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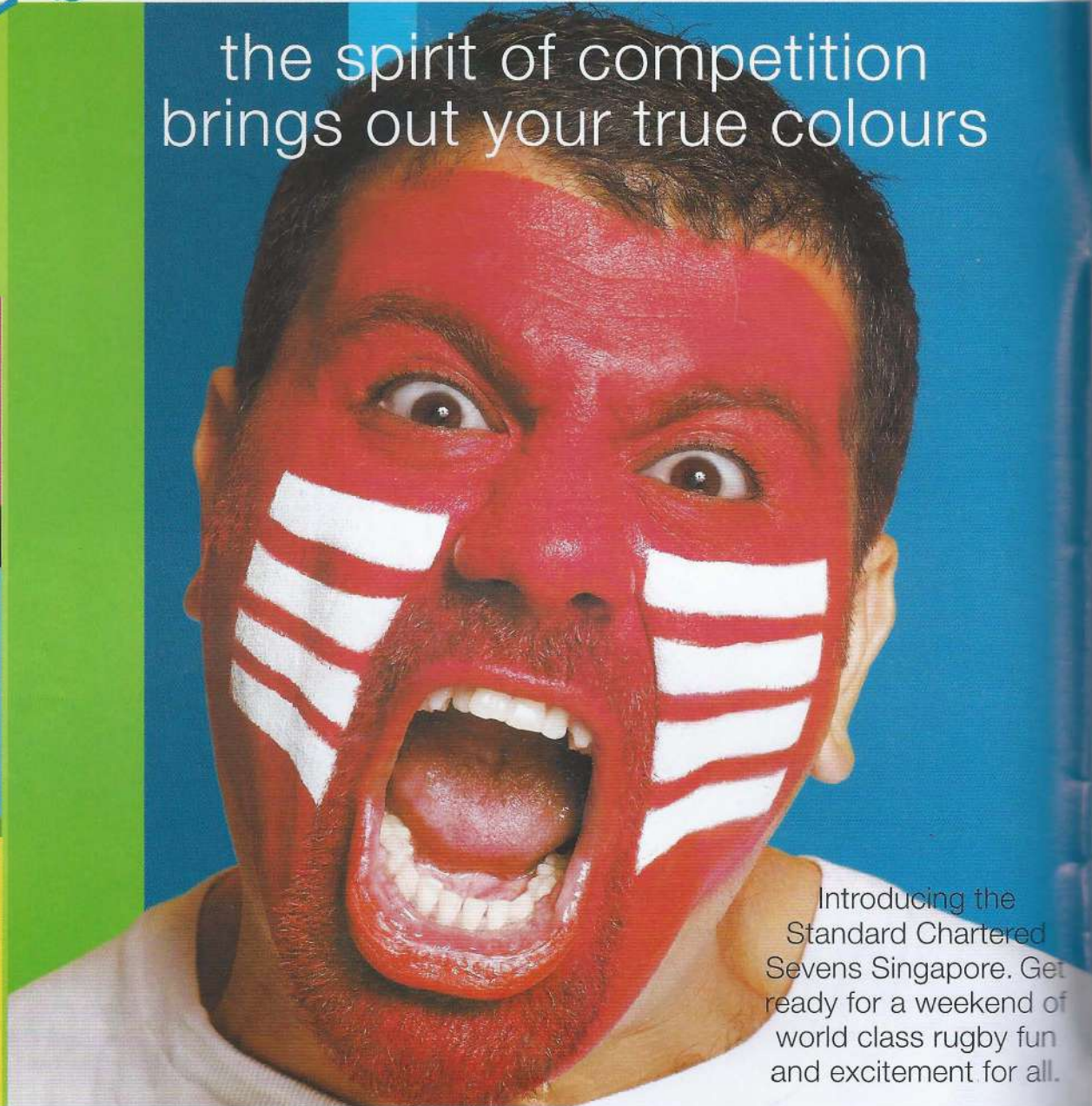
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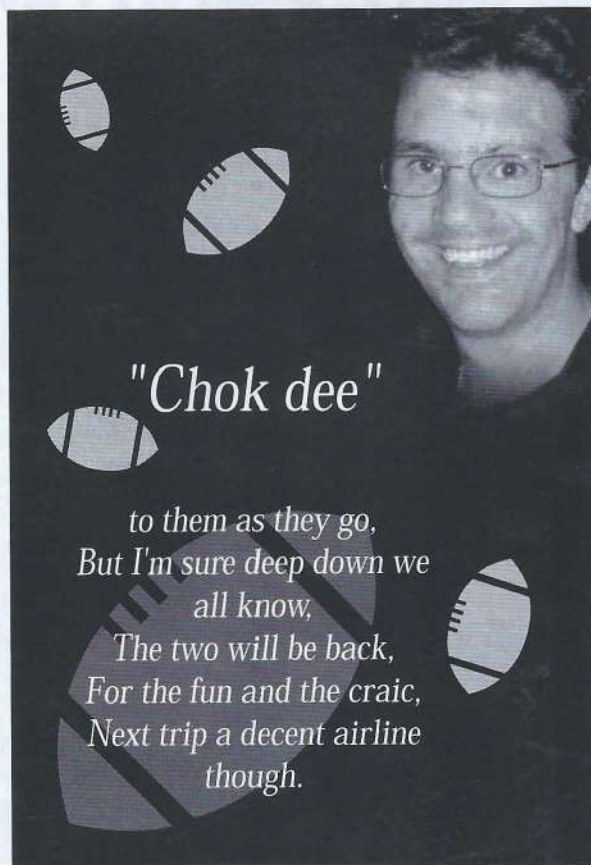
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The new grand prix season starts on Sunday, 7 March. Television coverage will be shown in the Churchill Bar with a barbeque luncheon served on the back lawn.

Sunday Carvery in the Lords Dining room will be re-introduced every sunday lunch time beginning on 14 March (Adults: Bt 300, Children: Bt 150, including soft drinks). The Children's Sunday activities will now begin at 1pm in the Silom room.

Thursday, 4 March and Friday, 5th March we will have our first in-house food promotion of the year, featuring foods from the Middle East. The cost is Bt 650 for adults and Bt 300 for children.

We also have our second Murder Mystery Dinner of the year on Friday, 12 March. This time the play is called 'Pasta , Pistols and Passion'. The cost is Bt 655 per person and includes a 3 course Italian dinner.

We will also be showing all of the Six Nations Rugby matches on the big screen in the Suriwongse room, and on the television in the Churchill Bar. There is no cost for these events - simply turn up and order your food and drinks from the staff.

These are just a few of the activities/events that will take place in March.

Don't forget the Club also offers outdoor catering services to Members. For a competitive quote or for any enquiries, please give Khun Ben or me a call at the Club.

I look forwards to seeing you around your Club,

Regards,

Barry Osborne
Operations Manager

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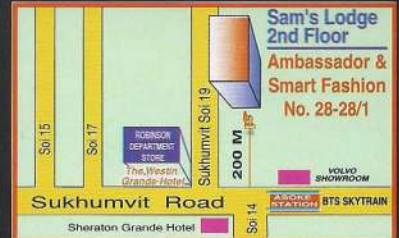
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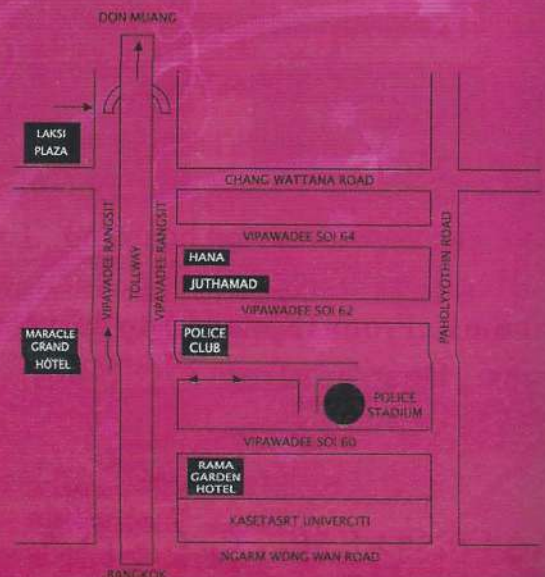


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9.00am - midday Squash Coaching
9.00am - 1.30pm BC Swimming Instruction

Saturday

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7.00am - 1.00pm Tennis Team Practice
9.00am - 11.00am Junior Cricket
10.30am - midday Taekwondo
11.00am - 1.00pm Badminton - Soi Nares
2.00pm - 4.00pm Children's Activities
3.00pm - 6.00pm Tennis Mix-in
3.00pm Yoga

Sunday

SPORTS

8.00am BWG Mahjong
7.00pm - 9.00pm Tennis Team Practice

Monday

SPORTS

7.00am Ladies' Golf
8.00am - 10.00am Ladies' Tennis
10.30am - 11.30am Aqua Aerobics
11.30am Yoga
2.00pm - 5.30pm Swim with the Bangkok Dolphins
2.00pm - 7.00pm BC Swimming Instruction
7.00pm - 9.00pm Football Training

Tuesday

CHURCHILL BAR ACTIVITIES

6.00pm - midnight Ladies' Night
8.00pm - 11.00pm Friendly Bridge
9.00pm Gentlemen's Spoof

Wednesday

SPORTS

6.00pm - 9.00pm Tennis Mix-in
6.30pm Cricket Nets

CHURCHILL BAR ACTIVITIES

7.00pm Darts
7.00pm Accumulator

Thursday

SPORTS

8.00am - 10.00am Ladies' Tennis
6.00pm - 9.00pm Squash mix-in
7.00pm - 9.00pm Rugby Training
9.00pm - 10.00pm Hockey Training

Friday

SPORTS

9.00am ANZWG Mahjong
3.30pm - 6.00pm BC Tennis Coaching for Children
4.30pm - 5.15pm Mini Squash
5.15pm - 6.00pm Junior Squash
5.00pm Tennis Mix-in
5.30pm Swimming - Junior Squad Training
6.00pm - 7.00pm Adult Tennis
6.30pm - 9.00pm Poolside BBQ
7.00pm Children's Movie Night

March at a Glance

Middle East Food Promotion	Thur & Fri, 4 & 5
Formula 1 Motor Racing	Sun 7 & 21
New Members' Night	Tue, 9
Comedy Night	Thur, 11
Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre	Fri, 12
Bar Quiz	Tue, 16
Rugby Six Nations	Sat & Sun, 6, 7, 20 & 21
New Zealand & Australia	
Wine Tasting Night	Fri, 19
Movie Night	Thur 25
The Inter Societies Golf	
Championships at Forrest Hills	Sat & Sun, 27 & 28
BC Annual General Meeting	Tue, 30

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Massage	Near the Silom Sala

Opening Times

10.00am - 11.00pm	Churchill Bar
11.30am - 2.00pm	Lords Restaurant (Lunch)
6.00pm - 10.00pm	Lords Restaurant (Dinner)
7.30am - 10.00pm	Poolside Bar
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9.00am - 6.00pm	Thai Massage (Tues-Sun)

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THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE UNTIL JUNE IS

Thursday 11-Mar	The first four episodes of The Young Ones With Rik Mayall and Adrian Edmondson	Thursday 20-May	Sherlock Holmes in A Scandal in Bohemia & The Dancing Men With Jeremy Brett and David Burke
Thursday 25-Mar	Hercule Poirot in Death on the Nile With Peter Ustinov and David Niven	Thursday 3-Jun	Best of Ronnie Barker/Best of Peter Sellers With Ronnie Barker and Peter Sellers
Thursday 8-Apr	A compilation of Jeeves & Wooster With Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie	Thursday 17-Jun	Agatha Christie's Seven Dials Mystery With Terrance Alexander and Cheryl Campbell
Thursday 22-Apr	The Pilot & first episodes of The Sweeney With John Thaw and Dennis Waterman		
Thursday 6-May	The Eric Sykes Silent Classics With Eric Sykes, Hattie Jacques, and Tommy Cooper		

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Every Tuesday in the Churchill Bar from 7.00pm onwards.

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BAR ACCUMULATOR

Every Wednesday at 7.00pm in the Churchill Bar.

DART NIGHT

Every Wednesday in the Churchill Bar from 7.00pm onwards.

CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT

Every Friday evening at the Silom sala at 7.00pm. No charge for the kids.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

2.00pm in the Silom Room. BC and Kids Care organise children's fun activities followed by a movie every Sunday afternoon. There is no charge for this event.

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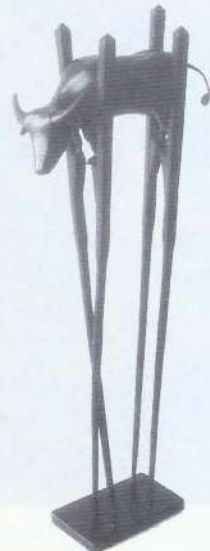
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January was a fairly quiet month for the BC Golfers. We played a couple of club days, our monthly medal and enjoyed the frivolity of Bernie's Bowl.

CLUB DAY AT BANG SAI

Bang Sai is not a club that we play very often. It tends to be a little on the slow side and six-hour rounds are not uncommon. It is a great course though and it was well worth the trip.

The format for our club day was a stroke play hidden nine. The nine holes that would count for prizes would be either the front or back nine. This was decided at the end of the round by a simple coin toss - heads front nine, tails back nine. Tails it was and the back nine would count. This was something of a disappointment for Karen Holloway who had played a blinding front nine but a less than shiny back nine. Our deserved winner on the day was Ray Coleman with a net 32 on the back nine. Ray also had the lowest overall net score. In second place, on countback, was Vicky Jones with a net 36. Mike Staples also had a net 36 but was beaten into third place because Vicky's overall net score was lower.

The prize for the most golf went to Helen Heslop. Helen was the grateful recipient of a set of novelty towels which, I'm sure, looked familiar to all those who had attended the PWC Dinner the night before. Thank you Kevin Jones for donating the most golf prize.

Near Pins went to Kevin Jones (x2), George Okrasa and Vicky Jones. Mike Staples won the Men's Long Drive and Karen Holloway won the Ladies'. Pete Gale sank the longest putt on the eighteenth green.



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GOLF

BERNIE'S BOWL AT NATURAL PARK RAM INDRA

Natural Park is a tough course and was the perfect choice for this year's Bernie's Bowl. Every year the BCGS golfers play for Bernie's Bowl with no real idea what the criteria for victory will be. We have had some weird and wonderful formats and this year was no exception.

Bernie's Bowl 2004 was to be a pairs competition - a first for the bowl. Each pairing would be drawn at random and the pair with the highest points total would win. Normally, this would involve adding the two stableford scores together but, this was Bernie's Bowl and normal rules do not apply.

Instead of adding points together, the pairs would decide their points total for each hole by multiplying their scores. While this does mean that some huge scores can be achieved, it also allows for a lot of zeros. Imagine if you will, that you birdie a hole and score 4 stableford points. If your partner makes a bogie and scores 2 points, your total is 8 - a great result. If, however, your partner makes a triple bogies and scores 0 points the team score for that hole is a big fat 0. (This is not a format to be played by couples - it will only lead to separation!)

This was the first time that any of us had played this format and we weren't sure what to expect from the scoring. Peter Bond and Helen Heslop were our leaders in the clubhouse with 54 points, which proved to be enough to give them third place. Bryan Dodd and Jo Goodliffe were second with 67 points. Our winners and holders of Bernie's Bowl for 2004 were Pete Gale and Lars Werner with a fantastic 72 points. Both players played steadily and avoided the dreaded zeros.

The prize for most golf was won quite convincingly by the two Karens (Holloway and Carter).

Near Pins went to Pat Dean, Andy Flynn (x2) and Karen Holloway. Jo Goodliffe won the ladies' long drive and Kevin Jones hit an absolute monster to win the men's. Carol Ann Eastgate sank an enormous putt on the 18th to win the longest putt by a mile.

JANUARY MEDAL KHAO KEOW

Once again we will be splitting our monthly medals between Royal and Khao Keow. Our first medal of the year was played at Khao Keow. This year we will be playing courses A and B rather than B and C. This may see some slightly higher scores as A is a pretty tough test of golf.

Mike Staples was our winner in A flight with a net 74. John Rae was second on a net 75 and Andy Flynn was third with a net 77.

B Flight was won by Vicky Jones with a net 75. Pete Gale was second with a net 77 and Harland Bulow was third with a net 78.

It appears that no one had told C Flight that Khao Keow was supposed to be more difficult this year. Sophie Colligan scored her lowest ever gross



score with a gross 92, net 62. Well done Sophie. Bridget Snow also scored and impressive net 69 and played some very solid golf to beat a tough course. Carol Anne Eastgate played well and scored a level par net 72. Near pins went to Vicky Jones, Val Ashman, Karen Holloway and Sophie Colligan (come one boys!). Karen Holloway won the Ladies' Long Drive and Kevin Jones won the Men's Long Drive. Harland Bulow sank the longest putt.

The Results:

A FLIGHT

1st	Mike Staples	gross	86	net	74
2nd	John Rae	gross	75	net	75
3rd	Andy Flynn	gross	90	net	77

B FLIGHT

1st	Vicky Jones	gross	93	net	75
2nd	Pete Gale	gross	97	net	77
3rd	Harland Bulow	gross	100	net	78

C FLIGHT

1st	Sophie Colligan	gross	92	net	62
2nd	Bridget Snow	gross	94	net	69
3rd	Carole Anne Eastgate	gross	107	net	72

CLUB DAY AT BANGPAKONG

A Club Day was hastily arranged at Bangpakong on 1 February for those of us who were not at the Johnny Walker Classic at Alpine. We had a good turn out of 14 players, including three guests - George and Gwen Webster and Paul Rogers.

There was some very low scoring at Bangpakong and the stableford points totals were high. Our winner was Dianne Bulow with 44 points - well done Dianne. Harland Bulow was in second place with 42 points and Gareth Sampson was third with 39 points.

Near Pins went to Joom White, Gareth Sampson and George Webster. Joom also won the ladies' long drive. Harland Bulow sank the longest putt.

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Vicky Jones

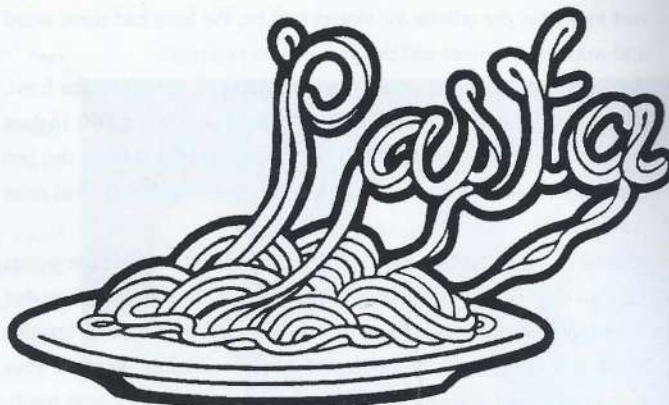
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Four days ago restaurateur Guiseppe (Pepi) Roni was found murdered in the kitchen of his renowned New York City eatery, La Sperenza. Pepi had been shot in the back with his own pistol. Tonight, his family and friends have gathered to honour the dearly departed and pay their respects: Mama Rosa (the grieving widow), Marco (the only son), Angel (the beautiful daughter), Rocco Scarfazzi (Pepi's twin brother), Tara Misu (Rocco's vivacious fiancée), Bo Jalais (who manages Rocco's vineyards), Clair Voyant (Rosa's best friend and astrology advisor) and Father Al Fredo, an Italian priest and long-time family friend.

During dinner bits of information will be released and it is the participants' task to begin asking questions and eventually come up with their version of events and declaring who their suspect(s) is / are



When? March 12
What time? Registration at 6.45 pm, play starts at 7.30 pm
Where? First floor of the Club house
Why? Because it's great fun
How? Make your reservations at Reception
How much? Bt 655
Sign up at reception soon, seats are limited!

FOOTBALL

7-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

In honour of the Club's Centenary, we are extremely pleased to advise that the Club's Soccer section will be hosting a 7-a-side football tournament at the new Harrow International School campus between the 12 and 14 March, 2004.

In addition to local teams, others are coming from far and wide to compete and celebrate with us, including the Toronto Castaways from Canada.

The event will open with a Gala Buffet Dinner on Friday, 12 March at the British Club. The tournament will be played during Saturday and Sunday 13 and 14 March followed by a closing dinner and trophy presentations.

Anyone or any organisation wishing to sponsor or assist with the staging of the British Club Bangkok Centenary 7's Tournament should contact either Martin Conisbee 01 860 4874 or Chris Jolly 06 091 8821.

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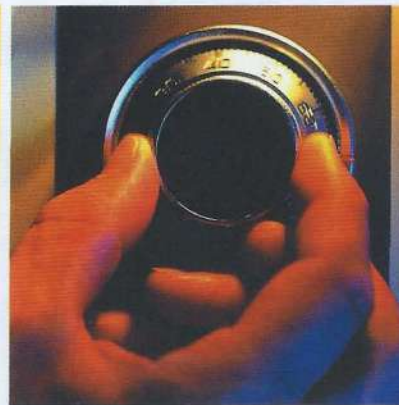
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NEW MEMBERS

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The Churchill Bar is the place to be to meet new Members. Tuesday, 13 January was no exception. A whole bunch of new Members and old Members made up the ranks and had a very enjoyable evening. New Members' Night is always Tuesday, which means it is also Ladies' Night and Spoofers' evening combined, with a complimentary buffet. All members are welcome.



John Swallow
British

A retired scientist (Radiation Chemistry), John has spent the past 40 years travelling the world and having adventures - living with Indians in Venezuela, hitch-hiking across the Sahara, staying in African villages in the Gambia... he chose to join the British Club because it's across the street from where he now lives!! Indiana Jones has also retired, it would appear. John now spends his time teaching English part-time, learning Thai and creating business cards and websites.



Krissada Clapp & Melanie Giles
Thai & Hong Kong

Melanie has been in Thailand for a few years and works with BMG records as Marketing Manager for Asia. Her work involves promoting artists and their music in and around Asia (got any good autographs?). An avid squash player, Melanie is devastated about the destruction of the courts! Sadly, Krissada couldn't make it to the New Members' Night.



Michael Stead
British

Michael has decided to settle in Thailand after spending many years in the Middle East and Asia (the past 23 years in Thailand!). He is an analyst with Kim Eng Securities and loves the outdoor life and tennis. During rainy season Michael plays chess & badminton, likes reading & watching movies, and supports Liverpool! His goals are to travel extensively around Asia and play more tennis.



Alex & Nid Mavro
American & Thai

We now have a photograph of Alex and Nid - Alex. A write-up about Alex and Nid was published prematurely in January's Outpost, so check it out!

Sadly, I have no information about the following New Members who attended



Holger Seiler & Suchada Petsiri & their son



George Okrasa



Helen Heslop



Philip Alexander & Aranya Charoenrat
(not pictured)

HELLOS & FAREWELLS

Please join us in welcoming the following new Members and their families. We look forward to seeing them around the Club.

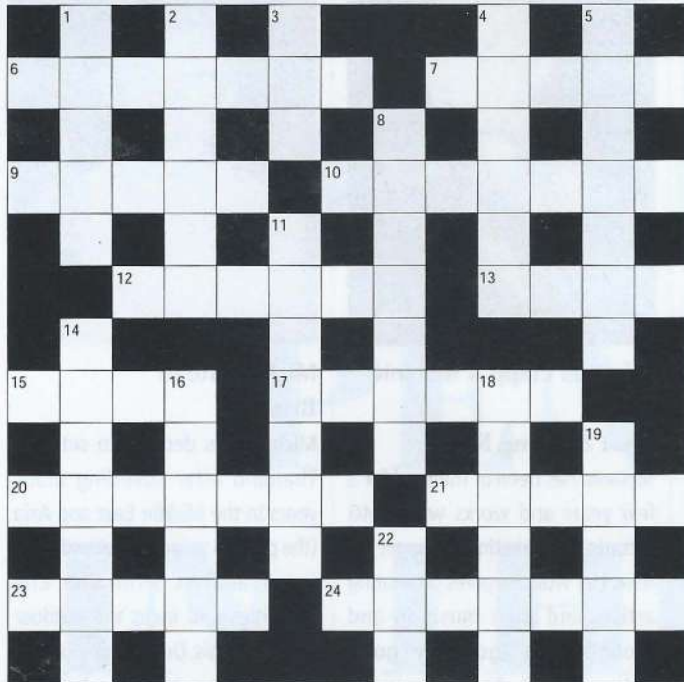
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- Mr. Timothy Frost
- Mr. Ronald Bridge
- Mr. Gregor Mowat

- Thidarat Tanking
- Suree Chancharoensin
- Lee & David Winfield
- Frederick Lee
- Lampros & Tracey Vassiliou
- Graham & Sarah Turner
- Andrew Taylor
- Andrew Cole

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK TO THE FOLLOWING DEPARTING MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES:

CROSSWORD



Compiled by Margaret Miller

Across

6. Having us back with the siren going off - it's a bit early!
7. A bit of a fight?
9. It is usually transparently clear.
10. Land of men in song.
12. Make furious.
13. He got them in two by two.
15. Turn for a slang term for 2 Down!
17. Go back to bed!
20. He'll chuck you out, not bowl you out!
21. A profit once more.
23. Common cheek around Her Majesty - danger!
24. The little woman has wild anger - very acid!

Down

1. These locks are spiral.
2. The nick of time!
3. Employ or take advantage of.
4. Show a film about partition?
5. Excellent - accumulated wealth!
8. Right - stares around - stops.
11. Are they still at the bottom of the garden?
14. Deigned to mix with a sot - dope!
16. Rushed to a branch of the London Police Force - bad!
18. Teased - in worn old clothes?
19. A growing cause for one to call out wildly.
22. One of the seven that are deadly!

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SO MUCH TO DO, SO LITTLE TIME

SUNDAY CARVERY

Every Sunday between 11.00am and 3.30pm

Starting from 14 March the Club will be serving a Carvery in the Lord's Dining Room. The cost of the lunch includes soft drinks for the children along with activities in the Suriwongse Room at 1.00pm, leaving mum and dad free to enjoy a relaxing coffee and after lunch drink.

Charge: Bt 300 for adults

Bt 150 for kiddies

CHINESE BRUSH PAINTING

Every Saturday

A Workshop in the Basics of Brush Painting
You will need to bring two jars for washing brushes but all other materials will be supplied. This workshop is designed for beginner artists who are interested in learning this refined but disappearing art form. In these fascinating classes, you will learn how to hold and control the brush (a technique very different from holding a pen or paint brush), mix the correct consistency of ink and the use of traditional brush movements. In each lesson a picture will be completed and put into an album for students to keep.

Please register at reception

Charge: B650 per class

MIDDLE EAST FOOD PROMOTION

Thursday & Friday, 4 & 5 March at 7.00pm

Join us in Lord's Dining Room for a taste of the Middle East. The mouth-watering menu includes BBQ lamb, lamb shakreya, falafel, hommus, mouttabel, baklava and much more. Make your reservations at Reception.

Charge: Bt 650 for adults

Bt 325 for children

RUGBY SIX NATIONS

Saturday, 6, 7, 20, & 21 March

Kick back with your mates and support your favourite teams in the comfort of the Club. The full Churchill Bar F&B and Lord's Wine Menu will be available throughout the evening. See page 23 for more details.

FORMULA 1 MOTOR RACING

Sunday 7 March & 21 March

The Australian and the Malaysian Grand Prix are the races shown this month. Qualifying

rounds will be shown live the Saturday before each race. See page 27 for full details of the schedule of races up to October.

NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT

Tuesday, 9 March at 7.00pm

Excellent opportunity to meet new Members who recently joined the Club. Entertainment provided by No Fixed Abode in the Churchill Bar.

COMEDY NIGHT

Thursday, 11 March at 7.30pm

Join us in the Churchill Bar for an evening of laughter with the first four episodes of The Young Ones. There is no charge for this event, but Members are requested to sign up at Reception to give adequate notice of seating. The full Churchill Bar F&B and Lord's Wine Menu will be available throughout the evening. See page 8 for more details.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE

Friday, 12 March at 7.30pm

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Sign up at reception soon, seats are limited!

Charge: Bt 655

BAR QUIZ

Tuesday, 16 March at 7.30pm

Do you enjoy testing your knowledge and having fun in the process? Get a group of friends together and enter a team for this month's Bar Quiz. Maximum six per team. Questions range in subject from Asia, through geogoraphy & history to music & movies. Great prizes to for the Winning teams, and the losing team even get a round of drinks!. To join up please send a fax or email to the club or sign up at the Club house reception.

NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA WINE TASTING NIGHT

Friday, 19 March at 7.30pm

Kindly sponsored by PTK Co., Ltd. you are invited to come along to the Wordsworth Room to sample some great wines. Canapés are provided and Members can order wines at special prices. There is no charge for this event.

MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday 25 March at 7.30pm

This month's movie features Hercule Poirot in Death on the Nile with Peter Ustinov and David Niven. There is no charge for this event, but Members are requested to sign up at Reception to give adequate notice of seating. The full Churchill Bar F&B and Lord's Wine Menu will be available throughout the evening. See page 8 for more details.

BC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 30 March at 7.00pm

An important event to attend if you care about the running of the Club! The Suriwongse Room is the venue.

APRIL

EASTER SUNDAY FUNDAY

Sunday, 4 April at 11.00am

The annual Easter Sunday Funday is coming again! A fantastic day at the Club on the back lawn for the whole family with loads of fun activities and a buffet luncheon (including soft drinks).

Charge: Bt 395 per child

Bt 200 per adult

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Sunday, 4 April

Disney on Ice is presenting this wonderful fairy tale at Impact Arena, Muang Thong Tani. The BC is arranging police-escorted transport to and from the Club for those Members who would love to take the family to see this spectacular show. Coaches will leave the Club at 15.45 pm for a show time of 18.00 pm.

Charge: Bt1,150

Please sign up at reception.

THERE'LL ALWAYS BE AN ENGLAND – A CELEBRATION OF RWC 2003 SUCCESS!

What a tournament! What a team! What a skipper and oh, let's not forget that Jonny Wilkinson has got a right foot too! Scribe takes an honest and open look at the damage inflicted on his liver during the glorious six-week tournament that witnessed England's first major success in a team championship in 36 years. For the non-English amongst the membership, read this and weep!

IN THE BEGINNING

THE OPENING MATCH

The opening match on Friday 10 October was watched by a substantial number of Rugby Section and Club Members in the Suriwongse Room. This would in many ways be the weekend spiritual home for a fair amount of the Club's membership during the remaining six weeks of RWC 2003. While we all celebrated the beginning of the fifth edition of the Rugby World Cup, a world-record crowd of 81,350 at Stadium Australia witnessed the opening ceremony followed by the initial match of Australia vs Argentina, which the Wallabies won 24 – 8 albeit in unconvincing style. Wallaby Captain George Gregan gave the rather lame excuse of "... there was a bit of rust as we last played in August."

THE CLASH WITH THE PINK & BLACK BALL

As previously reported, the 13th Pink and Black Ball clashed with the first weekend of RWC 2003 and just about everything else. The Ball Organising Committee watched a very entertaining match between France and Fiji which the Frogs won 61–18, but not before one of the stars of the tournament Rupeni Caucau had scored both a wonderful try from 80 metres out and also showed he could mix it with bigger players by taking out Olivier Magne with a wonderful form arm smash before they were both sent to the sin bin in the 64th minute! Other matches that day included Ireland's 45–17 win over Romania and New Zealand's 70–7 victory over Italy. That evening was a blur for many of Bangkok's finest due to the activities at the Pink and Black Ball. Thankfully most recovered to watch England's 84 – 8 triumph over Georgia the following day in Perth and the BC's splendid victory in the RBSC Tens.

England's win included 12 tries scored by ten different players - a new RWC record - whilst Perth was to be the next destination for many of the BC Rugby section that were to embark on their RWC 2003 World Cup Tour.

ON TOUR IN AUSTRALIA

OLD CHUMS & BUDDIES

Scribe formed the advance party and arrived in a very cold Perth a day before the main body of the tour group. Phone calls were made to Bangkok to "bring your woollies" as a cold snap had hit Perth.

The great thing about the Rugby World Cup is the chance to meet up with old chums and buddies which included rugby friends from the world over, the odd Spoofer (including the current English Champion) and many old BC Rugby friends as the ale flowed gleefully at Finigan's Irish Pub at the Langley Novotel. Amongst others, as the memory tries to recall, greetings were exchanged with ex-Bangkok hands and the now-Aussie-based rascals Minky, Armpit and Ramsey McPherson before the combination of jet lag and alcohol rendered the evening a blur.

FIRST THERE WAS PERTH

At about the time that the first evening started to get a little blurry as outlined above, the main tour party was landing at Perth and had taken the advice and wore warm weather kit. A rendezvous was established at The Vic pub on Saturday 18 October in advance of England's crucial pool game against South Africa. The pub was a comfortable ten minutes' walk from the Subiaco Oval but meeting at 12.30 pm was a little on the enthusiastic side as it was only on arrival that someone observed that the game did not kick off until 8.00 pm!

At some point in the afternoon, former BC

Rugby captain Paul Meggison graced us with his presence and upon noticing that Scottish gentleman Ramsey McPherson had refused to wear the BC Tour colours (which were predominantly English), and indeed had purchased a replica Springbok jersey to boot, proceeded to pick up little Ramsey and dump him down amongst some visiting Bok supporters on the other side of the bar!

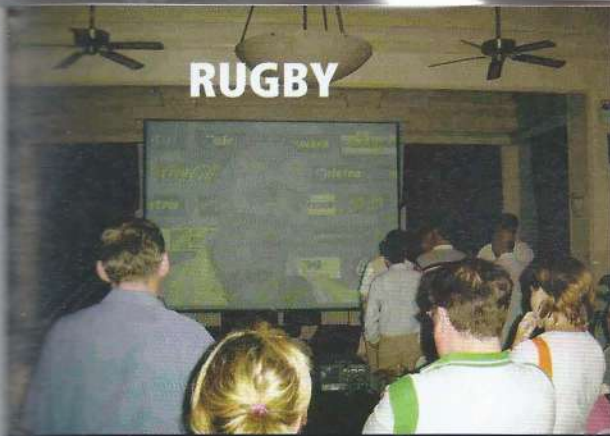
There then followed some rather colourful exchanges of language between Rugby Section Chairman Jon Prichard and an Aussie Merv Hughes look-alike, as Gentlemen Jon put all assembled Fat Boys on notice that "things could take a turn for the worse here lads!"

Shortly after the arrival of Mr and Mrs Armpit together with Roger and Judy Fitzgerald, "Merv" suddenly left as the assembled BC tour party numbered close to thirty, and along with some rugby friends from Singapore, appeared to take over the bar by sheer number. We are not sure whether the aforementioned arrival was the reason for "Merv's" departure or whether JP had talked him into submission! We watched as the Aussie supporters took great delight in seeing their team beat Romania 90-8 and we also saw France beat Japan 51-29 before stepping out into the cool Perth evening on our way to the Subiaco Oval.

Now outside of London, Perth is the second largest city of South African expatriates worldwide, so we were expecting the stadium to be full of green and gold. How wrong we were as the majority of the 38,900 assembled crowd were sporting the white of England as the crowd sang "Swing Low"! A tense game followed during which England were not at their best but still managed to win 25-6, the turning point came in the 63rd minute when Lewis Moody charged down Louis Koen's attempted kick leading to Will Greenwood's try.

Trying to find any form of transportation after

RUGBY



England coach, Clive Woodward on the big screen in the Suriwongse Room after England's victorious World Cup Final.



Celebrations at the BC.



Scribe having a power nap after the England victory.

the game was almost impossible as the tour party were separated and left to celebrate in small groups throughout Perth. The celebrations obviously continued late into the night and early morning.

Part of the ticketing policy for the RWC 2003 pool games was that tickets were sold in pairs of games, generally a leading game together with another by a couple of the so-called minnows. For Scribe, Sunday 19 October was to be a rather "long day" which was later to be described by JP as "... I have never ever seen you in such sorry state - you actually fell asleep at the Ground!" The had day started badly for Scribe when he was advised by the Motel that checkout time was 10:30 am. Realising that only 30 minutes remained, Scribe tried taking a shower only to be advised that there was no running water all day due to some Municipal works being undertaken. This in a modern, prosperous country like Australia! After resorting to boiling a kettle with drinking water and washing those important body parts with what the water supply would allow, Scribe then dressed with appropriate warm-weather kit, dropped the bags at reception for collection later and by 11:15 am headed into town.



More celebrations!

Sunday turned out to be actually rather warm during the day and along the way, after sharing nine bottles of wine with three players from Singapore's Bedok Kings rugby team, a slightly worse for wear Scribe reassembled with the BC touring party again at The Vic Pub for "just a few more drinks" before kick-off. By this time, Scribe was rather hot and sweaty, resembling a bottle of cheap Chilean wine in both looks and odour!

Again we headed off to the Subiaco Oval for the

Georgia vs Samoa game, witnessed by 21,500 people of which, if the truth be known, Scribe was not one! Asleep during the entire second half before waking up to announce a 1 am flight was to be caught and the need to collect bags en-route, Scribe said farewell before staggering off to catch a taxi. Scribe was later reliably informed that Samoa beat Georgia 49-6!

On arrival at Perth International Airport, Scribe hooked up again with the boys from the Bedok Kings who were actually in an even worse state!

BC Rugby on tour in Perth - Merv Hughes look-alike is on the far left.





Scribe taking a power nap during the Samoa v Georgia match in Perth.

A few more glasses of wine were shared before boarding our flight. 72 hours on tour, most of it intoxicated and 48 hours being needed to recover back in Bangkok! Next time I am taking the family with me and hopefully this will allow me to stay reasonably sober!

... AND ON TO MELBOURNE AND BRISBANE

Whilst some of us headed back to Bangkok others went on to both Melbourne and Brisbane for the remaining England pool matches. First there was Samoa in Melbourne on 26 October witnessed by almost 51,000 people at the Telstra Dome, and after a feisty and impressive start, Samoa was finally beaten 35-22 after tries from Back, Balshaw, Vickery plus a penalty try awarded by referee Jonathan Kaplan of South Africa.

Next up was Uruguay in Brisbane on 2 November at Suncorp Stadium in front of 46,000 people, where England ran in 17 tries including a record-equalling five tries by Josh Lewsey as England ran away with a 111-13 victory.

BACK AT BASE CAMP BRAVO CHARLIE!

THE REMAINING POOL GAMES

As outlined above, whilst some of the BC Rugby Section remained on tour in Australia, others returned to watch the remaining pool games in the comfort of the British Club where the liver was marginally safer than whilst on tour in Australia. Thanks must be extended to "Brylcream" Barry Osborne and his team for taking such good care of us throughout the entire tournament. The earlier games in the tournament were shown on the big screen in Lords before moving back upstairs to the

JP having some light-hearted fun with the girls.



Suriwongse Room as the knock out stages approached.

THE WEEKEND OF THE QUARTER FINALS

Jonny Wilkinson's boot guided England past an adventurous Wales in a 28-17 victory to claim a place in the semi-finals against France who had earlier beaten Ireland 43 - 21. The match was played at Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane in front of a crowd of over 45,000, and Wales (bloody great fishes!) had actually outscored England by three tries to one and kept England on the back foot for large periods of the match. The Welsh undoing was a number of missed kicks and a high penalty count (17-9) that gave Jonny Wilkinson a chance to compile 23 points off his trusted left boot. Stephen Jones had scored the first try for Wales followed by Colin Charvis whose Afro hairstyle on the day had not been seen on a rugby pitch since the early 1970's. Neither try was converted and the half-time score of 10-3 left England within a converted try as the half-time whistle was blown. England secured that try within two minutes of the restart when Jason Robinson zigzagged through five attempted tackles before off loading to Will Greenwood who scored in the corner. Clive Woodward had brought on Mike Catt at half-time which turned about to be a masterful decision, as Catt took pressure off Wilkinson throughout the entire second half. Wales continued to be penalised and Jonny slotted a further five penalties and a drop goal. The highlight of the second half in the Suriwongse Room was the sight of Scribe's chair collapsing to the cheers of "who's a fat bast! *d!" A few beers followed in the Churchill Bar as "Marvellous" Marvin Lewis consoled himself on yet another defeat to England, and though describing the Welsh effort as a "fabalas effort" he was outnumbered by the large number of happy Englishmen.

In the other matches that weekend, New

Zealand beat South Africa 29-9 setting up the expected semi-final with Australia who had completely outclassed a Scottish team with a 33-16 victory.

THE WEEKEND OF THE SEMI FINALS

First up, on the afternoon of Saturday 15 November afternoon there was Australia versus New Zealand with many of the BC members choosing to support Australia to set up the dream final and to also get even with Peter Rainsford! Rains had been cheering for every team that England had played throughout the tournament including, Georgia and Uruguay! Revenge was sweet as the Australians dominated the game going through to the Final with a 22 -10 victory. Rains returned to New Zealand for a visit shortly after and on his return described it as "the land of the long black shroud", correctly predicting that coach John Mitchell would be likely be fired.

On Sunday 16 November it was England versus France in a battle billed between the two young fly halves, France's Frederick Michalak and England's Jonny Wilkinson. Could there ever be a doubt about which one of these men was to come out on top?

Happy smiling people after the victory against the Yarpies.



The game was played in driving rain and strong, swirling winds at Telstra Stadium with Wilkinson kicking five penalties and three drop goals while his opposite number missed all four penalties and could only make one conversion from the game's only try. French discipline was again to let them down as it so often does against the "roast beef", with Christophe Dominici yellow carded mid way through the first half and Serge Betsen being sin-binned early into the second half.

England welcomed back Richard Hill for this game and we all realised just how important he has been to England over the years. His work rate was as high as ever and England looked to be a much more balanced side with Hill slotting into his blind side flanker position with ease after recovering from his hamstring injury. Along with Neil Back and Lawrence Dallaglio, the back row was inspirational and put continued pressure of the French pack for the remainder of the game.

The game also marked a new world record for appearances when Jason Leonard came on in the 79th minute as a blood replacement for Phil Vickery for his 112th test cap for England and breaking Philippe Sella's record in the process. So the final would be a dream final with the hosts and defending champions Australia taking on the world's most consistent team for the previous two seasons, England.

NOVEMBER 22 – THE DAY OF THE FINAL ARRIVES

THE LEAD UP TO DAY

Rugby Section Chairman Jon Prichard and fellow Rugby Section committee member Keith Cronshaw flew off to Sydney to represent the BC a few days before the final. This had come about by the fact the "Lard" Cronshaw had purchased a couple of tickets for himself and a client only to find out later his client was not in fact a fan of rugby! In stepped JP "right, I suppose I'd better go then!" So off they went to Sydney, and amongst other things, they would unsuccessfully try to track down Jimmy "The Ratcatcher" Howard who had already made his way to Australia.

AN EARLY MORNING COMMENCEMENT

The day started very early for Scribe with a meeting of the "Mutton Club" at the Crown

Royal for pre-match drinks at 11:30 am followed by a light lunch at Le Bouchon, which was to set the scene for things to come. Scribe was joined by fellow Spoofers "Mutton", "Jammy" and "Swampy" to enjoy some fine tuck and several carafes of white and then red wine before heading off towards the comfort of the British Club where the liver was to be treated to a lengthy bruising!

PRE-FINAL EXTRAORDINARY SPOOF BY THE BGS

The Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers had called an Extraordinary Spoof in advance of the final and a dozen or so members of the BGS participated in an hour and a half's worth of Spoofing which included the odd tippie of port plus a selection wonderful cheese. By the time this was completed, there were several wobbles as the BGS made its way to the Suriwongse Room which was completely packed with BC members and guests. The atmosphere was fantastic and there was standing room only. Scribe decided that his nerves would need to be eased, frequently choosing to stand within arm's reach of the bar with Spoofers "Doc" and "Dark Horse" plus rugby section members Nigel Wixcey and Ben Knowles.

THE MATCH

A Jonny Wilkinson drop-goal in the final minute of extra time secured the first ever Northern Hemisphere world cup win with England taking the honours 20 – 17 witnessed by a world record crowd of 82,957 including the BC's "Ratcatcher", JP and "Lard". Our Jonny, who had been the focus of attention for practically the entire tournament, and during the lead up to the final under extreme pressure from the Pommy-bashing Australian press, slotted the decider to secure the Webb-Ellis Cup for Martin Johnson's England team.

England had led 14 – 5 at half time before the Wallabies fought back through three penalties and some surprising refereeing by Yarpy André Watson who has obviously never played rugby in the front row! With the scores locked at 14-14 at the final whistle, England took an early lead at 17-14 in the first period of extra time before Elton Flatley kicked the Wallabies level at 17-17 before Wilkinson took the sword to them with his dramatic last minute drop goal. The tension was nerve-shattering with Scribe drinking glass after glass of beer to keep his nerves in check but after Jonny's little ditty the

relief in the whole room was immediate. Scribe, Knowles and Wixcey (both Welshmen!) jumped for joy and the excitement in the room was fantastic.

AFTER MATCH CELEBRATIONS – "I HAVE NO CLEAR RECOLLECTION"

The three of us, along with Ben's wife Gillie, jumped in a cab and set off to join more of the BC rugby section in one of Bangkok's larger bars. The first person to greet us was rugby section Treasurer Keith "Shredder" Rowley who almost bear hugged Scribe to death followed further congrats from Trevor Day, Folly Master Hill and former BC Rugby Captain Rod Kerr.

A number of calls had been made to friends all over the world with a record number of text messages being sent and received including "there's no end in sight!" from JP who was four hours ahead in Sydney.

The last clear recollection Scribe has was looking at his watch at 7.30 pm, yet according to Mrs. Scribe, not arriving home until midnight!

There was not even time for recovery the following morning as it was the RBSC 10's, which the BC went on to win and with many sore heads it was to be another wonderful day!

NEW YEAR'S HONOURS – GONGS APLENTY!

All the squad were to feature in Her Majesty's New Years Honours List with Clive Woodward being knighted, Captain Martin Johnson being awarded a CBE, Jason Leonard and Jonny Wilkinson with OBEs and the remainder of the squad MBEs. Well deserved, each and everyone of them – surely a knighthood will now also follow for Martin Johnson as he announced his retirement from international rugby in January 2004.

The six-week tournament was by far the best of the five rugby world cups so far and did more damage to more English livers than any event since perhaps the football world cup in 1966! Aside from the sever bruising of livers, November 22 2003 will forever be remembered as the day that Wilkinson took the sword to the Wallabies, for England and for victory! It will also be remembered as a glorious day for Englishmen everywhere!

Scribe

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All Sport's activities will start in January 2004 so sign up now! Members are invited to join any of the activities, even though the courses have already started. Drop-in costs will vary from activity to activity. Check with the coach/instructor for details.

JUNIOR CRICKET

Started on Sunday, 18 January

Time: 9.00am - 11.00am

Venue: Back Lawn - Cricket Nets

Charge: B 3,000 for 10 lessons

Trainer: Mr. Brian Wiggins, qualified Australian coach

JUNIOR TENNIS

Friday Afternoon lessons started on 16 January

Prices are for a 10 week session

Beginners	age 5 - 8 years	4.00pm - 4.30pm	B 1,500
Intermediate	age 9 - 11 years	4.30pm - 5.30pm	B 2,000
Advanced	age 12 - 16 years	5.30pm - 6.30pm	B 2,500

Coach Zubin and Piyant Engineer.

JUNIOR SQUASH

Started on Friday, 16 January

Mini Squash: age 5 - 7 years 4.30pm - 5.15pm

Junior Squash: age 8 - 10 years 5.15pm - 6.00pm

Venue: Squash Court Number 3

Charge: B 1,900 for 10 lessons

JUNIOR SWIMMING

The Bangkok Dolphins' Friday and Saturday lessons started on 16 January.

Charge: B 3,000 for 10 lessons.

TEAKWONDO LESSONS

Started on Sunday, 18 January

Time: 10.30am - 12.00pm Venue: Squash Court Number 3

Charge: B 1,800 for 10 lessons

AQUA AEROBICS

Started again every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 January and 8 January.

Time: 10.30am - 11.30am Venue: Main Pool

Charge: B 2,500 for 10 lessons.

Trainer: Els van den Broecke 01 - 692 0106

AEROBICS

Started on Monday 19 January onwards.

Time: 9.30am - 10.30am Venue: Squash Court 3

** Sunday classes are held from Sunday, 25

Time: 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Charge: B 3,000 for 10 lessons

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England v Ireland, Twickenham
Italy v Scotland, Rome

7 March

Wales v France, Cardiff

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England v Wales, Twickenham
Ireland v Italy, Dublin

21 March

Scotland v France, Edinburgh

27 March

Ireland v Scotland, Dublin
Wales v Italy, Cardiff
France v England, Paris

ENGLAND TOUR TO NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA

19 June

New Zealand v England, Dunedin

26 June

New Zealand v England, Auckland

3 July

Australia v England, Sydney

OTHER TOUR MATCHES

12 June

Argentina v Wales, Buenos Aires
South Africa v Ireland, Bloemfontein

19 June

Argentina v Wales, Buenos Aires
Australia v Scotland, Brisbane
South Africa v Ireland, Cape Town

26 June

Australia v Scotland, Melbourne
South Africa v Wales, Pretoria

SANZAR TRI NATIONS

17 July

New Zealand v Australia, Wellington

24 July

New Zealand v South Africa, Christchurch

31 July

Australia v South Africa, Perth

7 August

Australia v New Zealand, Sydney

14 August

South Africa v New Zealand, Johannesburg

21 August

South Africa v Australia, Durban

Autumn Internationals Dates to be announced

England v Canada
England v South Africa
England v Australia

Ireland v South Africa
Ireland v Argentina
Ireland v USA

Scotland v Australia
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BC RUGBY SAYS FAREWELL BUT NOT GOODBYE TO BEN AND GILLIE KNOWLES

When BC Rugby Team Manager Ben Knowles announced in December 2003 that he and his wife Gillie were returning to the UK the challenge was how we could send him off in good style and to reflect the enormous effort he has put in. As Ben does not drink alcohol this was a problem. It was therefore decided to have two leaving parties, one for a small group of friends and the other for Ben to watch the majority of the rugby section get completely smashed - well it's his problem if he doesn't drink!

STRANGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Ben announced his departure on 30 December, 2003 in a rather strange email titled "Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace". Initially Scribe and others assumed that this was spam and only on reading it properly on New Year's Eve were we all surprised to learn that Ben would be leaving Bangkok for a second time. Whilst his departure was scheduled for the end of January, to be followed by Gillie in March, BC Rugby immediately hatched a cunning plan and we decided that Ben deserved two evenings

out, one at which wives were allowed and the other where they were not!

THE FIRST FAREWELL

The first farewell was held at The Barbican on Thursday 29 January, an evening made even more pleasurable as Mr. and Mrs. Ratcatcher graced us with their presence - yes Jenny and Jimmy Howard had popped up from Pattaya to say farewell to Ben and Gillie. Others included Aree and Jon Prichard, Sue and Bruce Hill, Elizabeth and Nigel Wixcey, Susan and Simon

Dakers, Viv and Trevor Day, Keith Rowley, Simon Davies, Roger Fitzgerald, Peter Rainsford and Scribe.

In addition to the presentation of a British Club plaque there was also a bloody marvellous "Dakers" limerick, which had also been mounted onto a brass plaque to be handed over. All of a sudden, a scrum was formed comprising JP, Wixcey, Dakers and Scribe when the duties for the leaving ceremony were hastily handed out. The farewell rugby tales would be handled by a combination of JP, Wixcey and



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Dakers whilst Scribe would carry out the role of ceremonial bugler and would also present the BC Plaque.

From the calling-to-order by bugle, several old rugby tales were repeated, including the legendary breaking of Ben's ankle in Hat Yai a number of years back. Wixcey took great delight in reminding everyone that Ben had secretly confessed to him that despite his "jolly good" accent he was in fact Welsh! JP was ad libbing as usual whilst the crowd were having trouble understanding a bloody word of what Dakers was actually saying!

Scribe duly handed over the BC Plaque and on

behalf of both the British Club and Rugby Section thanked him for all his efforts whilst thanking Gillie for her extreme prowess of patience! The inscription simply read "Proudly presented to Ben Knowles by the Rugby Section" on account that there wasn't enough room for the words Scribe had wanted, namely:

"Proudly presented to Ben Knowles by the Rugby Section on the occasion of his return to the UK, for all the hard work put in over the years, both on and off the field. We hope that he takes up a career in organising rugby tournaments and returns to visit us at least annually!"

Only a few days before the BC plaque was due to be delivered, "Brylcream" Barry Osborne had called Scribe to remind him "that there's only room for a few words you know!" Hence what was wanted was not possible and due to the evening's intake of alcohol, Scribe was unable to recall the words above! Scribe had promised Ben before he left to relay the actual words wanted in this farewell article.

The crowd were now waiting with baited breath as Dakers puckered his lips to before delivering the fine verse below:

THE SECOND FAREWELL

Ben had complicated matters at some point during Thursday evening by changing the venue of drinks on Friday evening's farewell and promising to send emails out to everyone the following morning. Alas, this did not happen and a few mixed messages were received amongst the rugby section members young and old, with two groups meeting in two separate locations in bars along Sukhumvit Road!

The two groups eventually met up in the Gun that is Long, at which point Ben was the only sober one - only because he no longer drinks. Former 1990 Rugby Captain Paul Meggison was in town on business and graced us with his presence. Former Rugby Section Chairman Joe Grumwell also joined as most of the afore mentioned names got collectively bladdered!

After being well looked after by our long time sponsor in the Long Gun, we moved on to the Penny Black for a jolly good sing song which culminated in the band playing from the floor and the BC Rugby section singing from the stage! The rendition of "My Way" at the end of the evening had the crowd in tears - it has yet to be verified whether this was due to laughter or pain!

We all said our farewells to Ben (he was by now drinking a non-alcoholic beer and was the only person present not wrecked) and made our way home. There seemed to be a reasonably lengthy period of the evening that is somewhat of a blur for most - Scribe falling asleep in the taxi on the way home, arriving at 4am seems to be worst. By Sunday afternoon, most appeared to have recovered and text messages were being exchanged.

Ben departed on Monday 2 February via a one-way THB 12,000 special fare on Pakistani Airlines. At the time of going to press, we believe that he has finally arrived back in the UK.

So farewell and not goodbye to Ben and Gillie, we all wish you good luck and hope to see you both again soon in Bangkok.

Scribe

ODE TO A PASSING KNOWLES

*His friends cried "Benedict please!"
Roll your tongue 360 degrees,
To cheers from the girls,
His tongue would do swirls,
And make them all weak at the knees.*

*Now a keen sailor was Ben,
To Phuket many a weekend,
If he couldn't do this,
He'd go on the piss,
With any of his rugby club friends.*

*His patience with Thai's whilst short,
Never led him to end up in court,
His linguistics so bad,
He'd blubber "listen my lad!",
"Mai pen Rai" was all he could snort.*

*A great fan of Bangladesh airlines,
Flying with peasants just fine,
But you see he would claim,
It's all just the same,
Except for the smell, the food and no wine.*

*With BC or Rhino's he'll tour,
To countries both rich and so poor,
He'll say with a grin,
"My good man let me in"
I'm in need of a beer and a whoo...*

*His good friend Rod had a sister,
Whom Ben met, kissed and he missed her,
With Australia too distant,
He thought in an instant,
And asked her if she'd like to be Mrs. and Mr.*

*Ben leaves first, his wife after,
The boys never heard anything dafter,
For the other way round,
Would be far more sound,
And allow him to Long Gun thereafter.*

*"Chok dee" to them as they go,
But I'm sure deep down we all know,
The two will be back,
For the fun and the craic,
Next trip a decent airline though.*

From all your mates at the British Club Rugby Bangkok
Ben & Gillie, Goodbye and Thanks! Don't forget Rule No.1

Ben responded with a few words of his own thanking those for their friendship over the years as we celebrated with beer, wine and fine food aplenty!



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	4	April 25	San Marino Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	5	May 9	Spanish Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	6	May 23	Monaco Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	7	May 30t	European Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	8	June 14 (Mon)	Canadian Grand Prix	Recorded at	6pm
	9	June 20 (Mon)	American Grand Prix	Recorded at	6pm
	10	July 7	French Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	11	July 11	British Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	12	July 25	German Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	13	August 15	Hungarian Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	14	August 29	Belgian Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	15	Sep 12	Italian Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	16	Sep 26	Chinese Grand Prix	LIVE AT	1pm
	17	Oct 10	Japanese Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
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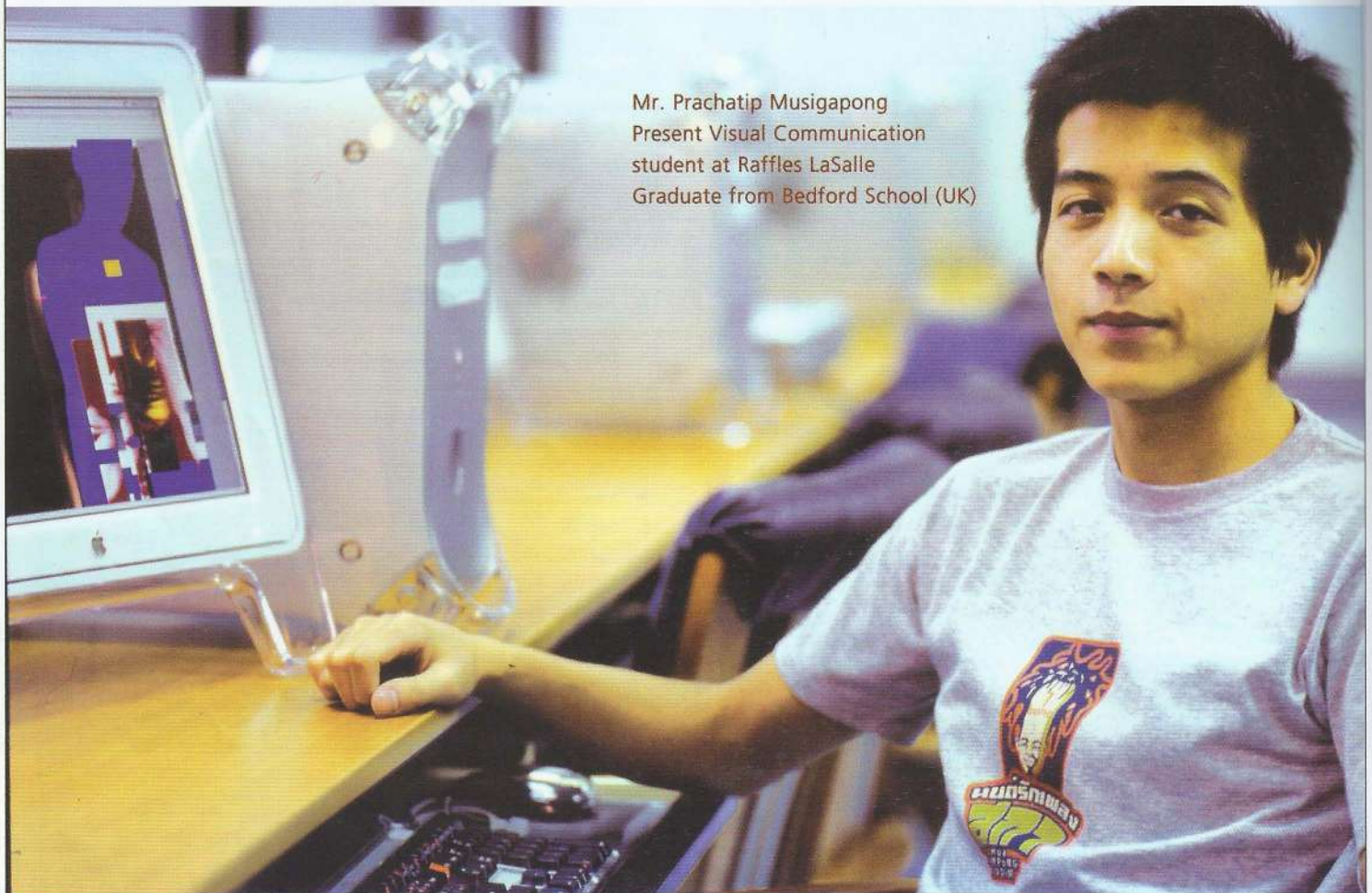
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BC SOCIAL V RAJAPRUEK

SATURDAY, 24TH JAN AT THE BC

The BC Social Team were almost all present and correct by the 3.00pm start time, but unfortunately only a couple of the opposition had shown up by then. In fact, the last of their players eventually arrived at around 5.15pm - well over two hours late. Not very good!

Matches got off to a slow start around 3.40pm, and by then a number of our "Jai Rohn" men players were spitting nails. Simon and Philip wanted to play together as they were paired in the Club Championships. Their first match was against Rajapruek's top men's doubles who very good, so it was no disgrace that we came second in that match. As Rajapruek had no other men present, we sent Hanao and Jesada to do battle, and they performed heroically, winning a very tight set on a tie-break.

We eventually managed to get all four courts in use and the match began in earnest. It was pretty evident early on that our Men were a little weaker than the opposition, but our Ladies had the edge. Lyn and Mary Kate, Rat and Yurachatr, Carol Ann and Jo, Yurachatr and Wandee, and finally Wandee and Aida all registered wins. David and Tom came up with a good win for the men. Good performances were recorded by Chad and Sam, who eventually broke his 'duck' in winning a mixed doubles set with Mary Kate, who made an impressive debut for the BC Team. By 8.00pm the result was 12 sets to Rajapruek and 10 sets to the BC - a fair result, and where the match was played in a very friendly spirit all round. Plaques and mementos were exchanged, and Acting Captain Terry commented that for any return fixture, we would need to take into account the time differences between Central Bangkok and North Bangkok (but south of Ngam Wong Waan Road - ie not really very far)!

Terry Adams
Acting Captain

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

The 2004 Dunlop Tennis Championships Finals Day is almost upon us, to be quickly followed by the Section AGM. The former is to be held on Saturday, 13 March commencing at 8.00am (check for any start time changes in between this going to press and the actual event taking place) and the latter at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 16 March in the Wordsworth Room at the BC. The Finals Day is going to be great fun - lots of exciting tennis plus a number of other events and stalls that will guarantee a visit that will be very worthwhile. We have secured a speed gun, as used at all the top tournaments, including the ATP Tour Thailand Open, so why not come along and test yourself - can you match Andy Roddick's new world record serve of 241.4 kph (as reported in the Bangkok Post of 9 February 2004)? You can find out at Finals Day on 13 March.

Many thanks to our Championships Sponsors, to date being **Dunlop Thailand** (yet again), **Shrewsbury International School**, **FBT Sports**, **Landrover Thailand**, and **Mal-Amit (Thailand) Ltd**. Many thanks to them for their generosity so readily given and so well appreciated by all Tennis Section Members.

As you will read in the BC Yearbook, this has been a difficult year for the Tennis Section, and especially for the very small Committee and band of so few others who were willing to help out. Many thanks must go to Brad Weatherstone, the Club Captain and Hon Treasurer, to Marie Goode the Hon Sectreary, to Chris Watt for all his work on 'communications' and **Outpost** articles, to Yubharet Visitsuntorn, Paul Williams and Simon Gainsford, who all made significant contributions. Thanks also to Bruce Gordon who, while electing to operate outside the Section Committee did an excellent job with the juniors in often trying circumstances. Also well deserving of great thanks are the following who gave so much time in ensuring the success of the Centenary Tennis Tournament - Gisi van Walbeek in particular for her outstanding work on the three Centenary Tennis Social Events, also to Chris Watt for the similarly outstanding Centenary Tennis Tournament Brochure, and to Yubharet and Lip for their work on the Centenary Trophies, also to Brad and James Young for the tennis organisation, and to James and Wandee Bruton for the sponsorship efforts. Lastly, to all the BC Tennis Section Members and their companies, and to all the other companies, who so generously sponsored the Centenary Tournament, which was an outstanding success for the Section.

Let us hope for a much more settled and friendly atmosphere in the Section in the coming year, and for a much greater level of participation from Tennis Section Members in general.

Terry Adams.
Tennis Section Committee Chairman



TENNIS

RESULTS OF THE JANUARY TENNIS LEAGUES

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As insufficient games were played it was agreed to extend the January Leagues through to the end of February. Therefore these results will be in next month's issue of **Outpost**.

UPCOMING INTERCLUB MATCHES - (DATES NOT CONFIRMED YET)

Filipinos	7 March
Thana	March
British Embassy	April

UPCOMING EVENTS

British Club 2004 Dunlop Tennis Championships Finals Saturday, 13 March commencing at 8.00am.

British Club Tennis Section AGM 7.00pm on Tuesday, 16 March in the Wordsworth Room at the BC.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday: (All Grades of Players)	6:00pm - 10:00pm	Mix-In
Wednesday: (All Grades of Players)	6:00pm - 9:00pm	Mix-In
Friday: (All Grades of Players)	5:00pm - 10:00pm	Mix-In
Sunday: (All Grades of Players)	4:00pm - 7:00pm	Mix-In
Sunday: (Top 10 Men and top 5 Ladies or by Captain's Invitation)	9:00am - 1:00pm	Captain's Court

RUGBY

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2004

Captain's Dinner	12 March (Provisional)	Pattaya 10's	1 & 2 May
Manila 10's	20 & 21 March	Phuket 10's	29 & 30 May
Hong Kong 7's	26 - 28 March	Hat Yai 7's	TBA
Singapore 7's	3 & 4 April	RBSC 10's	TBA
British Club 10's	9 - 11 April		

14th Pink and Black Ball Saturday 16 October

NO REST FOR THE WICKED!

BC Rugby has been keeping in shape in the off season by touring to Chiang Mai to play a series of 15-a-side practice matches, and holding a friendly with our cousins in Chonburi, the Pattaya Panthers in a social game of 10s

TOUR TO CHIANG MAI

At the end of January, shortly after Chinese New Year, around 20 BC players travelled up to Chiang Mai to play in a series of 15-a-side practice matches with several University sides from in and around Thailand's second city. Based on our rather poor showing in a series of matches of 15s against The Southerners at the end of 2003, it was essential practice!

Matches were played and won against several Northern Universities and regular matches against Thai Universities are essential for our continued efforts (in our own unique and dastardly way!) in the development of rugby throughout the Kingdom. The tour was well received in Chiang Mai and by all accounts, well enjoyed by the travelling BC contingent up north.

PRACTICE MATCH AGAINST THE PANTHERS

This was at first to be a practice match of 15s, but following training at the BC and a quick show of hands, some thinking on the feet was required. By all accounts this led to a social mix-in of Tens, comprising four periods of ten minutes at The Horse Shoe Point Resort on Saturday 7 February, 2004. The quick run-out was followed by the by now-traditional relaxation in the Resort pool over a few beers before heading back into Pattaya to the Panthers HQ at Shenanigans. A big thank you to our Pattaya cousins for making us welcome as only they know how.

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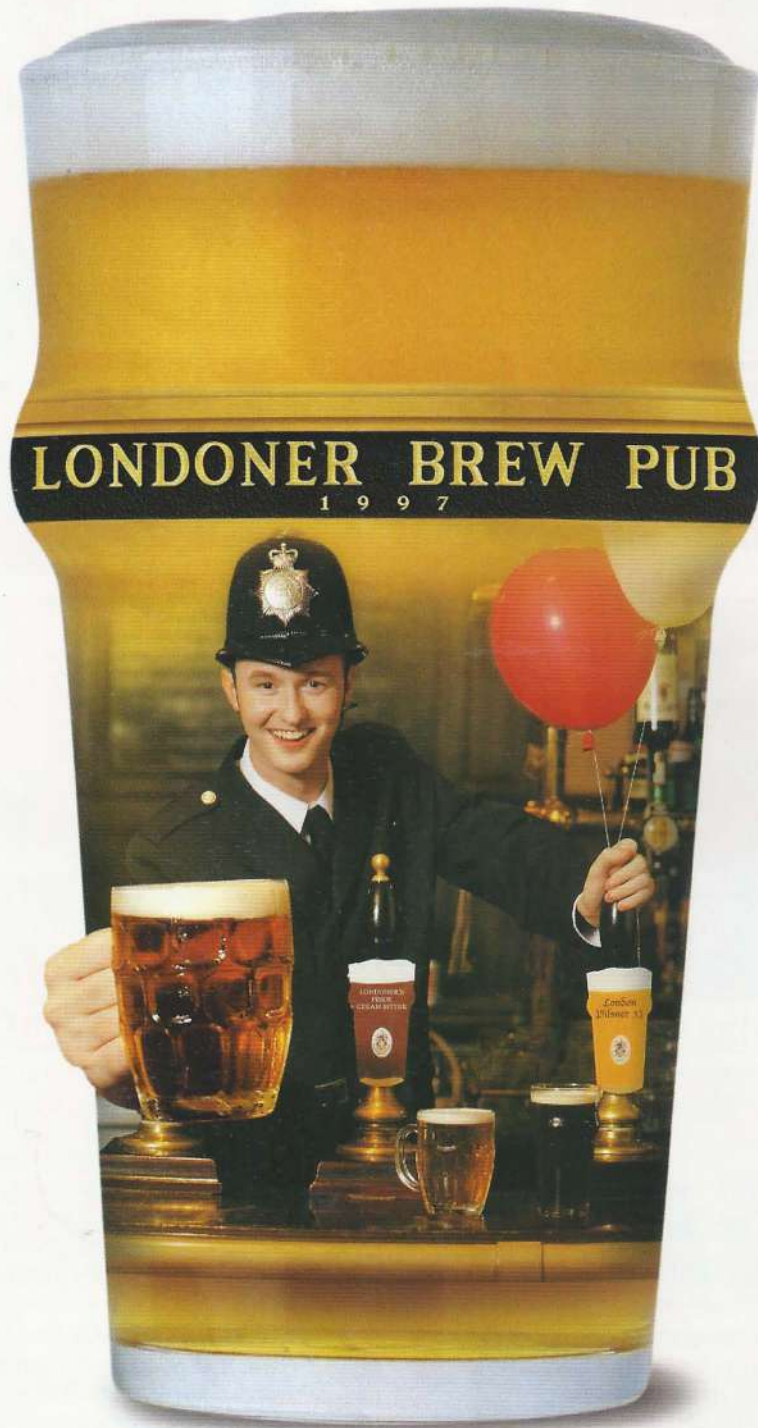
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