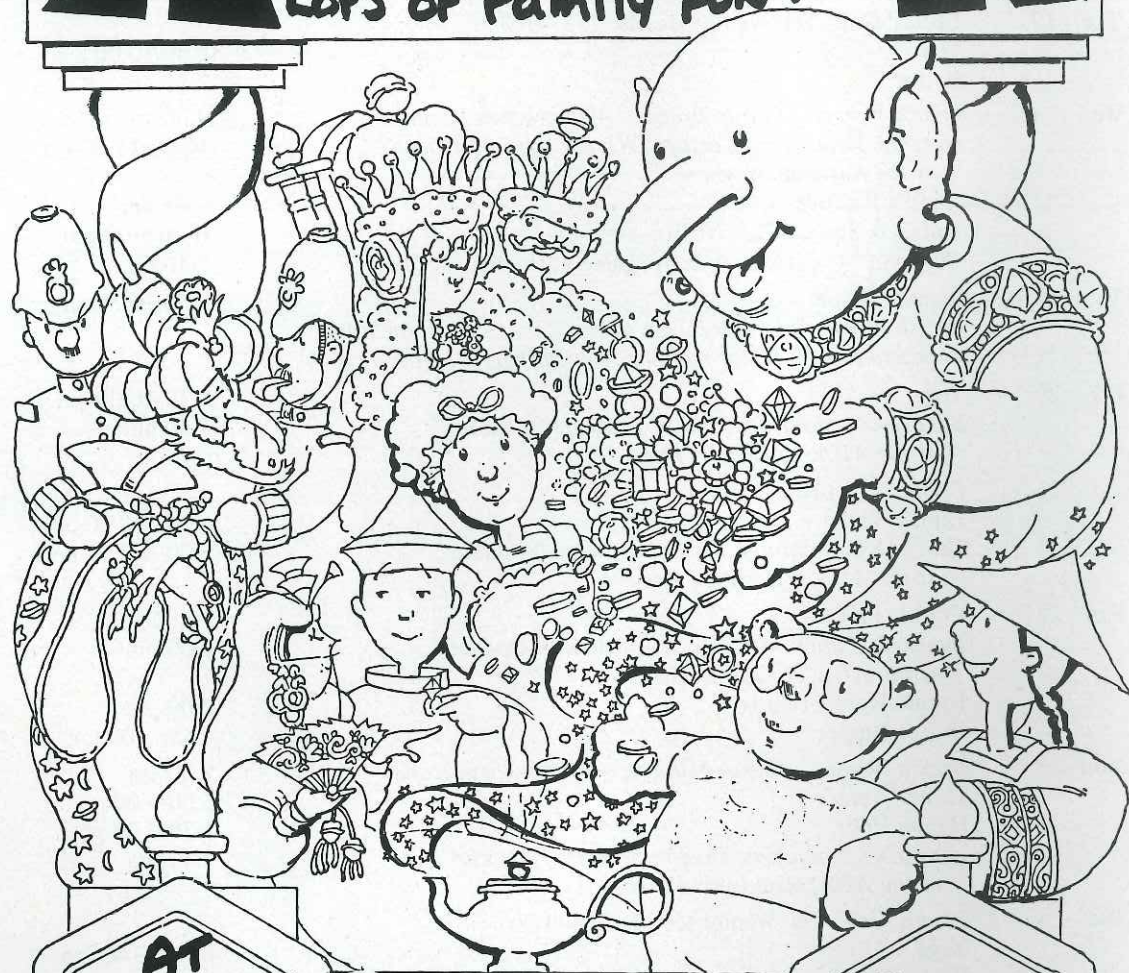
Sun	1	Swimming Gala – British Club vs I.S.B. Cricket Match: BCB vs Wanderers at RBSC Buffet Supper	11.30 am 1.00 pm from 5.00 pm
Mon	2	<i>British Women's Group Mahjong – Wordsworth Room</i> Ladies' Tennis New Members' Night/Happy Hour	9.00 am 3.00-5.00 pm 5.30-9.00 pm
Tue	3	Ladies' Golf. Tel: Wendy Morris 258-4090 Yoga Bridge	8.30-10.00 am 7.30 pm
Wed	4	<i>British Women's Group Bridge – Wordsworth Room</i> <i>Museum Volunteers' Lecture "The Life of the Buddha"</i> <i>at the National Museum, Sanam Luang</i> Cricket Practice Tennis & Squash Club Night	9.30 am 10.00-11.00 am 4.30 pm from 6.00 pm
Thu	5	Ladies' Tennis B.A.M.B.I. Olympics <i>British Women's Group Coffee Morning, Eileen Deeley</i> <i>will talk on Chinese customs. Tel: Pat Garvey 251-6555</i> <i>Bangkok Community Theatre AGM at the Teen Club, Sathorn Road</i>	8.30-10.30 am 9 a.m. 9.30 am 7.30 pm
Fri	6	Yoga	8.30-10.00 am
Sat	7	Cricket Match: BCB vs Indians at Polo Club Dinner Video	1.00 pm 6.00 & 8.00 pm
Sun	8	Cricket Practice Buffet Supper	10.30 am from 5.00 pm
Mon	9	<i>British Women's Group Mahjong – Wordsworth Room</i> Ladies' Tennis Happy Hour	9.00 am 3.00-5.00 pm 5.30-9.00 pm
Tue	10	Ladies' Golf. Tel: Wendy Morris 258-4090 Yoga Bridge	8.30-10.00 am 7.30 pm
Wed	11	<i>British Women's Group Bridge - Wordsworth Room</i> <i>Museum Volunteers' Lecture "Mon Architecture & Sculpture" at National Museum</i> Cricket Practice Tennis & Squash Club Night	9.00 am 10.00-11.00 am 4.30 pm from 6.00 pm
Thu	12	Ladies' Tennis Sports Day Maori Dancing followed by a "Hunggi"	8.30-10.30 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm
Fri	13	Yoga	8.30 pm-10.00 am
Sat	14	Cricket Practice Dinner Video <i>New Zealand Day Celebration at the Siam Intercontinental</i> <i>Tel: Susan Bal 314-5810 for reservations</i>	2.30 pm 6.00 & 8.00 pm 7.00 pm
Sun	15	Cricket Match: BCB vs Bangkok Post at RBSC Buffet Supper	1.00 pm from 5.00 pm

Mon	16	<i>British Women's Group Mahjong – Wordsworth Room</i> Ladies' Tennis Committee Meeting Happy Hour	9.00 am 3.00-5.00 pm 5.30-9.00 pm
Tue	17	Ladies' Golf. Tel: Wendy Morris: 258-4090 Yoga Bridge	8.30-10.00 am 7.30 pm
Wed	18	<i>British Women's Group Bridge – Wordsworth Room</i> <i>Museum Volunteers' Lecture "Khmer Art in Thailand"</i> <i>at the National Museum</i> Cricket Practice Tennis & Squash Club Night "Tycoon" – a stocks & shares game at the British Club	9.30 am 10.00-11.00 am 4.45 pm from 6.00 pm 7.30 pm
Thu	19	Ladies' Tennis <i>British Women's Group Lunch at the Rose Garden, including</i> <i>trip to Blue & White Factory. Tel: Barbara Noon 251-5440</i>	8.30-10.30 am
Fri	20	Yoga <i>Bangkok Community Theatre presents "Aladdin"</i> <i>at the AUA, Rajadamri Road</i>	8.30-10.00 am 7.30 pm
Sat	21	Cricket Practice Dinner Video <i>Bangkok Community Theatre presents "Aladdin"</i> <i>at the AUA, Rajadamri Road</i>	2.30 pm 6.00 & 8.00 pm 2.00 & 7.30 pm
Sun	22	Cricket Practice <i>Bangkok Community Theatre presents "Aladdin"</i> <i>at the AUA, Rajadamri Road</i> Round Robin Tennis Buffet Supper	10.30 am 2.00 pm 2.00 pm from 5.00 pm
Mon	23	<i>British Women's Group Mahjong – Wordsworth Room</i> Ladies' Tennis Happy Hour <i>Bangkok Community Theatre presents "Aladdin"</i> <i>at the AUA, Rajadamri Road</i>	9.00 am 3.00-5.00 pm 5.30-9.00 pm 7.30 pm
Tue	24	Ladies' Golf. Tel: Wendy Morris: 258-4090 Yoga Bridge	8.30-10.00 am 7.30 pm
Wed	25	<i>British Women's Group Bridge – Wordsworth Room</i> <i>Museum Volunteers' Lecture "The Art of Sukhothai & Lanna" at the National Museum</i> Cricket Practice Tennis & Squash Club Night	9.30 am 10.00-11.00 am 4.45 pm from 6.00 pm
Thu	26	Ladies' Tennis	8.30-10.30 am
Fri	27	Yoga	9.30-12 noon
Sat	28	<i>Hilltribe Sale, International School Bangkok</i> Cricket Practice Dinner Video	2.30 pm 6.00 & 8.00 pm

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FATHERS vs SONS CRICKET MATCH

The Bashes



Fathers and Sons.

THIS annual fixture which was started in 1981 and is sponsored by Ben Line Containers Ltd., was played at the Polo Club on 6 January, 1987. The Ben Line trophy awarded to the winning team is a cricket bat autographed by none other than Freddy Trueman.

Play started at 1.00 p.m. with the sons batting first. The opening was tremulous and 5 wickets

fell as, one after the other, several little "smurfs" bit the dust. However, opener George Dunford, playing his first ever game of cricket, stayed resolutely at the crease for over an hour and made 14. Tim Blackburn came in and played with a very straight bat but was finally bowled for 3 by his father whose standard of bowling had improved rapidly after his initial three wides! There was a certain amount of

hilarity amongst the watching mothers as an S.O.S. went out for a "box" and Jonny Boucher took over as wicket keeper as Pravitt retired with heat stroke. Then Mark Gundlach (12) came together with Chris Coe (28 not out) and the game took on a different complexion. Chris struck some mighty blows including a 6 off his father's bowling and played an excellent and stylish captain's innings. The inn-



Norman Macdonald presenting the bat to Bernard Coe.

ings closed with the last wicket falling at 80. Fateh Malbari took 3 for 17, Frank Hough 4 for 3 (a very accurate spell) and Mike Blackburn 2 for 11.

The Fathers' innings started briskly with 23 runs coming off the first 5 overs. Frank Harris (12) looked well set and was striking the ball crisply with Clive Brook-Fox (17) until what looked like a near 6 at deep midwicket

was turned into a sensational diving catch (in a patch of mud) by Chris Coe off James Boucher's bowling. Soon afterwards Clive Brook-Fox was out and a succession of wickets fell to a superb spell of accurate bowling from Chris Coe (whose final figures were 6 for 23). At tea the game was delicately poised with the Fathers on 46 for 8. Soon after it was 54 for

10 and as a posse of excited mothers increasingly gave tongue in the pavilion, it looked as if, with 27 runs to be made and only 2 wickets left, the Fathers would be defeated. However, a good stand between Fateh Malbari (16) and Frank Hough (19) saw runs come steadily until Chris Coe caught and bowled Malbari with another excellent diving catch. At this stage the scores were level at 80 and last man Adrian Gundlach came in. Frank Hough faced a team of fielders tightly ringed around him hoping for a close catch. Undaunted, he struck the winning 4 over silly mid on's head and the game closed with the Fathers winning (for only the second time in 6 years) by 1 wicket. A cliff-hanger!

The Ben Line Bat was presented to Bernard Coe, Captain of the Father's team by Norman Macdonald, manager of Ben Line and awards sponsored by the Hongkong Bank, Ben Line Containers and Mrs Sybil Coe were afterwards presented to Chris Coe (Best Bowler), George Dunford (Best Batsman) and Simon Hough (Best Fielder Keeper.) A thoroughly good day was had by all, players and spectators alike.

BAR QUIZ '87

By popular demand your Entertainments Committee will hold this year's bar quizzes each Wednesday in March, with the Finals to be held on Wednesday, 26th March.

Club Sections and the Tribal Societies are requested to enter their teams with Richard Hopkins, Terry Adams or Frank Hough. As before, teams of 4 people are required on each evening, but may be changed from week to week.

Audience participation in answering "open to all" questions will win "spot" prizes, so write the above dates into your diary now and come along to enjoy and participate in these fun and action packed contests.

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The Bangkok St. George's Society

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Golf Convenor	John Auger
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	Michael Ball
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Note for your diary: The 1987 St. George's Ball will be held on Saturday, 25th April.

NOTICE

We wish to make advance notice that the New Zealand Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, 14th February, 1987 at the Siam Inter-Continental Hotel at 7.00 p.m.

The evening will feature New Zealand food, wine, beer and cheese and will once again feature the New Zealand Maori Cultural Group and a Dance Band from the New Zealand Regiment in Singapore.

We are pleased to announce that, courtesy of Singapore Airlines, we will be featuring BUNNY WALTERS, winner of 1986 Asian Song Contest in Japan.

Please mark this day on your calendar. For enquiries and reservations, please contact Mrs. Susan Bal (Tel. 314-5810).

KEEP THIS NIGHT FREE

CORPORATE INCOME TAX INCREASE

As from 21st December 1986, members of the British Club must pay corporate income tax on their bills at the new rate of 2%.

Sirichit
(Club Accountant)

EDITORS' NOTE: Congratulations to our Entertainment Manager, Richard Hopkins and his wife, Nitta on the birth of their daughter, Sarah.

LETTERS

The Editors, *Outpost*
The British Club
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Dear Editors,

For some years an active supporter of full membership for all sexes, I was disgusted by the doggerel on January's *Outpost*, page 9, and by its pathetic anonymity.

Absolutely right Mr. Eric Blair, some immediately wish to become more equal than others; though in this case they are only 6% of total membership and about 2.5% of total revenue.

Members listed for the Gulag, Thought Police, Censorship, B.C.B.'s own K.G.B./Gestapo: or could those disliking the bar drink and eat in the restaurant.

Yours sincerely,
G. Percival (P25)

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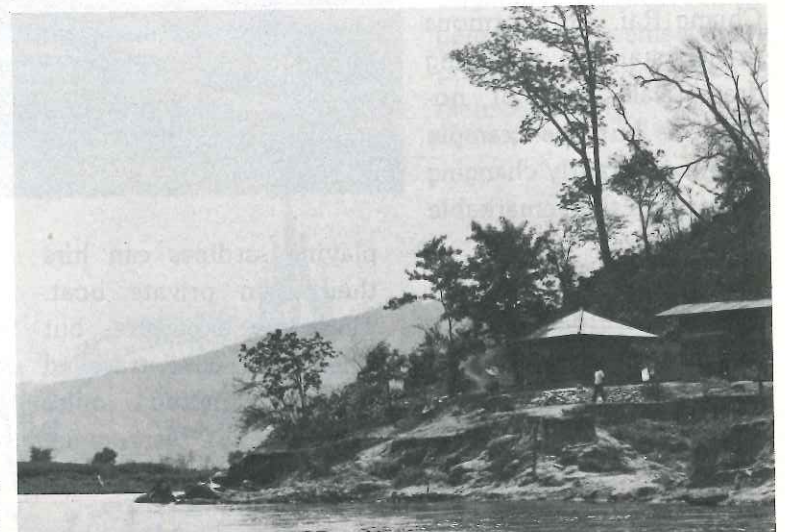
TRAVEL LOG

A northern adventure

HIGH up, near the Burmese border, Tha Thon is but a small dot on the Thai map that goes unnoticed by most visitors. This collection of stalls and huts deserves no more and yet here is the starting point of a unique adventure.

Tha Thon's most important feature is its river landing stage. During most of the day the village is deserted, but early morning and mid-day see a swarm of activity as passengers muster for a four-hour river trip to Chiang Rai.

This is no ordinary river trip. For a start, the long-tailed boats are like overgrown canoes where passengers lie across the bottom of the boat like rungs on a ladder. The boats have to be shallow for "shooting the rapids" on several stretches of the river. The depth of the rapids and the resulting excitement will vary with the season and the amount of water coursing down



the river. However, even in February, there is enough for a few thrilling moments.

This is bandit territory and the excitement is further enhanced by the soldier escort who joins the boat at the halfway checkpoint. For those who speak Thai, this is no problem, but we were unaware of what was happening and rather suspicious when the boatman pulled into the bank and gestured to us to get out. After staring at him for several minutes, we realised we were supposed to

register in the nearby hut. This was for our own safety so that the authorities could keep track of river traffic. At one point we had a nerve-wracking time when we lost sight of our neighbouring boat and had to wait for it to re-appear. Luckily there was no problem and we were able to proceed.

The journey itself goes through some incredibly beautiful scenery. The greenness of the hills and trees is so refreshing after Bangkok. This is hilltribe country and the locals can be seen at work along

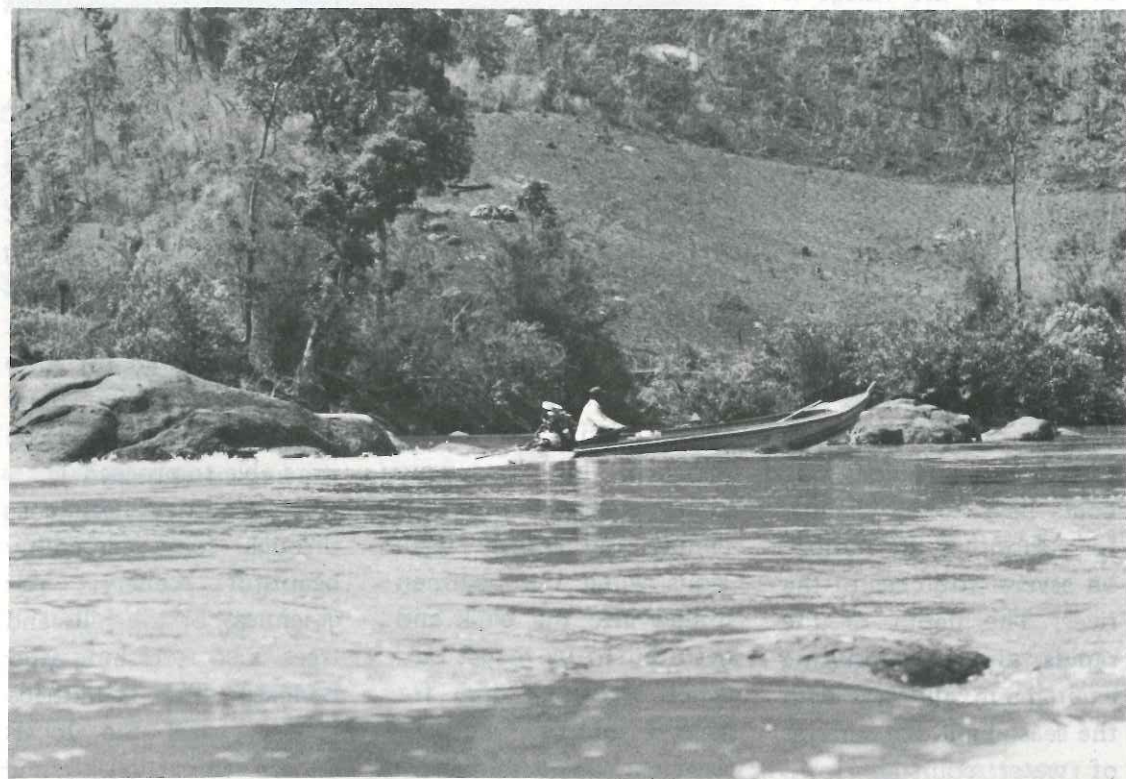
the way. There are many fishermen working the river with their nets and women using the water for their laundry and other household chores. The boat will pull in for visits to the villages if wished but we pressed on for Chiang Rai. An enormous dragon staircase appearing dramatically out of nowhere is but one example of the constantly changing scenery on this remarkable journey.

The boatmen run a regular twice daily service to Chiang Rai for locals and travellers alike with very reasonable fares. Those who don't like



playing sardines can hire their own private boat. These are expensive, but when you have travelled several hundred miles there doesn't seem much point in refusing to pay!

The trip can be made from either direction but we preferred to drive to Tha Thon and take the boat down. We sent our car to Chiang Mai, took the overnight train from



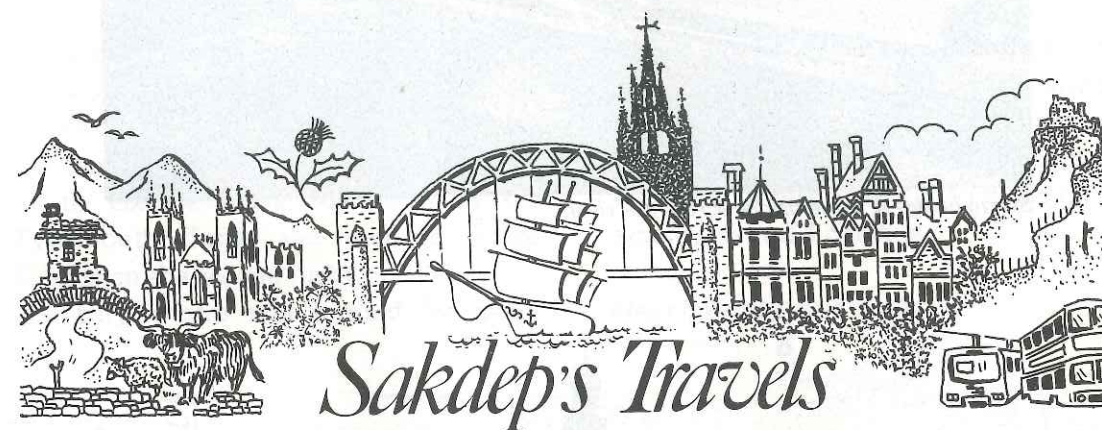
Bangkok and were met at the station. The drive to Tha Thon through places with such wonderful names as Fang and Pong Tom is also interesting. There's no trouble finding the road as there is only one and it stops at Tha Thon. Our car was waiting for us in Chiang Rai when we arrived for an over-

night stay at the very pleasant Chiang Rai Resort.

The landing stage at Tha Thon also offers a good Thai restaurant and several stalls selling local straw hats. The speed of the boat keeps the temperature bearable but the ever-present sun makes hats and water essentials

for a four-hour open boat trip.

When we made the trip, the boat fares were roughly 120 baht for the scheduled fare or 1,600 baht for a private boat holding up to 10 people. What we originally considered expensive now seems a small price to pay for such a memorable trip.



Newcastle-Upon-Tyne



A pavement artist using chalks with his nature.

REPRESENTING as capital city of north country. Like other big cities it was filled in with a great number of people and of course to be followed by many problems and the most important seemed to be traffic. Whenever I went into town I never found such problem as roads were always clear I agreed that the city must be thoughtfully well planned.

The city was mostly replaced by new modern buildings whilst some parts



Swing bridge & Tyne bridge across the river.



An unchanged period building.

yet remained old. The ruined Roman city walls could visually be seen around. The St. Nicholas Cathedral was a tremendous place, its existence of splendid interior adorned with wooden and stone carvings could tell you how great it was

from the past centuries of men's creation and examples of multi-coloured stained glasses work depicting some episodes of the Lord Jesus Christ's life were absolutely unique.

The Tyne Bridge a well known

symbol of Newcastle as well as the Swing Bridge and the High Level Bridge across River Tyne could be seen outstandingly from far distance.

Down the quayside on River Tyne held a great event of the year "Tall Ships Race" supported by the Cutty Sark no less than 40 ships of many nations joined in. Big ships or small ones were mostly from countries in Europe and Russia lined up down here during July 15th-19th. Thousands of interested people turned up to view maritime exhibitions along the fair-grounds. On the final day those participated ships sailed to set off at Tynemouth being observed by numbers of thousand spectators on the banks. On the night fireworks were honourably lit to commemorate the event at the Tynemouth Castle and then in South Shields on the second night.

City centre was located by many

of shops and stores – Marks & Spencer, Fenwicks, Bainbridge, Boots etc. looked very active during business hours as they offered wide ranges of good quality goods which drew in a huge numbers of shoppers. And some ingredients for Thai cooking could be easily found from here in Chinese stores.

Not far from the city, a quiet corner called. 'Jesmond Dene Park' giving a pleasure of its shaded wooded area and a nearby Armstrong Bridge provided a space for crafts and arts on sale every Sunday.

(Generally said, Newcastle was a nice city where free from industrial pollution providing convenient transportations both bus and metro linked town to town and I thought it was a very good place for job employment if I could get.)

Next month I visit York...



"I'm back!"

The Lao Song Project

THE Hilltribes Handicrafts Sales, held monthly at ISB, have become a regular feature of the busy Bangkok calendar. The distinctive handicrafts of the Lao Song people, particularly at Christmas time, are instantly recognisable to most residents. Most people who buy these articles are content to know that their money is spent in a "good cause" and leave it at that. And yet the Lao Song story is an interesting one.

Twenty-two thousand or more Lao Song people live on the verge of poverty in 35 villages near Nakorn Pathom in central Thailand. They did not originate here but were dragged from their homes in Laos around 1824 by marauding Thais and forced to build a royal palace at Phetburi.

Small wonder that they resisted the ways of their captors and retained their own distinctive culture. By the 1960s, this elusiveness had allowed the twentieth century to pass them by, until a group of missionaries took them under their wing.

Successive rice crop failures had brought the villagers to a sorry state and they were ready for change. The people in the Lao Song village of Lamkajao started the first project: a felt Christmas Tree Advent Calendar complete with advent ornaments. Very soon the people expanded into making soft toys on sewing machines they were subsequently able to pay for out of their earnings.

By 1968 the handicraft project was well underway and expanding into other areas. Ancient Lao Song embroidery patterns and patchwork were rediscovered and found to be popular.

At first the items were sold through various charity outlets in Bangkok, but by 1970 the volume of work being produced warranted the setting up of a permanent shop. The "Lao Song Shop" opened in the Dusit Thani Hotel and for four years sold only Lao Song handicrafts.

Demand for the product and the changing hands of the shop led, in mid-1972, to the villagers sending their wares to the Hilltribes Handicrafts Sale in Bangkok. Sponsored by the Women's Association of the International Church, these are held monthly at ISB on Soi 15.

Over the years the project has grown and more and more villages have joined as they see the benefits that the others have gained. Twenty villages and nearly a thousand craftsmen currently contribute to the industry. The results are amazing and the profits which were once only enough to buy food now cover wider needs. The children can now be educated. Sanitation has reached the villages along with decent roads. Agricultural methods have been improved and rice crop failures are a thing of the past.

So many people have spent a great deal of time and effort helping these villagers and they all, from the early missionaries to our own Dunford family, can look with pride on the achievement of this wonderful project. The Lao Song were not only saved from starvation, but found a dignity and pride in themselves and their work.

And, on future Christmasses, in who-knows-where, just think what lovely memories our Lao Song tree ornaments will bring back of our years in Thailand!

LAO SONG HANDICRAFTS, 69 Soi 19, Sukhumvit Road, Bangkok 10110. Tel: 253-2948

Anne Stuart

Coup D'Etat

by John Harvey

JOHN Harvey's *Coup d'Etat* enthrals not only as a powerful love story, but also as a fascinating and jarring insight into contemporary history. The stage is the Greece of 1967 – the Colonels are wielding an unjust and tyrannical power.

As the story unfolds, we see the motives that lead to tyranny – the futility both of political idealism and sadly even of heroism. The idealistic young of the nation are not spared – mown down mercilessly by a tank. We witness how cruelty begets cruelty – how the soldiers of the military regime become distanced and impassive, committing heinous crimes. Against this cruel background, infidelity bred from loneliness and despair has to be condoned; human warmth is at a premium.

Vangelis, a lawyer, decides to fight in the law courts against the atrocities of the regime. He is almost inevitably arrested, imprisoned and tortured – his whereabouts unknown. Chryssa, his wife, begins her long search and struggle to find him. She, too, becomes withdrawn, isolated in her own agony. Watched like a hounded animal, Chryssa turns to Michael, an English journalist and friend from her days as a foreign student in London. Michael seems to come from a different dimension. With him she finds not only

solace but an intensity of feeling which is different yet in its own way just as valid as her love for Vangelis. The affair also provokes both in Chryssa and in Michael a profound sense of guilt; they feel as if they have betrayed Vangelis, impotent on his island prison.

Coup d'Etat's other main character is Leonidas, Chryssa's brother-in-law, who cunningly manoeuvres himself into government. He is desperate for power, charisma and a cause. But his son cannot stomach him and at the end of the day he is discarded not only by his son but by the military regime as well.

Chryssa's father, too, is vividly portrayed. He is an inveterate merchant, living for bargains, and in his obsessive world he, at least, seems relatively untouched by the regime.

What makes *Coup d'Etat* so poignant is that as well as its contemporary historical setting and compelling love story it is full of rich and poetic language. It is atmospheric and lyrical; we seem to feel, hear and smell the heat-haze and turmoil of Greece.

The book is available from Asia Books, the Villa Supermarket and it is also in the British Council library in Siam Square.

Veronica Andrews

TALKING POINT

Come to the cabaret

I was sitting by the pool, watching the parade of scantily-clad lovelies as they drifted past non-swimmers scanning scripts. I started to muse upon self-exhibition, and I fell into a dream...

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Today we begin your three-day course of familiarisation and orientation prior to your trip to Thailand. Over the next three days we hope to provide you with a background of information which will help you adjust easily to ex-pat living, so that you really enjoy your future life. Let me just outline our programme:

In line with our aim to cover the most important aspects of the life-style, we start with attire. For the men, guidance is given on the range of clothes needed by the well-dressed man, from Hawaiian and Thai shirts to kilts and sporrans. For the ladies there is a short course on dress design. These topics will take up most of today.

Tomorrow we cover performance: in the morning you will be put through an abbreviated version of the Method approach to acting, which you will find invaluable once you arrive in Thailand and are allocated your role in the pantomime (which runs from February to December, with a cast of thousands). Tomorrow afternoon we move on to informal performance and again, clothes, as we tackle the question of what to wear and who to be at fancy dress parties. Common themes are "1960s" and "Vicars and tarts" - we will be showing slides of a complete range of ecclesiastical dress, from Greek Orthodox to Hare

Krishna. For the ladies we show a video from a Patpong nightclub which will give you all sorts of new ideas: tips will be given on how to ladder your body-stocking for maximum effect. Pyjama parties are also common: a wide selection of designer nightwear will be on sale in the foyer tomorrow afternoon - you should take this opportunity to stock up on what may become a major wardrobe item.

Appropriate behaviour at "Snobs and Slobs" parties is discussed: you are taught how to avoid entering a liaison with the aristocrat of your dreams, as this invariably leads to disappointment the morning after. We find that those who choose a slob as their partner usually get what they bargained for.

We kick off the third day with Introduction to Thai Language (9.00-9.15 a.m.) and Rudiments of Thai Culture (9.15-9.30 a.m.). Then we move into top gear to get you slim and fit. We offer coaching in squash, tennis, football, swimming, croquet, cricket, aerobics, gymnastics, running, jogging, hashing and golf. You are all expected to take the opportunity to try all of these (sports-wear will be on sale in the foyer). The day will end with crash courses on bridge, mah jong and trivial pursuits.

The voice faded and I awoke with a jolt and a shiver. My Shanghai Noodles had arrived.

Jacqueline Piper

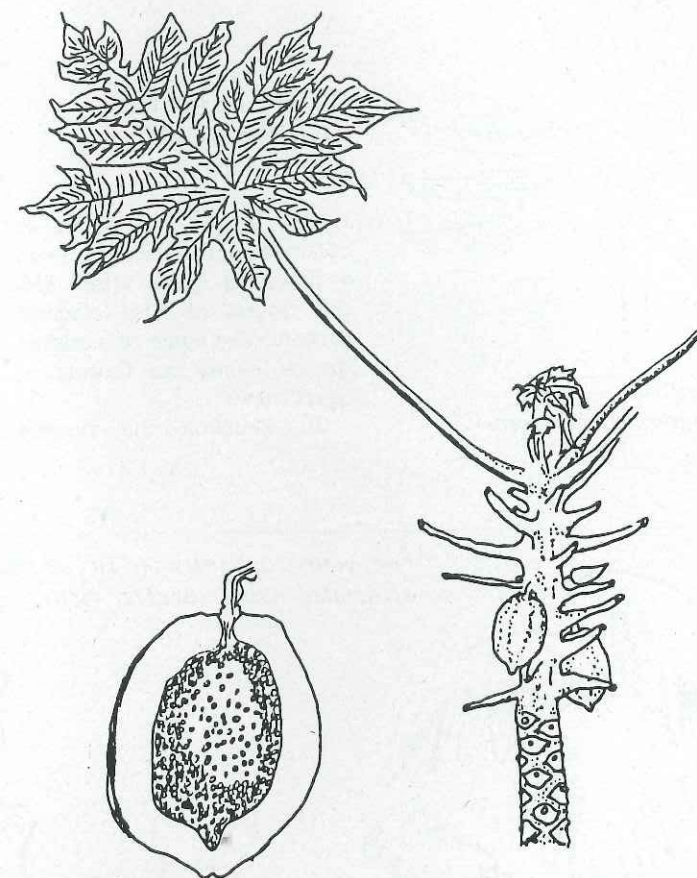
THAI PLANTS

Papaya

THE papaya tree looks rather like a palm at first glance, though it is not. It grows as an erect, unbranched column, with all its leaves growing directly out of the top of the trunk in a spiral on strong leaf stalks which may be as much as 1 metre long. The tree grows rapidly to about 10 metres tall; the wood of the trunk is light and brittle.

Papaya probably originated in Central America but the species is now widespread in the tropics. It can withstand the dry seasons of monsoon areas but cannot tolerate waterlogging - after the May 1986 floods, papayas growing on flooded land lost all their leaves temporarily. As it produces a heavy crop of large fruits (up to 9 kilograms each, though usually 1 to 2 kilograms) the tree needs fertile soil with good drainage. The skin of the fruit is green turning yellow or pink as it ripens. Inside, the pink-orange flesh is 3-4 centimetres thick around a five angled central cavity encrusted with black seeds. The flesh is rich in vitamin A and calcium and also has some vitamin C.

A papaya tree will start to produce fruits very early in life, at about 1 year old, but it will live for only 25 to 30 years. In its best years a tree can yield between 30 and 150 fruits per year. Unfortunately papayas do not travel well, so most are eaten in the pro-



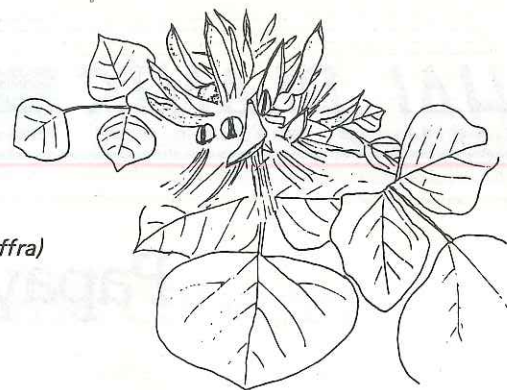
Papaya
(*Carica papaya*)

ducing countries; some are now canned for export. A meat-tenderizing enzyme, papain, is obtained by drying then grinding the fruit.

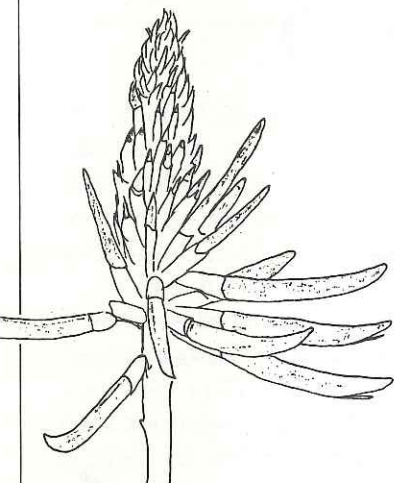
Papaya trees can be grown easily as pot plants and make interesting plants for children to grow and keep. Wash the

seeds to remove any flesh adhering, then allow to dry for about 2 days. After that you will find that the thickly ridged layer which surrounds the seed can be prised away (doing this speeds germination). Plant the seed 2 to 3 centimetres deep and the seed-

ling should emerge within 3 weeks. The early leaves of papaya are roughly triangular or heart-shaped and quite unlike the mature leaves.



Tiger's claw
(*Erythrina caffra*)



Coralbean
(*Erythrina arborescens*)

CORALBEAN and TIGER'S CLAW *Erythrina* spp.

The bright red petals of coralbean arch backwards from a flowering spike, rather like the fingers of Thai classical dancers. The name of a related species likens the flowers to tigers' claws.

In Bangkok the flowers

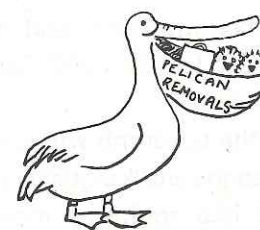
appear only for a short period early in the year, when the tree is bare of leaves. The leaves of these trees are composed of three triangular leaflets, which are frequently variegated. The tree is often planted in temple grounds, as well as parks and gardens.

Jacqueline Piper

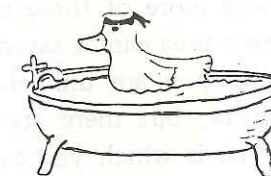
"For your convenience, sir, the items starred are dishes associated with success, riches, power, and the like."



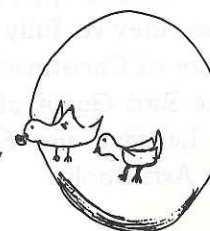
CHILDREN'S CORNER



"Birds"



'My Birds'



My birds are budgies. I have eight of them. There are two baby birds in a coconut in a small cage. Their mother died when we were away. Now their father has to look after them. He feeds them by getting food in his mouth and passing it to the babies' mouths. They eat lettuce, sweetcorn, seed and bread crumbs in milk. The babies will stay in the coconut till they are old enough to fly. One of them is probably going to come out soon because he peeks out a lot. He also has a lot of feathers. I think they are very cute. We are going to call them Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum.

Sian Daniel (ages 8)

Recently, there were articles in the newspapers about a bird which has just

been re-discovered in Thailand after thirty-four years. It's called Gurney's Pitta in English, and known in Thai as *nokh dten*, the jumping or dancing bird, because of the bouncing way it moves across the ground. The male Gurney's Pitta is very brightly and beautifully coloured with a shining blue cap on its head and a turquoise-blue tail. Its body is patterned in gleaming yellow, black and brown. Gurney's Pitta is only found in Thailand and had not been seen in the wild since 1952. It lives only in lowland forests — and these forests have been almost completely destroyed by burning or logging, as farmers seek new land to grow their crops. Only one small area of lowland forest remains and that is threatened with destruction.

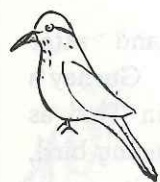
Early last year two men who study

wildlife travelled to this lowland forest and were delighted to find a male Gurney's Pitta near their campsite. They discovered its nest where a female was feeding two babies. They hoped that no-one else would find the nest but when they returned to it a week later, the nest was empty. Perhaps the local villagers found it and sold the birds to animal dealers. Now people are hoping that the government will pass laws to protect this remaining area of lowland forest, so that if there are any more of these beautiful birds living there they can be saved.

Unhappily, you are unlikely to see a Gurney's Pitta, but there are lots of extraordinary birds which you can easily see in any car journey through Thailand. Look out for –

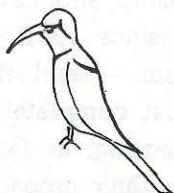
A Black-Billed Roller

These are very common and often perch on telegraph wires. About the size of a common mynah they look at first rather dumpy and drab, but if you look closely you'll see they have a blue-green crown on their heads and blue wings. When they fly, they are a brilliant blue flash of colour.



A flock of Little Green Bee Eaters

These also perch on the telegraph wires, usually in small flocks. They are much smaller birds.



They have thin, curved beaks and are mostly bright green in colour but with a reddish head and throat, with a thin black band on their necks, and a long pointed tail.

Barn Swallows

When you're coming home from the British Club in the evenings, look up at the telegraph wires on Silom Road. From November until the end of April that is the roost for 100,000 Barn Swallows.

Also on the telegraph wires, look out for shrikes, drongos and kingfishers.

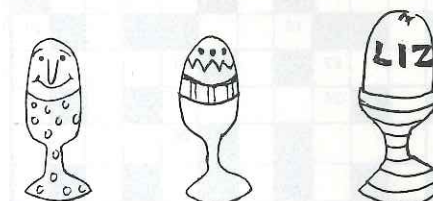
If you'd like to know more about the birds of Thailand persuade your parents – when they've fully recovered from the expense of Christmas! – to buy a copy of 'The Bird Guide of Thailand' by Boonsong Lekagul and Edward W. Cronin Jr. from Asia Books.

PAINTED EGGS

These make attractive Easter decorations and presents. Of course it is a bit early, but you are going to need lots of practice, especially with the first stage removing the yolk and white without breaking the shell. It sounds a lot easier than it is and you may want adult assistance, but make sure the adult is in a cheerful and patient mood. You will need:

- eggs
- a big sewing needle
- a bowl
- egg cups
- paint and brushes
- varnish (clear nail varnish will do).

1. Make a hole in the small end of each egg with a big needle. Make a bigger hole in the other end of the egg. When you are making the holes, make sure you also break the yolk with the needle. Then blow hard into the small hole until all the egg comes out. Catch it in a bowl, so that it can be used for cooking.
2. Wash the egg and dry it – carefully!
3. Put the egg into an egg cup ready to paint. Paint one end, then when that is dry, turn the egg up and paint the other end. If you are using more than one colour, paint the lighter colours first. Try different patterns and pictures.
4. When the egg is completely dry, coat it with the varnish.



FINALLY a few bird jokes –

What's black and white and red all over?
A sun-burned penguin.

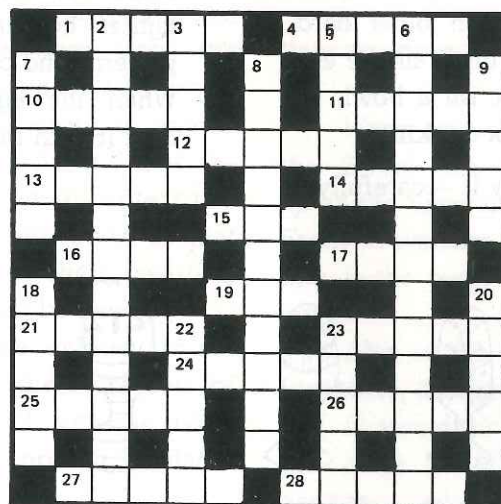
Two cats were looking at a bird in a cage.
"That's not a canary", said the first cat, "It's green."
"You never know," said the second. "Maybe it's just not ripe yet."

What does the Spanish farmer say to his chickens?
Ole'.

Doctor, doctor, I keep thinking I'm a bird.
Well, perch yourself there and I'll tweet you in a minute.

Next month – 'Magic' (and hints for April Fool's Day!) See you then.

CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

- 1&4 Call his sum wrong — they are popular places of entertainment.
- 10 Push it to make progress.
- 11 Donated a pound for a hammer.
- 12 More in the movie scene?
- 13 Be sorry to lose the King at the start but get the bird...
- 14 ... and lose the beginning of fear to make a mistake.
- 15 Employ a little girl somehow.
- 16 Kind of party where gangster guns are back.
- 17 We hear it's a member for charity.
- 19 Part of the circle.
- 21 Passes the crew?
- 23 The best on top.
- 24 Limp around a direction to force.
- 25 Con is around for a branch.
- 26 Are here.
- 27 "Go Les — put about he gives amorous glances".
- 28 Will said all the world was one.

DOWN

2. Not sitting on — just comprehending
- 3 I lent in confusion and got a bight.
- 5 A strong wind tossed around the plant life.
- 6 Where journeys traditionally end. (2 words)
- 7 Go to town on one.
- 8 Stop the car a mix-up is a disaster.
- 9 Flower girl.
- 18 "The ———, the sport of Kings." (Wm. Somerville)
- 20 Times to hit about.
- 22 Carol on a note and scorch...
- 23 ... and cut another note on the port side.

LAST MONTH'S DOUBLE GRID PUZZLE SOLUTION

- A) Addenda
- B) Cheetah
- C) Heeded
- D) Rowdyism
- E) Islands
- F) Shallower
- G) Thoughtful
- H) Messages
- I) Abbess
- J) Sixty seven
- K) Cowsheds
- L) Awaked
- M) Ripped
- N) Operatic
- O) Luck

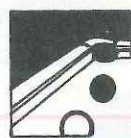
Reading down, the initial letters spell "A Christmas Carol", the novel by Charles Dickens, and the completed quotation is:

"The chain he drew was clasped about his middle. It was made of cash boxes, keys, padlocks, ledgers, deeds and heavy purses wrought in steel."



"And in conclusion, the same to you, with knobs on.
Yours, et cetera, et cetera."

BILLIARDS



SNOOKER

OUTPOST TROPHY

A very exciting final (best of five) was played recently between Koi Armstrong and Andrew McDowell to decide the winner of this newest trophy in the section.

The first four games were very close – both players winning two games.

The final frame started slow and McDowell, playing his best snooker of the night, pulled away for a great victory.

HAMILTON CUP

Once again the same two players contested this club billiards trophy – the

only non-snooker trophy in the section.

Unfortunately there never seems to be much interest in this competition and the participation is never great.

Tom Watson and Ron Armstrong played a best of three final with Armstrong once again eking out a win.

The first game was a real battle – Watson with a 22 break went ahead by 75-40; and after some small breaks in succession the score was tied at 82. A lucky shot near the end put Armstrong out at 100-96.

In the last frame two good breaks of 24 and 37 put Armstrong in easy command and the match finished at 100-38.

CRICKET



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13th December A.I.T. Friendly 36-over. BC lost by 6 wickets

NOW that "Outpost" has gone posh, articles have to meet such an early deadline that although I'm writing this on the 13th December, you won't actually be reading it until February, by which time the season will be half over. This has some unfortunate consequences. Only yesterday I handed in the copy for January "Outpost" pointing out the glorious prospects for the season, and pointing to individuals who "augur well for us." Today, in a woeful display against AIT at their much-improved ground beyond Rangsit, each of those individuals seemed to go out of his way to disprove what I'd just written about him. David Dance gave away almost as many runs in 8 overs as he did in 25 in Chiang-mai. Nicky Dunne made a spectacularly unsuc-

cessful attempt at a catch which left him flat on his back while the ball landed harmlessly two feet behind him. Alistair Rider managed to let through 10 byes. Almost all the batsmen failed, several catches were put down, and none of the bowlers looked penetrating. Otherwise it was not a bad performance.

In a continuing attempt to have all members of the team called Jack, Geoff, David or Nick, newcomers Jack Glattbach and Geoff Thomas made their first appearance for the club, while Geoff Thompson returned for his first match of the season. Geoff Thomas opened with Terry, but he fell cheaply to a good catch in the covers. Frank Hough soon followed, run out. With an extremely slow outfield, runs were scarce, and Terry managed only ten singles during his hour's occupancy of the crease before being third out. David Dance was playing well

but he was next to go, for 29. Wickets fell rapidly until on 75 for 8, Jack Dunford came in and shared a stand of 18 with Alistair Rider (who scored 12 in a 38-minute stay – is this a Rider record?) and an unbroken 10 with a one-handed David Hall. This means that with his new policy of batting number ten, Jack has not yet been out this season and has scored 24 runs. British Club finished on 103 for 9 in their allotted 36 overs. When AIT batted, Jack Glattbach, as the second opening bowler, took a wicket in his first over. Ben Piper and Geoff Thomas were later to repeat this feat, and Frank Hough took his maiden wicket for the club, but there were rare moments of joy as AIT went confidently to their target in only 21 overs. Two good catches by Alistair should be given special mention, not least because they bring his season's tally to six and his BC career tally to 17, poised perhaps to overtake Jack Dunford and Brian Thompson as the Club's leading catcher. We drank more than they did after the game.

The rest of this month's article will be brought to you by Nicky Dunne, who now has an opportunity to gain revenge for what I've written above. On mature reflection, therefore, I've deleted the bit about him being signed up for the pantomime following that non-catch.

20th December, British Club vs Wanderers, 30 overs-a-side, Friendly

Before leaving the Bangkok scene for his New Year hols, David "One-Hand" Hall featured in two more B.C. performances which lifted some of the gloom that had followed the AIT debacle.

The friendly against the Wanderers started slowly for B.C. Newcomers Geoff Thomas and Nigel Grocock found themselves pinned down by tight bowling from Ranjan (six overs, nought for 12) and Thongyai (six overs, nought for 29). With just 12 runs on the board from eight overs, BC needed to accelerate, but Geoff's run of bad luck continued when he failed to make his ground on a quickly taken single.

Coming in at number 3, Nick White was well aware that his batting this season had yet to make an impact. Today, however, he showed some fine stroke play against the change bowlers and the run-rate rapidly accelerated. Batting

without the aid of a sombrero, he hammered seven fours in double-quick time before mis-hitting another mighty drive and holed out at deep mid-off, just four runs short of his fifty.

Meanwhile, Nigel Grocock, playing his first match in two years, continued to push the score along. Despite his protests that he wasn't quite timing the ball he notched up a steady 38 runs. Many were left wondering how many he would get once he did start timing his shots.

David Dance and Nicky Dunne added 55 in rapid time off the last five overs with some good running between the wickets and many powerful straight drives from David. His 37 not out came off just 19 balls, and included two massive sixes. Nicky reaffirmed One-Hand's earlier faith in him with a sprightly 29 not out off as many balls.

The final score of 163 for 3 was the second highest B.C. total in a thirty overs match. Interestingly, their highest had also been against the Wanderers, last season. On that occasion B.C. had lost, and the question was, would history repeat itself?

Thirty-overs-a-side matches only permit a maximum of six overs per bowler. This posed a difficult tactical decision for Captain Jack Dunford and his advisors. After spirited debate, the B.C. collective voted unanimously to open with David Hall and Jack Glattbach, the plan being to save their two main strike bowlers, Nick White and David Dance, to tackle the powerful middle order batting.

Glory came in the first over, when David bowled Ariel with his fifth delivery. However, with hindsight, this proved to be a tactical mistake, as it allowed Thongyai an early opportunity to benefit from some very friendly bowling. After eight overs, the score had reached 50, and Wanderers were scoring freely. Even the novel tactical move of changing wicket-keepers (Jack Glattbach donning the gloves, thereby recapturing his youth and releasing Alistair Rider to roam more freely in the covers) failed to stem the flow. Samar (28), Tissa (36 not out) and Chowdary (34 not out) took over where Thongyai (41) left off. In the 28th over, Chowdary hit David Dance for a mighty six over long-on to seal the game and to leave the BC cricketers with some anxiety about their prospects against the Post side the following day. Summary: British Club 163 for 3 (White 46,

Grocock 38, Dance 37 not out, Dunne 29 not out). Wanderers 165 for 5 (Dunford 2 for 31). British Club lost by five wickets.

21st December, British Club vs Post Publishing, 50 over League.

Perhaps David Dance had been brooding overnight on that last six off his bowling. Perhaps he's always in a bad mood on Sundays and not inclined to show the meeker side of his nature. Whatever the reason, he showed little mercy to the Post's bowlers on this occasion. In a record-breaking, highest ever B.C. partnership of 160, he and Terry Adams rescued the side from what had been a perilous position at 12 for 2. In a devastating eight ball sequence, David knocked two sixes and four fours to bring himself within sight of his century. Achieving it with a single (thereby becoming only the second batsman to score a ton in the Club's history) he then celebrated with another six on his way to a final total of 124. All of this came in the space of 132 minutes off just 80 deliveries, including 15 fours and 4 sixes.

Terry Adams, meanwhile, capitalised on his early good luck and grafted a well-earned 50, thereby demonstrating that even if he feels that he's not playing well, he can still score runs!

Contributions from Ben Piper (17), David Hall (using both hands, 13 not out) and Alistair Rider (12 not out) saw the total to 251 for six at the end of fifty overs.

The Post made a bright start, but once they'd lost Shammy (16), Iqbal (19), Nirendera (16) and Abbas (13) their innings crumbled to 98 all out in the 29th over. Best of the bowlers were the deceptive Ben Piper (four for 12 off six overs), David Dance (three for 28 off eleven overs) and Jack Dunford with a no-nonsense four-ball spell that produced two for 2 and closed the innings. Two catches for Geoff Thompson and two for Frank Hough completed a highly satisfying performance in this the BC's first league fixture of the season. It also went a long way to off-setting the disappointment of the previous day's result. "Just one of those weekends, in the annals of life" Jack Glattbach observed as the last of the Klosters were cleared away.

Summary: British Club 251 for 6 (Dance 124, Adams 50)

Post Publishing 98 all out (Piper 4 for 12, Dance 3 for 28)

British Club won by 153 runs.

The first match in the annals of 1987 was a fifty-over league game against AIT at the Sports Club ground (January 11). Put in to bat, Frank Hough and Terry Adams settled quickly and 12 runs came off the first two overs. The innings hit its first crisis, however, at the start of the third when Frank was out caught and, soon after, Terry was run out. Twenty-seven for two and, or has so often happened this season, B.C.'s fortunes rested with Nick White and David Dance. Faced with tight, accurate bowling from Feroze and Ajay, neither managed to assume command. The runs came steadily nonetheless and, by the 31st over, they'd seen the score into treble figures. David once again passed his half-century, hitting ten fours and a six in his score of sixty. The partnership ended on 118 when Nick was well bowled by Farhan for 37. Two balls later, Farhan also claimed David's wicket, and B.C. faced their second crisis of the innings.

Unfortunately, the middle and lower order batsmen had no answer to Farhan's leg cutters. The innings struggled to put on 31 runs to reach 150 and Ben Piper was the only other batsman to score double figures.

Aware that it would require an impressive performance in the field to save the game, British Club got off to a good start in the first session after lunch. Nick and David bowled tightly and beat the bat frequently. The fielding was sharp and the catchers were held. A fine throw by Terry Adams from the long-on boundary which ran out Ravi, and an excellent diving catch by wicket keeper Alistair Rider were the highlights of the session. David's well-held catch at leg slip off - a mis-timed hook - and a second catch behind by Alistair brought the score to 42 for 4 at the drinks interval after 17 overs.

Unfortunately for B.C., all this changed during the next 17 overs. Catches weren't held, and Mithila, Khan and Sujiva began to score freely. At the second interval there was only Terry Adams's long-on catch to take pleasure from and the match was fast slipping away from B.C. at 113 for 5.

The breakthrough, when it came, was just a little late. At 142, David finally had Sujiva caught by Terry at mid-on and the AIT tail enders began to look very shaky. Vajira was bowled for nought in the same over and when, at 143, Mithila was out LBW for 59, B.C.'s hopes soared. Farhan and Nawal kept their cool, however, and B.C. left the field frustrated and disappointed with their performance.

Summary of scores: British Club, 150 all out off forty-one overs. David Dance, 60; Nick White, 37. Farhan, eleven overs, four for 12; Ajay, fifteen overs and four balls, four for 60.

AIT, 151 for eight off forty-two overs. Mithila 59, Sujiva 22, Khan 21. David Dance, fifteen overs, four for 50; Nick White sixteen overs and two balls, two for 55.

AIT won by two wickets.

Fixtures for February

February 1st	vs	Wanderers	(30 overs league)	at Sports Club
February 7th	vs	Indians	(30 overs league)	at Polo Club
February 15th	vs	Post	(30 overs league)	at Sports Club

GOLF GOLF

HUA HIN GOLF ROUNDUP FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 1986

Sponsored by Singha Beer who gave enough beer for everyone, 32 golfers enjoyed an overcast day which was perfect for golf.

Results were:

"A" Group	1st	-	D. Smith	39	pts
	2nd	-	Decho	34	pts
	1st nine	-	W. Morris	19	pts
	2nd nine	-	D. Brittain	19	pts
"B" Group	1st	-	J. Garvey	34	pts
	2nd	-	D. Williamson	32	pts
	1st nine	-	R. Wingfield	18	pts
	2nd nine	-	S. Voravarn	16	pts
Long Drive	Men	-	J. Lester		
	Ladies	-	Mo Harris		
Closest the Pin		-	M. Ross		
		-	S. Chappell		
		-	J. Sill		
		-	B. Watters		

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 1986
COCKTAIL LOUNGE vs BRITISH CLUB

The Richard Mooney Bell came back to the British Club once again as our team of 20 outclassed the Cocktail Lounge. The final tally was 599 points to 585.

Individual scores for B.C. team were:

J. Kelly	-	33 pts	D. Frost	-	32 pts
J. Garvey	-	29 pts	D. Cadwallader	-	32 pts
K. Armstrong	-	30 pts	D. Humphreys	-	26 pts
D. Smith	-	35 pts	R. McEwan	-	26 pts
M. Ross	-	25 pts	S. Chappell	-	31 pts
Decho	-	32 pts	D. Benham	-	22 pts
I. McLean	-	36 pts	Bill Watters	-	32 pts
W. Morris	-	24 pts	R. Wingfield	-	32 pts
D. Brittain	-	25 pts	D. Williamson	-	31 pts
B. Merry	-	33 pts	R. Armstrong	-	33 pts

This was a great team effort — top overall winners of the day were Ian McLean, Des Smith, R. Armstrong, Bob Merry and John Kelly.

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 1986

Borneo Inchcape awarded a truly magnificent array of prizes for this outing. Thirty-five golfers each came away with something for their day's play.

The second year of the Ambassador's Cup competition was played and H.E. Justin Staples Cup was won by David Williamson.

Results were:

"A" Group	:	1st	-	D. Cadwallader	37 pts
		2nd	-	I. McLean	33 pts
		3rd	-	D. Benham	33 pts
		1st nine	-	T. Rogers	16 pts
		2nd nine	-	R. Armstrong	18 pts
"B" Group	:	1st	-	D. Williamson	32 pts
		2nd	-	Pam Smith	32 pts
		3rd	-	D. Humphreys	30 pts
		1st nine	-	P. Speed	16 pts
		2nd nine	-	T. Merry	16 pts
Long Drives	:	Men	-	D. Humphreys	
		Ladies	-	B. Lawson	
Closest the Pin			-	J. Smith	
			-	D. Williamson	
			-	A. Lawson	
			-	R. Armstrong	

Thai Airways represented by Henrik Lau sponsored the last outing of 1986 at the beautiful Rose Garden course.

Thirty-two golfers played for some special prizes and the two group winners were far ahead of their rivals.

Results were:

"A" Group	:	1st	-	D. Smith	41 pts
		2nd	-	M. Ross	32 pts
		1st nine	-	D. Benham	16 pts
		2nd nine	-	W. Morris	18 pts
"B" Group	:	1st	-	D. Williamson	44 pts
		2nd	-	J. Kelly	37 pts
		1st Nine	-	P. Speed	19 pts
		2nd nine	-	K. Armstrong	18 pts
Long Drives	:	Men	-	D. Benham	
		Ladies	-	W. Morris	
Closest the Pin			-	Decho	
			-	John Kelly (2)	
			-	D. Williamson	

ANNUAL GOLF MEETING
BRITISH CLUB — GOLF SECTION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1987

Meeting opened: 07.05 p.m.

Members and guests welcomed by Captain

Minutes of Previous AGM	-	acceptance
Proposed	-	David Brittain
Second	-	Peter Speed

Captain's Report

Captain mention vote of thanks to Guardian Insurance for sponsorship of Club Championship and Hole in One Trophy. Also HK & S Bank for long drive.

Recognition of contribution preceding Captain — Eric Turner.

Membership during year increased from 77 to 96.

Important competitions during year:

Japanese Association

Golfers' Cocktail Lounge

Comments on treasurer's report — Credit in Cash and Assets Bht 37,000

Congratulations to all trophy winners.

Thanks to committee members for assistance during the year.

Treasurer's Report:

Bht 27,000	-	Cash
Bht 10,000	-	Towels and T/Shirts

Match Report

Thirty competitions during year — Two important events
Aussies vs Brits

Thanks to Ian Duncan and Hyatt Central and sponsors B.A. and Qantas.

Average match attendance — 27

Highest outings Hua Hin & Aussies vs Brits.

Thanks to Ron A. for arrangements at Hua Hin.

Support of Sponsors acknowledged — details included in report.

Thanks to generosity of sponsors and to Pam S. for purchasing trophies.

Election of Committee Members for 1987.

K. Ross	—	Captain
Propose	—	Des Smith
Second	—	Les Kentwell
Carried unanimously		

Nomination for committee

Proposed

Seconded

John Kelly	Pam Smith	David Wallace
David Brittain	Ron Armstrong	David Humphries
Ron Armstrong	Des Smith	John Auger
John Auger	David Wallace	Les Kentwell
Lloyd Houghton	David Wallace	Bryan Baldwin
Les Kentwell	Margaret Ross	David Brittain
Barry Mancell	David Wallace	J. Miller Stirling
David Wallace	David Front	David Williamson
Ian McLean	Ron Armstrong	David Wallace

All above elected to committee.

General Business

Bryan Baldwin as a hacker stated he enjoyed his golf.

Congratulations to captain and committee.

Proposed vote of thanks.

Carried unanimously.

Jack M.S. — Would it be possible next season to play foursomes match. To be discussed by next committee.

Captain explained matches and courses determined by Comm. with best interests of members in mind. Courses subject to availability.

Captain proposed special vote of thanks to Ron A. and that Ron be admitted to B.C. as Life Member.

Carried unanimously.

In accepting the life membership Ron A. acknowledged the Captain's good work during year.

Presentation of Trophies

Club Championship	Best Gross	Ian McLean
Club Championship	Men's Best Nett	Ron Armstrong
Club Championship	Nett Ladies	Heather Auger
Club Championship	Gross Ladies	Margaret Ross
Ambassadors Trophy	(Justin Staples)	David Williamson
	Best Nett B Grade Hua Hin	
Most improved Golfer Norman Bond Cup		Les Kentwell
Best Nett Average for Year Captain George Trophy		Ron Armstrong (Nett 70)
Hole in One		Les Vize
Dunlop Cup		Ian McLean
		Koi Armstrong
Macho Trophy (Donated by D. Humphreys)		David Humphreys
Meeting closed : 8.15 p.m.		

L.A. Houghton
Secretary

LAH : np
12/1/87

SQUASH SQUASH

HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

A new handicapping system was adopted for the recently run Handicap Tournament. It would seem that the handicaps did in fact bring all standards of players closer together. In fact many Goliaths met their Davids during this tournament.

After many very close matches the eventual winner of the Handicap Shield was Nick White with runner up Rod

Carter. In the plate event Richard Wingfield won over Rudi Surr.

In all, a successful event and congratulations are in order for the winners. However we should also honour the efforts of all participants.

FUTURE LEAGUE SCORING

A new scoring system will be adopted from the January league onwards.

Each match played will have 7

points available for distribution and rewards the person who wins by the greater margin.

3-0 Result Winner 6 points Loser 1 point
3-1 Result Winner 5 points Loser 2 points
3-2 Result Winner 4 points Loser 3 points

This system will lessen the frequency of two or more players with equal number of points occurring at the end of a league.

PAY YOUR WAY

It has been noticed that a few Squash members are commanding the courts without putting a sticker on the booking sheet. Sometimes it could slip your mind, but when it happens frequently it's taking advantage of the honour system.

Please pay your way — you can afford it.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Squash section will be held at the British Club on Wednesday 11th February at 7.30 p.m.

This is your opportunity to constructively contribute to the way the Squash section is organised.

To make it an even more enjoyable night FREE drinks will be served during the meeting.

GOSSIP COLUMN

John Kelly has confirmed that he will be returning to Australia at the end of April.

It is not clear at this stage whether he is returning because he was embarrassed by the truths his wife Elaine so eloquently brought to light in a poem published in *Outpost* recently, or whether he must leave because his golf winnings

are putting him in a higher tax bracket, or whether the tennis and squash sections are afraid that he may introduce gambling into the sports, or the very unlikely reason that his company needs his services back in the land of Oz. Whatever the reason we wish him and his family every success for the future.

Rudi Sirr obviously has been keeping his pecker up and training extremely hard to climb the squash ladder to dizzy heights. To reach his present position, after a meteoric rise, Rudi had to depose Nick White. After a mammoth 7 game series (you ask them why they were stupid — not me) the last game went to 10-9. It has not been established whether Nick was merely resorting to his thespian tendencies or if the spirit of the Festive Season was the cause of this generosity.

Andy Hawkins, also known for his generosity, was seen on New Year's Eve demonstrating his prowess in romantic pursuit, armed with a bottle of Moet et Chandon. One has to admire his tenacity and savoir faire. However his success rate is suspect.

David Jezeph, the guru of the night, could not understand why so many people ignored him on New Year's Eve until he realised that for three hours no one recognised him. He was so much in character it was rumoured that he was starting a commune in Chiang Rai. He may still do it if a large enough number of donations is received.

Dugal Forrest won the prize for the smallest Windsor knot — and the smallest tie — and the smallest —

And finally may all your lets be awarded.

TENNIS TENNIS

ONLY two matches to report on for December. The British Club vs Penang Sports Club on Saturday, 13th December, and a Round Robin on Sunday, 21st December. Nevertheless the courts have been well utilised by visiting teenagers and the Club Nights and Play Days have continued though not as strongly supported as usual.

A ladies' match on Friday, 16th January against the American Women's Club, a Round Robin on Sunday, 25th January, and a match against Kowloon Cricket Club on Friday, 30th January will start 1987 off with a flourish.

British Club Participants: David Benham, Helen Benham, David Brittain, Dick Chessman, Julia Freeman, Jackie Gramond, John Kelly, Gordon Martin, Terry Merry, Bruce Pointer, Sucharit Rungsimon-toran, Des Smith.

Penang Club Participants: Hayati Meah, Thiruchelvam, Ramli Yusok, R. Kularasa, Harry Yeoh, Chris Wade, Toh Boon Theng, B.H. Ooi, Lau Mei Aie, Sheryl Norrish, Gay Tapp, Eddie Gooi, Maggie Ooi.

It was a morning of hard fought games and exciting tennis. The British Club took an early lead with the men's doubles but it slipped away with the ladies' doubles. After 17 matches Penang was in the lead but Julia Freeman and Gordon Martin put up a splen-



British Club vs Penang Sports Club.

did performance in the final match to win in a tie-breaker and end the morning with a draw 9-9. Well done Julia and Gordon.

The teams adjourned to the Churchill Bar for refreshments during which time mementoes were exchanged between the two clubs.



Pam Smith, Des Smith, Helen Benham, Kim Benham.



Ramli Yusof, David Benham, Harry Yeoh.



Dick Chessman, John Kelly, R. Kularasa.



David Brittain, Terry Merry, Jackie Gramond, Bruce Pointer, Uschi.

The Round Robin on Sunday, 21st December was an afternoon of light-hearted mixed doubles for the following participants:

Anna Benham, Jackie Gramond and visitors Mark and Oliver, Roger Hough, Bob and Terry Merry, Kassem Nark-prasert, Peter, Barbara and Catherine Noon, Bruce Pointer, Fiona Richmond, Peter Smith.

Seven rounds were played, 5 games each and one drew a different partner for each round. In the competition Kassem and Barbara were the top scorers in the men's and ladies' events and were awarded small gifts.

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