

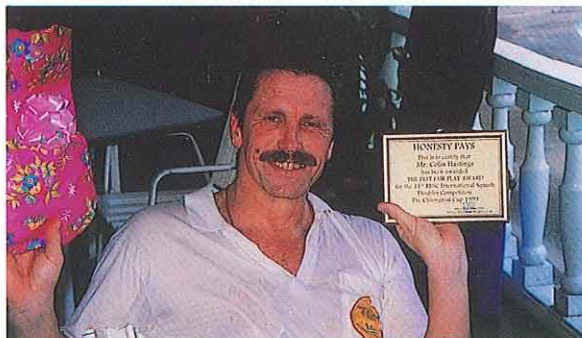


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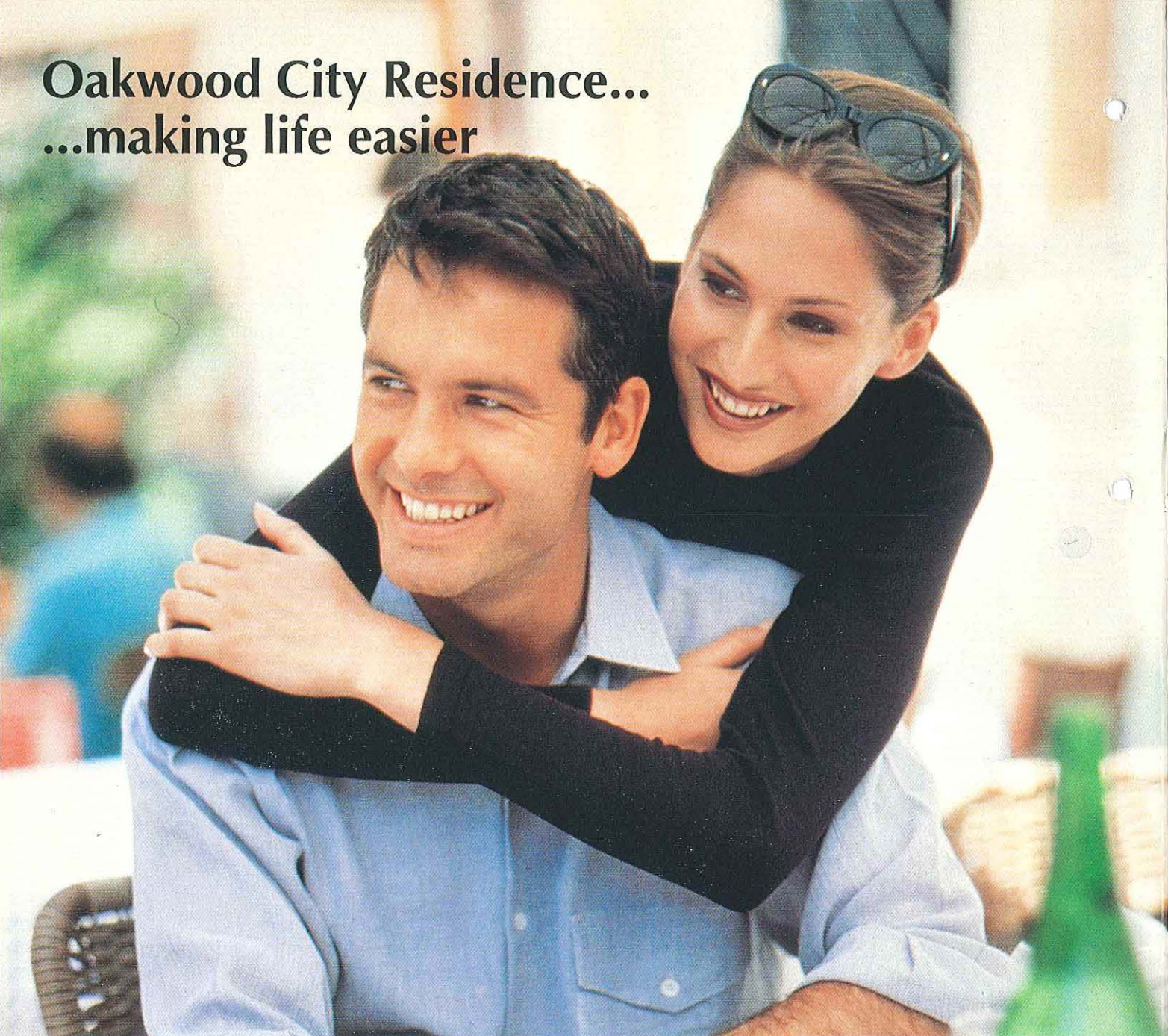
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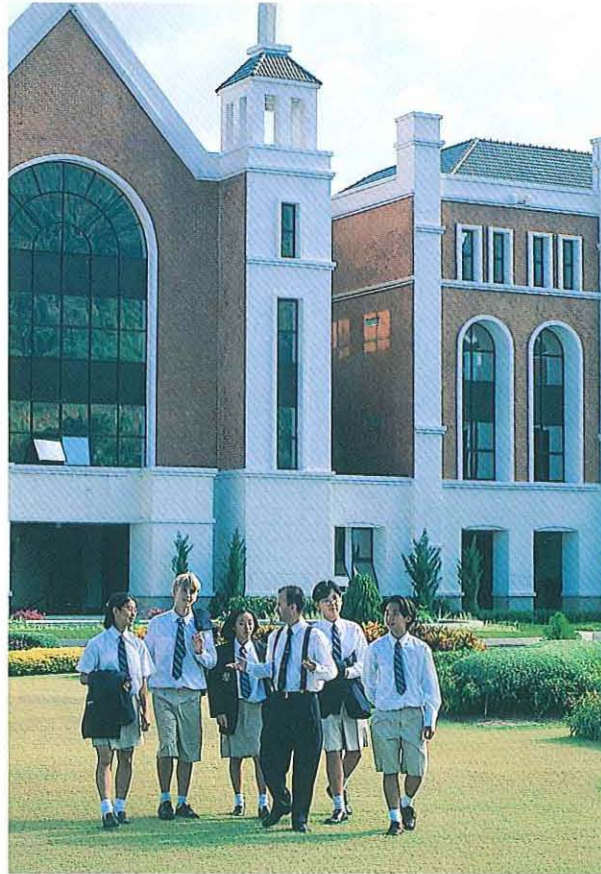
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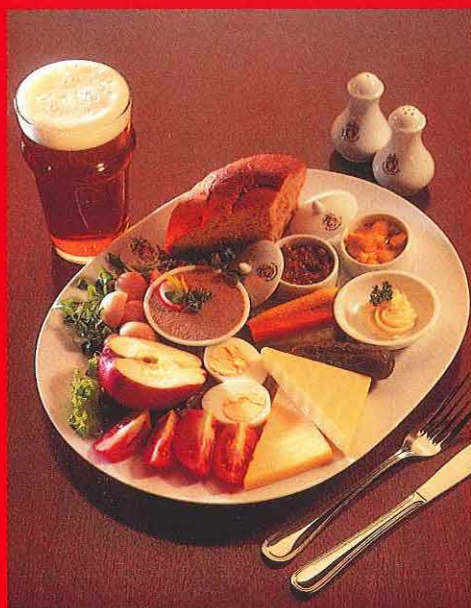
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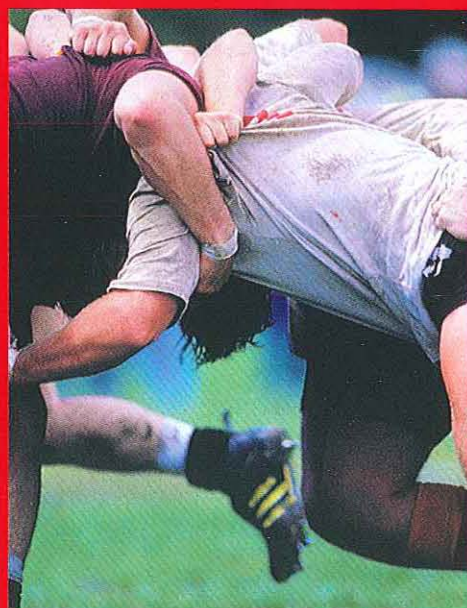
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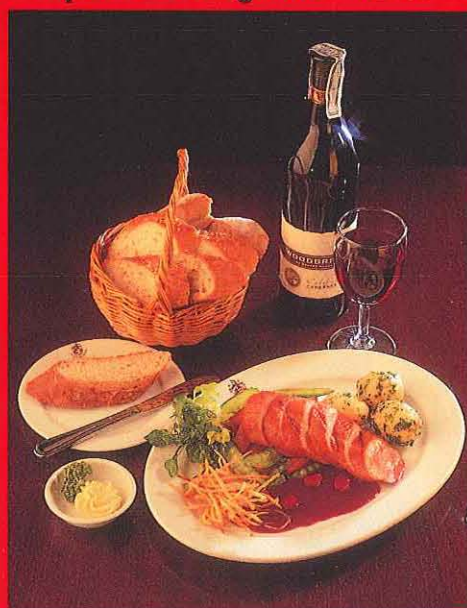
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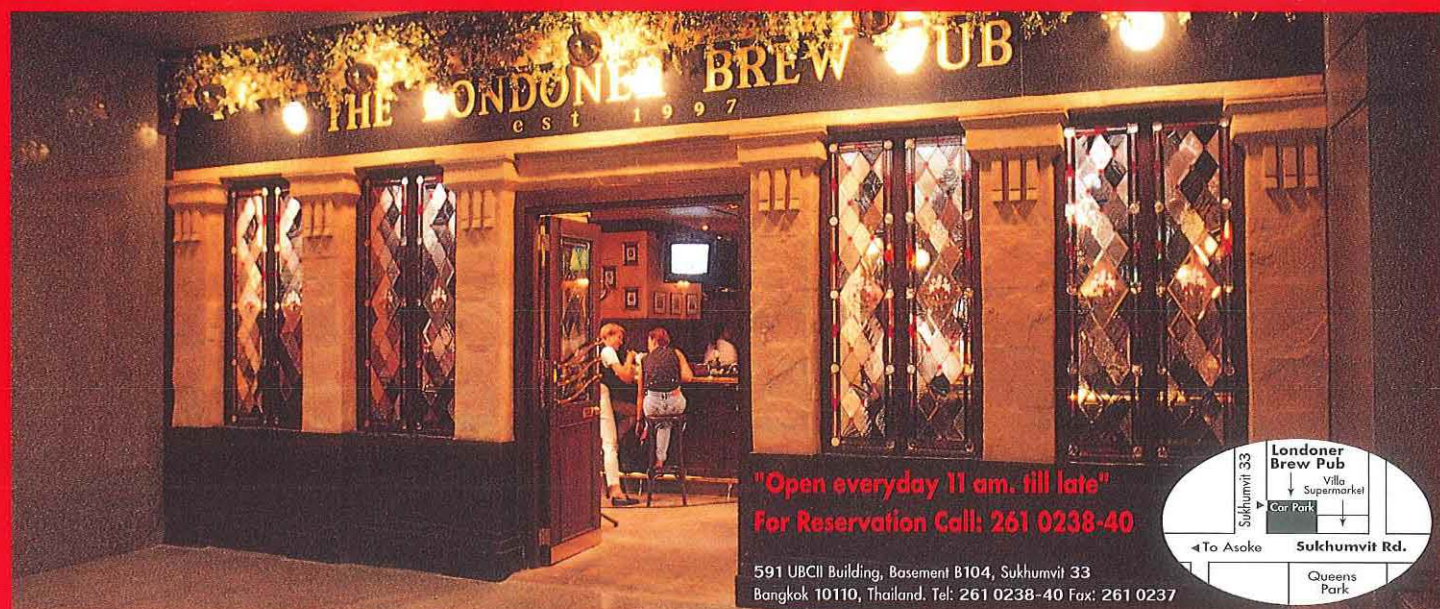
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# How the Poor Fared...

Last month in *Outpost*, I mentioned a writer called Henry Mayhew, who was an indefatigable chronicler of London's poor; he toured the city in the 1850s, interviewing what were then called the lower classes, seeing and noting down their customs and carefully listening to the language they used. Costermongers, for example, used back slang where a word was turned round - you still get this in English in the word 'yob' which is simply 'boy' backwards. A costermonger Mayhew interviewed said, I likes a 'top o' reeb' - turn it round and you get a 'pot o' beer.' Don't try it in the Churchill.

## Nothing beats a Murphy

Most of all I like to look at Mayhew's descriptions of what people ate in those days. Potatoes were very popular, but they were baked or roasted, not fried. Chips came to England from France and Belgium much later. The baked potato man had a stall on which stood a little oven, with a small chimney to allow smoke to escape. In other words he sold proper *baked* potatoes, not those pallid, steamed, micro-waved spuds we get now, encased in silver paper. The skin was scrubbed and then salted whilst the potato was still wet. The result was a 'Murphy' which had a delicious baked skin, but was yet soft and tasty in the middle, ready for the application of butter, salt and pepper to make a filling and appetising meal. I believe there has been a come-back; in the forecourt of Victoria Station in London they now sell potatoes cooked in this way, in what purports to be a Victorian potato-baker.

Not all the food the poor consumed was appetising - a workman's daily menu in the 1850s features in one section, and it is:

Menu	
Breakfast	
Bread, Butter and Coffee	
Lunch	
Saveloy and Potatoes, Cabbage	
or a 'Fagot'	
Tea	
Same as Breakfast	

A saveloy - from French 'cervelas' - could still be bought in a fish-and-chip shop as late as the 1960s - it is a large sausage, glaring red in colour, and probably very bad for you; that's almost certainly why they tasted so good. 'Fagot' from French 'fagot', has changed its meaning twice - it meant at one time both kindling wood and meatball but is now mainly applied in a derogatory sense to those of a different persuasion.

As you see, our 1850s working man did not eat very well, but he fared better on Sundays when he got a bit of 'prime fat mutton with 'tateurs' to bake along with it, or 'a fry of liver if the 'old woman' was in a good humour.' In his description of his wife you see only too well that political correctness had not yet struck home in the middle of the last century.

Fried fish had become popular in the 1840s, and it was sold round the pubs. The vendor's tray was secured by a small cord placed round his neck. You chose your piece of fish and used the condiments he supplied - vinegar, salt and pepper - as liberally as you wished. But you ate bread with

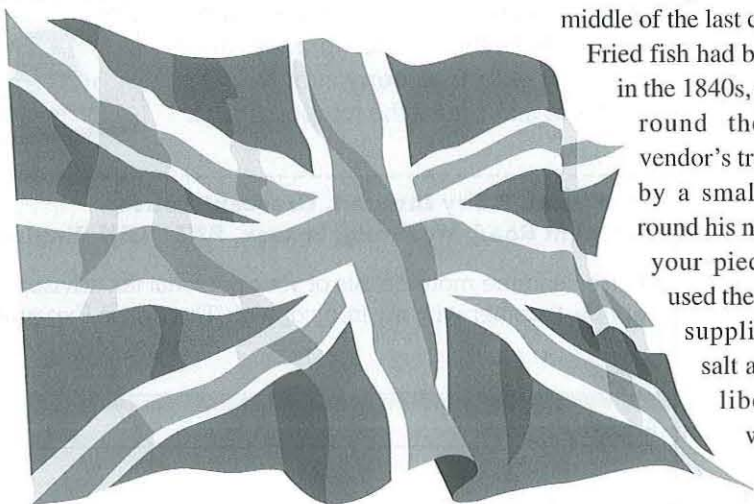
it - chips were still to come. It is interesting that a vendor's best sales were made in pubs - in today's England, on a Friday night after 6 pints of bitter, a man still feels drawn towards the 'chippie' to allay the pangs of hunger caused by good British ale. Curries had yet to come on stage at the time, although soldiers returning from India were to popularise it by the time the 1890s came round. My grandfather, more Alf Garnett than Alf Garnett ever was, brought back from India a taste for curry which never left him and constantly bemoaned the fact that English food wasn't "tasty".

## Prawns came in pints

Great favourites were 'pea soup' and 'hot eels'. Pea soup sold well only in winter - it was seen as a 'stomach-liner' against the cruel elements - but hot eels and cockles and whelks sold very well in summer. I remember having for 'tea' in the late 1940s (only fathers ate dinner in those days - kids had 'tea') a 'pint' of prawns and some cockles and whelks. The prawns were weighed out by the fishmonger from a white pint-sized container with a blue rim and they were delicious, tasting as good as lobster. They were cold-water crustaceans, taking a long time to grow to size and all the better for it; no Thai prawn could ever taste as good.

Eels were served hot then - it was only later that jellied eels became the fashion, when the eels were allowed to cool in their own 'liquor' which allowed a light and tasty aspic to form around them. You could still buy jellied eels at Tubby Isaac's stall in Cambridge circus in London as late as the 1970s.

Pickled jellied meat was popular; cooked pig's cheek was allowed to cool in its own juices, with a little vinegar and pepper added. It was known as 'brawn' and had come over to England from North Germany, where it was known as 'Labskaus' (which is now a different dish - a type of stew). Germans shipped it to America, and most of the shipping was done from Liverpool - and from 'Labskaus' come the words 'Scouse' and 'Scouser'.





Mayhew spoke to an ice-cream seller, who said, 'Ices in the streets!! It'll be champagne a penny the glass next!!!' How wrong he was. Ice-cream was to become extraordinarily popular not many years later when a greater and more delicious variety of this confectionery was brought to England by Italian immigrants a great number of whom settled in Bedford, joining the brick-making trade, and introducing to us insular and xenophobic English the joys of properly made '*gelati*'.

### Killer cocktails

What did people drink in those days? Mayhew mentions a seller of fly-paper who wore to encourage trade a top hat wound round with sticky paper on which there struggled innumerable flies in their death throes. The seller says of his get-up, "I felt so ashamed I could have cried so I

spent my last 2d in some gin and milk to give me courage."

'Gin and milk?' This is the second most loathsome drink I've ever heard of. The first is what the proprietor of a 1970s bar called 'The Other Office' not that far from the British Club drank in the mornings to kick-start himself back into some semblance of life. A glass of Singha beer with a tomato juice in it.

Would you excuse me for a moment? I feel rather ill.

Happily, not all mid-century Victorians drank such hateful concoctions. Sherbet, lemonade and ginger beer were very popular, as was beer. Gin was the spirit of choice, mixed with water or some sweet drink. 'Purl' was popular with river workers; this was beer mixed with 'wormwood' or untreated absinthe, to give it a more bitter flavour. But untreated absinthe caused the

condition known as 'wall-eye' when all vision in an eye is destroyed. As late as the 1960s, Frenchmen in Algeria drank the untreated variety, and it was common to see a man with 'white-eye', as the French call it, from the fact that the eye takes on a milky appearance.

It's time to leave the 1850s and return to 1999. I've just seen a section in the book called 'On the Filth, Dishonesty and Lewd Immorality in Low Lodging Houses'.

Odd. I didn't know Mayhew got to Bangkok *as well*.

Bob Wilde (W25)

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**W**e are now well into the new Committee Year. In keeping with the spirit of the recent Annual General Meeting, I will take this opportunity to highlight some of the issues currently being addressed by the General Committee. Let's start with who's doing what. Many of the issues we are facing are very closely linked and consequently several of the sub-committees have been amalgamated for this year.

### Finance and Personnel

The Club finances continue to recover and we anticipate that if these continue to improve at the present rate, our target of a balanced operating budget, excluding new member fees, could be achieved by the middle of next year. At that time the revenue derived from new member fees will become available for capital development. Currently this subsidises our operating costs.

The personnel function is closely linked to the financial position of the Club and is our largest cost. Thus the two portfolios have been amalgamated and the responsible committee members are: James Young, Nick Bellamy, David Turner and Chris Moore.

### Club Development and Maintenance

In order to establish a comprehensive schedule of maintenance and repairs, and address the need to refurbish and bring up to date the general facilities offered, greater resources have been devoted to this area. The sub-committee is chaired by Bernie Adams and supported by Chris Moore concentrating on maintenance and David Eastgate on Club development, with David Henton and Bruce Gordon completing the assembly.

The emphasis is to plan and implement improvements which will provide the most cost effective solutions to the issues we are facing. In addition, the most appropriate plan to update all facilities. Short, medium and long term strategies are required in both areas.

### Sport, Food & Beverage and Entertainment

These portfolios have the common denominator of being fundamentally managed by the Club management. Once again, there is a large degree of synergy between the various areas and it makes sense to address all of them in one debate. Key issues facing the Committee are primarily a sports field, the F&B offered generally from the Lords' menu to the price of beer, and the functions offered by the Club to attract members to use the Club.

The respective areas are being chaired by James Young, Alex Blackwood and Peter Corney respectively with Dugal Forrest offering his wealth of experience.

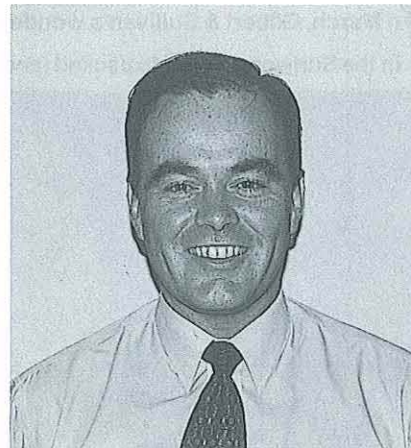
### Membership

This remains a key issue. Last year we faced a declining membership and rising costs. While we now have an all-time high in terms of members - 950 at the time of writing - this in itself brings pressures and new issues. Jamie Woodford continues to address these questions, ably supported by Alex Blackwood, plus Peter Bond and Pat Dean.

Our focus is on finding an equitable solution to the use of our facilities by non-members. It's a dilemma; we want members to bring their guests to the Club but the facilities have to be available to members, particularly at peak times. The British Club has always been more than just a 'Club', rather a centre of the expatriate community with all the implications this entails. While we do not wish to lose this function we have to be cognizant of the fact that we need to meet the needs and wishes of the members who have, after all, paid a significant sum of money for the use of the facilities.

### Millennium and Club Centenary

Dugal Forrest continues to co-ordinate the preparations for these events. While it is becoming increasingly obvious that the turn of the century will be widely celebrated, our focus is turning towards the Club Centenary in April 2003. Plans are currently being



James Young - Chairman of the General Committee

discussed among a formidable group, consisting of past Chairmen and GC members.

### Constitution, Rules and Policy

I will allow you to work out the acronym for this one! However, there is a serious and wide ranging aspect to this portfolio. As the GC considers various solutions and innovations, we need to be sure that we conform to the principles on which the Club was founded, and that we are, wherever possible, consistent in our decision making. David Turner has undertaken this role and joins each sub-committee as and when advice or a review of policy is required.

In order to keep all members informed of progress, I intend to ask all the Chairpersons of the sub-committees to contribute at appropriate times to this column.

As always your views are valued and if you wish to comment on any aspect of the British Club, please contact any member of the General Committee, the Club Management or *Outpost*.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "James Young".

James Young  
Chairman



# Trial by Jury

In March, Gilbert & Sullivan's wonderfully amusing operetta "Trial by Jury" played in the Suriwong Room to packed (and agreeably rowdy!) audiences for three nights.



Staged by Bangkok Community Theatre, the show was sold out about 2 weeks in advance, and if you didn't manage to get tickets, next time you may need to be a bit quicker off the mark!

The evening started with pre-dinner drinks on the front lawn and was followed by a sumptuous dinner in the Suriwong Room. During dinner a selection of delightfully amusing songs from "The Pirates of

Penzance" were performed and the evening's events were introduced and commented upon by the 'Chairman' in true Old Time Music Hall fashion! Set in the Victorian era, guests were invited to come in period costume and prizes were awarded each night for the best dressed. In typical Music Hall style, the audience was encouraged to join in the fun and they most certainly co-operated with enormous gusto when required!

Bangkok Community Theatre's next production will be the highly acclaimed musical "Cabaret" which will be staged on July 8th, 9th and 10th at The Bangkok Playhouse on Petchburi Road. Tickets will be on sale at the British Club Reception. (See page 9 for more details.)





### **Carnival Time in Lords**

Come and eat as much as you can on Friday 25th & Saturday 26th June (evenings only) or on Sunday 27th (both lunch and dinner). The price is B580 per head for this Brazilian buffet-style meal - book at Reception or in Lords.

### **Surin Elephant Round-up**

This year's trip is scheduled, as usual, in November. As one of the highlights of the BC calendar, places fill up very quickly so please send in your reservations pronto. Please see page 23 for full details and an application form.

### **Bar Quiz**

On Friday, 2nd July there will be a quiz in the Churchill Bar. Teams of up to 6 persons can enter and test their general knowledge

in a fun and informal atmosphere. The cost is Baht 50 per head and you can book at Reception - or contact the GM for more details.

### **Entrance Fees**

Don't forget that entrance fees will increase from 1st July. If you know of anyone who is thinking of joining, get them to do so now to beat the increase. Please contact Khun Goi for more information.

### **Friday & Saturday BBQ**

Unfortunately the Friday and Saturday evening barbecue has not been popular with members (i.e. low take-up rate), therefore, as of June 1st it has been discontinued.

### **Happy Days!**

Everyday we have Happy Hour at all outlets in the Club from 6-8pm with complimentary bar snacks also being served in the Churchill Bar from 6pm. Come along and enjoy the cheapest drinks in town.

### **Sunday Carvery in Lords**

Have you been to the Sunday Carvery in Lords recently? This regular Sunday lunch and dinner treat is still very popular so it's best to book. The best of British every week!

## Farewells

A sunny spell in April brought in 16 new members to the Club, but a trough of depression settled over the Club as we bid farewell to four resigning members and their families - Malcolm Grey, Edward Ward, Ray Coleman and John Wagner.

Absenting themselves in April were Paul Le Large, Brett Matthews, Archie Cook, John Pettinger and Julie Simpson. Hopefully they'll be back but it'll stay wet and windy until then!

## Letters from Members

*It is great when members of reciprocal clubs come and enjoy the facilities at The British Club, and even better when they spare a moment to send a note of thanks. To all those who made Sir Harold feel so welcome, I say thanks.*

Tom Bain

London, 01 May 1999

Dear General Manager,

I was recently in Thailand for a couple of weeks - work followed by pleasure - and as a member of the Oxford & Cambridge Club in London I was able to use the facilities of The British Club in Bangkok. I should like to express my gratitude for the offer of those facilities. The Club was an oasis in a frenetic city at an uncomfortable time of year. I particularly appreciated the friendly attitude of the staff at reception, in the dining room and in the pool area.

Yours sincerely,  
**Hooky Walker**  
(Sir Harold Walker)



### **M**assage - Is it for you?

Massage is used by different people for different reasons and has many different styles that can accomplish specific goals.

I will not pretend to be a master in massage therapy but I have been privy to a few different styles. There is Thai massage, which focuses on stretching and manipulating the body into correct alignment and balance. There is the deep tissue oil massage used by athletes to work the knots and lactic acid out of the muscles. There is an aromatic oil massage that is used to refresh and regenerate one's self by increasing the blood flow and appealing to the senses. There is Shiatsu, which focuses on the points where energy builds up, and helps to enable that energy to flow freely throughout your body. With all the above methods of 'massage', and I do use the term loosely, the general goal is the same - increased health and well-being. The other kind of massage will not be discussed here nor is it suggested for better health!

**Does massage help?** In a word, YES. Massage of any kind will help with many things from stress release, muscle tension (whether from stress or sports), sleeping, increasing the strength of your immune system to helping you overcome an injury or a chronic muscle problem. Your entire body will appreciate a regular massage and you will be rewarded in ways you may not even notice, such as improved digestion or increased red blood cells. Massage as a treatment is used around the world, but in Thailand it is also cheap! This in itself makes massage even more appealing and offers little excuse for not taking advantage of this excellent service which the Thais offer with such care.

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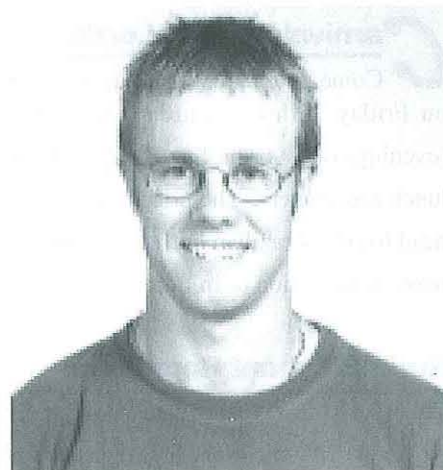
Currently under-utilised, I hope that more of you will use this facility, in which case perhaps we could see our way clear to spending some money on refurbishing the massage room (or dare we suggest moving it?).

Happy massaging ...

### **Safety First - An Appeal**

With Friday nights at the Club so well attended by parents and children, and so many children in and around the pool at weekends, I would like to remind parents to keep a close watch on their little ones. To keep the pool safe, we need to work together to watch all of the children, all of the time.

I mention this now for two reasons. The first is general safety which I feel needs to



Damon Nemish - SRC

be tightened due to the increased numbers using the pool. Please remember, your children are your responsibility and you need to keep a constant watch on them. Secondly is the behaviour of children while at the club! Unfortunately, another of our lane rope connections has been broken. This particular piece is cemented into the pool wall and it is not a simple item to replace. The hodgepodge job of tying the lane lines with rope is done to keep them from breaking under the weight of all those who insist on hanging or standing on the ropes (the rope has more give to it than the cable alone).

I would like to take this opportunity of asking all parents to watch the behaviour of the kids in the pool and if they are horsing around, standing on the lane lines or another child's head, then please tell them to stop. As the children can be less than responsive to our Thai staff, I would like to ask the help of all of you with this. I do not want to make our pool a non-fun area but there needs to be some boundaries. I hope that you can help me on this issue and give our children a little guidance while enjoying their time at the Club.



### Aquatics

**The next Gala:** This will take place in late June or early July, just before the Patana summer holiday schedule starts. It will likely be an internal Gala. Apologies again for no total score on the swimmer of the year points.

**Masters Swimming Gala:** For the first time ever in Thailand there will be a Masters Swim Meet which will be held at the Barracuda Swim Club on Soi Phipaht just a skip and a jump from the Club. Being the first means that all winning swim times will be Thailand Masters swimming records! The age groups are every 5 years for persons over the age of 25 and strokes include Front Crawl and Backstroke in a variety of distances. This swim meet will

be held on the 27th June. If anyone wants more information please see me in the Fitness Centre. This is a good time to add that we still have masters training on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6-7pm. See you there!

### Summer Sports Camps

Keep your eyes open for flyers providing details of a Sports Camp, Sailing Camp, Outbound Trip and Swim Camp. These should take place in July and August. My apologies to the ISB families as I know your holidays start a lot earlier than that.

### Darts

The first Tuesday Fun Darts Night had Barry and Yours Truly narrowly defeated

by Paul Turner and son. It was great fun - take it from me who never plays darts and who has difficulty not only in hitting the board but in adding and subtracting the scores. A highly recommended relaxing night out at the BC.

### Triathlon Chat

There will be another Mini-Triathlon sometime around 13th June and again sometime in July. Being short (500m swim, 15km bike, 3km run) they are great triathlon starters, and can be attempted on very little training or as part of a team. Come and talk to me for advice or suggestions.

**Damon Nemish**

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# Dick gets it right - once!

## Ambassador Jomtien Squash Club vs BC

On Saturday, 3rd April a team of eight BC players had a hard match against the Ambassador Jomtien Squash team.

Dick Anwar worked out a team which he thought would provide them with fair competition, but he was too fair and we were defeated 5 matches to 3! If we had changed a couple of positions around in our team, it could easily have been 5-3 the other way. Sadly, the results were:

Ambassador	BC
John Bartlett	0-3 David Eastgate
John Nutkins	3-0 Peter Corney
Michael Iqbal	0-3 Ja
Stephen Henry	3-2 Tom Livingston
Ken Shim	1-3 Andre Tissera
Marc Sayer	3-1 Ken Mouldy
Ian Nicholson	3-1 Greg Brown
Takra	3-0 Linda Eastgate

The match of the day was between Tom and Stephen. It was very close and very "competitive" but they still managed handshakes and smiles after the match. I was beaten very convincingly by someone even older than me! John Nutkins (56 years old) gave me a lesson in how squash should be played. The rest of the matches were very close and Dick deserves credit for his team selection.

The Ambassador players were a good social bunch. After eats and a few drinks we were all keen on having a return match at Jomtien - see Future Events below.

## The Central Grand Plaza Sunday mix-ins

Eleven players participated in a very hot afternoon of squash at the 4th April mix-in. The winners of the dinners for two donated by the **Central Grand Plaza Hotel** were David Eastgate and Andrew Wilkinson. The results were:

David Eastgate (-34)	60
Andrew Wilkinson (-34)	75
Phil Evans (-23)	13
Peter Corney (-28)	62
Paul Bawden (-4)	38
Mark Smith (-16)	66
Dave Turner (-9)	37
Ken Mouldy (-13)	43
Jack Dunford (-11)	52
Alex Brenneisen (-2)	68
Linda Eastgate (58)	58

It is apparent that Phil is trying to lower his handicap prior to the Inter Society team championships in June. Even though Andrew Wilkinson was severely handicapped from the last mix-in, he still

won quite easily. I think a -10 handicap for the next one would be fair.

For the next Handicapping we will be introducing a new system which should shorten some of the games and make it more difficult for the higher handicapped players to win.

May's Central Grand Plaza Hotel mix-in was held on Sunday, the 2nd. Once again, 11 players participated in the afternoon's squash. This time, the winners of the dinners for two donated by the **Central Grand Plaza Hotel** were David Eastgate and Linda Eastgate. The results were:

David Eastgate (-35)	60
Marvyn Lewis (-34)	48
John Vivian (-20)	58
Peter Norris (-10)	57
Alex Brenneisen (-4)	56
Linda Eastgate (1)	74
Peter S. (guest) (3)	41
Paul Bawden (-3)	71
David Fewster (3)	49
Martin Reed (-15)	56

## Hong Kong Ladies Recreation Club vs BC

On Saturday 24th April a team of eleven BC players had a hard match against the Hong Kong Ladies Recreation Club squash team. Dick Anwar once again failed in his team selection and we had our second loss in a row. He put our secret weapon, Tom Livingston, at number one but even this was not enough to help us. We were defeated 8 matches to 3. I think Dick was fooled by the fact that they had five women on their team. Admittedly most of the matches were close but the LRC's competition experience was obvious on the day. Our only winners were Dick Anwar, Peter Corney and Greg Brown. The results were:

HK LRC	BC
Mark Ferreira	3-0 Tom Livingston
Nick Burton	0-3 Dick Anwar
Tony Cooper	1-3 Peter Corney
Michael Schmidt	3-1 Marvyn Lewis
Denys Firth	3-2 Mike Staples
Rowanna Row	3-0 John Vivian
Simon Ellis	3-1 Mark Smith
Ellanor Carder	3-1 Barry Daniel
Polly Yu	3-0 Jack Dunford
Michelle Spratt	0-3 Greg Brown
Sarah Pearson	3-0 Linda Eastgate

They were another friendly bunch and joined us on the Sunday for a general mix-in in which we narrowly won.

## League 135

League 135 was completed on 25th April and the following players were winners in their respective divisions:

- 1 David Eastgate
- 2 Tony Perkovic
- 3 Duncan Ramsay
- 4 Andre Tissera
- 5 Del Levin
- 6 Alex Brenneisen
- 7 David Fewster

Division 3 was very competitive with three players within two points of each other. If Bill Randall had not been injured there would probably have been four players within two points. Congratulations to Division 1 on playing all their games.

Peter Corney

## Chiengmai Cup

Three teams from the BC entered the Chiengmai Cup this year held from 1st-3rd May. The tournament is held each year at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club on a specially designed doubles court. The court is approximately one and half times the width of a normal squash court and almost double the length.

The Chiengmai Cup has a great history, the first tournament having been played in 1910. This year's tournament attracted a total of 35 teams from 15 clubs representing Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore. The winning team from Malaysia included Kenneth Low, currently ranked number 68 in the world.

The best result of the tournament for the BC came from the pairing of Colin Hastings and Andrew Wilkinson. After losing their first round match in the main draw, they went on to lose in the semi finals of the plate event to the eventual winners. They were unfortunately allowed only 20 minutes rest between the quarter final and semi final and ran out of steam in the second set. The score was 17/14, 15/2.

David Eastgate and Tony Perkovic lost in the second round of the main draw, being outclassed by younger Thai opponents. The combined age of their opponents was less than the youngest member of the BC team!

Dick Anwar and Ja lost in the first round of the main draw and the first round of the plate. Dick and Ja have played in this event





on numerous occasions, and were able to demonstrate their tried and proven strategy in their plate match. Dick confided to Andrew before the match that he and Ja were not all that keen on winning, as this would necessitate another match, with the resultant running that would entail. The score was 15/13, 17/16. However, we are sure they really did try to win that last set, or at least pretty sure they did.

Andrew and Colin received a prize from the tournament organisers for fair play. Apparently they developed a habit of calling their own shots out, without waiting for the referee's call. If they had decided to cheat a little, they may have won that last match. We all hope they have learned their lesson for next year.

## Tony Perkovic

### BC vs Rajapruek Club (or Dick stuffs up again!)

Twelve players selected by Dick Anwar ventured to the Rajapruek Club on Saturday, 8th May. Unfortunately we (sorry Dick) underestimated the opposition and they defeated us 8-4. This is the third loss in a row so Dick is on a final warning. It was a good afternoon's squash on air-conditioned courts and admittedly many of the matches we lost were close. Our winners were Dave Eastgate, Peter Corney, Del Levin and Alex Brenneisen.

#### Rajapruek

	BC
Somkid	0-3 Dave Eastgate
Sak	0-3 Peter Corney
Ja	3-0 Tom Livingston
Dhaenachai	3-2 Marvyn Lewis
Uthain	1-3 John Vivian
Punat	3-0 Howard Winn
Jutaporn	3-0 Graham Sullivan
Surin	3-0 Jack Dunford
Aree	2-3 Del Levin
Chumchanit	3-0 Otto Reichholf
Viraporn	0-3 Alex Brenneisen
Yadwapa	3-0 Linda Eastgate

### BC vs BC Singapore (or Dick did it right this time)

After excellent team selection by Dick Anwar, the BC finally scored a win, defeating the BC Singapore 4-1 on Sunday, 9th May. The results were:

BC	BC Singapore
Peter Corney	3-0 Ian Picket
Tony Livingston	3-2 Dave Haley
Marvyn Lewis	3-2 Trevor Bash
Suharsh Mittal	3-2 Alan Lledra
Uwe Warnke	1-3 Trevor Shakeshaft

I think we were fortunate that the boys from Singapore had already been in Bangkok for two days and were looking a little jaded on the Sunday morning, looking even worse than Marvyn. They were a friendly lot and we look forward to having them back again. Tom played a very good player and did well to beat him in 5 games, using his fitness and confusing play to great advantage.

## Future Events

• **Oakley Intersociety Tournament:** Oakley will be sponsoring the Intersociety Tournament (one day handicap team event) this year and the event will be held on Sunday, 13th June.

• **Don Johnson Cup and Parra Handy Plate:** This is the closed club championships competition and will be played throughout the month of June, with the semi finals and finals being held on Wednesday, 23rd and Thursday 24th June.

• **Juniors Coaching and Try It Day:** On Sunday, 20th June there is a squash day for the youngsters in the Club. There will be special equipment for the beginners and coaching for the more experienced players.

• **BC vs Ambassador Jomtien Club** at Jomtien: The BC will be sending a team to play squash on Saturday 26th and golf on Sunday, 27th June.

## Peter Corney

### Squash Section Web Page

The section's web page can be found at [www.britclub.com](http://www.britclub.com). If you wish to keep updated on world squash, contact [glsqiling@inforamp.net](mailto:glsqiling@inforamp.net)

## Sponsorship

We are currently looking for sponsors for leagues and competitions throughout the year. Any interested members should contact Peter Corney on 714-2426 or [acapacth@samart.co.t](mailto:acapacth@samart.co.t).

### Contributions to Outpost's Squash Section

All members are encouraged to submit any comments or gossip etc. for inclusion in *Outpost*. If you have anything at all, please fax it to me on 258 1947.

## Melissa Perkovic



BC Bangkok - the winners



BC Singapore - the losers



Dick with his new P... digital camera



Colin with his Chiang Mai Cup "Best Fair Play Award". No comment.



HK LRC and BC supporters



How much am I bid for the shirt?



# Calendar

British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar - June 1999

## Sunday



**Stressful day at the office?**  
**Treat yourself to a relaxing massage.**

## Monday



**HAPPY DAYS!**  
**Enjoy the cheapest drinks in town between 6-8pm at the Club**

## Tuesday



**1**  
7 am Ladies Golf  
8-10 am Ladies Tennis  
10.30 am Aqua Aerobics  
6-7 pm Masters (Adult) Swim Training  
6-8 pm Happy Hour  
7-9 pm Soccer Training  
7.30 pm Darts  
8-11 pm Friendly Bridge  
9 pm Gentlemen's Spoof

**6**

11 am-1 pm Badminton - Soi Nares  
12-2 pm Sunday Carvery - Lords  
3-6 pm Tennis Mix-In  
5.30 pm Sunday Carvery - Lords  
6-8 pm Happy Hour

**7**

8.00 am BWG Mahjong  
9.30 am Aerobics  
6-8 pm Happy Hour  
7-9 pm Tennis Team Training

**8**

7 am Ladies Golf  
8-10 am Ladies Tennis  
10.30 am Aqua Aerobics  
6-7 pm Masters (Adult) Swim Training  
6-8 pm Happy Hour  
7-9 pm Soccer Training  
7.30 pm Darts  
8-11 pm Friendly Bridge  
9 pm Gentlemen's Spoof

## Wednesday



**2**  
9.30 am Body Shaping  
4.30-9pm Squash Coaching  
6-8 pm Happy Hour  
6-9 pm Tennis Mix-In  
6.30 pm Cricket Nets  
7.30 pm Latin & Ballroom Dancing

**9**

9.30 am Body Shaping  
4.30-9pm Squash Coaching  
6-8 pm Happy Hour  
6-9 pm Tennis Mix-In  
6.30 pm Cricket Nets  
7.30 pm Latin & Ballroom Dancing

## Thursday



**3**  
8-10 am Ladies Tennis  
10.30 am Aqua Aerobics  
6-7 pm Masters (Adult) Swim Training  
6-8 pm Happy Hour  
6-9 pm Squash Mix-In  
7-9 pm Rugby Training  
9-10 pm Hockey

**10**

8-10 am Ladies Tennis  
10.30 am Aqua Aerobics  
6-7 pm Masters (Adult) Swim Training  
6-8 pm Happy Hour  
6-9 pm Squash Mix-In  
7-9 pm Rugby Training  
9-10 pm Hockey

## Friday



**4**  
9.30 am Step Aerobics  
3.30-9 pm BC Tennis Coaching (Tots - Adults)  
5.30 pm Swimming - Junior Squad Training  
6-8 pm Happy Hour  
7 pm Social Darts

**11**

9.30 am Step Aerobics  
3.30-9 pm BC Tennis Coaching (Tots - Adults)  
5.30 pm Swimming - Junior Squad Training  
6-8 pm Happy Hour  
7 pm Social Darts  
7 pm Snooker Night

## Saturday



**5**  
9 am-12 am Squash Coaching  
9 am-1 pm BC Swimming Coaching  
4.30 pm Casuals Football - Soi 15  
6-8 pm Happy Hour

**12**

9 am-12 am Squash Coaching  
9 am-1 pm BC Swimming Coaching  
4.30 pm Casuals Football - Soi 15  
6-8 pm Happy Hour

Golf vs Embassy, Vintage



**Don't Forget !!**

- Bar Quiz - Friday, 2nd July in the Churchill Bar
- Sign up for the Surin trip
- Brazilian Culinary Carnival in Lords, 25th-27th June

**13**

11 am-1 pm Badminton - Soi Nares  
12-2 pm Sunday Carvery - Lords  
3-6 pm Tennis Mix-In  
5.30 pm Sunday Carvery - Lords  
6-8 pm Happy Hour

Squash-Oakley Intersociety Tournament

**20**

11 am-1 pm Badminton - Soi Nares  
12-2 pm Sunday Carvery - Lords  
3-6 pm Tennis Mix-In  
5.30 pm Sunday Carvery - Lords  
6-8 pm Happy Hour

Squash - "Juniors Try It Day"

**27**

11 am-1 pm Badminton - Soi Nares  
12-2 pm Sunday Carvery - Lords  
3-6 pm Tennis Mix-In  
5.30 pm Sunday Carvery - Lords  
6-8 pm Happy Hour

12.00 pm Golf, Captain's Day at Green Valley

Brazilian Culinary Carnival

**14**

8.00 am BWG Mahjong  
9.30 am Aerobics  
6-8 pm Happy Hour  
7-9 pm Tennis Team Training

**21**

8.00 am BWG Mahjong  
9.30 am Aerobics  
6-8 pm Happy Hour  
7-9 pm Tennis Team Training

**28**

8.00 am BWG Mahjong  
9.30 am Aerobics  
6-8 pm Happy Hour  
7-9 pm Tennis Team Training

**15**

7 am Ladies Golf  
8-10 am Ladies Tennis  
10.30 am Aqua Aerobics  
6-7 pm Masters (Adult) Swim Training  
6-8 pm Happy Hour  
7-9 pm Soccer Training  
7.30 pm Darts  
8-11 pm Friendly Bridge  
9 pm Gentlemen's Spoof

**22**

7 am Ladies Golf  
8-10 am Ladies Tennis  
10.30 am Aqua Aerobics  
6-7 pm Masters (Adult) Swim Training  
6-8 pm Happy Hour  
7-9 pm Soccer Training  
7.30 pm Darts  
8-11 pm Friendly Bridge  
9 pm Gentlemen's Spoof

**29**

7 am Ladies Golf  
8-10 am Ladies Tennis  
10.30 am Aqua Aerobics  
6-7 pm Masters (Adult) Swim Training  
6-8 pm Happy Hour  
7-9 pm Soccer Training  
7.30 pm Darts  
8-11 pm Friendly Bridge  
9 pm Gentlemen's Spoof

**16**

9.30 am Body Shaping  
4.30-9pm Squash Coaching  
6-8 pm Happy Hour  
6-9 pm Tennis Mix-In  
6.30 pm Cricket Nets  
7.30 pm Latin & Ballroom Dancing

**23**

9.30 am Body Shaping  
4.30-9pm Squash Coaching  
6-8 pm Happy Hour  
6-9 pm Tennis Mix-In  
6.30 pm Cricket Nets  
7.30 pm Latin & Ballroom Dancing

**30**

9.30 am Body Shaping  
4.30-9pm Squash Coaching  
6-8 pm Happy Hour  
6-9 pm Tennis Mix-In  
6.30 pm Cricket Nets  
7.30 pm Latin & Ballroom Dancing

Squash Club Championships Semi Finals

**17**

8-10 am Ladies Tennis  
10.30 am Aqua Aerobics  
6-7 pm Masters (Adult) Swim Training  
6-8 pm Happy Hour  
6-9 pm Squash Mix-In  
7-9 pm Rugby Training  
9-10 pm Hockey

**24**

8-10 am Ladies Tennis  
10.30 am Aqua Aerobics  
6-7 pm Masters (Adult) Swim Training  
6-8 pm Happy Hour  
6-9 pm Squash Mix-In  
7-9 pm Rugby Training  
9-10 pm Hockey

Squash Club Championships Final

**Venues**

Soi 15	NIST grounds
Soi Nares	Behind Bangrak Police Station
Aerobics	Surawongse Room
Golf	As advertised

**18**

9.30 am Step Aerobics  
3.30-9 pm BC Tennis Coaching (Tots - Adults)  
5.30 pm Swimming - Junior Squad Training  
6-8 pm Happy Hour  
7 pm Social Darts  
7.30 pm Wine Tasting

**25**

9.30 am Step Aerobics  
3.30-9 pm BC Tennis Coaching (Tots - Adults)  
5.30 pm Swimming - Junior Squad Training  
6-8 pm Happy Hour  
7 pm Social Darts

Brazilian Culinary Carnival

**Opening Times**

10 am-11 pm	Churchill Bar
11.30 am-2 pm	Lords Restaurant (Lunch)
6-10 pm	Lords Restaurant (Dinner)
7.30 am-10 pm	Poolside Bar
6 am-9 pm	Fitness Centre (Mon- Sat)
9 am-9 pm	Fitness Centre (Sun/Hols)
9 am-6 pm	Thai Massage (Tues-Sun)

**19**

9 am-12 am Squash Coaching  
9 am-1 pm BC Swimming Coaching  
4.30 pm Casuals Football - Soi 15  
6-8 pm Happy Hour

**26**

9 am-12 am Squash Coaching  
9 am-1 pm BC Swimming Coaching  
4.30 pm Casuals Football - Soi 15  
6-8 pm Happy Hour

Squash - Ambassador Jomtien Club

Brazilian Culinary Carnival

**Sports - Contact the following:**

Aquatics	Liz Beal	262-9351
Badminton	Anant Leighrahathorn	654-0002-29
Cricket	Nick White	246-0832
Football	Matt Duke	545-5555
Golf	Bernie Adams	861-0608
Rugby	Jon Prichard	662-6376
Scuba	Peter Gary	634-7792
Squash	Peter Corney	381-7240
Tennis	David Blowers	285-4721-2

7.30 am Golf Bangpoo



## OAP Official

*When you reach sixty  
It's really weird  
You look in the mirror  
And you've grown a beard*

*As you grow older  
Your hair gets thin  
But soon you can plait  
The stuff under your chin*

*Another strange thing  
You will possibly find  
Your waist changes places  
With your broad mind*

*The wrinkles you've found  
Appear to have gone  
But don't worry you'll see them  
With your spectacles on*

*Another thing I've noticed  
Quite recently too  
You start lifting your frock  
On the way to the loo*

*Legs are wrinkled  
And so's the mouth  
Life a flock of grey geese  
We're all heading south*

**Judy Fitzgerald (F97)**

## Phantom

*Last night I drove home very late  
Around the wee sma' hour of three  
But long before I reached my gate  
Ahead I saw a moving tree.*

*I only had a few Singh Gold  
Can hold my drink (who says I can't?)  
Jammed on the brakes, low and behold  
Stopped inches from an elephant.*

*Yes there it was at dead of night  
And I know what you all might think  
Be sure it was an awesome sight  
But that elephant was not pink.*

*It stood there towering ten feet high  
The right of way it had was plain  
It's not for me to reason why  
But wait and travel by Skytrain.*

*When Ellies walk the streets at night  
For safety's sake to show them clear  
Both trunk and tail should have a light  
Then passing cars will not go near.*

*Elephants majestic and proud  
Serve us well, loyal to the end  
Endanger them when they're abroad  
We should not do that to a friend.*

*Once a year at the round-up hub  
The Ellies gather at Surin  
Go see them with the British Club  
Quick, get your application in.*

**Tom Watson (W83)**

### FOR SALE BY OWNER

- \* Complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica.
- \* 45 volumes. Excellent Condition.
- \* Baht 39,950 or best offer. No longer needed.
- \* Got married last weekend.
- \* Wife knows everything.

Offers to: <harry@henpecked.com>

From poems to round-ups, much has been written this month about elephants. I thought I would add some facts about these noble creatures which you might find surprising.

### Vital Statistics of the Thai Elephant:

- Weighs about 3.5 tons
- Eats about 250kg of food a day
- Weighs 90kg at birth
- Population is falling at 3% a year
- Lives up to 70 years
- Drinks 200 litres of water a day
- Is pregnant for 22 months
- Only about 5,000 left in Thailand

• **It is an endangered species**

**The Ed.**



# The Elephant Round-Up

**Y**ou too can join in the fun of the British Club's annual trip to Surin province on the occasion of the world famous elephant round-up.



On 19th November, the British Club will once more be packing the kitchen hardware and sleeping bags ready for you to join in this elephant extravaganza, which is certain to delight both young and old. The Club secures prime covered seating from which to watch 250 of these giant beasts demonstrate their rightful place in Thailand's history.

The BC group will leave Bangkok's Hua Lumphong train station at 8.30pm on the overnight air-conditioned sleeper car

arriving in Surin at around 5am, where you are whisked off to a local school for a Thai-style shower and a hearty BC breakfast. And then it's off to the nearby showground!

The show, with its cast of hundreds, will keep you mesmerised for over 4 hours (take a cushion to ease the hardness of the wooden benches); from there we take you to an historic Khmer ruin site for a leisurely and scrumptious BC picnic washed down by a tippie or three from the BC mobile bar! The afternoon takes in a trip to the famous Phanom Rung temple, a much-restored Khmer temple high on a hill with



spectacular views over the Burinam plains and across to the Cambodia border hills. There's also a fascinating market at the site. Back to the school for dinner prepared by the BC and a wander round Surin town before getting back on the train at 8pm. Before you know it you're back in Hua Lumphong!

The price for this worthwhile trip is expected to be around Baht 4,600 for adults, Baht 3,300 for children 4-16 years and Baht 1,500 for children under 4. These prices are estimates as the final sum will depend on the price of the train tickets, bus rental and show entrance fees.

## Photocopy and fax back to the General Manager on 235 1560

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name), \_\_\_\_\_ (Club number), would like to reserve the following spaces on the British Club Surin Elephant Round-Up on 19th & 20th November:

Adults (names)

Children (names and ages)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

### Bookings required by Friday, 13th August

Please note that cancellations will not be accepted after 20th August 1999 and a deposit of Baht 1,500 per person will be debited to your account on booking (not refundable after 20th August 1999) in order for the BC to reserve the train and show tickets.

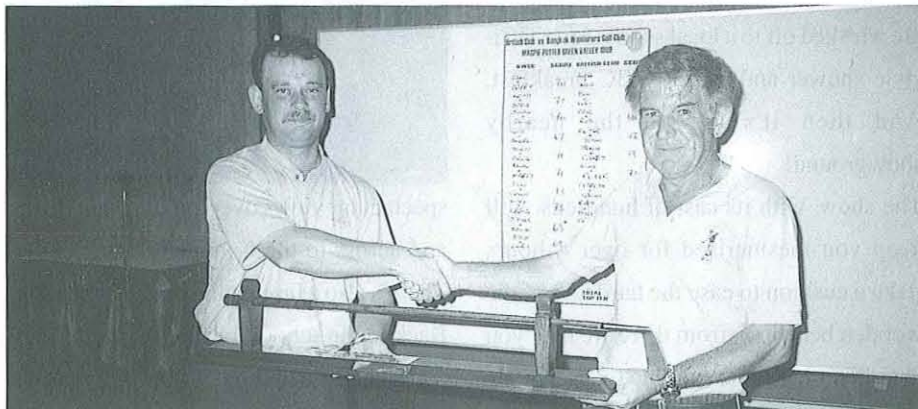




# Spotty Larry Loses his Pants in Pattaya

## Magpie makes off with Putter

The Wanderers retained the Magpie Putter for a second year in a row after snatching victory by 8 points at the Green Valley course in Bangna.



Handing over the Magpie Putter

Gareth Sampson and guest Sachi upheld the BC honour coming second in the pairs competition with a net 64.

## Hair of the Dog

A number of people proved their stamina at Medal No 2 at Lad Krabang. They ate breakfast at the Siam Intercontinental having danced away all night to the Royal Marines Band at the St George's Ball. They then donned their golf shoes and shot a round of 72 or under. Hangovers definitely help to keep the head still - essential to good golfing technique. Special mention goes to 'hair of the dog' John Marten for men's longest drive and winner of Flight C 'dirty stop out' Jamie Woodford who was still sporting his bow tie and cummerbund on the 18th. Winners of Flight A and Flight B were Bernie Adams and Paul Jensen.

## It's a Knockout

The first round of the knockout match play competition resulted in some exciting matches. This reporter took the outside broadcasting team to the remote Dragon Hills golf course somewhere on the Burmese border to record the match between Andre Tissera and Joom White. Andre was a bit unnerved at the beginning having told his wife that he would be back in a couple of hours. Three hours later he

finally placed his ball on the first tee. The match started very evenly and was all square at the turn. Then Joom had a slight wobbly and by the 16th Andre was two up. However the Gods came to the rescue and the heavens opened. Joom proved that she could walk on water as well as aqua plane her ball into the hole far more accurately than Andre. It was all square after the 18th. Andre was due home six hours earlier but he gallantly went on to the 19th. Both players drove well and were on the green for a net three. Andre holed a twenty foot putt and we all held our breath. Joom sized up her one foot putt and knocked it round and out of the cup. Still all square and so on to the 20th... Andre decided that he was really in trouble both on the course and at home. He pulled himself together and finally outgunned Joom. He now goes on to play David Henton - although he may not be let out to play!

## Seniors tackle 3 Courses

A mixture of young and old turned out for



Hope it's not contagious ...

the Seniors weekend in Pattaya. The three day competition was played at Laem Chabang, Great Lakes and everyone's favourite Khaw Kheow. The format was changed each day just to keep everyone on their toes. There were some memorable moments. Roger Fitzgerald hit a dog with his second shot on the first hole at Great Lakes. Bridget Snow missed a hole in one by a couple of centimetres. Certainly no-one else managed to get inside her. Jo Goodliffe almost managed to exceed my record at Khaw Kheow with a score of 17 on a par 3 - I've passed on the name of my psychiatrist. Bernie Adams and Laurence Goodliffe had trouble in making it past the ladies tee on a number of occasions. Laurence must have taken his pants off somewhere as they were later found in a brown paper bag in the bar. Indeed we were all worried about Laurence as he broke out in a pustulous spotty mess on the third day. He either went for a swim in the Pattaya waters or else he had such a surge of testosterone that he went into late puberty. He also insisted on exchanging bodily fluids on the 18th...hope it's not contagious. (Turned out to be Chicken Pox, but happily he's well over it now - Ed.)

A good time was also had in the evening. A barbecue on Saturday night was followed by a soiree at the Royal Varuna Yacht Club. Treasurer Alexis 'Birdie' Welsh may still be there counting the equivalent of 20 bottles of beer and 8 bottles of wine in 5 Baht coupons.

The overall winner of the three day event was Pat Dean with Gareth Sampson and Peter Ford in second and third place. Peter Ford was also awarded the Patrick



Windeler trophy for the best senior player. A big thank you to sponsors Jamie Woodford and **ANSELLS** for a splendid weekend of golf and entertainment. The condoms were especially appreciated.

### Next Outings

Saturday, 12th June, 10.00am - Match vs Embassy at Vintage  
 Saturday, 19th June, 7.30am - Bangkok League match vs Lighthouse at Bangpoo  
 Sunday, 27th June, 12.00pm - Captain's Day at Green Valley  
 Saturday, 10th July, 12.00pm - Match vs Lighthouse at Subhaprueck  
 Saturday, 17th July, 7.30am - Bangkok League match vs Scandinavians at Bangpoo  
 Saturday, 31st July, 7.30am - Match vs Japanese at Royal Lad Krabang

### Karen Carter



How many balls Jo??



Winners Patrick Dean and Gareth Sampson



Medal winners Bernie Adams and Jamie Woodford



Flight B winner Paul Jensen



Seniors Champion Peter Ford



One baht short



Enjoying a rest at Lad Krabang



Where's my head?



That's a lot of ladies tees

## Uniform Humour

I am told by BC member Grant Signal that the form used for the Royal Navy and Royal Marines fitness reports is known as the S206 and that the following are actual comments taken from these forms.

- His men would follow him anywhere, but only out of curiosity.
- I would not breed from this officer.
- He has carried out each and every one of his duties to his entire satisfaction.
- He would be out of his depth in a car park puddle.
- Technically sound, but socially impossible.
- This young lady has delusions of adequacy.
- This medical officer has used my ship to carry his genitals from port to port, and my officers to carry him from bar to bar.
- Since my last report, this officer has reached rock bottom and has started to dig.
- She sets low personal standards and then consistently fails.

The Ed.





## So Far, So Good

**L**et's call this the catch-up report part I, shall we, as we look back over a couple of months' worth of matches and marvel at how diverse were the scores achieved and how it is possible to see the small but significant improvement in the level of our match play.



The victorious BC and the still-smiling Patana teams after that astounding result

### Match vs Bangkok Patana School

Teachers versus dunces, which took place the weekend after the Club Championships, on 27/3. And what an appropriate date, as the final score was also 27-3, to the BC, most impressive! A good mix of 9 ladies, 11 men's and 10 mixed doubles matches made up this pleasant afternoon. Several of the Patana squad were familiar to BC members, and the BC team comprised: David B, Oud B, Carole Anne E, Henry and Katy C, Scott and Lori C, Steve Goode, Bruce G, Pat L, Patchanee, Kathy, Oud, Andrew and Mam P, John R, Andrew R and sort-of-ringer Jaree, who had nipped back from hot old Houston to take in the Championship Finals Day spectacular and hung around for a week or so to efficiently organise the inaugural chaotic Friday night mix-in (32 players, 2 courts!) and raise the game of the BC ladies in this match, ahem... Nice to see you back, Jaree!

### Match vs French Community

Onto the French Community match in early April, which remarkably we also won, despite warnings from our frog members that the opponents would be putting out a world-beating team that day and to expect a trouncing... Well, it might have lost a smidgen in translation, but the end result was Cap'n Bruce bolstering up

the team with some of our big guns (and me) and the BC coming out on top, 15-8, with a spirited performance by the team which comprised:

Nisa A, Charmaine B, David B, Henry and Katie C, Bruce G, Marc H, Anita H, Jaree L, Aidan L, Tony P, Andrew and Mam P, Richard E, Vorathep and Pin S, Charnwuth N, Zandra W and Gaynor.

As if this wasn't enough, your often non-playing Outpost scribe is aware of more matches, one against none other than our old friends the Royal Thai Navy, one against our old foe the RBSC and the other, a new fixture, against "The Doctors". I kid you not, there are enough tennis-playing medics out there who obviously have

plenty of time to practice, as they're all soooo good that our two resident ace-player docs, Kn Pongsak and Kn Apichart, played on our side in sympathy! Hopefully more on these next month.

### Your New Committee!

Unbeknown to many of ye, and despite the notice up on the board a good few weeks before the event, the Tennis Section Annual General Meeting took place on Sunday 9th May and another noble bunch of salts were elected en bloc. Note that the below-named worthies are here to serve the Section as a whole and promote the noble game, not to wait on you lot hand and foot.

### Please Note

Due to a lapse in concentration, there have been more than a couple of mix-ins and team practices whereby "the book" has been left unfilled-in—this book records your name and Club number so that we can charge you for playing in mix-ins... which in turn covers the court booking fees and supply of new balls. In theory, committee members are responsible for ensuring names are recorded, but if you haven't seen the blue book out, please bring it to the attention of any of the above committee members. Thank you!

### Upcoming Events

#### • New Leagues and Ladders

The Two Marcs on the committee have taken up the challenge of reorganising the

### The New Committee

David Blowers	Chairman, Sponsorship (KH)
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*Note: KH denotes those committee members who have keys to the Tennis Section lock-up box in the Surawongse Sala and hence have responsibility to ensure the appropriate number of tins of new balls are put out for each mix-in.*



way the leagues and ladders are run, with the aim of encouraging more singles play within the Section. Keep your eyes peeled on the noticeboard for the new league, which should be out by the time you read this. Leagues and ladder positions are now interdependent and are going to be more vigorously monitored, with places docked for those who don't lift a finger—get playing!

#### • Tennis Weekend in Pattaya

Following the success of last July's scorcher, the Tennis Section are organising another fun weekend in Pattaya for the whole family over the non-holiday weekend of **12-13th June**. Please sign up on the noticeboard if you'd like to join us; there are details of the hotel and the reasonable rates so please indicate how many nights you'd like to book and whether you'd like a room-share, if this can be arranged.

Well, that's enough of my ramblings for now. Hope you enjoy these pictures of the runners-up from the Dunlop Club Champs in March—I figured that these pics are rarely given an airing as they're *only* the second-placers, but what the hen, don't waste the film, eh.

Lotsaluv  
Me



Kn Panee, Ladies Singles runner-up



Kn Napa, Ladies Plate Singles runner-up



Kn Ploy, who was given a special prize for marking up the finals scores on the board during the day



And the Men's Plate Doubles runners-up, Roger and Tom, looking like they'd been heartily celebrating their loss



Bruce and Joanne, Mixed Doubles runners-up



Winners this time, of the Men's Plate Doubles - Andrew and Lip



Kn Vachara, Men's Plate Singles runner-up, being given his plate by a serious-looking champion...



Kn Wan and Nisa, Ladies Doubles runners-up



Kn Pongsak, Men's Singles runner-up



Fons, collecting his and Richard's Men's Doubles runners-up prizes

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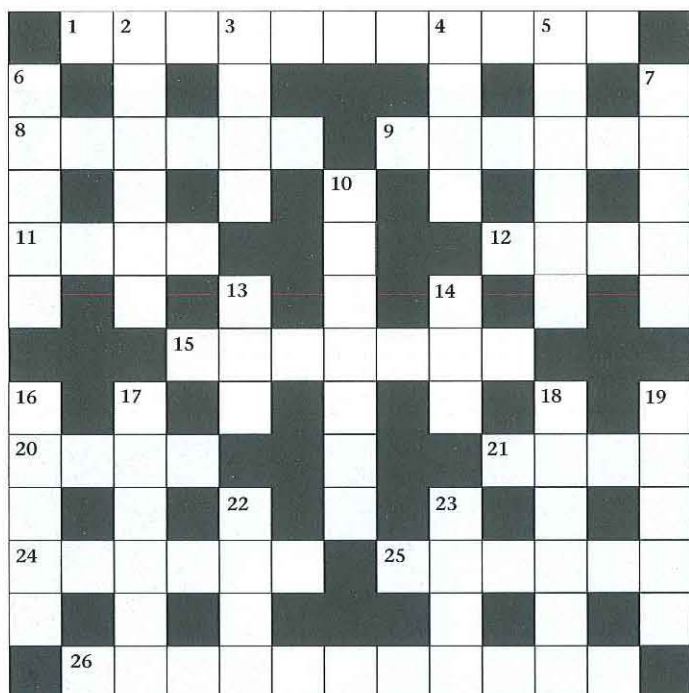
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# Put some Drama in your Life!



Come on all movie and theatre buffs, here's a crossword to satisfy the most avid of you. Dim the lights, reach for the popcorn and settle down in your favourite armchair to solve Margaret Miller's show-biz puzzle.

## Clues

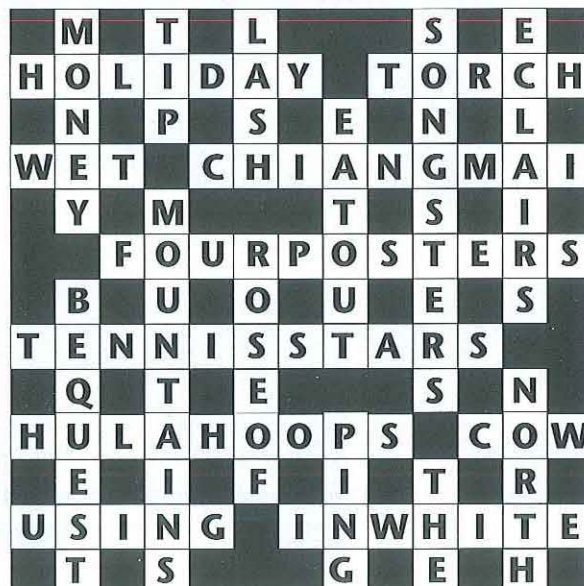
### Across

- 1 He composed songs for soldiers in World War I and later, romantic musicals. (4,7)
- 8 The King of Naples in Shakespeare's "The Tempest".
- 9 Old operetta - "The Student \_\_\_\_\_".
- 11 William Powell was the original "\_\_\_\_\_ Man".
- 12 Katherine Hepburn starred in the movie "On Golden \_\_\_\_\_".
- 15 Opera composed by Richard Strauss.
- 20 Wind instrument.
- 21 British film about Henry VIII - "\_\_\_\_\_ of the Thousand Days".
- 24 Doing his job he can make or break a show.
- 25 Charlie Chaplin's early movies were.
- 26 With 14 Down... Noel Coward advised her that her daughter was not show-biz material

### Down

- 2 First instrument in the orchestra.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Conway was a popular piano virtuoso.
- 4 Mark Anthony asked the Romans to lend them.
- 5 This John was a Beatle.
- 6 Singer \_\_\_\_\_ Page.
- 7 Actress \_\_\_\_\_ Hiller.
- 10 Composer of "Madame Butterfly".
- 13 The street where the weird events took place.
- 14 See 26 Across.
- 16 The heroine of this opera jumped to her death in the River Tiber.
- 17 Old operetta - "The Lilac \_\_\_\_\_".
- 18 The Duke of Vienna's deputy in Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure".
- 19 Miss Davis played "Baby Jane".
- 22 Costume of Braveheart?
- 23 He was affectionately known as "Old Groaner".

## Solution to the May puzzle





## Cockney Rhyming Slang Competition

Did you miss it? Page 32 in last month's edition of *Outpost*? At the time of writing I've heard not a dicky from anyone, despite the fabulous prize of a B2,000 F&B voucher from **The Londoner Brew Pub**. However, feeling unusually generous this month, I shall keep the competition running until the end of June - so dig out May's *Outpost*, phone Aunt Nelly in the East End for inspiration and then send in your rhyming slang entries to me at The Creative Partnership - or plop them in the *Outpost* pigeonhole at the Club.

## Paws for Thought

Being a bit of a sucker for whiskers and a wet nose, I thought it might be fun to feature a section in *Outpost* profiling those members of our family who aren't actually allowed on to Club premises! So here at The Creative Partnership we came up with the idea of "Pet of the Month" - and then scrapped it for obvious reasons! But I couldn't let go of the idea so it's back with a new name 'Paws for Thought'. Send in your cute or funny photos of the family pet with a few words - the more lighthearted the better - and I shall do my best to ensure that Rover or Felix gets a mention.

## Sophie's Choice: English Studies

Last month, I attributed the witty little article on the St. David's Ball to Carol Sandarusi, the Society's President. 'Not I', said Carol following *Outpost*'s publication last month, 'twas my daughter, Sophie Lalazarian, the literary one of the family'. To you Sophie I offer my apologies for the error, as well as my best wishes for your IB exams, your

forthcoming English studies and your assured future in journalism! *Outpost* will be delighted to accept any old scribbles you may care to chuck at it from time to time!

## Red is the Colour...

And finally, this issue couldn't go to print without a mention of football what with Man U's Red Devils having achieved the glorious treble. Then there's Arsenal (my husband's passion) whose faces must surely match the colour of their red shirts



Sherry Conisbee

after their 3-4 defeat by Thailand's national team. What more to say except well done Thailand!

**Sherry Conisbee**  
Editor, *Outpost*

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# A Triumphant Return to Bangkok by the Royal Marines!

**T**he Bangkok St. George's Society did it again, bringing world class musical performance back to Bangkok in the form of the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines in April.



The spectacular marching display by the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines had many St. George's Ball-goers standing on their chairs, waving their British flags.

Demonstrating their talent, professionalism and versatility in musical styles at several superb events greatly enjoyed by all who attended, their visit was a resounding success that we have every hope of seeing even bigger crowds next year!

The traditional **Beating the Retreat** at the British Embassy on St. George's Day, Friday 23rd April, took on a new meaning as everyone beat a fast retreat indoors when the heavens opened! Ever versatile, the band soon adapted to this turn of events by Beating Retreat on the stairs of the Residence and were no less impressive for it.

The **Bangkok St George's Society Annual Ball 1999**, held on Saturday 24th April, was a resounding success, with over 100 more people than last year enthralled by the varied and superb performances of the Band of HM Royal Marines, from the spectacular marching display to the rousing national music, from the smooth rhythmns of the Dance Band reminiscent of the big band era to the swinging Blues Brothers rock'n'roll, all of which kept everyone on their feet until the early hours,

with the die-hards seeing in the morning with a complimentary breakfast at 6.30am! The **Lights of London** were remembered on Monday 26th April, with West End musicals played like you've never heard them before, with the sometimes rousing, sometimes haunting tones of the Royal Marines Band evoking the classic moments from the London stage. Dinner guests were also treated to a performance by pupils from Harrow International School during the band interlude.

Appropriately, the Royal Marines rounded off their visit with the **Last Night of the Proms** concert on Wednesday 28th April. More than simply "Land of Hope and Glory", the Proms are a first-class series of classical concerts held in London every year, with the "Last Night" the grand finale. And so it was here in Bangkok, with a highly enjoyable mix of classical and popular music followed by a wonderful section of big band sound, rounded off by the traditional naval songs characteristic of the original "Last Night of the Proms", including "Rule Britannia". An uplifting performance by the Royal Marines during

which few remained seated in what was a spectacular evening of nostalgia and tradition.

For those of you who missed any of these events held during the "English Festival Week" at the Siam Inter-Continental Hotel between 23rd and 30th April, you certainly missed out on feast of world-class entertainment, the quality of which is rarely matched here in Bangkok.

The Bangkok St. George's Society would particularly like to thank **KLM**, the **Siam Inter-Continental Hotel** and **Transpo** for their generous support in making this musical bonanza possible.

## Banner Bird



A Royal Marines trumpet fanfare to herald the entrance of the President of the Bangkok St. George's Society, Judith Turner, with the British Ambassador, H.E. Sir James Hodge, and the guests on the top table

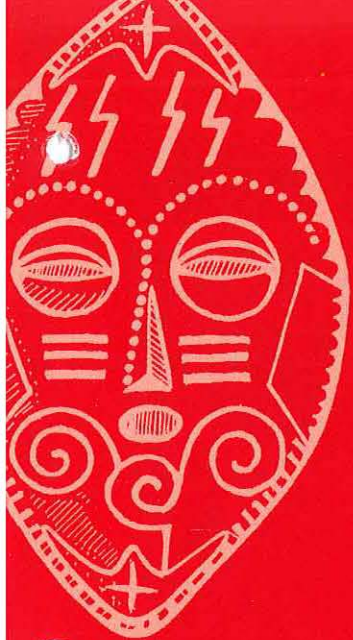


The Drum Corps of the Band of HM Royal Marines looking resplendant after the Last Night of the Proms



The Blues Brothers in action, keeping Ball-goers in the swing of things early into Sunday morning.





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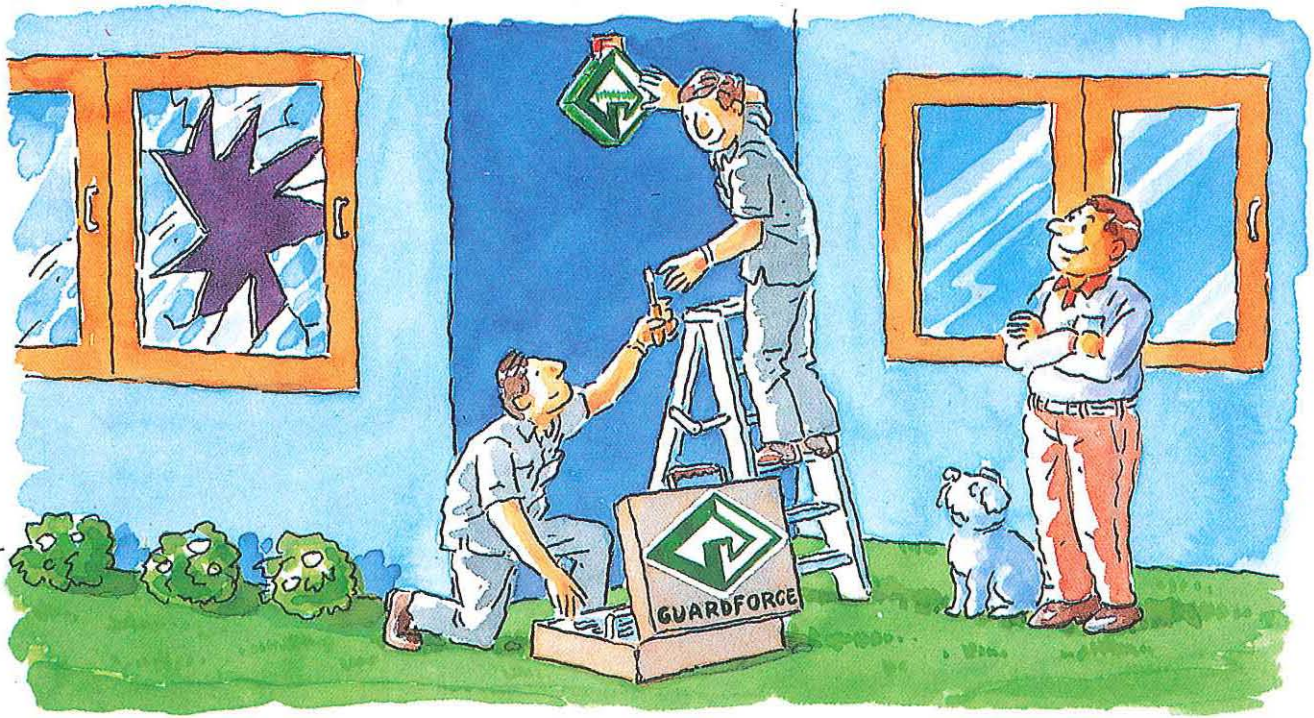
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## St. George's Ball and 'Last Night'



The full complement of the Band of HM Royal Marines and Drum Corps giving a spectacular concert during the Last Night of the Proms



A formal welcome to the St. George's Ball



The piccolo and drum of the Band of HM Royal Marines lead in the chef from the Mayfair Inter-Continental Hotel, London, and assorted characters for the traditional Baron of Beef ceremony



Enthusiastic Promenaders wearing the British flag during the Last Night of the Proms



Sally flying the flag!



Bandmaster Kelly conducting during the dinner performance



Band members and Ball-goers alike were still bright and chirpy at the Ball breakfast at 7am!



The Royal Marines kept everyone on the dancefloor into the small hours, playing as a big band-style dance band or a rock'n'roll band.

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# Forty Days and Forty Nights...

All of us are guilty of a mistake or two at some time in our lives. Well, I made one a couple of months ago by writing an article on a recent polo trip I made to Argentina.



The Liston, in Corfu's Town Centre

I followed up on this mistake by offering to write another article about my Easter vacation on the beautiful island of Corfu, off the west coast of Greece. The *Outpost* Editor was quick off her feet to accept my offer (after all, she was one of the niftiest dancers at last autumn's ballroom dancing classes!), and so I find myself in the luxurious surroundings of the Ritz Carlton in Singapore, trying to live up to my promise whilst forsaking a well earned siesta.

It is not my intention, dear members, to become a writer for the British Club magazine. I would much prefer to become another Onassis. Until then however, I thought I could stamp my name on the fabric of this colonial outpost by writing a couple of innocuous articles. Perhaps in a few years when you hear of my name as ruling the waves with my fleet of ships, you

can say that you used to read my stories! Anyway, I feel that *Outpost* has too many pictures of kids winning swimming medals (sorry proud kids and even prouder mums and dads, but that's a fact), so a few different stories here and there might possibly help to balance the content of this journalistic masterpiece, the British Club *Outpost*. By the way did you know that 70% of Club members think that the magazine is called *Outlook*, much to the disgust and disappointment of ex-Editor, Gaynor de Wit.

## Three reasons to celebrate

Easter in the Greek Orthodox world is of paramount importance and is considered the high point in our religious calendar for many reasons. One reason is that through the Resurrection, we celebrate Jesus



The St Spiridon Procession

Christ's transition to Heaven, and thus prove His link with His Father. Secondly, we celebrate the crucifixion as the sacrifice made by Jesus Christ on behalf of all humanity. And thirdly, as Easter falls in the spring, there is the added bonus of blossoming flowers and the beauty of the countryside. Do not confuse the importance of Easter with Christmas. Christmas is important too, but it is more of a quiet family affair celebrated at home. Easter is celebrated in the countryside and includes extended family and friends. In Greece, each region has its own traditional festivities, but the most famous and most beautiful celebrations take place on the island of Corfu (which many of you lovable Brits have graced on your holidays - mostly in a state of extreme intoxication).

## Saint Spiridon rides out

The festivities start one week before, on Palm Sunday, the day that Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and began his last week on this earth. Palm Sunday is a happy affair with a religious procession in the morning in which all the philharmonic bands of the island (brass bands) take part, together with students from the local schools dressed in their school uniforms, scouts, and the Army and Navy. Saint Spiridon, the Patron Saint of the island, also 'comes out', carried on the shoulders of four priests. Visiting tourists are always amazed to see the figure of this Saint in his silver sarcophagus. Saint Spiridon lived in the 4th century and yet his face is still clearly



The author with his girlfriend holding a "botis"

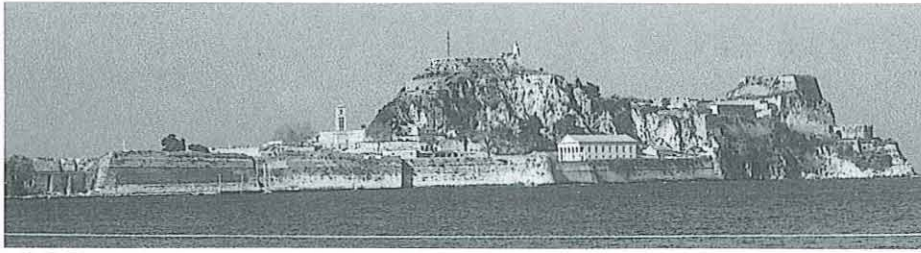


Epitaphios



One of Corfu's many bands





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visible - one of the miracles in which we believe.

Holy Monday comes next, when the locals flock to the 50+ churches in Corfu Town for the services which lead to Easter. For the more devout, fasting started 40 days before (Lent), but most people start fasting during this last week. Unlike the traditions of western churches such as the Church of England and the Catholic Church, we do not pick just one thing to give up during Lent. Instead we give up meat, fish and generally all animal products. Crustaceans are okay, though, so we go crazy on prawns, etc. By Thursday Holy Week is really beginning to unfold. On Holy Thursday morning, we all take Holy Communion at church. After that, we go for a drive around the island and have lunch in an outdoor restaurant, enjoying the spring air and delighting in the colourful fields in full bloom which make Corfu unique among the Greek islands. For my family, having lived abroad for over twenty years, and me it is an occasion not to be missed. We see friends whom we miss, and for my parents, both from Corfu, it is the chance to catch up with their old friends.

### **Solemn remembrances**

On Holy Thursday afternoon (the day of the Crucifixion) we gather at church to listen to the reading of the 12 'Evangelia', the writings of the apostles of Christ's last few days. After the fifth 'Evangelion', the church lights go off, and the priest recites 'Today Christ is Crucified'. He does so while carrying the cross on his shoulders, moving around the inside of the church 3 times. Each person inside the church holds a lighted candle, making the atmosphere more solemn, perhaps even haunting. In these few moments, while the priest carries the cross on his shoulders as Jesus did on the way to his crucifixion, we remember that Jesus Christ carried on his shoulders the burden and sins of mankind. After the church service, we run quickly to the windows of the Philharmonic Society of Corfu in the middle of the town, to hear the final rehearsals of the music they will play on Good Friday and Holy Saturday

morning. There is a strong classical music tradition in Corfu, borne out by the fact that almost every town and village on the island has a philharmonic band. The Philharmonic Society Band is over 150 years old and boasts the membership of such illustrious composers as Verdi and Rossini. The two pieces played are Albinoni's Adagio on Good Friday and a haunting piece called "Amletto" on Holy Saturday. On Good Friday morning, we gather in church again to hear the service of the "removal" from the crucifix of Jesus. Again, as on Thursday, a priest approaches the crucifix, holding the shroud into which Jesus Christ is placed. This is a very significant moment on the holiest of days in our religious calendar. Then, the "epitaphios" is prepared, and the faithful go to kiss the icon of the "dead Jesus" carried around the town in a series of processions. In the afternoon, one by one each church (and there are over fifty of them) takes out its "epitaphios" accompanied by a philharmonic band, and a guard of some sort - perhaps from the Army or Navy, a school or the scouts.

### **Sit and Liston**

It is very nice sitting in the "Liston" - a street in the centre of the town which is an exact replica of the famous Rue de Rivoli in Paris - watching the processions passing in front of you. After all the smaller churches have finished, at 10pm, the "epitaphios" of the Cathedral commences in all its full glory. A military guard of honour, the three bands of the town, schools, the best scouts (same as your Queen's Scouts), and the choir of the island all join in. This year we were unlucky as it rained during the procession but lucky enough to see it through to the end, and listen to Albinoni's Adagio. All very special moments for me personally. I would resign from my job if I was not allowed leave to attend Easter in Corfu. This is how serious it is for me. After the service we wander around the town doing our 'ronia'. This expression derives from the cricketing term "runs" and is used when we stroll up and down the town

square. In Corfu, cricket is our favourite game, introduced last century by the British Protectorate. All light bulbs in the centre of the town have been changed by the municipality to a purple colour, such as those used for solemn affairs.

### **Tourists get Christened!**

On Holy Saturday morning, at nine o'clock, the 'epitaphios' of the Church of Saint Spiridon is taken around the town in another solemn procession. The Saint is also carried in the arms of the priest. After this, at 11 o'clock sharp when the Church bells ring, we throw big clay pots called 'botides' from our windows. Signifying the first resurrection of Christ, it is a light-hearted affair as the resurrection is about happiness. We fill these pots with water, wetting any unsuspecting tourists who have decided to sit under our windows waiting to see this strange event.

On Saturday night all the town churches are closed for the Resurrection Service, as all the priests gather in the Centre Square. Over 100,000 people come to watch this spectacular event, each holding a candle. We always go to the top floor of a hotel, the highest point in town, where the view is simply breathtaking. At ten minutes to midnight, the town's Archbishop calls 'gather to receive the light', the light having been brought from Jerusalem in a lantern that same afternoon by special Olympic Airways flights and delivered to all major cities in Greece. It is given to the local cathedrals, and dispensed solemnly just before midnight. At precisely midnight, the archbishop calls 'Christ is Risen', which signifies the beginning of the celebrations.

### **A finale of fireworks and food**

Fireworks from the town fortress fill the sky and everybody kisses their loved ones saying 'Christ is Risen'. We then all gather at home for the traditional "margiritsa" soup, which basically is a mild version of tripe. We also have red painted eggs, and have competitions to see who can break whose eggs.

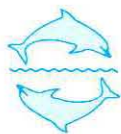
Easter Sunday is a day of feasting. Lamb is roasted on the spit and we spend the whole day outdoors, eating and drinking. A well earned close to 40 days of fasting and festivity.

I hope this has given you a good idea of how we celebrate our Easter. So until I am asked to write again for *Outpost*, I bid you all farewell.

**Nicholas Kosmatos**



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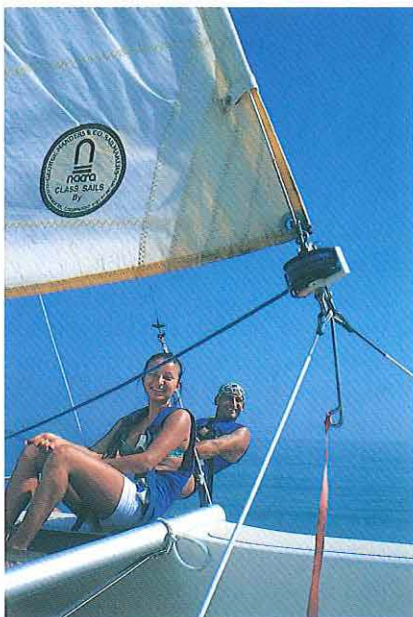


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## Lars and Jeanette Thorsen



Lars and Jeanette

Danish new member, Jeanette, is Manager of the Scandinavian Community Affairs (SAS) and husband Lars is Managing Director of Ikea Trading. With two young children, Amanda and Andreas, this family is no stranger to this part of the world having lived previously in China and Taiwan. Both Jeanette and Lars express an interest in tennis, golf, fitness, squash, swimming and travelling - how very compatible!

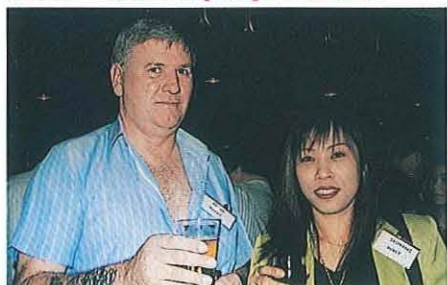
## Dr. Chumrat Phichitkul and Denise Perret



Chumrat and Denise

Born in Thailand, Chumrat won a scholarship to study in France where he met - in his words - his still lovely wife, Denise. Ahhh! After 24 years abroad, the last 4 in Delaware, Dr. Chumrat is home. He is now Sales Director at Ciba Specialty Chemicals, Denise is in charge of everything at home and their children Sylvain and Anne are studying at the French School in Bangkok. Coming across as fun-loving folks, Chumrat keeps playing tennis and Denise likes to swim.

## Peter and Sriprapai Hurst



Peter and Sriprapai

Property Manager at Empire Towers, Peter has spent 12 years abroad in Kenya, Saudi Arabia and Australia, before coming to Thailand 18 months ago. They say they have "lots" of children and intend staying in Thailand forever! Watch for them in the Churchill Bar on Tuesday evenings as the only hobby to which they admit is darts!

## Yokiin and Surjit Sinchawla



Surjit and Yokiin

Managing Partners at S.S. Agencies, Yokiin and Surjit have spent 35 years in Thailand and have three grown-up sons and 4 grand children. A collector of gems, Yokiin also enjoys photography and surfing the net, and likes to keep healthy by walking and jogging. Surjit enjoys poetry, and joins her husband in an enjoyment of walking.

Posted to Thailand with Ove Arup & Partners, Alex has been here 18 months and has nothing but wondrous things to say about the Club. A keen windsurfer and sailor, he adds tennis, golf and squash to his list of most-liked sports, although his comments about the lack of aircon in the squash courts suggest that he gets pooped after just a couple of games...!

## David Milliot



David

A consultant with Baker & McKenzie, David from the land of haute cuisine, vineyards and chic dressers (no, not Aus!) is a racquets man, enjoying squash, tennis and badminton. An avid movie-goer and music-lover, he's been lucky enough to live previously in London and Vienna where no doubt he overdosed on both pleasures. His claim to fame is that he met the Dalai Lama in southern Austria in '95 (certainly beats mine of playing on the Kinks' drums back in the '70s! - S). Bienvenue David.

## Rohit and Deepika Naheta



Rohit

Beating all records for the most enthusiastic person on earth, Rohit is keen to participate in practically everything the Club has to offer. He has a keen interest in cricket, badminton, swimming, snooker and tennis, and at New Members Night was found huddled with Damon, undoubtedly signing up for darts and dancing and anything else that was new. His wife, Deepika, is a student and housewife and in her free time she likes to swim and play tennis and badminton. Rohit's business hours are spent at Deks Int'l Co, and his hobby is stamp and coin collecting.

## Alex Bach



Alex



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