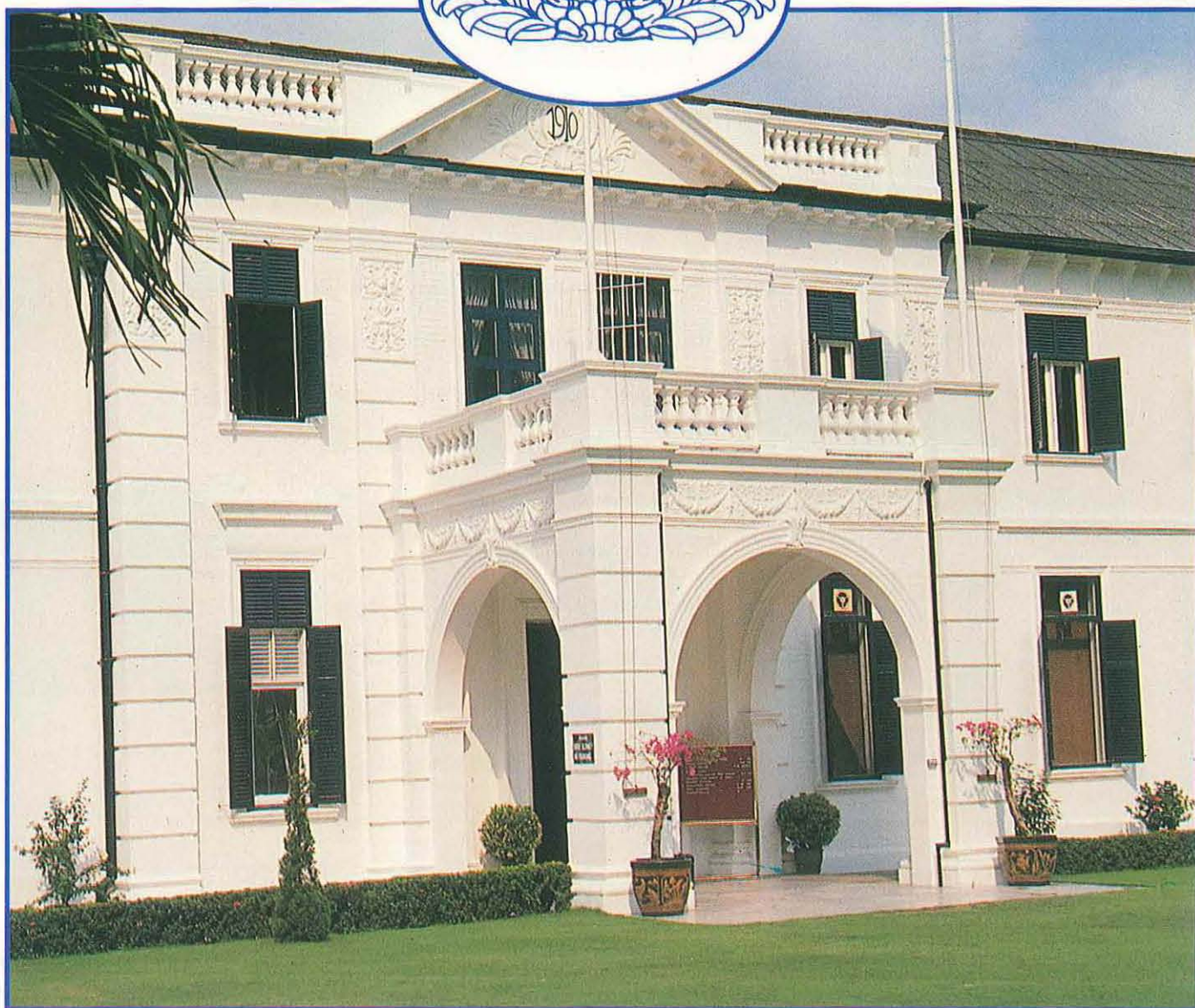


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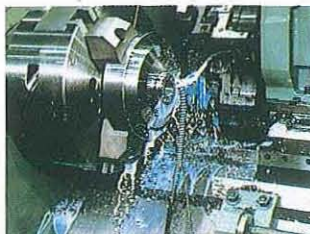
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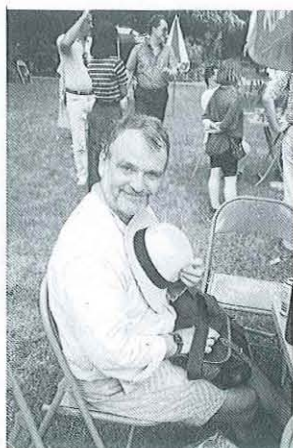
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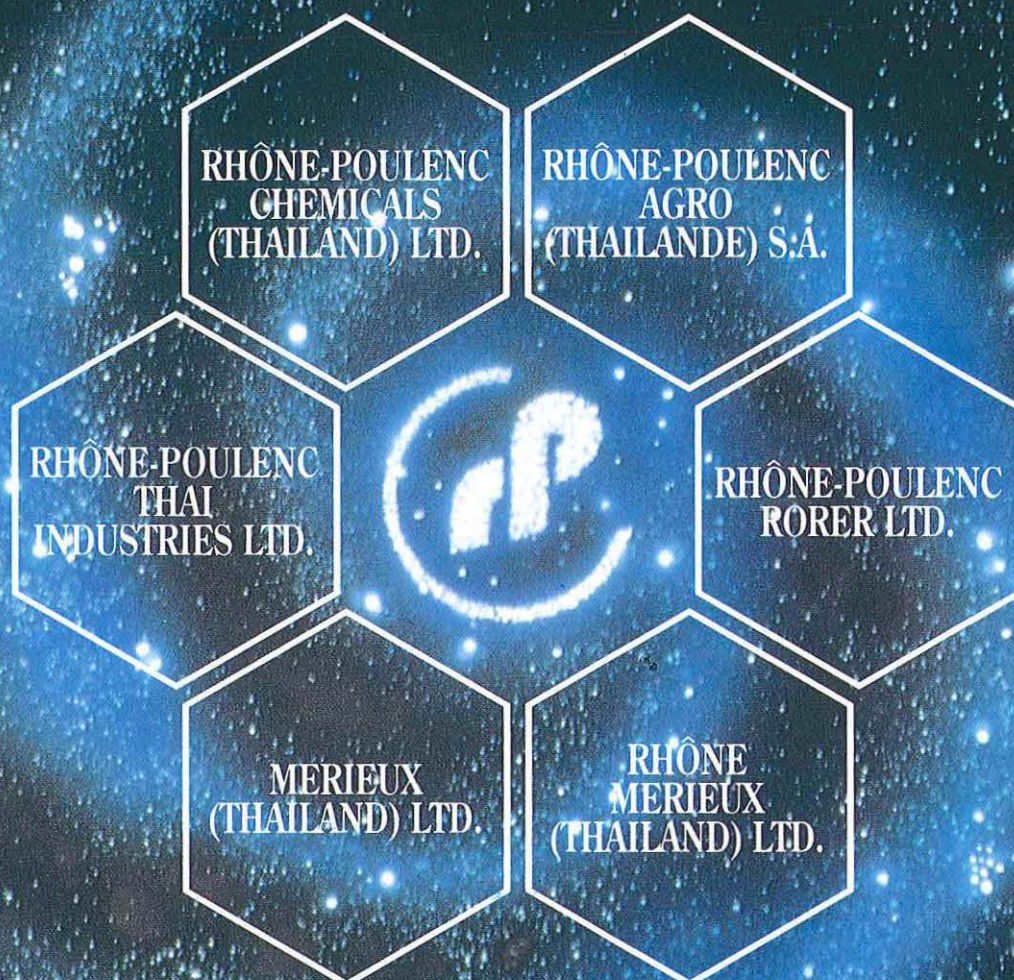
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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

Well, are you having a good time with all your new years resolutions? Still not smoking, eating or drinking? I decided this year not to make any, as I am perfect as I am. OK, enough of that already.

This month sees Valentine's Day on 14th, so don't forget to buy your beloved some flowers and a card. Shrove Tuesday on the 15th and Ash Wednesday on 16th. 28 Days only for February so not so much time to pack in all the necessary things to do. Never mind March will be along soon enough.

In Outpost this month: some serious news from the Committee, the date for the AGM is announced, an OBE, a birth, new members, sport, poetry for children and lots of other goodies.

Last month I took my daughter Nicole to the yearly Camp-Out on the back lawn, she had been looking forward so much to staying overnight in a tent with her friend Hailey. We arrived at the British Club after spending the usual 1 1/2 hours in traffic. There were a few children (and parents around already). David Viccars started to look decidedly apprehensive at the sight of these happy, shining little children's faces, all looking at him in expectation; "what was he going to do for them this year?"

Several parents wondered "who was in charge" but left their child(ren) in good faith anyway. Some of us found out, however, that David was in charge, with the very competent help of the Thai staff, he was going to run the show.



Worrying what would happen if he had to attend a hurt child or heaven forbid something more serious and having to leave for the hospital, we stayed and waited to see who was helping. No-one it appeared, David thought that parents would volunteer on the night, the previous manager had made it sound all too easy: "Just put the tents up, get the barby going and it will run itself".

A few of us decided to stay, and we have the colds and coughs to prove it! Most parents went home happily, some stayed for late toilet calls. The children had their bbq, too hot to do their own, some songs by the campfire, even a very toned down version of Swing Low by ruggerites Grunwell and Partridge and videos were requested. When I announced I was going into the bar to eat and asked if they were all ok, the general consensus of opinion was: "Yes, but what about our food?" So the chef was sent for more french fries and crisps and Hans was sent for Mars bars for the older ones.

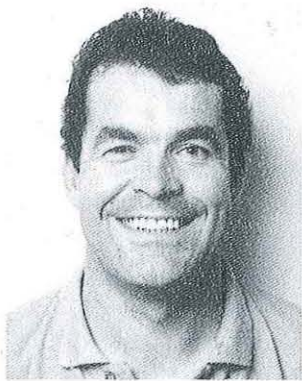
Ghost stories and jokes were told after some of the little ones had retired to their tents, apart from one 5 year old who needed mum's stern voice to send him to the Land of Nod, and at 1.30am,

after the campfire was well and truly doused, most of the adults were ready for a kip. Alas, it was not to be, the mosquitos in the bar congregated around the seats and Hans, David and I were completely eaten alive. David (being an ex Army man) was the only one to last the course but Hans and I decided to take to the open skies. 20 Minutes later, laying on a sheet on the grass, I asked if I could borrow someones sleeping bag. None available, sorry! I was freezing, I have not been so cold since leaving England 5 years ago. The older kids decided they wanted to see the sun rise so they slept outside their tents. By 2.30 there was still lots of noise going on and 3 juvenile delinquents of 7 were caught at the back of the field playing hide and seek, after having packed their bags and getting dressed. Well, it was almost morning wasn't it? Hans stood guard over their tent, I crept in daughter-dears tent and woke up at 6am.

Did I take revenge, cold water was poured (only a drop though) on all these sleeping beauties in the open air, after all they wanted to see the sun go up, or didn't they?

Apart from a few spotty faces, a cut on one little boys leg, a mosquito bite on one of the outside sleeper's eyes, all went well. I hope the children enjoyed it, but next year please, do make sure you volunteer to help out, especially if you have a particular talent in traditional campfire singalongs and particularly gruesome ghost stories.

Bea Grunwell
Editor



FROM THE MANAGER

This month I plan to reintroduce a Staff incentive scheme whereby we can select, and give a financial reward, to any member of Staff who has excelled. We will make the awards on a quarterly basis and I would hope that Members will find the time to record any particularly noteworthy incident, either good or bad, by simply telling me which Staff Member has done what, where and when, alternatively just

complete the form below and get it back to me. In this way it will be possible for the Members to vote for the member of Staff they want to see rewarded for outstanding service. Line Managers will not be eligible for the award as they will assist me in balancing the votes of the Membership with internal management requirements.

On a separate note I must thank Members for the many constructive suggestions and comments I have received. Where ever possible all the schemes have been actioned and the improvements in the Club have been evident. Can I also thank the Squash and Tennis sections for being patient while work is going on to improve their facilities.

Lastly Lords Restaurant! I

have heard many ideas as to what should happen to the Club's restaurant, Lords. All I can say is that we are trying to bring more variety into all our food outlets, this will include various promotions in the restaurant when we will specialise in certain cooking styles or certain national dishes. I know that similar schemes have been tried before, but they do seem to have proven popular so we will try to repeat the success. One thing which we have already done is to redo the Wine list, we now have a really extensive range of wines at good competitive prices....drop in and have a meal and try out the new Wine list.

David Viccars

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**** CONGRATULATIONS ** CONGRATULATIONS ** CONGRATULATIONS ****

*** The General Committee and all Members wish to congratulate Mr. Bryan Baldwin on the award of the OBE in the New Years Honours List.*

*** David Williamson and his wife were safely delivered of a baby girl, details will follow in the next issue as David promised a photo.*

*** Roland Dalton has recently been appointed Golf Professional at the Laem Chabang Golf and Country Club. Originally from Edinburgh, Scotland he has spent the last 10 years playing and teaching in Australia and S.E. Asia.*

He extends a warm welcome to all British Club members and is offering a special rate of members guest fees on production of British Club Members Card. Members guest fees are B400 for a week day and B800 for weekends and public holidays. Please book in advance on 02-255 3556/9.

This offer will be open until April 30th. Laem Chabang is just over one hours drive South/East of Bangkok.

At the end of February a new and final 9 holes will be added to the already completed 18.

*** If you have friends or clients visiting Bangkok, watch this space. The General Manager has organised very competitive rates with the Tower Inn Hotel which is located on Silom Road. The hotel has 150 air conditioned rooms, IDD lines and swimming pool plus full use of fax, telex and secretarial services and the health club.*

Should you wish any further information please contact the General Manager of the British Club.

*** Joseph Farrugia F.C.I.B., a retired bank executive and a long standing member (0520) of the Malta Union Club with which the British Club enjoys reciprocal arrangements has written to Outpost with a request. He collects used postage stamps and would like to exchange these with any members of the BC who may be interested. He owns a large quantity of good used Malta postage stamps. Please write to him direct his address is:*

Joseph Farrugia F.C.I.B., 5 Forrest Court, Mensija Street, The Gardens, St. Julians STJ12, Malta, Europe.

Staff Presentation



*The Staff, Nigel Oakins
and David Viccars*



In early November there was a small but potentially very dangerous fire on the roof of the squash courts.

Several members of staff quickly dealt with the blaze by smashing the external wall tiles, in order to climb onto the roof and then throwing off the burning material.

This quick thinking saved the situation and the damage was negligible as a result.

In view of the decisive actions taken by the staff and their courage in smashing their way on to the roof, the General Committee decided to make a cash award to each staff member.

The staff members involved were:

Khun Chatchawan	(Electrician)
Khun Manit	(Poolside kitchen cleaner)
Khun Somboon	(Squash court cleaner)
Khun Kanchit	(Pool cleaner)
Khun Adisak	(Pool cleaner)
Khun Vinai	(Clubhouse cleaner)
Khun Saravuth	(Busboy)
Khun Vararit	(Functioning supervisor)

Pension Planning For Business Gypsies

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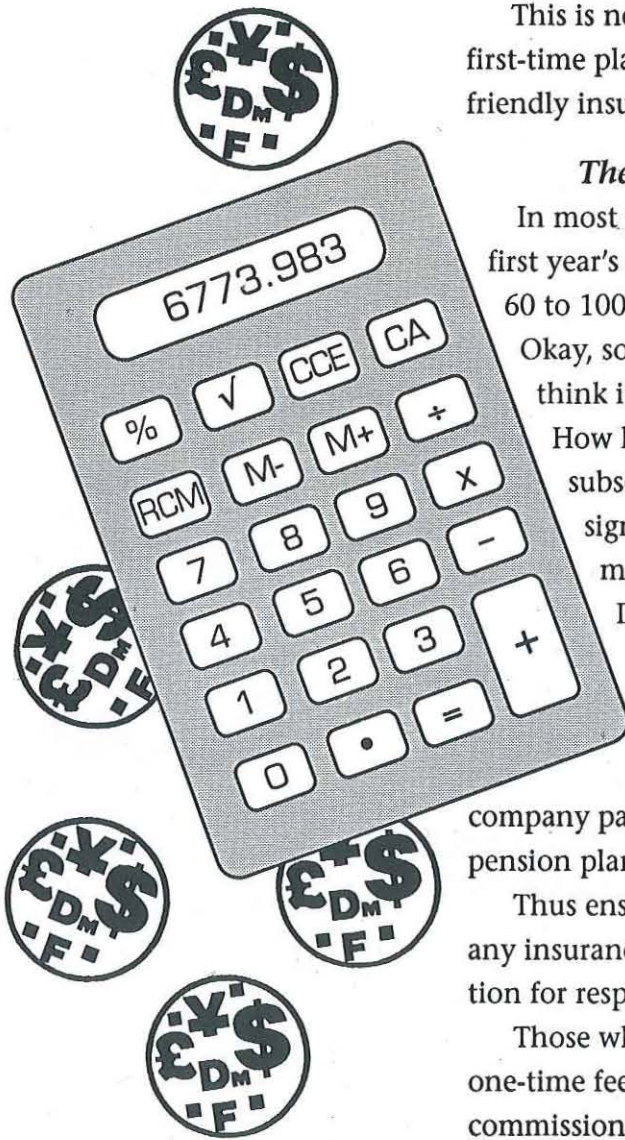
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New Members

New Members Night was held upstairs in the Suriwong Room on Monday 10th January. There were quite a few new faces and Suzanne Partridge helped out once again. Thanks!!



Martin and Brenda Hartley from England have been here for 6 years (what kept them so long?? B). He is the Resident Manager for Balfour Beatty and is based at Muang Thong Thani, the new city BB is constructing near the airport. They have 2 children in England in boarding school and that's why Brenda spends half the year back in the U.K. Martin is an armchair cricketer and enjoys sailing (in the UK), he admits to being a bit of a workaholic, Brenda has just finished her degree in Psychology at the Open University, loves to travel and enjoys photography. They have joined the BC to meet farangs as most people they know here are Thai.



John and Chris Lee from the UK. He works for a Canadian company called N.D. Lea and he is a transport economist, or so his wife told me. The reason John joined the BC is because it's the only club in Bangkok where the wives have no voting rights. (I am sure he was joking.. or was he?) They have been here for 3 1/2 months and lived previously in Rangoon, Burma for 21 1/2 years. They have 3 children 17, 24 and 25 and we all agreed that Chris did not look nearly old enough. John did not know how old his daughters were and did not approve of my camera breaking down mid-session. He plays squash, tennis and works a lot and Chris enjoys Scottish dancing.



James Barker-Bennett aka Joe Barker-Baker works for the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank and has been here for 2 1/2 months. He was previously in Seoul, Hong Kong, Singapore and Dubai and has t-shirts from all these places. He already joined the Rugby and Cricket sections at the BC and recently went on tour to Chiang Mai with the rugby boys. He also enjoys golf, tennis and plays squash badly. He says he loves Bangkok and has Mai Mee Pen Ha.



Erica and Neil Greenaway. Neil works for Tupperware and the couple have recently arrived from Seoul. Previously they have lived in Indonesia and Singapore. They have 2 children both of whom go to Patana and just happen to be my next door neighbours. (Suzanne's) Neil enjoys bungy jumping hence the white hair bit it looks like there are not too many venues here for such antics, except Pataya. He also collects cameras, plays golf and obviously travels. Erica, apart from worrying about Neil's suicidal tendencies, enjoys cross stitch, sewing and tennis. Erica says it's too early to tell whether she likes Bangkok, but it will probably shape up. Watch this space for comments.



John Auld works for Kuwait Petroleum and arrived on December 29th. He previously ran the Q8 UK operation. He is interested in tennis, squash, watching rugby and claims he is too old to play. He thinks Bangkok is a very interesting place.



Paul and Jacqui Talty (Oz), he works for Grimm Carrier Ltd and arrived on January 1st. This is their first foreign posting. They have one daughter who goes to nursery school. Both enjoy tennis and badminton. They also used to enjoy running and home decorating which have both gone out of the window since coming to Bangkok. Still, they hope to make the best of it.



Keith Rowley works for KPMG Peat Marwick Suthee and is an accountant. He is Paul Curtis' replacement, remember him?? He is single, English and arrived here from Budapest where he spent a very enjoyable 2 years. He likes

to play tennis and swims badly. His favourite meal at the BC is the All Day Breakfast. He also boasts drinking and swimming badly as major hobbies. He thinks Bangkok's traffic and the smells are awful but reckons it is an active city with lots of things happening.



Peter Davie works for Matthew Gloag & Son who are importers of Famous Grouse Whiskey and is one of 9 representatives in the world. He looks after 14 countries in South East Asia and spends a lot of time travelling. He has been in Bangkok for 2 years and hails from Edinburgh, Scotland. He is single, plays tennis, golf, squash, water skis and wants to keep healthy (watch out girls). He looked extremely tanned at the NMN and said he had just spend his hols in Cha-am.

HIRE CHARGES FOR THE USE OF BC STAFF AT FUNCTIONS

With effect from 1 March the General Committee have decided to increase the charge for the hire of BC Staff from B55 to B75 per hour. The reason that this increase is necessary is that in order to protect the Member from inflated claims, hire charges start from the time Staff arrive at the venue and end at the hour in which they leave. Costs are calculated on an hourly basis. Currently no charges are made for the time spent by the Staff at the BC in preparing for the function, in travelling to and from the venue or for time spent at the BC clearing up and returning unused stock after the function. Additionally overtime costs are not normally passed on to the Member. This increase is therefore designed to sweep up all these factors and reduce the loss to the Club when Staff are used on functions which incur significant extra costs.

General Committee

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BEHOLD! THE ROYAL AND ANCIENT HAND-ING-OVER-OF-THE-CHAIR-CEREMONY!!



Yes, during the Annual General Meeting on Sunday 12th December, we saw the full rites of this auspicious ceremony, as witnessed by a packed Silom Room AGM crowd (ahem) and amid the trophies and memorabilia won and/or presented to the Section throughout the year. So this month will you please officially welcome your new Chairperson, David Overington!

The AGM is the big event in the Committee diary and at it we said a fond farewell to the outgoing Chairperson, Pauline Dalton and her vice, hubby Peter, whom I have teased unmercifully in this column for over a year and who are escaping to Pattaya for the peace and quiet; and to Chitchavee who has gone and married a Dutchman and been whisked away to learn how to ride bicycles with clogs on and the like. Goodbye and good luck y'all! Meanwhile, after slapping ye outgoing Committee on the back for a sterling first year, we welcome in the NEW Committee, who were voted in as follows:

David Overington – Chairperson	– (O) 312 0100
	(H) 258 7306
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Gaynor de Wit – Secretary	– (O) 231 7221
	(H) 237 4031

Wanna Whittaker – Captain	– (O) 321 4599
Barry Whittaker – Committee Member	– (O) 260 1210
without portfolio	– (H) 321 4599
but with other assets	

We're gonna be responsible for sustaining the Section throughout 1994, so if you've got any suggestions, moans, ideas, gripes, bright sparks, grouses, compliments, bones to pick or praise for the Badminton Section, aim 'em in this direction. Due to a technical hiccup the photo of the whole beaming Committee will have to be delayed until next month - the camera holding said snaps now resides in distant Naklua! Apologies.

On top of the Committee personnel fleeing the scene, we also have to say goodbye to two more stalwarts of the Section: Cathy Thompson and Eirlys Hughes who, as reported in last

month's ish, are off to all corners of the globe. We wish them best wishes in their travels, and anyone else leaving this merry band I may have overlooked.

With the departure of old faithfuls, as well as seemingly half the Club having left the country for the hols (including yours truly), numbers at Soi Klang and our Sunday sessions are in need of a booster jab. The new Committee are presently devising membership drives to build up our numbers so that we can field a full team for the return match against the Pattaya Players within the next couple of months as well as a couple of home matches on the cards. We will also hopefully be holding a Round Robin this month.

Finally, with the help of around B60,000-odd sponsorship, I hear that a brand spanking new incubator was put on order for Siriraj Hospital, delivery due in January. This is a terrific way to start 1994, and once again a huge thank you and congratulations to all those in the BC and BWG who raised a very significant proportion of the cost. Isn't it great that, simply by playing a game you enjoy and by being just a little pushy in this usually-charitable society, you can help save countless premature and under-developed babies' lives? For more information on this and other such welfare projects under the umbrella of the BWG, please contact Jackie Simpson (258 7942). Well done!

Yours still slightly hung over from the sherry, champagne, port, Mekhong, Lao Beer, Black Label (and I hate Scotch!), Bacardi, etc, etc...

Lek Farang
XXX

ALL NEW MEMBERS!!!

ANYONE, of ANY STANDARD (including the "I last played at school" brigade) is welcome to the Sunday mix-ins, 11am - 1pm at nearby Bang Rak courts.

See David or any other Committee member (photo and tel. nos. on the notice board outside the Churchill Bar) for details, or eyeball the map on the board and simply turn up.

COME ON YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO!!

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS OF THE YEAR 1994

Thursday	10th	February	- Chinese New Year's Day
Friday	25th	February	- Maka Bucha Day
Wednesday	6th	April	- Chakri Day
Tuesday	12th	April	- Songkran
Wednesday	13th	April	- Songkran
Monday	2nd	May	- National Labour Day (in lieu of Sunday 1st May)
Thursday	5th	May	- Coronation Day
Tuesday	24th	May	- Visakabucha Day
Monday	25th	July	- Buddhist Lent (in lieu of Sunday 24th July)
Friday	12th	August	- H.M. The Queen's Birthday
Monday	24th	October	- Chulalongkorn Day (in lieu of Sunday 23rd October)
Monday	5th	December	- H.M. The King's Birthday
Monday	12th	December	- Constitution Day
Monday	26th	December	- Christmas Day (in lieu of Sunday 25th December)

GUESS WHO THIS MEMBER IS

No prizes this month, due to terrible problems with prizes still to be collected from September last year. But, boys and girls please guess who this member is. He has been a member for quite a long time, is frequently found in the bar and on the tennis courts (not necessarily playing tennis), on the squash courts and is involved with the football he is also a gentleman spoofer.



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PHOTO PAGES

A photo report for you all to see. Loy Krathong on 27th November, Childrens' Christmas Party and the visit of Santa, Carols by Candlelight, both on 22nd December and the Christmas Ball, the Childrens Camp Out on 27th December, all held at the British Club, and the New Years Party on the Chao Phya River.

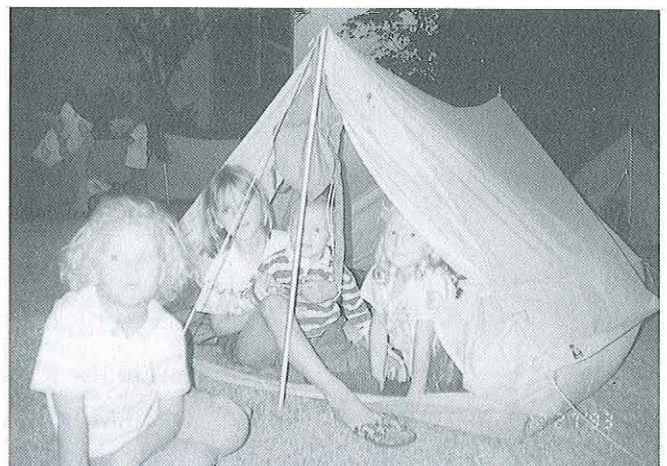
The sole sponsor for the Christmas Ball was QANTAS who very generously donated a prize of 2 return tickets to London which were won by Joy Masood.

Other Christmas prizes were donated by: ABN AMRO BANK, HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, CASTROL THAILAND LIMITED, IMPERIAL GROUP OF HOTELS, ELEPHANT HOUSE WORLD TRAVEL SERVICES, JVK INTERNATIONAL MOVERS, PROPERTY CARE SERVICES, LE MERIDIEN HOTEL GROUP, THE REGENT HOTEL.

Thanks from the General Committee of the British Club and all its Members, without your generous donations events like these would not be possible.



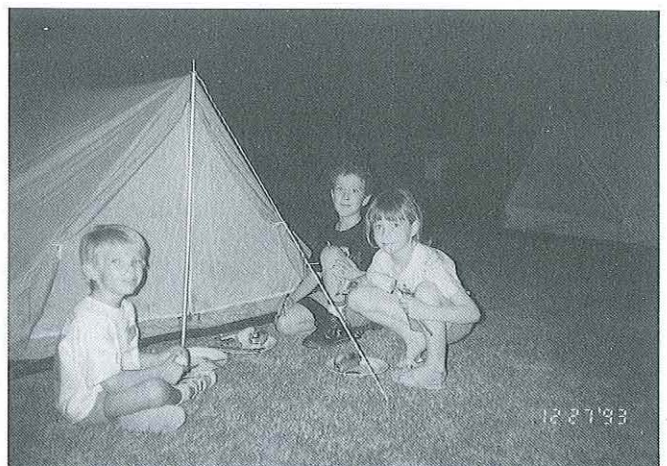
The line up for "Best Costume"



Crooks' and Grunwell children raring to go



Dig in for the BBQ



And if you think I'm going to sleep...



Childrens Xmas Party



Santa's arrived



Carols by Candle light



Fun at New Year



Chao Phya...where??



And a Happy New Year to you!!



Ken Ross with Morgan & Wattana

Snooker

On 20th December at the Broadcast Room of Thai TV Channel 9, the Secretary of the Snooker Section, along with Ken Ross, Brian Griffin and Adam Brann had the pleasure of chatting to World Class players such as James Wattana (Thailand), Darren Morgan (Wales), Jason Prince (N. Ireland), Stephen Murphy (Eire), and many more celebrities from the world of snooker.

After a Thai style lunch we were treated to the grand ceremony of declaring the opening of the 5th Kings Cup Tournament. We then had a thrill as we watched 27 year old Darren Morgan play some wonderful snooker during a warm up game.

On 23rd December Trixie Brann and Ken Ross were invited along to the finals this was a brilliant display of snooker between James Wattana and Darren Morgan.

Darren started off by clinching the first two frames, and went into the interval leading by 3 frames to 1.

Unfortunately Darren's mode of play changed after the break, the result being, eight frames to four. Later Darren told us that he just felt the match slipping away from him.

Roll on March!! That's when we shall see the Asia open here in Bangkok, but this time we will be seeing all the world 'Top Players', such as Steve Davis, Jimmy White and Steven Hendry.

I wonder if we shall be invited to watch this tournament??? One can only live in hope, as the saying goes!



Trixie Brann

Brian Griffin with James Wattana



Wattana being presented with the 5th Kings Cup trophy



Trixie with Wattana and the prized trophy



Trixie Brann with Morgan & Wattana



Trixie & Adam Brann with James Wattana



Spot any BC members?



Happy BC Team prior to Sunday's game against Gymkhana

Welcome back to the Cricket Section ... for the first time today. Since the super sixes victory there's been action aplenty. We've had the Pav's dinner which was heartstopping stuff and the Chiang Mai tour not to mention a brave start to the 25 Over League by the Pav's team....

THE CHIANG MAI TOUR 1993

The meeting point - the British Club - 5.00pm, Thursday December 9th. Simple enough and heaps of time to catch that 7.40pm train for the far North. Well, the best laid plans get dropped in slips when Bangkok traffic has its say. Frank "It's OK dear - I'll fly up" Hough and his wife Gill would meet us at the station as would the Nottingham clan, Brian Sparkles Diamond would be slightly late and Skippy Young would be smack on time - as usual.

So come 6.15pm Dave Rendall with a party of 7, Bob Lanham and Co., Diamond and Young decided they better catch some cabs - wrong! Suriwong Road was a sea of mobiles - severe congestion. Oh dear, we're gonna struggle lads (and ladies) we could be in more strife then the English when they play Australia - at any sport! Meg Rendall jumped in the first taxi along with two youngsters and a load of kit, the rest - tuktuks which were piled high with eskies (cool boxes to the Brits), more gear and even the odd cricketer.

Surprisingly it was a smooth trip to the station and we even had 25 minutes to spare - could've sunk another Carlsberg or two - why the rush?

A quick check found us Nottingham and Houghless and therefore very short on team members.

The gallant skipper stood watch as the rest of the touring party boarded the luxurious Chiang Mai Express ... 7.30pm the no-show Nottinghams put in an appearance - great thanks for coming! - but still no Mr. and Mrs. Hough. At 7.35pm, assistant watchman - Pav's treasurer and spoofer extraordinaire "Kiwi" Rendall threw in the towel - "Give it up Skip ... Frank's no good anymore anyway - I can wicket-keep" or something to that effect. No py couldn't give up on old Frankie. And then there he stood, tour t-shirts in one hand and tour sandwiches/beer in the other - Mr. Frank Hough - 7.37pm. "Well, my old boots!", thought the now frantic, balding and mentally exhausted Peter Young, OK Frank train no 7, lets get outta here - "Hang on Captain, where is

Gill - I've lost Gill - Oh #\$\$\$@#! Frank give me the shirts and the tucker - find her and find her quick.

So Young sets off and within seconds so does the Chiang Mai Express - a quick detour into a foreign carriage full of amused locals saw the Aussie safely on board ... alas it was soon discovered that Frank had missed the boat err train and Gill the Sneak had actually got on board leaving Frank in Bangkok! Rumours are that Frank planned this and headed straight to the BC for a few quiet lagers - we will never know ... Anyway, thanks Frank the beer, salad rolls and your charming wife's company were great.

The train arrived an hour late in Chiang Mai but that allowed the effects of Franks beers to ease somewhat - A quick check in at the hotel and straight to the Gymkhana Club to face the first foe - the Hong Kong Centaurs C.C. A reasonably old bunch of lads and should be a real pushover - well a good start - 1 for 92 sorry 92 for 1 at drinks to be all out for 129 - to which the late arrival of Frank Hough



Nick White bowling to a very attacking field "The Offside Theory"



Keen spectators – Gill Hough, Megan Rendall & Valerie Nottingham

made no difference at all, a big fat zero!

Good contributions were made by Rob Nottingham (38) and Sam Rendall (14) but our new opener Brian Diamond was the pick of our batsmen with a solid 46. In reply the Centaurs knocked up the requested runs with only the loss of one wicket they caned us. We would at least have a stronger show on the Sunday against the local team now that Frank was in town and Dr. Nick White had also managed to arrive during the day. Losing this game the BC however forfeited the Jack Dunford Memorial Shell, a trophy not lost in the past I believe.

Game aside, social activities were fairly light on Friday night. A pleasant Italian meal was followed by a visit to a few cultural places by the boys and even a chance meeting with Joe Grunwell and his rugby lads who were in town to contest the Chiang Mai Rugby 7's. Joe hit a new low when he actually got down on his knees and begged the cricket skipper to play on Saturday as the team lacked some leg speed - understatement Joe - Prichard, Partridge, Pincock, Hutton - c'mon snails could outrun these lads - yeah invitation accepted.

Saturday was shopping and touring day for the cricketers and the evening was spent at the Gymkhana Club at a reception hosted by the local team - not a late one as a very important game lay ahead.

A very organised team assembled at the Gymkhana Club on the final day, ready to battle the local outfit - their main obstacle would be the Gymkhana Captain Steve Penny, a very handy cricketer and in fact a marvelous sportsman allround - a bit like the captain of the BC...??? Steve had compiled 124 the previous day and once again knocked a century, this time 199 against the BC before some super fielding saw him, short of his ground. It shouldn't be left unmentioned that he tonked Bob Lanham for 28 runs in one over - 6,6,6,4,6, dot - he must have got tired by the last ball

- super bowling Bob! The BC boys stuck at it though and in hot conditions Sam Rendall, father Dave and Nick White bowled very well and the Gymkhana Club finished with a very fine total of 227 for the loss of 5 wickets off 40 overs.

A tough task lay ahead - but not impossible. Dr. White was promoted to opener with Sparkles Diamond and he swatted 16 off the first six balls only to run himself out at the beginning of their second over when Diamond edged a ball to slip and was dropped. Nottingham and Rendall Senior came and went as Diamond dug himself in for a long stay - his superb innings of 98 made even more meritorious - good word that! - by the fact he injured his hand earlier in the day when dropping a straight forward catch off the skipper's bowling.

So it was down to Frank "Send the baggage by train - I'll fly up" Hough to make up for his dismal day one along with Diamond to try and force victory. 3/91 at drinks and 20 overs remaining - the run rate 7 an over required. A masterful display saw these two heroes knock the bowling attack all over the shop. With 5 overs remaining Brian Diamond was out and victory had been all but secured - the veteran David Lamb would join Hough for a few overs and with 2 runs required off 8 balls, he too was headed back to the change rooms. So it was up to the Skipper and Hough to deliver the telling blow and the writer will not divulge who hit the winning runs but only to say Frank Hough called the winning runs - great call Frank.

Frank finished on not out 68 - al-



The BC and Gymkhana teams with Dick Wood the sponsor of the Dick Wood Trophy, shortly after the great victory

though according to Frank he made 70 - apparently he hit an imaginary 6, yeah sure Frank! It was a super finish to a very enjoyable weekend. Thank you to all that came along, ladies, children, etc. etc., I am sure everyone had a good time thanks also to our sponsors THAI INTERNATIONAL MOVING AND STORAGE COMPANY LIMITED for providing the t-shirts and the Captain!!

FLOODLIGHTING THE NETS

Hopefully by the time this goes to print the long awaited flood lights in the nets will be up and practice will be possible during weekday evenings - the same opportunity afforded other sports sections.

Next month there will be reports on January's 50 Over and 25 Over games, although we can report the Pavs lost their opening game narrowly to the RBSC, but there was some good batting performances by Lamb and once again Brian Diamond - apparently Captain Hough reports a lack of bowling strength swayed the game in favour of the other mob. Catch you next month!

Richie B.

Rudi West



LIVE WIRE



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WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE INFORMATION NEXT MONTH.



Apologies to Bangkok Cosmopolitan Ladies Golf (BCLG), over the Christmas rush I misplaced this article, but better late than never!!

THAI GLASS CUP - MUANG AKE - 23RD NOVEMBER 1993 R.B.S.C. VS BCLG

Tuesday 23rd November the BCLG and ROYAL BANGKOK SPORTS CLUB ladies were competing for the THAI GLASS CUP.

This year it was at BCLG's home course, and although BCLG had the advantage of playing at their own course, the R.B.S.C. ladies managed to win the trophy again this year with a difference of six points.

It was a successful day thanks to our sponsor THAI GLASS, everybody received glassed with inscription of the day's competition.

We had the honour to have with us Khun Chaipayong, Personal Manager of Thai Glass Industries.

Perhaps next year, if we can practice at the Sports Club we will have a better chance to win this trophy.

Thank you THAI GLASS for this successful day.

Happy golfing!

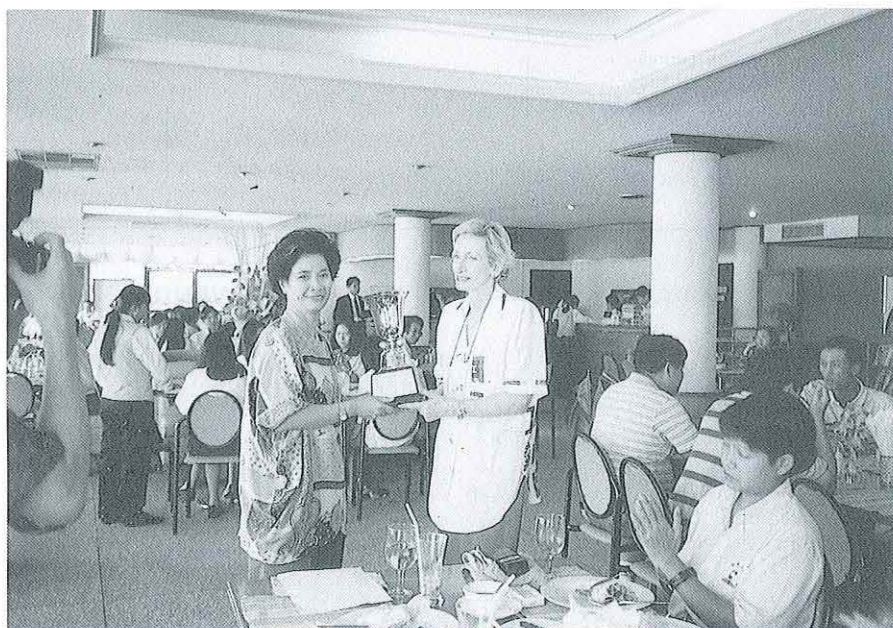
Wil Agerbeek



Gail Paoli (BCLB) receiving her prize



One of the lucky winners from the RBSC team



BCLG's Captain presenting the Thai Glass Trophy to Khun Teunjai (Capt. RBSC)

Calendar

BRITISH CLUB – SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME, FEBRUARY 1994

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
	1 7 am Ladies Golf 8 pm Bridge 7-9 pm Football Training 9 pm Gentlemen's Spoof	2 6-8 am Early Bird Tennis Mix-In 5-8 pm Squash Coaching 6-9 pm Tennis Mix-In	3 7-9 pm Rugby Training 7-9 pm Badminton 6-9 pm Squash Mix-In
7 8-10 am Ladies Tennis 9 am BWG Mahjong 5-8 pm Squash Coaching 5.30-9 pm Happy Hour 7-9 pm Badminton 7-9 pm Tennis Practice 8 pm New Members Night	8 7 am Ladies Golf 8 pm Bridge 7-9 pm Football Training 9 pm Gentlemen's Spoof	9 6-8 am Early Bird Tennis Mix-In 5-8 pm Squash Coaching 6-9 pm Tennis Mix-In	10 CHINESE NEW YEAR 7-9 pm Rugby Training 7-9 pm Badminton 6-9 pm Squash Mix-In
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CHURCHILL BAR	10 am-11 pm
LORD'S RESTAURANT	11.30 am-2 pm 6 pm-11 pm
POOLSIDE BAR	7.30 am-10 pm
FITNESS CENTRE	Mon-Sat 6 am-9 pm Sun + Hols 9 am-9 pm
THAI MASSAGE	Tues-Sun 9 am-5 pm

VENUES

ALL EVENTS ARE AT BRITISH CLUB EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING:-	
CASUALS FOOTBALL	– BANGKOK PATANA SCHOOL
BADMINTON (SUNDAYS)	– NEAR BANGRAK POLICE STATION
BADMINTON (MONS-THURS)	– SOI KLANG RACKET CENTRE
LADIES GOLF	– AS ADVERTISED

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FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
4 6-9 pm Tennis Coaching 8.30 pm T.G.I.F. – Live Music 9 pm Accumulator Lucky Draw 7 pm St. Davids Ball* – Oriental Hotel	5 8-10 am Childrens Tennis 10-12 noon Tennis Coaching 4.30 pm Casuals Football Bangkok Ladies Tennis Tournament	6 11 am-1 pm Badminton 1 pm Squash Handicap Mix-In Children Sports and Video Bangkok Ladies Tennis Tournament
11 9 pm Tennis Coaching 8.30 pm T.G.I.F. – Bogong Folk Group 9 pm Accumulator Lucky Draw	12 8-10 am Childrens Tennis 10-12 noon Tennis Coaching 4.30 pm Casuals Football	13 11 am-1 pm Badminton 2-5 pm Tennis Fun Tournament 6 pm Pancake Races and Buffet Childrens Sports and Video
18 6-9 pm Tennis Coaching 8.30 pm T.G.I.F. – Bar Quiz 9 pm Accumulator Lucky Draw	19 8-10 am Childrens Tennis 10-12 noon Tennis Coaching 4.30 pm Casuals Football 8 pm Barn Dance	20 11 am-1 pm Badminton 3-6 pm Tennis Mix-In Childrens Sports and Video
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MONTH

SPORTS SPORTS SPORTS

ubbles League.

If you are interested in joining one or more of the Sports Sections of the British Club, please contact the following person(s), they will be happy to tell you all about their particular sports!

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This month a contribution from Mr. Geoff Percival and friend.
Well done, keep them coming.

POLLUTION

I bought a fancy satellite dish, luckily not new
Fresh drama, movies, comedy and sport hopefully to view
The sport is entertaining, hourly headlines dull
Only soaps, eight times daily, keep the channels full
The hucksters' constant hectoring, tasteless, strident brash,
How many billion dollars for constant streams of trash

The answer, saddened viewer, is not hard to grasp
When channels greedy tycoons, their swollen bankbooks clasp
"Progress", fame and power with smirking private jets
Board rooms, studios, fawning media, sycophantic pets.

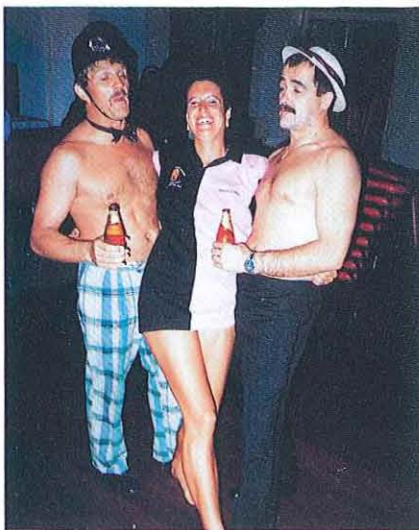
But they watch their private specials, have no need to look
At the rubbish served to the public they daily try to hook
No chance to see good programmes, new, not just repeats
which teach, amuse, titillate, some arts and inspirations, new treats

Not slosh for bloated profits, dividends and perks
With a captive, suffering public fed old flops for stupid berks
Too stingy for new programmes, the same old daily stews
Surely someone somewhere feels sometimes customers have dues

Geoff and John

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No Talent Night



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**** NO TALENT NIGHT ****

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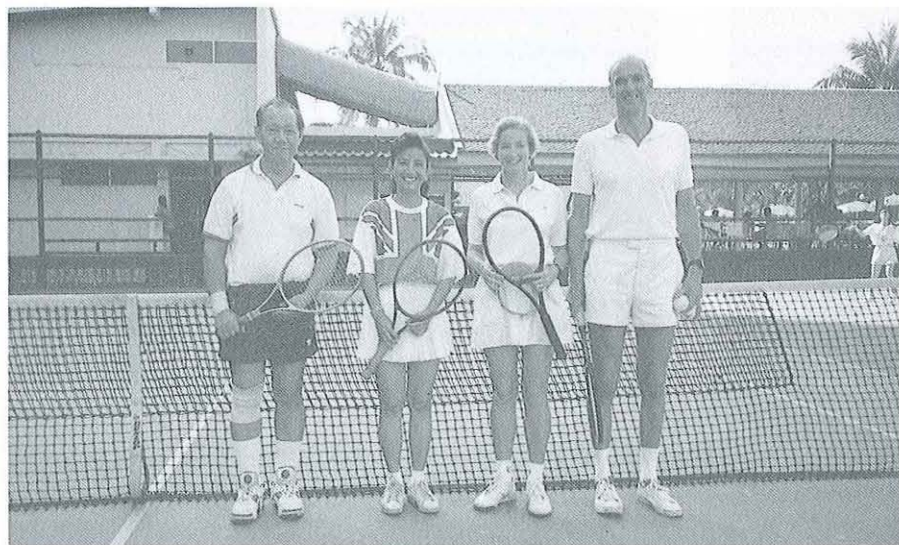
If you have a talent (singing, dancing, miming, acting, anything at all) or you wish your sports section to enter this very popular evening, please call Bea on 258 9509, Jane on 381 1791 or Suzanne on 258 7939 to book your act.

Spectators book early to avoid disappointment, limited seats available.

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*For tickets: Please book at reception of British Club or call Bea, Jane or Suzanne.





H.E. Christian & Pauline after winning another OESA match

Ah, February, month of Valentines... less of the mushy stuff after last month, please, but no doubt there will be several admirers watching the prestigious pancake races on the 13th during the Mardi Gras Fun Day tournament, and there's bound to be loads of ridiculous photos in store...

February also sees the Bangkok Inter-Club Ladies Extravaganza Televised Spring-time Special being held here at the Club on the weekend of the 5th/6th; the possibility of a beginners match versus the Polo Club (unconfirmed at time of writing), whatever that is, and, of course, the continuation of the Club Championships and the latest Bangkok Pennant Women's League. Maurice was muttering something about holding a mixed league in February during said Champs, but this remains to be seen. With rolling membership of the leagues, you'll have to remember to opt out if you don't want to/can't play for any reason. Anyway, onto the last of 1993's news:

MATCH V. OLD ENGLAND SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION - SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER

(Report by Simon Fox, corny joke by me)

Billed as the O-D English Schools Association, this tea brought a new meaning to the phrase 'Old English School Thai' (think about it!). There were mainly Thais there, but there was also an English lady (Sarah), one Danish and one Dutchman (Paol), the latter two of whom had no fathomable connection to

England at all and certainly had not been to school there.

The morning started with the now predictable shambles: matches had been prearranged so that only 8 lucky ones had to show up at 7.30am, the rest got a lie-in until 8.30. However, not only was some members' punctuality lacking, Chalati didn't show up at all, playing in the Thai veterans championship final or some poor excuse like that... did she win? On top of the late showing, some players looked decidedly the worse for Saturday night wear, with David Seldon, Pat Dean and Howie wonderfully hungover. Nick Lamb saved our reputation by arriving early, allowing for a hale and hearty start at 7.45am - was this a record? (No, a record is a little black thing with a hole in the middle - G).

We were lucky to have H.E. Christian and Pauline Adams on our team, with an aggregate of P3, W3, we should invite them more often! Indeed, with Christian and Noel Williams measuring in at about 6'4", I half reckon there was some element of scare tactics when playing against Thais of average height 5'! The young 'uns, Owen Williams and Nick Lamb, won all their matches; is there a message there I wonder? Howard (hungover) and Megan

(wished she could have been) both sustained a magnificent P2, L2. Ahem.

But I digress; the overall result was a victory, yes, I said VICTORY for us by 14-8, the first such winning in a full-scale match for a long time. (The euphoria is overwhelming! -G.)

Thanks go to the visitors, many of whom are also BC members, for an enjoyable match, and especially to Khun Pat, who was unable to play because of an eye injury but made an efficient team organiser. Good luck to them also during their Inter-Alumni Sports Day on 9th of January. During the 'traditional' Sunday lunch the guests displayed yet another talent they had picked up in Britain - the ability to put away several pints of the brew...

TEAM TOURNAMENT - SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER (pm)

Hot on the heels of the above match was this great nationalistic set-to. The groupings for the day ended up being the English and the Celts, with the Colonials and the Rebels being lumped together to produce a formidable force to be reckoned with. Indeed, this merry band of 12 players stormed to the finish ... well, OK, there was only 7 points in it, but after all, I was on the winning side so it's got to sound good. The winning side and their often tenuous connections comprised:

Pat Dean, Stella Fix (classified as Mexican), Robyn Brooke, Noel and Owen Williams, Joy Masood, Gisi van Walbeek, Dominique de la Fond, Gaynor de Wit, Paul McIntyre (Zimbabwe influence), Carol Golsby and Marie-Jose (Happy 40th!).

The final scores were:

Colonials and Rebels	99
English	97
Celts	92

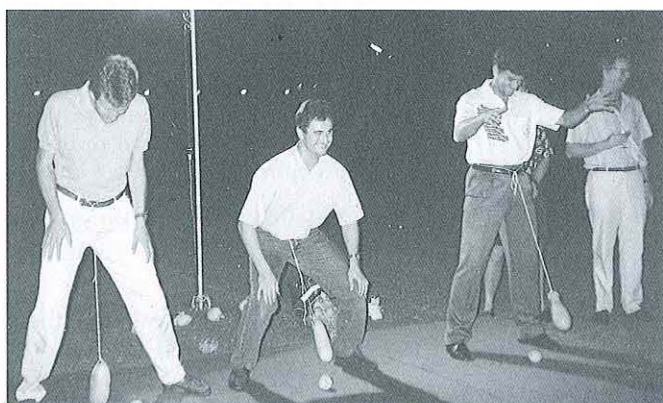
A close call, as you can see, but then we colonials do like a bit of competition... It was noted by the post-mortemers that the Celts had some of the English playing for them... now did that dilute the English side, the Celtic side, or raise the IQ on both sides? Whatever, the whole day was rounded off by a BBQ in Marie's honour, it being her 40th that very day - what a way to celebrate. by being on the winning team!

TENNIS SECTION CHRISTMAS PARTY - WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER

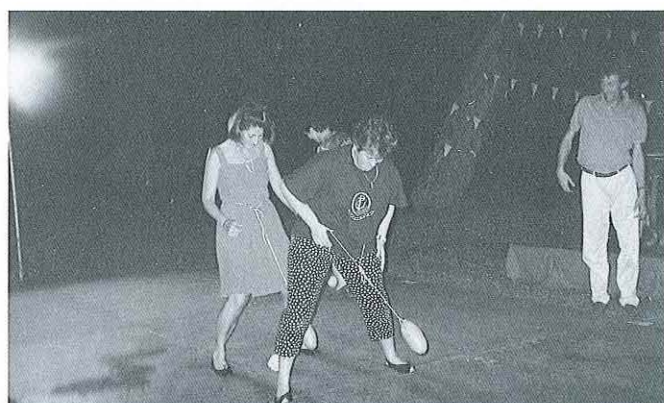
Well, what can I say about this party that the photos don't??!



"Ready, steady..."



"Comparing who is better hung"



"Synchronised dangling"

This was a wonderful night, definitely to become an annual event on the Section calendar. There was an unexpected appearance by Santa, aka Bruno in a slimmed down model, who gave little gifts of fresh cookies to us needy members; there were silly hats, mulled wine, a fab ham and the first turkey and mince pies of the season (for me, anyway), and then there were the silly games... Expertly organised by Eileen with the help of Stella and Kathy, these involved getting intimately knowledgeable with the person next in line while passing on a balloon and a ball, crawling through each others legs, 'blow jobs' given by the women to the men which left several women quite puffed and red in the face, and the 'gourd game' which defies explanation except that for a few minutes men were extremely well-hung!! I have loads of photos of this night, a fraction of which will hopefully appear on these pages, please contact me if you want a closer ogle. Those who took part and those who didn't, whose running skills defied their age and agility on court when a gourd was waved under their nose - Gisi -, all had a great time, and it all ended with a daft game

of charades which had Guy imitating Mr. Puny-verse, Angela attempting to 'wuther' and Stella and Kathy floating around behind Howard! Memorable moments, those!

December also saw the end of the first Pennant Women's League, and I am afraid to say that I don't have the full results to hand due to several people being out of the country at the time of scribbling; but I can confirm that we won at least one section and put up a very reasonable showing in the others. The value of forfeited matches came very much into play, with a couple of unexpected winners in one section, but these lessons will have been learnt for the next League, which was due to start mid-January.

Onto November's news - the mixed league, which extended into December ended as follows:

League 1 Judy and Jeff Kestenbaum

League 2 Carol Young and Chris Aspden (another nailbiter!)

League 3 Graciela Haube and Kiyoshi Uno

League 4 Justine and Peter Campbell

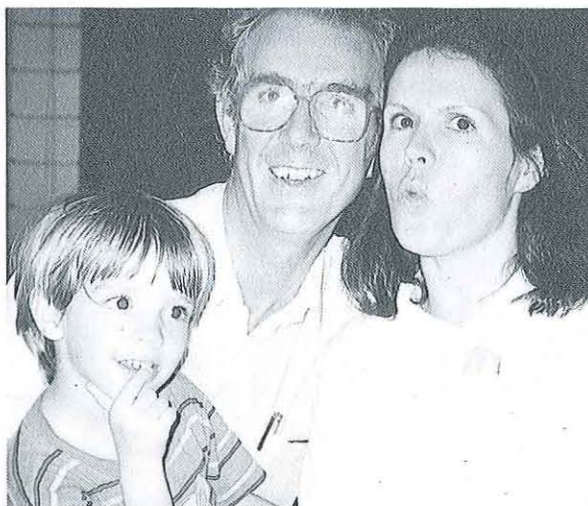


"And this was just the trial run!!"

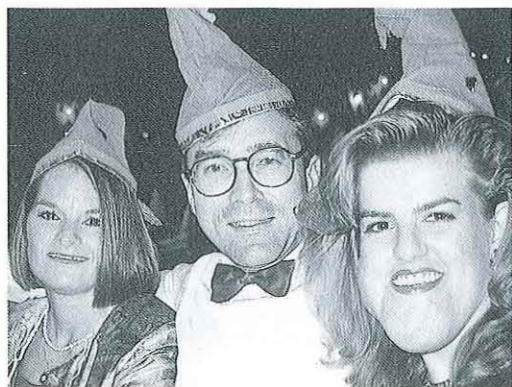
There was a singles league in December which was extended until the end of January for the simple reason that half of the Club has apparently skedaddled for the New Year hold, and those of us who haven't, couldn't face picking up a racquet anyway.



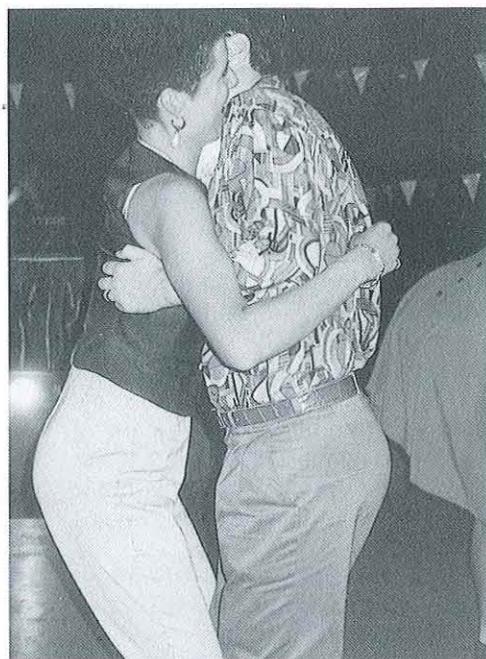
"Santa Bruno"



"Happy, um, 21st
Marie-Jose"



Mexico here I Come!!



Kathy : We've lost the balloon
Paul : I won't tell if you don't

As for the ladder draw:

1. Surin Dunn
10. Howard Neville
26. Carol Young
45. David Henton
55. Rita Dunford

with the B500 won by Diana Lamb. Now if those numbers look screwy to you, they did to me too. However, Maurice assures me that there is a logic behind them and that the people in the 25th and 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd and 44th had not played matches in quite some time. Mine is not to reason why.

COMMITTEE MUTTERINGS

- a) The repainting of the hard courts with rubberised paint will now take place on 10th-15th January, hopefully all over and worn in by the time you read this.
- b) Lights still playing up, progress as I have it. Things are being done, honest!
- c) Did I tell you that on Sundays there are 2 courts booked for the kids' mix-in from 8-10am? Apologies to the parents in advance for making them get up that early!!
- d) Will the trophies be engraved by the time the Committee member responsible, Howard, leaves for Hong Kong in early January? With a marked absence of holding of breath, watch this space...
- e) You really don't want to know about the missing chicken wire.

As reported in last ish, Simon and Stella will safely be installed in 'Mexico' by now, habla-in Espanol and all that, while Howard should by all accounts be in Hong Kong. Goodbye and good luck to them from all of us. There were rumours that the Sloop John B (Bueno) will be joining us on the Committee, more as I have it!

Good grief, I've come to the end of another one. Is it me, or is this shorter than previous efforts? Arai godai, here's to some superb tossing of pancakes this month and some great scraping of dried batter of ceilings, floors, etc, etc.

Lotsaluv
Me
XXX

LEAVING THE "LAND OF THE FREE"

When the time comes to leave Thailand, it will pay you to plan well in advance. As regards financial planning and taxation, both here and overseas, the best possible advice is to consult an expert, so that you can be fully briefed with the latest available information. Remember that Governments come and go, and so do their policies, so being out of date is ill-advised, or simply being in the wrong place at the wrong time, could cost you a large lump of your hard earned cash.

As far as insurance is concerned, you will need to make arrangements to cover your personal effects, which could well be split into two or more shipments. These shipments typically would be those professionally packed and sent by air or sea cargo to your new home, and otherwise, those which you pack yourself and carry with you as luggage.

Choose a reliable professional packer, and ideally get recommendations from friends or colleagues who have used their services. You may get better or more reliable service from a packer who has a permanent staff of packers, rather than one who hires in daily help when required. Make sure also that the packer will use a reputable air or sea carrier. These simple precautions will help to make sure that your cherished possessions arrive there in the same condition and quantity as they leave here. There are still pirates and cowboys in this world of ours!

Pilferage and accidental or malicious damage are regrettably quite common, and you need to arrange Cargo Insurance on (CC(A) terms ("All Risks" if you prefer to avoid the jargon), to pay for the cost of making good such events. This can be arranged through your usual insurance advisers or the packers, or direct with an insurance company.



Derek Pratt

Choose an insurer with a good reputation, and an international claims settling service if you are moving overseas. Otherwise you could end up having your claim paid in Bangkok, which, apart from necessitating lengthy correspondence, may not be terribly convenient if you've already moved and closed your bank account here.

As a guideline, your Sum Insured should represent the replacement cost of the property at the final destination, so do your homework if you are moving to an expensive country such as Japan, a less developed one where "luxury" goods might be very expensive, or if tax/import duties are a major issue.

Be particularly careful if your goods will be in store at any time, because the basic Marine Cargo Policy only covers storage "in the ordinary course of transit". If you intend to store the property either here before you send for it, or after arrival elsewhere before the final destination, or you are going to delay unpacking it, you must tell your insurers and arrange for the Policy to be extended.

Marine Policies can usually also be extended to cover some loss or damage caused by War, Strikes, Riot and Civil Commotion, subject to an additional premium.

Turning now to yourself, your family and your luggage, you will probably be thinking of canceling your insurance arranged in Thailand, and if possible obtaining refund premiums in respect of the remaining portion of the period of insurance. Understandable, but you won't then have any coverage until you get fixed up in your next posting.

One way around this is to organise

a Worldwide Travel Policy for yourself and the family. This contains a package of covers, such as "all risks" on your baggage and other personal effects, medical expenses and personal accident, and maybe some other trimmings.

Regarding your medical expenses or Healthcare insurance, these are usually geared to provide cover in your usual country of residence (say Thailand), and the better ones will also give cover for incidental exposure overseas, such as during short business or holiday trips. If you are moving to another country you may be able to maintain your existing medical insurance in force for a limited time, but you must notify your insurers and seek their prior agreement. This is because the chances of a claim occurring and/or the cost of treatment may be significantly greater, hence there is, in insurance parlance, a "change of material facts", which must be disclosed to the insurers. If you are moving to a country where treatment costs are higher, make sure that your Policy gives high enough coverage, or replace it with a suitable local cover.

If you owned a vehicle here and are entitled to a No Claim Discount, ask your Motor insurer for a letter to confirm your entitlement to the NCD, so that you can try to get it carried forward to your next country.

Finally if you are being replaced by a new expatriate, may I suggest that you be kind to him and pass on the benefit of your wisdom? Among the thousand-and-one things he needs to do, apart from join the British Club, is to organise his own insurance here properly. Tell him to read "Cover Notes" in Outpost every month.

About the author

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USEFUL HOUSEHOLD TIPS

These tips are to pass on to your maids or to use yourselves if at an occasional time you might find yourself facing a culinary disaster or if you are in need of quick and easy tips to help limit your time over a hot stove, also removal of nasty stains may baffle you at times, but not any longer, read on and educate yourselves.

★★ FOR VERY FORMAL DINNERS with six or seven courses, it is traditional to serve a sorbet between courses to cleanse the palate. Not many people want to go to those lengths when entertaining at home, but the basic idea is worth following. Try to serve something light and refreshing after a rich main course. Do not serve one type of food more than once in a meal — only serve one pastry dish, use mousse as a starter or a dessert, but not both, and so on.

★★ We all have the occasional disaster in the kitchen, but some of them can be rescued quite easily... Return overcooked vegetables, well-drained, to a clean pan and leave over a fairly low heat to evaporate as much excess moisture as possible. Mash with butter, salt and pepper to taste, and add a little cream, to give a smooth vegetable puree. Mix overcooked and disintegrated fish with rice to make a kedgerree, or serve in piped potato nests.

★★ A MICROWAVE OVEN IS useful for drying herbs. Put bunches of freshly picked herbs in the oven on a piece of paper towel. They need to be stirred frequently - use your fingers - so that they dry evenly and also do not become too brittle. Stir every 20 seconds during the first minute, then every 5-10 seconds until dried. After drying they can be chopped or crushed with your fingers. Store in dark glass bottles or opaque containers and seal to prevent loss of quality.

★★ MUSSELS have an interesting flavour and are an excellent ingredient in a variety of dishes, but they must be prepared with great care. Wash them in plenty of cold water and take off any odd weeds that may be attached to the shells. The shells should be tightly closed. If any are open, tap them sharply and they should close; discard any that do not close immediately. The mussels should then open as they are cooked. Always remove them from the heat as soon as the shells are fully opened - overcooking toughens them. Discard any that have not opened during cooking.

★★ BEER STAINS, to remove from washables; soak in biological washing powder, then wash. Non-washables: Blot up as much as possible with a piece of kitchen paper or a paper handkerchief, dab with white vinegar, then blot again.

★★ WINE STAINS, to remove from washables: Stretch the material over a basin and pour hot water through the material from above, until the stain fades. Any stubborn marks can be removed with a bleach solution (don't tell the maids this, B.)

Non washables: Sponge with warm water and blot with blotting paper. Sprinkle with talcum powder, leave for an hour, sponge again and blot.

Ploenchit Fair

Another great success for the organisers of the yearly Ploenchit Fair, a record Ploenchit already, according to Mrs. Carolyn Tarrant.

Here just a few photographs taken by Gaynor de Wit of people enjoying themselves at this typical November event.
See you all next year !!!



The acrobats drawing the crowds



Buttling with new Morris recruit



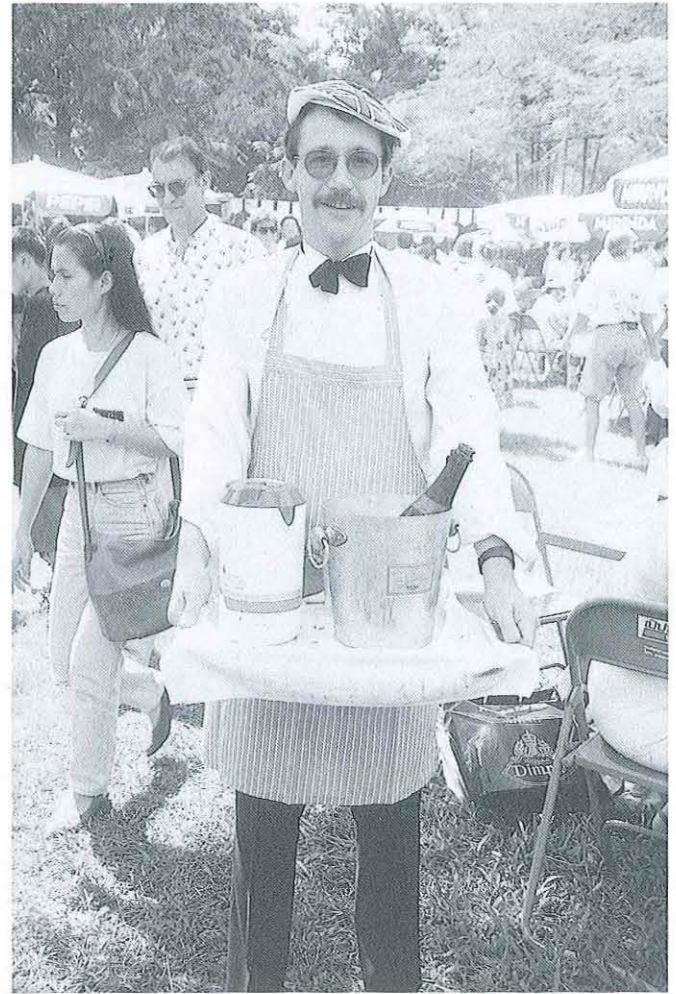
They don't come any more sober than this !



Paul Meggison doing the 'Chicken Leg' – a variation on Morris dancing (so he says).



New father Norman hiding his modesty and his virtue



Jeeves Haworth

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Can you spot the odd man out?

A very enjoyable weekend was had in Chiang Mai by members of the Golf Section. The following courses were played at and many left with happy memories, especially the Pousties!

4TH DECEMBER - GREEN VALLEY - STABLEFORD

1st	Angela Poustie	37 points
2nd	Mike Baker	33 points
		(on lower handicap)
3rd	Mike Burnett	33 points

Near pins - L. Southcombe and A. Poustie

Long Drives: Men - Mike Baker, Ladies - A. Poustie

5TH DECEMBER - CHIANG MAI GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB - STROKEPLAY

1st	Mike Poustie	net 70
2nd	D. Copp	
3rd	A. Southcombe	

6TH DECEMBER - LANNA - STROKEPLAY

1st	Paul Nears	net 72 l/handicap
2nd	A. Southcombe	net 72
3rd	M. Baker	net 72

Near pins D. Copp, G. Hunt, P. Nears, M. Leddy
Long Drive M. Baker, L. Hunt

Thank you PAUL NEARS for sponsoring the above competition.

Thank you ANGELA POUSTIE for taking all the photographs for the weekend.



Neville – winner of Medal and Ambassador's Cup



David Copp receiving trophy from sponsor Paul



Angela Poustie receiving prize from Paul Nears



Mike Poustie receiving his prize from Paul Nears

19TH DECEMBER 1994 - MEDAL FINAL AND AMBASSADORS CUP

Flight A	E. Hudson
Flight B	R. Sparks
Flight C	N. Bayliss

N. Bayliss also won the Ambassadors Cup
(Stableford Competition for Handicaps 20 and above).
38 Points, well done!

Other prizes Stableford:

1st	D. Newell	38 points
2nd	D. Ingram	37 points
3rd	R. Bain	35 points

Near pins J. Divett, D. Ingram, G. Lamb, E. Hudson
Long Drive - Men: D. Scott, Ladies: D. Ingram

REMINDER

The Popular KITCHEN SINK COMPETITION
against the LADIES OF BCLG will take place on
20TH FEBRUARY, make sure you are there to
support your team - Matchplay - for the famous
"Frying Pan" trophy.

Cheers

Lavita.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Dear Member,

You should by now be aware that the General Committee is currently pursuing policies designed to improve the Club's cash position. We are trying to reduce the quantity of funds tied up in debtors and stock, to reduce unnecessary and wasteful expenditure and generally to operate the Club as efficiently as possible.

A clamp-down on overdue accounts has, of course, been a major part of this exercise since we believe it is unfair that the vast majority of the Club's members who pay their accounts on time should be expected to finance the small number of members, but nonetheless large in collective value, who, for whatever reason take extended credit from the Club.

The procedure the Club should follow in this matter is clearly stated in its Rules and Bylaws. All members are required to pay their accounts in full within two weeks of falling due and any failure to do so will result in the automatic and immediate suspension of the member's credit facilities. The Committee believes that the Club is taking a realistic attitude when applying this procedure. This has resulted in a number of member's finding their status at the Club altered.

As could be expected we have received a number of complaints from affected members who believe that they have been unfairly treated or that they warrant special consideration. We believe, however, that as members of this Club each and every one of us should be conscious of our obligations to the Club and to our fellow members and that we should, furthermore, be well aware of the requirements placed upon us to settle our debts in a timely fashion. Under such circumstances, there are indeed very few excuses for delayed payment of dues.

For the record we should like to detail the procedures we are currently adopting in this matter. These are:

- (1) 6 Weeks from when the account becomes due, send a letter with the current statement, advising that credit facilities cannot be continued, if the account remains unpaid. At the same time every effort will be made to contact the member by telephone to prompt settlement.
- (2) After a further 2 weeks (8 weeks overdue to date), send a letter by Registered Mail, advising that credit has been withdrawn and warning of posting on the noticeboard as an overdue debtor if the account is not brought up to date.
- (3) After a further 2 weeks (10 weeks overdue to date) send another letter by Registered Mail advising of posting on the Club noticeboard as an overdue debtor.
- (4) After a further 2 weeks (12 weeks overdue to date) membership terminated.
- (5) If given a satisfactory explanation, the Committee may decide that the Member be reinstated, on such terms as the Committee may decide.

As further explanation of this process a step by step example can be found on the next page.

The General Committee are aware that the accuracy of our current Members Address list is in doubt and steps are in hand to improve this vital aspect of our administration. However, the Committee hope that this letter will go some way to alleviate the concerns of Members over unpaid accounts.

The General Committee

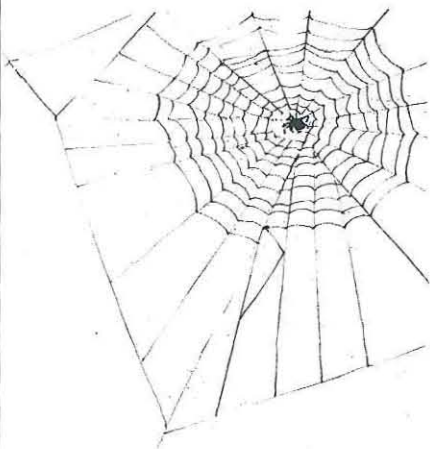
EXAMPLE

<u>DURING THE MONTH OF:</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>NO. OF WEEKS AND ACTION</u>
December, 1993	Bar expenses etc. are incurred, charged to the member's account	
31st December 1993	The amount becomes due and payable	
15th January 1994	The account is sent to the member	2 weeks overdue
31st January 1994	The account is 4 weeks overdue	4 weeks overdue
Apr. 15 February '94	Send the February account, detailing February amounts, and total of January past due. Attach the first letter to the February statement.	6 weeks overdue (Item 1 above)
Apr. 28 February '94	Send the second letter by Registered Mail. Stop Credit.	8 weeks overdue (Item 2 above)
Apr. 15th March '94	Send the third letter by Registered Mail. Post member's name on noticeboard	10 weeks overdue (Item 3 above)
Apr. 31st March '94	Terminate membership.	12 weeks overdue (Item 4 above)

THE BRITISH CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

**TUESDAY 29TH MARCH 1994
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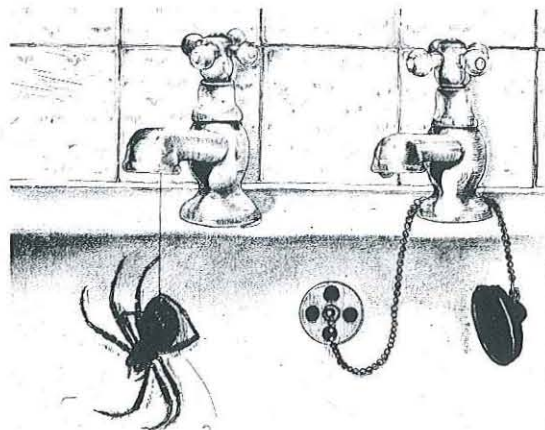
This month some poems about animals. If you know a nice poem or story yourself, why not write to me at the British Club, or ask your mum or dad to pop it into the "pigeon" hole for Outpost at the reception.



SPIDERS

I like spiders and the way
they invite themselves to stay
We don't ask them- they just come
Some are red and tiny Some
are ENORMOUS and they
sit in the bath
They fancy it.
I don't turn the water on
ever, till the spider's gone
'You are SLOW' the people shout
'when will you be getting out?'
'Soon' I answer, 'when my Friend
brings his visit to an end.'

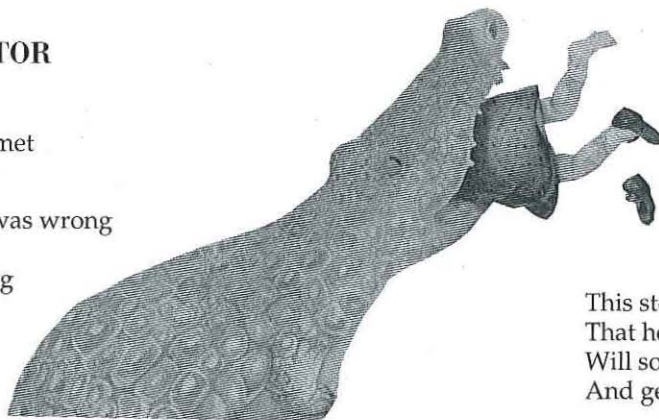
Then they know a spider's there
I like spiders - anywhere



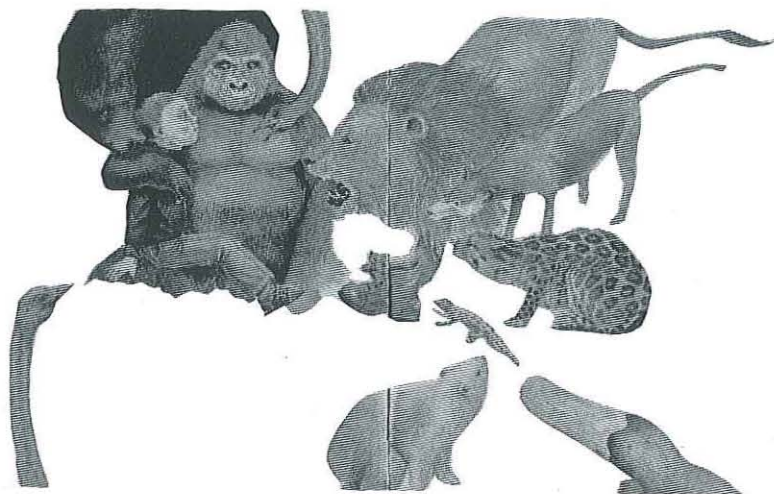
THE GREEDY ALLIGATOR

I have a rather greedy pet
A little alligator
When he my younger sister met
He opened wide and ate her

But soon he learned that he was wrong
To eat the child in question
For he felt bad before too long
and suffered indigestion



This story seems to prove to me
That he who rudely gobbles
Will soon regret his gluttony
And get the collywobbles



MY BROTHER BERT

Pets are the Hobby of my brother Bert
He used to go to school with a Mouse in his shirt
His Hobby, it grew, as some hobbies will
and it grew and GREW and GREW until...
Oh, don't breathe a word, pretend you haven't heard
A simply appalling thing has occurred -
The very thought makes me iller and iller

Bert's brought home a gigantic Gorilla!
If you think that's really not such a scare
What if it quarrels with his Grizzly Bear?
You still think you could keep your head?
What if the lion from under the bed
And the four ostriches that deposit
Their football eggs in his bedroom closet
And the Aardvark out of his bottom drawer
All danced out and joined in the Roar?
What if the Pangolins were to caper
Out of their nests behind the wallpaper?
With the fifty sorts of Bats
That hang on his hat stand like old hats
And out of a shoebox the excitable Platypus
Along with the Ocelot or Jungle-Cattypus?
The Wombat, the Dingo, the Gecko, the Grampus -
How they would shake the house with their Rumpus!
Not to forget the Bandycoot
Who would certainly peer from his battered old boot
Why, it would be a dreadful day,
And what, Oh what would the neighbours say?



FOAL

Come trotting up
Beside your mother
Little skinny

Lay your neck across
Her back, and whinny,
Little Foal

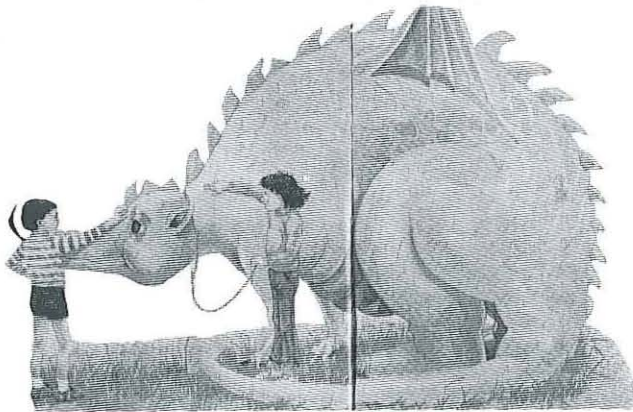
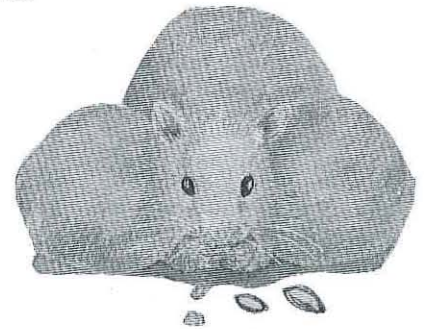
You think you're a horse
Because you can trot -
But you're not

Your eyes are so wild
And each leg is tall
As a pole;

And you're only a skittish
Child, after all
Little Foal

THE HAMSTER

A hamster by name of Big Cheek
Stored up nuts that would last for a week
Alas, he ignored
That their being so stored
Made him look the most terrible freak.



JOCELYN, MY DRAGON

My dragon's name is Jocelyn,
He's something of a joke
For Jocelyn is very tame
He doesn't like to maul or maim
Or breathe a fearsome fiery flame;
He's much too smart to smoke.

And when I take him to the park
The children form a queue,
And say 'What lovely eyes of red!'
As one by one they pat his head
And Jocelyn is so well-bred
He only eats a few!



MY PUPPY

It's funny
my puppy
knows just how I feel

When I'm happy
he's yappy
and squirms like an eel

When I'm grumpy
he's slumpy
and stays at my heel

It's funny
my puppy
knows such a great deal

A BUNCH OF CREPES

With Shrove Tuesday looming on the horizon fast, Outpost thought it would be a good idea to give you some basic recipes for Crepes. Remember you can fill crepes with anything, savoury or sweet, whatever you fancy, so go on ladies and gents, pancakes galore.

THE BASIC CREPE

For a lighter batter add a little more milk or even water. To gain sweetness mix in 1 tbsp of sugar. This makes 10-15 large crepes.

100g (3 1/2oz) plain flour (to fill a measuring jug to the 8fl oz mark)
2 eggs, size 2
2 good pinches salt
2-3 tbsp butter, plus a little extra for frying
275 ml (10fl oz) semi-skimmed milk

In a large mixing bowl, beat together flour, eggs and salt till well blended. Beat in the melted butter, then mix in the milk a few splashes at the time. Beat well to make sure there are no lumps. The batter can be used now or left for up to one hour at room temperature (in the fridge in Bangkok).

Melt a small pat of butter in an 8-10 inch non-stick frying pan over a medium high heat. When it starts to froth, spoon in around four tbsp batter and rock the pan to distribute the batter evenly. It will take a few attempts to get this technique right, but then it's easy. Cook for 40-60 seconds, till the pancake is light brown underneath, then work a spatula under the crepe and flip it over, using your fingers if you find it easier. Cook for another 30-40 seconds, till the second side is light brown, then transfer to a plate. The crepes should keep happily for several hours; interleave them with grease-proof paper and cover loosely with more paper or a clean towel. They can also be kept warm for 30-35 minutes in a low oven.

FRUIT CREPES

The fruit can be anything ripe and delicious, apples, pears and bananas are the first choices (in Europe, but here we have strawberries, mangoes, kiwis etc) for this time of the year, but pineapple would be as good.

450g (1 lb) ripe fruit
2 thick pats of unsalted butter (around 25g, 1oz)
Juice of 1/4 large lemon (optional)
1-2 tbsp caster sugar

Peel and core the fruit, and cut into bite sized pieces. Melt the butter in a heavy pan and add the fruit and lemon juice, if using (it will preserve the colour of the fruit). Cook gently for 15-20 minutes, until the fruit is hot and soft but not falling apart. Fill the pancakes and sprinkle with the sugar. Serve straightaway or heat in the oven and grill sprinkled with a bit of sugar.

GATEAUX AUX CREPES

This is ideal for a special dinner party. It doesn't take much longer than making ordinary crepes, and looks and tastes incredibly good.

1 quantity basic crepes
6 tbsp (80ml) strawberry or raspberry jam or
250 g (8oz) thinly sliced soft fruits
200 ml (7fl oz) whipping cream
1/4 tsp vanilla essence (not flavouring)
1 tbsp caster sugar

When the crepes are at room temperature, whisk the jam, if using, to make it more spreadable. Whip the cream with the vanilla essence till it forms soft peaks. Spread jam or fruit over one crepe and put another on top. Spread this one with vanilla cream, then top with a crepe. Repeat the process, alternating layers of jam and cream, till the crepes are used up. The top layer should be cream. Sprinkle on the sugar, dot with diced fruit if you wish, and serve immediately.

SEAFOOD AND GINGER

You could use monkfish or salmon if you prefer

250 g (8oz) seafood of your choice: shelled prawns, squid, scallops
2 large or 4 small spring onions
2 thin slices of root ginger, peeled
2 thick pats of butter
1-2 tbsp thick cream

Cut the fish or shellfish into bite-sized pieces. Trim the onions and chop finely with the ginger. Melt the butter in a pan, and cook onions and ginger gently for 2-3 minutes, till just cooked. If there's more than 3-4 tbsp of liquid in the pan, remove the fish and onions. Reduce the liquid to 1 tbsp or so, then replace the fish. Add cream. Mix well.

MUSHROOM AND SPRING ONION

250 g (8oz) white or brown mushrooms
2 large or 4 small spring onions
2 thick pat of butter (around 25g, 1oz)
1/4 tsp dried thyme
1-2 tbsp thick cream

Wipe the mushrooms with a damp towel and slice them to around 1/8 inch thick. Trim the onions and chop finely. Melt the butter in a frying pan or saucepan and cook onions and thyme gently for two minutes. Add the mushrooms, stir to coat with butter, and cook till soft but still just al dente. Add the cream, mix well and remove from the heat.

roundup

what you need when you're in love

● Lots of tolerant friends, tolerant colleagues and a tolerant boss.

● A large supply of condoms (yes, you still need them when you're in love).

● Unquenchable optimism.

● Clothes that have as few buttons and fastenings as possible (bodies are out, wrapover skirts are in).

● A parachute in case cloud nine suddenly vanishes into thin air.

● A "So what? I'm terrific anyway" attitude when contemplating your little pot belly.

● One bottle of Krug in the fridge and two perfectly formed champagne flutes that clink musically together.

● Moonlight on water.

● Someone to do your cleaning, cooking and laundry and make sure you are not wearing odd socks or have your jumper on back to front.

● A safe place to hide old love letters, photographs of your ex-boyfriends, jars of spot cream and fluffy toys.

● A copy of *Remembrance of Times Past* for those long, long nights when you can't sleep.

● Restaurants to become "your" restaurants, songs to become "your" songs, places to become "your" places.

● Non-smudge lipstick.

● An absolute certainty that you will never, as long as you live, meet anyone else whom you could fall in love with.

● A selective memory — long on lingering glances, short on pain.

● An orgy of watching romantic films on video — *Doctor Zhivago*, *It Happened One Night*, *Brief Encounter* and *Green Card* should do for starters.

● Plenty of seductive underwear, scented candles, lashings of body cream and your favourite perfume.

● A diary to record *every* emotion.

● Time, time, time, time.

● An endless supply of fab clothes for every time you meet him.

● The collected love poems of John Donne.

● Sunday mornings with nothing to do but make love and cook pancakes.

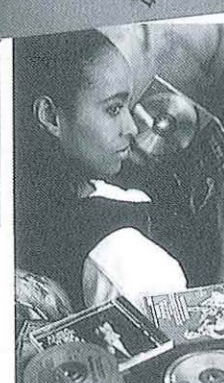
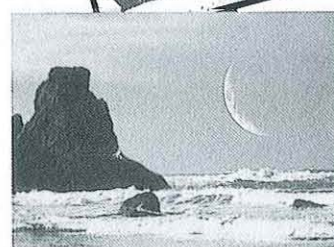
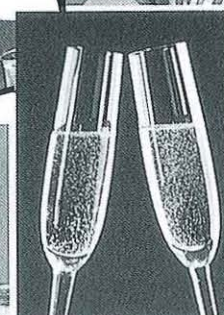
● No ulterior motives, or hang-ups from previous relationships.

● Crisp new bedlinen.

● Outside interests (that you won't give up just to suit someone else).

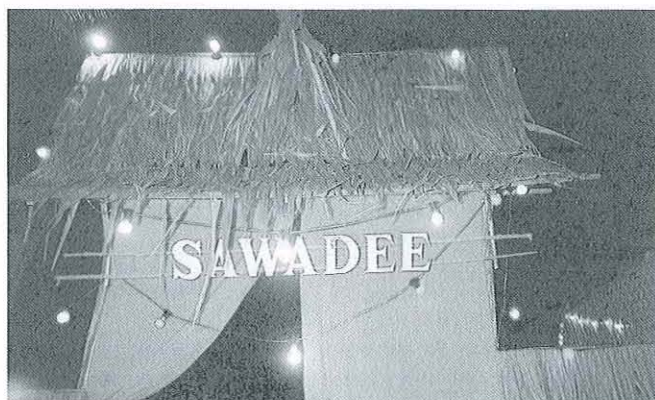
● Enough money to drive round in a black cab in the rain together.

● To be loved in return. ☑



Manager and Staff

The General Manager and his staff – without them the Club would not be there.



Solution to : Guess who this member is – Jim Howard

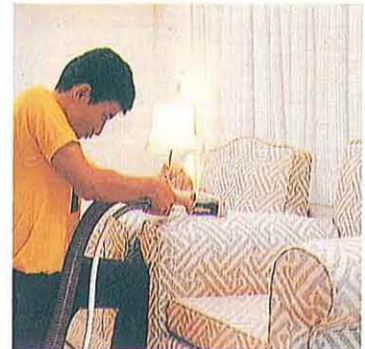
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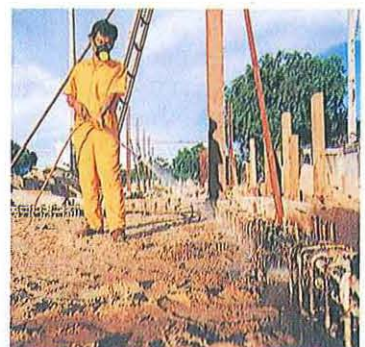
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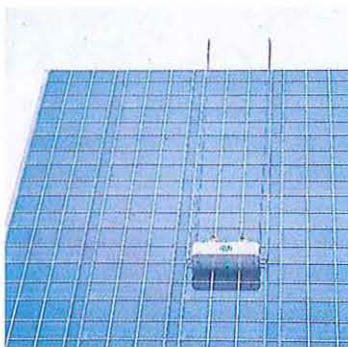
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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to another new face on the General Committee, Roger Daniel, who takes over the food and beverage portfolio from Frank Crocker. Frank is yet another victim of the "too much to do but not enough time to do it" syndrome and has thrown in the towel after a number of good years on the Committee. Roger doesn't have too much time to make his mark, because in the blink of an eyelid it seems, this Committee's year in office is almost over, as the next A.G.M. draws closer.

And that brings me to my point. Serving on the General Committee is for most of us a major commitment. Apart from the various Committee and Sub Committee meetings, there is also the feeling of being part of the policy making mechanism and of being accountable to the Club's Membership and Staff. I, for one, am not complaining as it can



be a lot of fun and at times very rewarding. But of course you can't please everyone all of the time, and over the course of a year, some members feel put out by various actions undertaken by the Committee and voice their feelings accordingly.

However, I do believe, the Club needs a strong Committee. And it needs people with both the energy and commitment to put their names forward as potential Committee Members at the

next A.G.M. From a personal viewpoint, I don't mean the moaners and grippers who seem to complain about everything, (I have seen a few of that type on the Committee in recent years and they rarely offer anything except criticism), but those who can roll their sleeves up and get on with the work.

So if you've been thinking you might be interested in a year or two on the Committee, give myself or any other of the longer serving Committee Members a call and we will be pleased to let you know what is involved. My hope is that at the 1994 A.G.M. we will have a record turnout of Members and a large group of qualified individuals from whom to select the 1994 General Committee.

Nigel Oakins
Chairman

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Mike O'Connor

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235-1560 (O)

Joe Grunwell

Sport

271-2574 (O)

271-2225 (F)

258-9509 (H + Fax)

Alex Forbes

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541-1436 (F)

Nigel Oakins

(Chairman/Personnel)

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Des Keane

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Dugal Forrest

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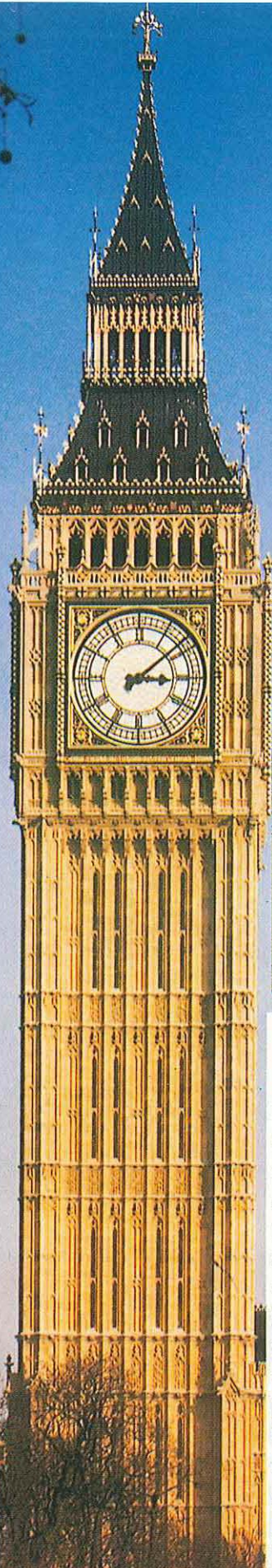
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