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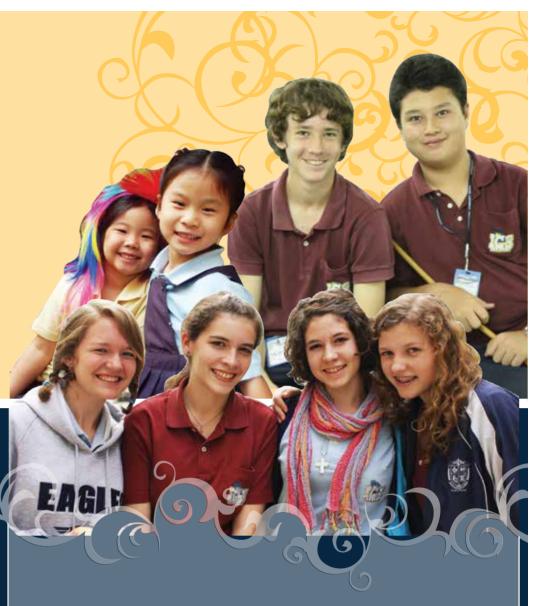


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## **LETTER FROM THE GM**



#### Dear Members.

June has been a very steady month at the Club, with some great highlights. Trinity Estate, in conjunction with Royal Prestige Wine and the British Club, held a wine dinner in The Verandah which was hugely successful. 50 people attended, including H.E. Tony Lynch (the New Zealand Ambassador) and the winemakers themselves. The feedback was very positive and we plan to hold another similar event here in the near future.

I am very pleased with how popular pétanque is becoming, with increasing numbers of our Members playing either for fun or in the friendly tournaments we hold twice a month. More than 20 people played in the Family Tournament in June, and I hope these numbers will remain high in the coming months.

Functions have also been busy, with some very large events, such as the Shrewsbury School Teachers' Family Party, AIA Farewell Party and Canada Day. The large number of people attending these events generates good revenue for the Club.

Maintenance around the Club is still going on, despite the start of the monsoon season. We have replaced the netting between the Suriwongse Sala and the tennis courts and have also inserted soft netting down below to prevent the balls from bouncing back off the wall and onto the courts. The children's play area on the Back Lawn is currently under renovation and will be closed for approximately one month. We have ordered a new slide for the Children's Pool to replace the old one. We hope our children will have fun on the new Dolphin Slide! We also plan to add more equipment to the Children's Playground to make it an even more enjoyable place for them. New air sanitisers have been installed in each of the Clubhouse toilets to improve the air quality there.

We take the safety and security of both our Members and our staff very seriously. Therefore, we have installed extra CCTV cameras at various strategic places around the Club to enhance overall security.

Many of you will be going away for the long summer holiday once the schools go on break. I wish you all a safe trip and I hope you have fun. For those of you who are staying in Bangkok, please don't forget that, unlike the schools, the Club doesn't close and will be open throughout the holidays, with plenty of activities to keep the whole family entertained. Our Kids' Sports Camps will be running throughout the holidays, and we also plan to organise an Adventure Trip. Please contact our Sports Manager, Mike Wagstaff, for more details.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club soon.

Kind regards,

#### Premrudee Tanyaluck General Manager

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## **HAPPENINGS**



#### Dear Members,

Since the last issue of Outpost, we have seen a fantastic turnout for the New Zealand Winemakers Dinner, and understandably so, as the menu had some succulent fish and lamb, as well as several deliciously crisp and smooth wines to highlight their flavours. At the beginning of June, the Club welcomed four legends who had played for Manchester United, who spent the evening and had dinner at the Club, and spent quite a while Poolside chatting with Members and the British Ambassador, H.E. Mark Kent, who dropped in too. The following day, the Suriwongse Room was absolutely packed for the showing of the First Overland film which charted the 1955 journey of six Oxbridge students from London to Singapore in two Land-Rovers. It was fascinating, and to think the BBC lost the original footage! Our thanks to Roger Willbourn, who got a copy from the students whom he knew. We also hosted the annual celebrations for Canada Day, which was a fun day even though as always the rain fell on and off throughout, which made the Bloody Caesars all the more warming!

Many of our Members and families will be going back to their homes overseas for the summer holidays as of the beginning of July, so there is not a huge amount planned for the coming month. Last year's Independence Buffet was a great success, so we are having another one this year on Thursday 4th July with delicious BBQ ribs, DIY burgers and so on. The finals at Wimbledon will be on Sunday 7th unless they are delayed by rain, and if Andy Murray is in the final, we'll have a repeat of the festivities last year with some free beer if he wins a set. We'll remember the guillotine on Bastille Day which falls on a Sunday this year (the day not the blade) and in the fortnight thereafter there are the two football matches of Chelsea and Liverpool against the Singha and Thai teams.

It seems that the detective/crime genre has run its course on Monday Nights, and there were calls for comedy so as from 1st July, two of the Monday slots will feature evergreen popular British comedy, including 'Yes Minister', 'Spitting Image' and a selection of the better (were there any?) 'Carry On...' movies which nobody could deny are intrinsically British in their bawdy suggestive and irreverent humour as well as, on occasion, their nonsense content. As soon as the audio-visual systems in the upstairs rooms are brought into this century, which has been approved and is relatively imminent, we will also be scheduling a selection of interesting main- and not so main- stream movies for your delectation.

Interim feedback from the questionnaires suggests that the Sudoku were missed in Outpost, so these have come back this month. We won't bother with monthly answers - who checks them? And either you can or you can't solve a Sudoku. There have also been quite a number of responses which support the idea of a Letters Page in the magazine. We cannot introduce this until such time as letters arrive to be considered for printing! There is already an email address for the magazine, (outpost@britishclubbangkok.org) which you could have guessed, so feel free to write! Other suggestions from the questionnaire will be included if and where possible, but that's some way off as the analysis and summary has yet to be completed.

A couple of months ago I contacted a number of Members who had unsubscribed from the Club's emailing list. This can happen intentionally or in error, and most of those contacted wanted to be resubscribed. If you unsubscribe by accident, please let me know so I can relist your address. For those who wish to stop getting Club emails, that's your choice of course, but your name will be added to a list for official Club business mailings (such as AGM/EGM notices, closures, refurbishments) which must be sent to you, and those will still arrive in your mailbox from time to time.

Lastly, there are quite a few emails which come through to the Club from Members who receive no emails at all, or from Members who want their other half to be on the mailing list as well. Usually, the former group seem to receive Outpost, so if you fall into that category and are not getting the events, sports and other mailings, please let me know.

Have a great time if you're going back to your country for the summer. For those of you staying in Bangkok, just be glad you don't have to deal with the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Best wishes,

Jeremy de Sausmarez Events & Marketing Manager



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#### 1st - 5th July 2013

Starters - 55 baht

Waldorf Ham Salad

or Chef's Soup of the Day

#### Main Courses - 140 baht

Grilled Pork Loin Steak served with apple and fennel sauce

- or Pan-fried Dory with Mornay Sauce served with broccoli and mashed potatoes
- or Mini Steak served with mixed vegetables and roast potatoes
- or Tom Kha Gai (a refreshing soup with chicken, coconut milk and herbs)

Phad Kaprao Moo Sab (stir-fried minced pork with hot basil and chili)

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Chicken Korma Served with boiled egg and yellow rice

- or Fish &Chips (Choice of Breadcrumbed or Battered)
  Served with garden peas and tartar sauce
- or Pork Schnitzel

Served with mixed salad, baked potato and apple sauce

or Tom Yam Goong (spicy lemon grass soup with prawns and mushroom)

Gai Phad Khing (stir-fried chicken with ginger, onion, and fungus mushroom)

Tod Mun Pla (deep-fried fishcakes)

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- or Lamb, Beef and Eggplant Moussaka served with mixed salad and garlic bread
- or Fillet of Pork Mushroom Sauce served with green beans, carrots and garlic roast potatoes
- or Gaeng Kiew Wan Look Chin Pla (fish balls in green curry sauce)

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Pan-Fried Dory Fish with Spicy Herbs served with mixed salad and boiled potatoes

- or Turkey Lasagne served with garlic bread
- or Mini Steak Served with mixed vegetables and roast potatoes
- or Gaeng Som Goong Phak Ruam (sour soup with mixed vegetables and prawns)

Moo Tod Kratium Prik Thai (stir-fried pork fillet with garlic and pepper)

Tod Mun Pla (deep-fried fish cake)

#### Dessert of the Day - 55 baht

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## F&B MORSELS



#### Dear Members.

We started out the month with a very tasty Buffet for Coronation Day, the 60th anniversary. The Verandah looked very nice and a lot of people came to eat! Last weekend was busy with Canada Day which had a buffet and barbecue. In between, there have been lots of functions to deal with and many orders from Members of course, so it has been a good month!

As Members and their families go away for the summer, the Club gets a bit quieter and I am happy to say that the GC have agreed to get some works done on the main kitchens, which have not had anything done to them for more years than I can remember. The kitchen staff and I are very pleased about this, as there will be some new equipment as well, and all together it will make our jobs much smoother and that should make the food taste better!

The kitchen works will take quite a few weeks. I have been talking with Khun Prem about what to do during this time. The other kitchen will be able to do much of the orders, but we are planning to set up something else by the Clubhouse to take the pressure off the other kitchen. I want you all to keep well-fed during this time, and without having to wait too long! As soon as we know, you will hear the details.

Wimbledon is here so it's strawberry season! Lots of dishes with strawberries, and some new dishes on the Specials Board too, so enjoy this month.

Happy Eating!

Khun Laak Executive Chef



#### 16th - 31st July 2013 1st -15th July 2013 **Starters Starters** Chef's Soup of the Day Bt 80 Chef's Soup of the Day Bt 80 Homemade Perogies filled with cheese and Tuna and Scallop Carpaccio with Rocket Salad and Shaved Parmesan Bt 195 potato sautéed with bacon and onions Bt 160 **Main Courses Main Courses** Australian Rib-Eye Steak with Pepper Sauce Grilled Cod Steak with Pesto served with grilled tomatoes, button mushrooms served with crispy mixed green salad Bt 265 and home-fried potatoes Bt 575 Roast Herbs and Garlic Lamb Chops served with Roast Salmon wrapped in Smoked Bacon spinach risotto and onion confit red wine sauce Bt 335 with lemon tarragon mayonnaise Bt 300 Chicken Breast stuffed with Wild Mushroom in puff Lamb Kebab with vegetable couscous and pastry with whole grain mustard and wine cream Bt 335 sauce served with french beans, carrots and mint yoghurt home-fried potatoes Bt 260



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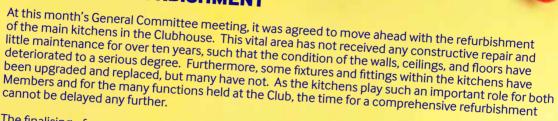
When the June issue of Outpost was sent out at the end of May, it contained a Membership Survey Questionnaire which, at 7 pages, was longer than intended but which covered so many areas on which Members' opinions were needed that it could not be shortened.

The response to the questionnaire has exceeded expectations, and it soon became clear that the original plan to summarise after a deadline of 18th June in order to have an article ready for the July issue of Outpost could not be met. The deadline was extended to 25th June, and completed questionnaires are still being returned even now, with not many days left.

Every questionnaire has been personally answered by the Chairman, which is a huge undertaking in itself. Summarising all the answers and recording all the extra observations, suggestions and comments will take many hours.

The processing will begin after 25th June, and we therefore intend to have a summary and report in time for the August issue of Outpost. Our thanks to all those many Members who made the effort to complete and return the questionnaire.

## KITCHENS REFURBISHMENT



The finalising of many quotations is almost complete, and the works will take over a month to complete. At this stage, it would be unwise to speculate on a schedule for the works, but as the summer downtime commences around the end of June, it is logical to undertake the works whilst the

Khun Prem and Khun Laak are working on temporary arrangements that can be implemented while the works are going on, to minimise the effect on the membership. As soon as we have definite schedules and alternative cooking plans, a comprehensive explanation will be emailed to all Members for their



## HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

This month saw the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen's Coronation, and of course for the many British and Commonwealth citizens who admire and support their monarch, it was a time to reflect on the remarkable era which ahs been covered by Her reign, now the second longest in history.

There are a couple of visual treasures which many people may have missed, so this is a fine opportunity to list them for those interested.

The first is some archive footage of the Queen's first Trooping the Colour parade as monarch in 1952. Go to this web address in your browser: http://t.co/xmCSVGN2PS

The second is a tribute made last year for the Queen for achieving 60 years as monarch, and is a morph sequence of photographs of Her Majesty from when she was a child through to the present time. Set to the music from Chariots of Fire, it is a great few minutes of video. Go to: http://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=E8nJhG1xE5o





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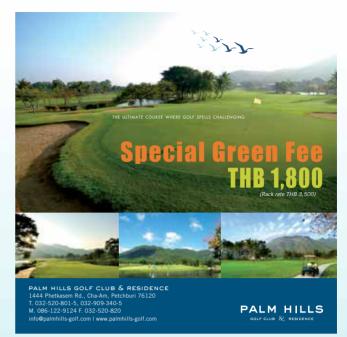
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The day ran from 9am through to 5pm in the Suriwongse Room, and the staff who attended were from each of the Club's outlets. Topics covered included Greetings, Presentation, Taking Orders, Following up, with in-depth sessions for the general topics of Customer Relations and Customer Service.

With a light lunch included, it turned out to be a most positive and rewarding day. The staff liked what they heard, and intend to implement what was taught in all areas of their work in future. They know that the Club Members will be on the look-out for improved standards!









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## ST. DAVID'S NEWYDDION



The St. David's Society's Annual General Meeting was held in May at the British Club. Before getting down to the important "business" of socialising over dinner (a fabulous carvery served by the British Club catering staff) and taking part in the "Off the Wall" quiz, members (new and renewing) heard the annual report as submitted by the Bard (Heather Powell) and Treasurer (Leighton Fowles).

Those present voted in the new 2013/2014 committee (as listed below). All previous committee members offered to stand again (with the exception of Mrs Carolyn Filak, who will be leaving Bangkok and returning to the USA). In addition, we have two new members joining the committee – Mr Richard Hopkins and Mr Mathew Rees. We are looking forward to leading the Society into a new year and seeing you at future events.

For further details please email: <a href="mailto:heather.wyn@gmail.com">heather.wyn@gmail.com</a>

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A little money can certainly go a long way we have found this year! At the 2013 St. David's Ball we raised 87,700 baht with the evening's raffle. Combined with a small sum left over from 2012 and raffle money collected at the AGM, we had 96,000 baht available to donate to welfare causes this year.

We are pleased to report that the money has already been allocated and passed on. So ... what did we spend it on?

2 feeder chairs to support physically disabled children whilst they are eating.





#### Donated 11,000 baht to CCD

10 modern latrines. The Pakanyor Foundation will build the latrines in a village in Chomthong District, Chiang Mai, where Gordonstoun School will be carrying out their annual water supply implementation project this summer

#### Donated 35,000 baht to The Pakanyor Foundation

20 bicycles. The "School Bike Library Project" will be run as the school bike lending program and support at least 20 students. The project's target school is in Ayutthaya province. The bicycles will be provided to the school and then lent to students for commuting to and from home and school. Students will return bicycles to the school after they graduate and the bicycles will be maintained for use by other students. EDF will support the programme with safety orientation, maintenance assistance, and other general support. Across Thailand, especially in rural areas, transport safety problems continue to plague students, with unlicensed school buses and overloading prevalent. Some of these buses are still in use due to heavy demand from students where schooling cannot be provided nearby or the provision of public transport cannot be ensured. These bicycles will be invaluable to the students.

#### Donated 50,000 baht to The Education for Development Foundation "EDF"

The Society's committee is very happy to know that the money raised has been put to such practical use. Thank you again to all of the 2013 prize sponsors and guests at the Ball and AGM who kindly bought tickets at our lucky draw!

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#### **'RULES BRITANNIAE'**

A monthly peek into our rulebook for things you probably did not know!



#### **COLLEAGUES FROM ABROAD**



**DID YOU KNOW...** that if you have business colleagues or friends coming to Bangkok for business or on holiday, they can buy TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP for one day, one week or one month?

The person must be proposed by an Ordinary or Country Member and other conditions apply - see Rule 50 for details.

## 90 DAY REPORTING - BY POST!

Many members may be unaware that you can do your '90-Day reporting' to Immigration by mail. The procedure has recently been changed slightly, so here is an update for members:

- 1. Photocopy the picture page and all used pages of your passport
- 2. Photocopy your departure card (TM6)
- 3. Download form TM47 from their website [http://www.immigration.go.th/nov2004/download/tm47.doc] and complete
- 4. Place all of the above in an envelope and send to the below address, together with the previous 90-Day form and a self-addressed, 10 Baht-stamped envelope
- 5. Send it in 15 days ahead of your "due date" by EMS post (39 Baht) and two weeks later all the passport copies are returned (for re-use) together with your new date to report and a fresh TM47 form. Simple and easy!

Their address is: 90 DAYS REGISTRATION, IMMIGRATION DIVISION 1 120 MOO 3, CHAENGWATTANA ROAD, SOI 7, LAKSI, BANGKOK. 10210

## **PAST PARTICIPLE**

#### **Auspicium Melioris Ævi**

By Paul Cheesman



We look at the history of our Club in 1988 ...

In two bold moves to see off another financial crisis, at the AGM on March 22nd the membership agreed to increase joining fees by a massive 50% and to increase the number of Associate Members from the limit of 120 (which was now full) to 180. On questioned why the figure was being increased to 180 as opposed to 150, the Chairman said that it was not a magic figure, just one that gave the committee some leeway – this prompted a member to suggest that the Chairman was not obviously a member of the Club's darts team!

A secondary issue also dealt with at the AGM was the serious concern expressed by members that the 'sudden' input of so many new Associate Members over the past few years was changing the nature of the Club – of the 120 Associates over half were American or Thai – and one member even suggested that the Club should be renamed 'the International Club'. This matter was put to bed by a GC led motion that restricted any single Associate nationality to one-third of the total Associate membership, thus ensuring a cosmopolitan mix of associate nationalities.

1988 was a year of many overseas Clubs and sports associations visiting the Club and this was a year where we had a good rugby team, which included two Fijian international players guesting. Thus in the June, when the Rhinos Rugby Football

Club, a touring rugby club from Hong Kong, were let down by the Singapore Cricket Club, the Club came to their rescue to hold a Bangkok-Pattaya tournament — let's just say we won! The plaque presented to us, and the tournament photograph, still hang in the Churchill Bar.



A lot of effort was put into driving the membership forward. As well as targeting the British Chamber of Commerce Thailand, contact was made with the newly formed Thai-Canadian Business Association, which in 1991 became the Thai-Canadian Chamber of Commerce, and also much recruitment was done to fill the 60 new Associate places and so membership at the yearend was a record 625.

One of the perennial chestnuts in committee life is the 'accommodation block' which came up again in April 1988. The committee sought a legal review, at a cost of 15,000 Baht, and all came up in the Club's favour in August. By September, we had a working estimate of a standalone building with 15 bedrooms, hairdresser, Thai massage and a fitness centre, which would cost 21 Million Baht (51 Million Baht at 2013 prices) to build and could be serviced by a ten-year bank loan. In October we approved the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration to do initial designs for 40,000 Baht, and thereafter do full construction drawings with BMA building permission for 200,000 Baht. In November a subcommittee was formed to manage this project ... but nothing physically happened. The project lingered and lingered for many years and eventually just did not get off the ground.

One of the early concerns raised in September 1988 was that financing the accommodation block would have required a room rate of at least 2,000 Baht per night which was over the 1,000 Baht a night limit not to be subject to business tax – the Club had been exempt since 1951 (see May 2010 Outpost). Whilst this issue alone did not 'kill the project' the whole business tax issue for the Club would soon nearly 'kill the Club' ... but you will have to wait until next month to find out how!

## BC CALENDAR - JULY 2013























#### **TUESDAY**













#### WEDNESDAY











#### **THUR**





























## **JRSDAY** Sports Camp and Mini Sports Camp Children's Cinema 1776 6pm, Silom Sala The Mask Buffet Tennis Mix-In Sports Camp and Mini Sports Camp 9am-3pm Children's Cinema 6pm, Silom Sala Pinocchio Tennis Mix-In 7pm - 10pm 18 Sports Camp and Mini Sports Camp Children's Cinema 6pm, Silom Sala Totoro Tennis Mix-In 7pm - 10pm Sports Camp and Mini Sports Camp 9am-3pm Wine Tasting Surawongse Room 6pm - 9pm Children's Cinema Pocahontas Tennis Mix-In

#### **FRIDAY SATURDAY**

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Buffet Lunch & Dinner

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The Verandah

The Verandah

5pm - 9pm

11:30am - 3pm

5pm - 9pm

11:30am - 3pm

The Verandah 11:30am - 3pm 6

## FRENCH

Open Pairs Bridge Surawongse Room 2:30pm 170 Yoga 2:30pm Tan and Family Pétanque

**SUNDAY** 

Wimbledon Final 9pm



Junior British Club 10:30am - 1:30pm

Junior British Club 10:30am - 1:30pm

Bastille Day Buffet 11:30am - 3pm

Open Pairs Bridge Surawongse Room





Junior British Club 10:30am - 1:30pm

Sunday Brunch

Open Pairs Bridge Surawongse Room 2:30pm







Sunday Brunch

Junior British Club 10:30am - 1:30pm

F1 Hungarian Grand Prix





The Verandah 11:30am - 3pm

**BC Golf Society** 7 Jul Subhaprueck

14 Jul Royal Lakeside

20 Jul Vintage 28 Jul Royal



## WIMBLEDON 2013







On the big screen in Suriwongse Sala

Pimm's No 1 - Bt 110

Strawberries:

with Cream - Bt 125



## **HOLY DAYS & FESTIVALS**

By Paul Cheesman

Actual Public Holidays in Thailand are marked in red



#### **MID-YEAR CLOSING DAY**

July 1st

**ASARNHA BUCHA** 

July 22nd

**KHAO** 

This Thai national day was proclaimed by the Royal Thai Government in 1999 to preserve the proper use of the Thai language. The date is taken from 19th July 1962 when His Majesty

**PANSA** July 23rd

**NATIONAL** THAI **LANGUAGE**  This is a not a Thai Public Holiday and not what Brits and other commonwealth peoples would usually refer to as a 'Bank Holiday', but it is a day when the major branches of banks and the Stock Exchange are actually closed but all shops, offices and government institutions remain open.

This is the third most important Buddhist holiday in the calendar and is called to celebrate

the day that Buddha gave his first sermon to his first five disciples. This sermon is commonly known as DhammacakkappavattanaSutta or The Setting in Motion of the Wheel of Dharma.

Although the sermon was proclaimed around 527 BC (or later with some scholars) the earliest known copy of the accepted text comes from 170AD. This is a Buddhist holiday, literally 'Rain Retreat Day', to celebrate the start of Vassa, or Buddhist Lent, and 'traditionally' the start of the Monsoon Season. It was also the traditional

start of the main crop growing season thus monks would remain in their monastery for three lunar months to meditate and also to avoid damaging young crops during their

spiritual wanderings. For the lay Buddhist, the three months are a time to give up meat,

alcohol, or smoking – some followers even add gossip and sex to this list.

King Bhumibol Aduyadej (Rama IX) paid a private visit to Chulalongkorn University's Faculty DAY of Arts. His Majesty joined academicians in a discussion on the proper use of Thai words. July 29th

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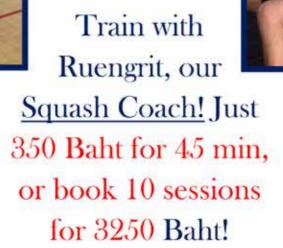
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## <u>PÉTANQUE</u>

By Mike Wagstaff



This month we hosted both adult and family pétanque competitions... kind of.

The family competition went extremely well, with 13 teams registered and 10 turning up on the day. The competition took slightly longer than expected, however there were no complaints as everybody relaxed, enjoyed the weather and watched the great sporting spectacle which was placed before them. The 10 teams were divided into two leagues of five. Each game was played to three points in order to reduce playing time.

From Group 1, Cotton and Khun Pattana won all four of their games 3-0, not conceding a point throughout the entire group stages. From Group 2, Mark and Evangeline conceded only one point throughout the group stages, qualifying for the final after just three games. This was going to make for one fantastic final match. The spectators gathered and crowd control were placed under a lot of pressure. Despite the excitement and anticipation, the crowd calmed and it was on with the final. Khun Pattana and Cotton (and a lot of support from mum) vs. Mark and Evangeline.

Both teams played extremely well, there were some close calls and a lot of measuring, and after a little over 10 minutes a champion emerged. . . . . as did a very proud mum.

And the champions were.... Khun Pattana and Cotton.













## **TENNIS**

By Mike Wagstaff

#### The British Club vs KTB



This month The British Club hosted Krungthai Bank for an afternoon of tennis and an evening of dinner and drinks. The tennis went particularly well throughout the day and we managed to fit lots of games in before the rain dampened the occasion in the early evening. Once again Khun Phairoj Chansivekul was the mastermind of the operation, using his contacts and connections in the tennis world in order to aid the organisation of this event. Khun Somchai Ngowwatana, the KTB tennis team manager, also helped significantly with the organisation of this friendly tennis fixture by bringing a huge team of 32 players and supporters down to The British Club. Mr James Young, Chairman of the BC Tennis Section, was also a big part of the arrangements for this event. Without the above three people, this event would not have been possible. Many thanks go out to Khun Phairoj, Khun Somchai, Mr James Young and all those who attended either as players or spectators.

The British Club were victorious on the day, winning the fixture 7-5. We hope to host our guests again in the very near future.

Once the rain started, tennis racquets and tired players filled the Sala for an excellent meal which was put on by our fantastic service and kitchen teams which worked extremely hard on the day. Many thanks on behalf of the Tennis Section go out to all those staff which made this event successful.

Please take a moment to look through some of the pictures taken on the day, including some excellent action shots . . . and misses.















We would also like to take this opportunity to inform Members who may be interested in tennis that each week we have training, mix-ins, and Club nights - Mon, Wed and Fri respectively. This is a great occasion for those looking to start playing tennis or those who wish to improve their skills by playing against higher calibre players.

We also have excellent coaches and knockers in Khun Nut, Khun Orathai, Khun Kwan, Khun Tom and Khun Rit. Call the Fitness Centre for more information.



## **SQUASHY BITS**

By Bruce Madge

#### Please see the pictures!



Dear BCB Members, the latest news from the BCB Squash Section is as follows



clothes into their squash clothes. For this they thanked us. Please see picture 3. When the HKLRC players emerged from the changing rooms we were rather shocked to discover that only one of them was a real lady. The other six were men who had



been dressed as women. Please see picture 4. Nevertheless, we began the match against this sole lady and her six transvestite pals. And it was thrilling, but we lost 4-3 because Haroon was defeated 3-0 in the final match by their number one, a ladyman named June. You see, before that the HKLRC players had won three matches and the BCB players had won three matches so that meant it was Gandhi's responsibility to win the final match in order for the BCB to claim victory over this bunch of cross dressers from Hong Kong who we were proud and honoured to host. Well, Gandhi let us down as the night before he'd been out downing tequila slammers, until 5am with his pal, Paul, who was in BK visiting, and who is a Man City fan. Please see pictures 5&6.

Last month the BCB Squash Section was proud and honoured to host a team of squash players from the HKLRC - Hong Kong Ladies' Recreational Club. Please see pictures 1&2. The HKLRC was celebrating its 130 year anniversary with a tour to Bangkok and had chosen the BCB as a venue for a squash match during this tour. They came to us on a Saturday afternoon and we were waiting for them. We welcomed the ladies in to the BCB and showed them where they could change from their regular







Shame on you Gandhi, but never mind because they gave us a plaque and some caps and badges commemorating their tour and they have invited us to visit them. Please see pictures 7& 8. So isn't that nice?





Moving on a little. A week later we had to host another team match against ten teachers from Patana School where Charles, Chris Mellor and Tom Kelly allegedly do some form of teaching work. Please see pictures 9, 10 & 11. This match was



to be Charles' last match as a Patana teacher as he'd been fired by the school for becoming too old, according to their teacher-age policy to remain an effective teacher, if he ever was one at all, according to Tom Kelly, which Bits is assured that he was, sometimes, according to Chris Mellor. Anyway, they had ten, we had ten, and we did it. And you won't



believe it, but once again it was a thriller. And we won. The BCB Squashies defeated the Patana teachers 7-3.We won! Please see picture 12. Curry buffet and towers of Heineken and Tiger followed. Please see pictures 13, 14 & 15.





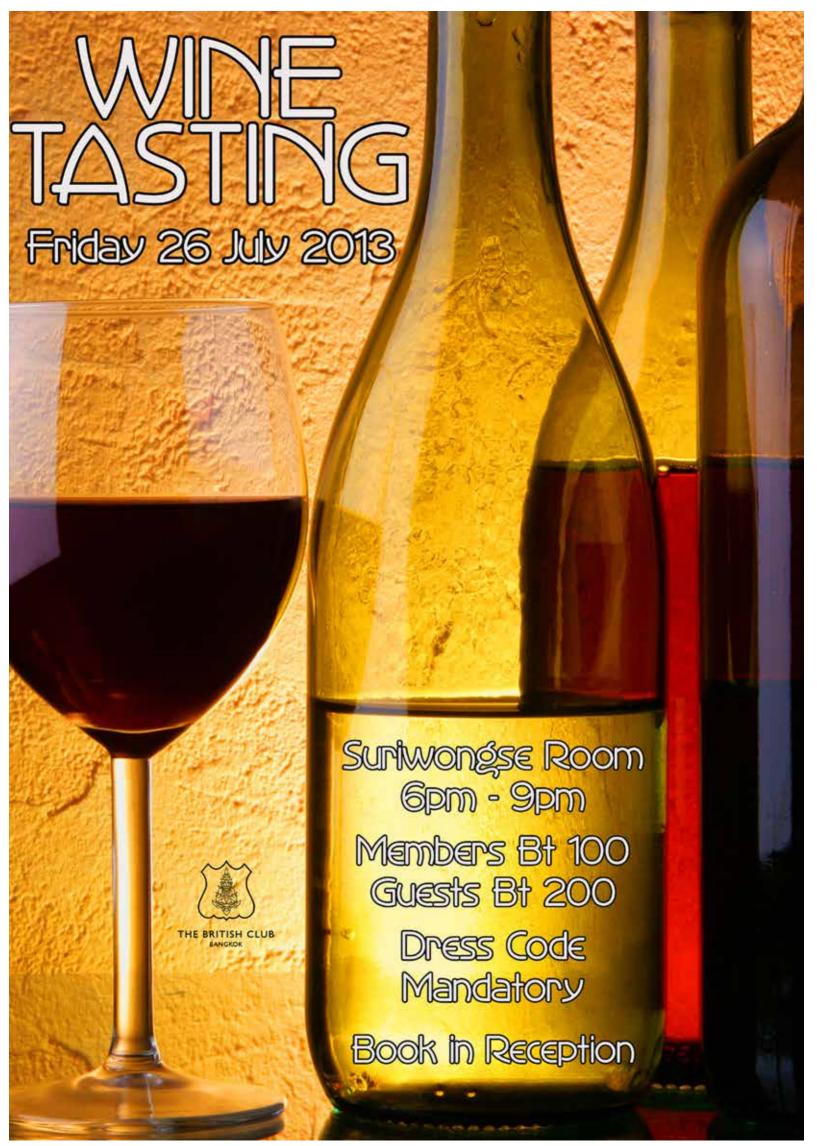


And wasn't it fun? There really aren't the words to describe the pleasure that was had on that monumental evening as the beer and curry flowed and flowed. Charles even gave a speech detailing his plans for retirement and how exhilarated he was by the thought of spending his twilight years teaching at a quaint kindergarten in luxurious PhenomPhen, Cambodia, while living with, and supporting, his stunning Cambodian wife, and her, not his, six delightful girls. Please see pictures 16, 17, 18 & 19.



Good luck Charles. Please see picture 20! Until Charles leaves which is next month.....





## **HARD BALLS**





#### **BC Cricket Tour to Phuket**

The dates have been finalised for the tour. Please clear your schedules for the weekend of the 26/27th October, 2013.

#### Bangkok 20/20 Competition (Harrow)

Provisionally we are looking at the last weekend in July and the following three weekends in August. Last year the BC team, against all the odds, almost achieved greatness. Due to the stamina of our most outstanding players intense scheduling, we will need at least 25 players.

#### **TNT (Indoor Cricket)**

On behalf of the cricket section we would like to thank the British Club, and the Committee, for upgrading the back lawn sports facility. The new facility provides many options for the Club to expand its sporting sections and Members benefits. We are looking forward to the new TNT season, which should commence in September.

#### **Non-Section Members**

We need your help. The section would like to invite all Members, no matter the level of cricket nor the time passed since you last played, to come along and enjoy the game. Nets are, generally, held on Wednesday evenings and Saturday/Sunday afternoons. Please contact Jack or Dale for more information.







## **BCGS GOLFING NEWS**

By Peter Gale









With the rainy season starting to make its presence known on the golf courses of Thailand, the British Club golf section's calendar for the last month has been relatively quiet. There were just two events played: the regular monthly medal and Stableford competitions.

#### Monthly Medal – 26th May

The medal, as always, was played at Royal Golf and Country Club on another very hot and steamy day. We of course use that heat as the reason for most of us, yet again, playing some rather poor golf. The Flight A golfers in particular struggled and the winner was Robert Gray, with the not overly impressive score of net 78 — edging out Marcus and Mark by one shot. With one notable exception it was the same story in Flight B, with Karen Carter taking 2nd place with a net 73, three shots ahead of 3rd placed Ray Bloom.

The notable exception on the day was Barry Ashman, who shot a very consistent 42 front nine followed by the same score on the back nine for a very impressive gross 84 and net 67, the best medal round of the year so far.

With the monthly medal we also play an annual eclectic competition, where you add up your lowest score on each hole achieved during one of the 12 medal rounds.

After the first five rounds both Flight A and Flight B are very closely contested with the two winners from 2012 leading the field again. Mark Evans is leading Flight A by two shots from Frank Fawkes and Chris Farrar. While in Flight B, lan Thornhill is again out in front by a couple of shots from Brian Brook and Ray Bloom. With seven more rounds to play there is still plenty





of opportunity though for everyone to challenge for the title of medal eclectic champion!

#### Monthly Stableford - 9th June

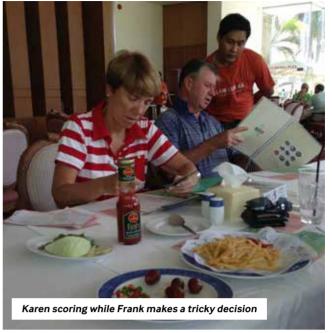
The June Stableford was played at one of the best courses within 45 minutes of Bangkok, Lam Lu Ka. For some reason many people think that the course is difficult to get to which means that the number of players is often limited. That was definitely the case for the Stableford this month with just six players competing. Those that didn't attend missed a real treat as the course was in fantastic condition and almost bereft of other players. The result was millionaire's golf with no one in front of us and no one behind us. Despite everything being in favour of some good scoring, sadly it was not to be...

The only person to play to their handicap, in fact the only person to play within seven shots of their handicap, was the very much in-form Captain Karen. She won the event going away from the rest of the field with 36 Stableford points.

The near pin prizes were shared among the competitors, with golf balls going to Pete Gale, Marcus Prior, Chris Farrar and Frank Fawkes.

As we head into July, we will start playing our annual matches against other Bangkok golf societies – starting with the Magpie Putter against the Wanderers on 23rd June followed by the Honda Cup against the Japanese Society.

For anyone interested in joining us for very friendly and slightly competitive golf, please send an email to:bcgs2002@qyahoo. co.uk











## **BRIDGE**



#### **Bridge Results for May 2013**

EVENT	RANK	NAME (PAIR)	SCORE%
Sunday 5th May (10 pairs)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Judy Hunt & Daksha Adhia	59.26%
Suriday Stir May (10 pails)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael Winckless & Helmer	58.33%
Sunday 12th May (10 pairs)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Prarop & Khiri	63.89%
Suriday 12th May (10 pails)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Maud & Michael Winckless	56.94%
Sunday 19th May (10 pairs)	<b>1</b> st	Khiri & Wannawit	61.11%
Suriday 19th May (10 pails)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Prarop & Surawit	58.80%

#### **Bidding Conventions: Exclusion Blackwood**

Exclusion Blackwood (aka Voidwood) is a variation of Roman Keycard Blackwood. It may arise when a player wants to ask for key cards while holding a void. The convention was created by the late American world champion Bobby Goldman.

After a trump suit is agreed, jumping to another suit at the 4-or 5-level says "Partner, I have a void in this suit. I'm interested in slam, and I don't care if you hold the ace of this suit. Please show me how many key cards you hold excluding this ace." In "standard" (in America, anyway), a high card says you like it and low discourages.

For example:

Opener Responder 1♥ 3♥

4♠

Here, 4♠ shows a spade void. It asks partner to show key cards excluding the spade ace.

Another example, this time at the 5-level:

Opener Responder

1**♠** 5**♦**  3♠

Opener's 5♦ bid shows a void in diamonds, and asks responder for key cards excluding the diamond ace.

#### Responder's Bids

Exclusion Blackwood uses step responses. The specific steps depend on whether the partnership employs 1430 RKC or 0314 RKC. If playing 1430, the responses are:

- 1st step 1 or 4 keycards
- 2nd step 3 or 0 keycards
- 3rd step 2 keycards without the trump queen
- 4th step 2 keycards with the trump queen

If playing 0314 RKC, then the 1st and 2nd steps are simply

flipped

Examples of 1430 step responses:

Opener Responder

1♥ 3♥ 4NT

4NT is the 1st step available, and therefore shows 1 or 4 key cards.

Opener Responder

1 **♦** 3 **♦** 4 **♥** 5 **♣** 

 $5\clubsuit$  is the 3rd step available, so it shows 2 key cards without the trump queen.

#### Asking for the Trump Queen

After hearing partner's reply, it is possible to ask her for the trump queen. This is done by making the cheapest bid outside of the trump suit. For example:

Opener Responder
1♣ 3♣

1♣ 3♣ 4♠ 4NT

5♦

Partner's 4NT showed 1 or 4 key cards. The 5♦ bid is the cheapest rebid outside the trump suit (clubs).

Partner's responses to the queen ask are the same as regular  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{RKC}}.$ 

Bidding the trump suit No trump queen

NT The trump queen, but no kings

(the king of trumps doesn't count)

Bidding any non-trump suit The trump queen AND the king of that suit

#### **Examples**

The following examples assume a 2/1 game-forcing system with 1430 RKC.

Opener ♠A43 ▼AKQ932 ◆53 ♣87		Responder  ♣  ♥JT8  ◆AKJ842  ♣AKQ3	
Opener 1♥ 3♥	Opp 1 Pass Pass	Responder 2♦(1) 4♠(2)	Opp 2 2♠ Pass
5♠ (3)	Pass	7♥	All Pass

- 1. Game-forcing
- 2. Exclusion Blackwood
- 3. 2 key cards with the queen of trumps

Opener ♠AKT98 ▼KQJ ◆AKQ5 ♣	2	Responder ♣JT8 ♥AKJ842 ◆AKQ3 ♣Q9532				
Opener	Opp 1	Responder	Opp 2			
2♣ (1)	Pass	2♦ (2)	Pass			
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass			
5♣ (3)	Pass	5♦ (4)	Pass			
5♥ (5)	Pass	5♠ (6)	Pass			
6♠	Pass	All Pass	Pass			

- 1. Strong, artificial
- 2. Waiting
- 3. Exclusion Blackwood
- 4. 1 or 4 key cards
- 5. Do you have the queen of trumps?
- 6. No

#### In Competition

Partnerships should discuss Exclusion Blackwood in competition. For example:



#### Is 4♠ simply a cuebid showing a 1st-round control? This warrants discussion.

Another possibility is that the opponents double or overcall the Exclusion Blackwood bid. In that case, response treatments like DEPO, DOPI and ROPI must be used.

An example of DEPO in action:



Over  $5\clubsuit$ , responder's pass shows an odd number of keycards (1 or 3).

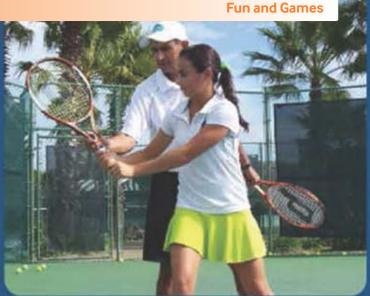
#### **Other Considerations**

Lastly, it's worth agreeing whether to use Exclusion Blackwood in conjunction with cuebids or splinter bids. For example:



Is 4♣ a splinter? Since 5♣ could theoretically be used as Exclusion Blackwood, it may be possible to play both conventions. Again, this needs partnership agreement.





# SPORTS CAMPS





Sports and Mini Camps will run Mon-Fri throughout July.

Sign up in the Fitness Centre.

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July 1st - July	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday		Friday		
26 <sup>th</sup>	Age 7-12	Age 5-7	Age 7-12	Age 5-7	Age 7-12	Age 7-12	Age 5-7	Age 7-12	Age 5-7	
9.00-9.30	Regis	stration	Reg	istration	Registration	Regis	tration			
9,30-10.15	Football	Ball Games	Rugby	Ball Games	3rd - Ice Skating and	Hockey	Ball Games			
10.15-11.00	Cricket	Racquet Games	Netball	Racquet Games	Bowling	Basketball	Racquet Games			
11.00-11.15	Break		Break			Break		Camping		
11.15-12.00	Tennis	Treasure Hunt	Badminton	Treasure Hunt	10th - Dreamworld	Table Tennis	Treasure Hunt	2000		
12.00-12.30	L	ınch	Lunch			Lunch		5pm Friday -10am Saturday		
12.30-1.15	Petanque	Trampoline	Trampoline	Games	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	Treasure Hunt	Petanque			
1.15-1.30	Break Cooking Swimming		Break Break		17 <sup>th</sup> – Kidzania	Break				
1.30-2.15			Co	ooking	24 <sup>th</sup> – Siam Water	Cooking				
2.15.3.00			Swimming		Park	Swimming				

Mini Camps (see age columns above) are aimed at younger children where the focus is more on activity and play as opposed to sport.

Sports Camps are aimed at slightly older children with focus on sport itself, offering the chance to play some new sports during the week..

## ET ALIA...

#### Sudoku and bits of data

#### **SUDOKU**

This month we have three Sudoku for your diversion. From left to right: Easy, Awkward, and Difficult. Good luck!

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#### LOGICAL REASONING

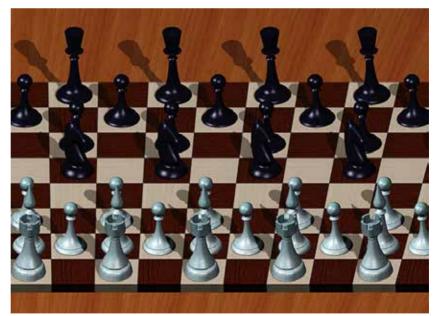
Four friends in the sixth grade were sharing a pizza. They decided that the oldest friend would get the extra piece. Randy is two months older than Greg, who is three months younger than Ned. Kent is one month older than Greg. Who should get the extra piece of pizza?

#### **AUTOSTEREOGRAMS**

Autostereograms produce an illusion of depth using only a single image. The image is usually generated by computer by repeating a narrow pattern from left to right. By decoupling eye convergence from focusing operations, a viewer is able to trick the brain into seeing a 3D scene.

Have a look at this image of chess board pieces. It is quite an easy one to relax into a clearly 3D picture.

Don't do this for too long or you'll get a both eye-ache and a headache too!

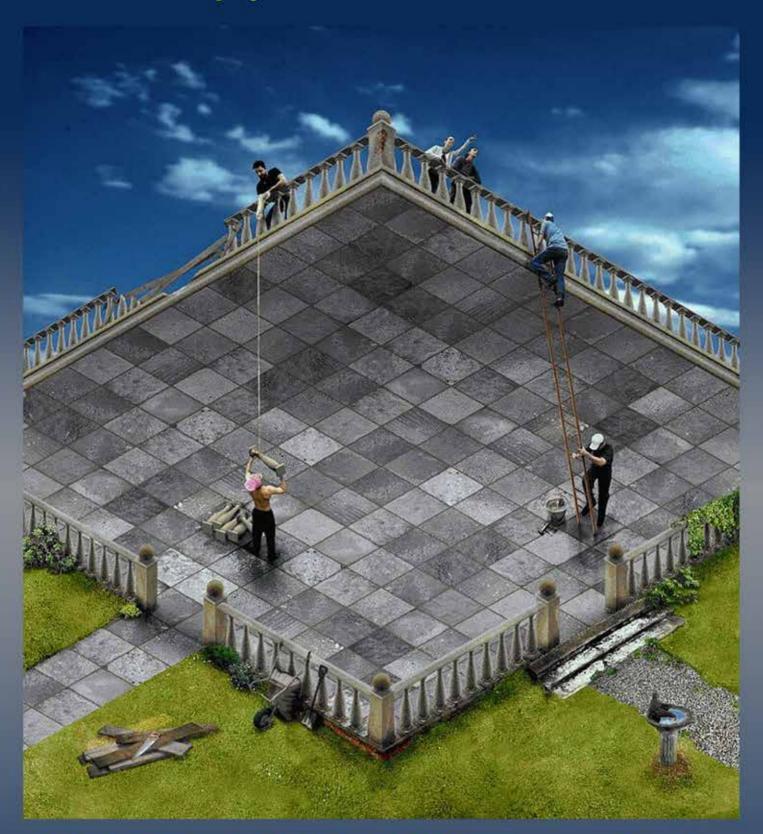


#### **ENGLISH CAN BE STRANGE!**

There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England nor French Fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. Quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square, and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor a pig. And why do writers write when fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce, and hammers don't ham?

If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth? One goose, two geese, so one moose, two meese? If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If you have a bunch of odds and ends, and you get rid of all but one of them, what are you left with? It is curious that you can make amends but not one amend, and that you can comb the annals of history but not a single annal.

## On top of underneath, or below above?



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#### **YES MINISTER & SPITTING IMAGE**

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The new Minister's idealistic commitment to open the windows of his department faces its first hurdle: Sir Humphrey and the Civil Service.

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lim Hacker welcomes the visit of the new President of Buranda, an old university chum who has his own agenda.

#### "The Official Visit"

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#### 15th July

#### **NEW TRICKS**

#### "Episode 2.3"

The team reopen the case of Hannah Taylor, kidnapped from her home in 1992, who is discovered alive and married with a young daughter.

#### "Episode 2.4"

Celebrity chef, Kitty Campbell is about to be made a DBE when tabloid editor Chris McConnell asks Sandra to help him prove Kitty killed her husband Bertie.





#### LIFE ON MARS

#### "Episode 1.7"

A young man being held for a minor drugs offence dies in custody at the station and Sam struggles to conduct a proper investigation into the death, and determines that the others had been covering it up.



Sam encounters his parents in 1973 and Gene reveals his father is a ruthless gangster and they let him run away.



22nd July

#### **CARRY ON CAMPING**

Sid and Bernie keep having their amorous intentions

snubbed by their girlfriends Joan and Anthea. The boys suggest a camping holiday, secretly intending to take them to a nudist camp. Of course they end up in the wrong place, and meet up with the weirdest bunch of campers you can imagine! Coachloads of sex-starved schoolgirls and bands of hippies all add to the laughs.



Directed by Gerald Thomas and starring Sid James, Kenneth Williams, Barbara Wingsor, Hattie Jacques, Joan Sims and Charles Hawtrey. 88 minutes, 1969.



#### 29th July SCANDAL

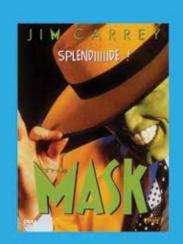
Based on the real Profumo scandal of 1963: When an osteopath is enchanted with a young exotic dancer and invites her to live with him, through his contacts and parties she and her friend meet and date members of the Conservative Party. Eventually her affair with the Minister of War becomes public, with devastating results.

Directed by Michael Caton-Jones and starring John Hurt, Bridget Fonda, Joanne Whalley, Ian McKellen, and Britt Ekland.









Sth July
"THE MASK"

19th July "TOTORO"



KIDS MOVIES



July 2013

Fridays, Silom Sala, 6pm

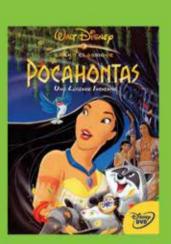


12th July

"PINOCCHIO"

26th July

"POCAHONTAS"







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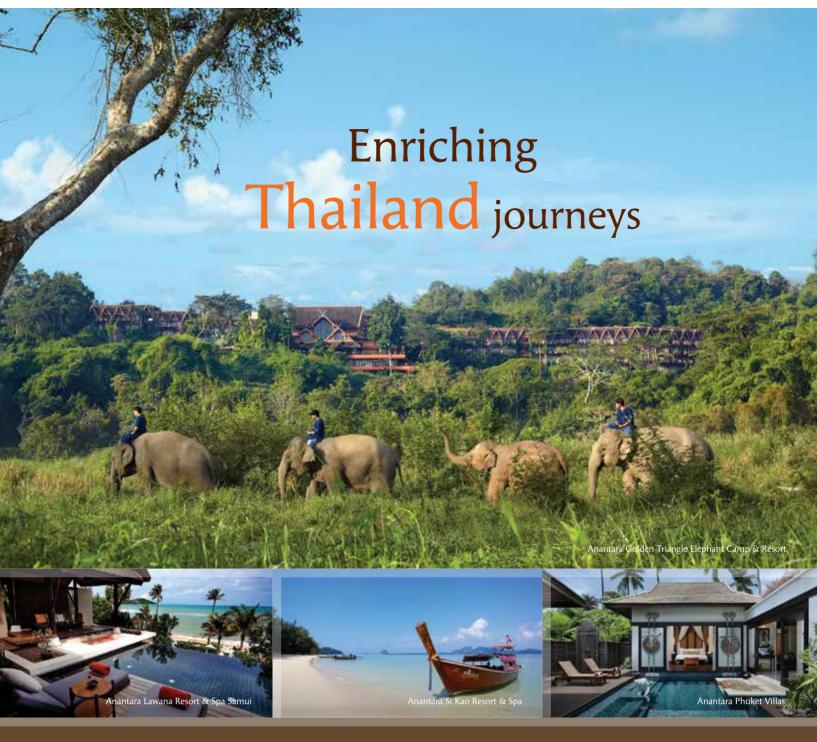
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