

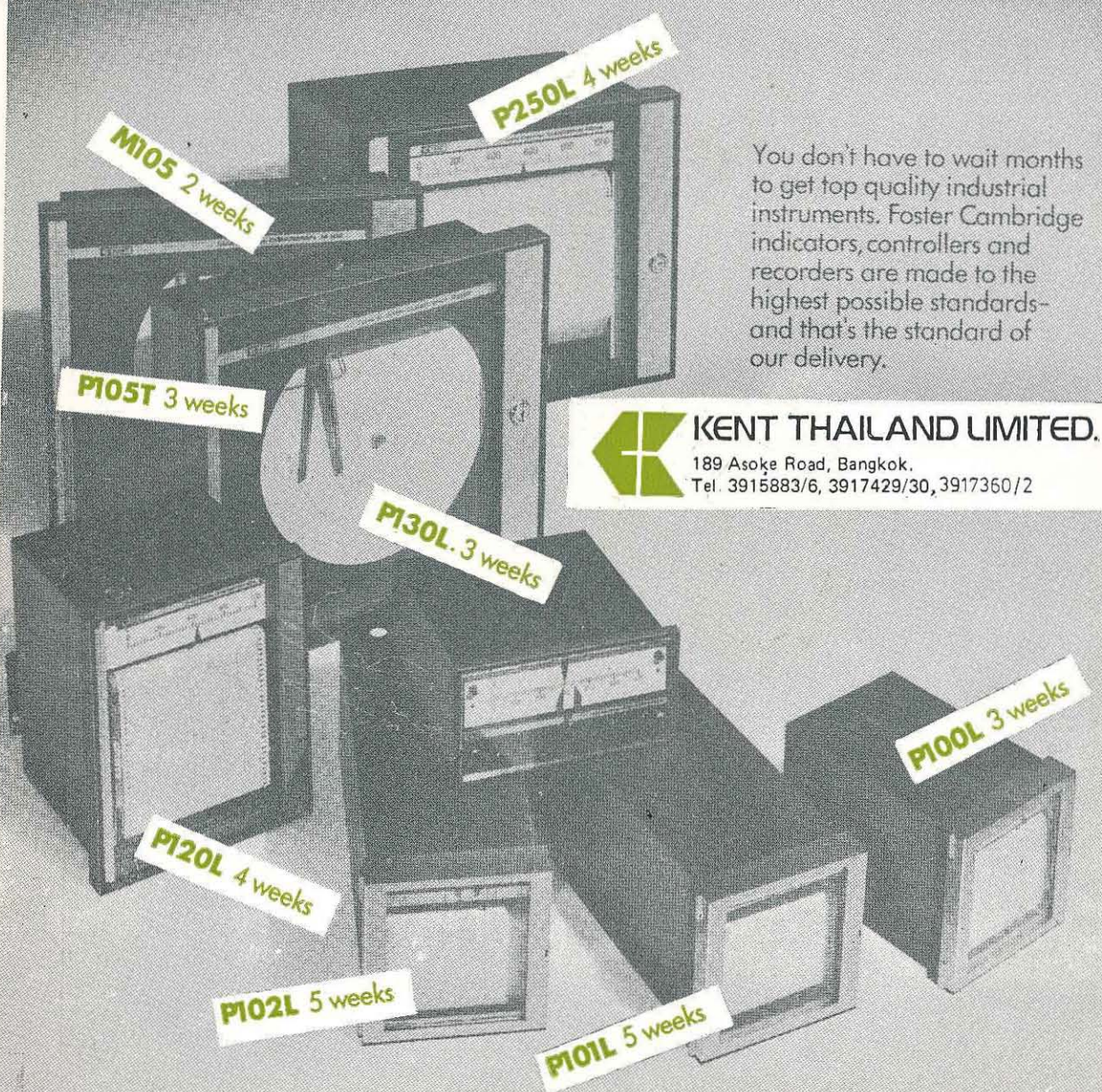
# The British Club News



August 1979



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Hon Treasurer : Mr. R. Barrett



## FIFTH LEADER

August 1979

August and September are quiet months as far as Club activities are concerned, many members being on leave, others are recovering from the highly successful East End Pub Night. They will no doubt return to the Club and wonder how a relatively small number can enjoy such good facilities at such modest cost.

Following the recent fuel price increases obviously the Club's finances will have to be scrutinized and increases in bar and food prices will be under consideration. Subscriptions have remained unchanged for over two years and menu prices for over a year. However, price increases can be avoided or at least minimized by increasing trading income and membership.

If you know someone who is eligible for membership, why not bring them down to the Club to see whether or not they find the atmosphere congenial and the facilities impressive.

The object of the Club is to provide a social meeting place for its members and the more the members patronize the facilities and support club functions the cheaper it is to achieve the aim.



## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

### NEW MEMBERS:

The following were elected to membership of the Club in July 1979:

#### Ordinary

Mr. S.B. Brewin	Anglo-Thai
Mr. A.M. da Motta	Intercon. Monetary Corp.
Mr. P.E. Dennis	Pacific Steel Ltd.
Mr. H.R. Gartside	Rama O'Conner Ltd.
Mr. A. Johnstone	Chartered Bank
Mr. A.G.C. Parker	Shell of Thailand
Mr. R. Russell	British Embassy
Mr. J.P. Wright	Hunting Tech. Serv. Ltd.

#### Up-Country

Mr. M.H. Bougourd	Thai-Am Tobacco
Mr. G. Davies	Thai Shell Exploration
Mr. B.J. Hills	Sethasup Karnrae

#### Non-Voting

Mr. C.A.H. Gordon	Mercantile Bank
Mr. D.C. Nunan	Chulalongkorn Univ.
Mr. T.L. Shanson	Palmedge Merchants Ltd.
Mr. L. Vinson	Huamark Stadium

#### Ladies Privileges

Miss L.M. Simpson	Australian Embassy
Mrs. I.J. Walck	31 Sukhumvit Soi 67

#### Associate

Mr. D.P. McCafferty	The Oriental
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#### Rejoined

Mr. C. Hastings	Bangkok Post
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### NEW MEMBERS NIGHT:

New Members will be invited to meet the Committee in the Cinema Room at 5.30 p.m. on the following days:-

Tuesday 7 August (Closing date 4 August)

Tuesday 4 September (Closing date 1 September)

Candidates and sponsors are invited to bring their wives to the New Members Night which will take the form of an informal drinks gathering. Dress: Tie (but no jacket) or Safari Suit.

### THE COMMITTEE:

Bill Brandon, the committee member responsible for the many excellent functions held at the Club this year is leaving Bangkok for UK at the end of July. We wish Bill and Noi well for the future.

Brian Kane has been co-opted onto the committee to fill the hot seat both as committee member and as chairman of the entertainments sub-committee.



### AGAIN, THE GROMMET

The NEW RED DOOR, on what you could call Soi 3½ Sukhumvit, turns on the same fare as does the Patpong establishment of the same name but in more modern surrounds. Won-ton soup, spare ribs and Shanghai noodles are a few of their specialties. Note too the bookshop upstairs with a rather good selection of books about Asia to browse amongst.

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You can get a very respectable lunch in the Patpong area at the SAN FRANCISCO STEAK HOUSE found up on the ramp of Patpong II above the always good value for money THAI ROOM.

\*\* \*\* \*

MITCH & NAM'S SOUL FOOD EATING PLACE IS NOW OVER IN Soi Cowboy (bracing Soi's 21 x 23). If their chitterlings, chicken gumbo soup, liver and onions, and pigs trotters are as good as before it should well be worth visiting for an early evening's experience.

\*\* \*\* \*

Well worth a visit too is PAN PAN on Soi Asoke (Sukhumvit 21) where a three course meal would cost about Bht 100. The grommet finds the fetucini (flat green spinachy noodles) with a tuna and tomato sauce particularly good and the home made ice cream confections excellent (the boss is Italian).

\*\* \*\* \*

Any ladies who would like to make their own pasta can find the appropriate machines in TUNG-WHO on Silom, however they are not tuned up to make macaroni extrusions.

\*\* \*\* \*

Often neglected but always interesting to orientalists are the various Korean restaurants around town. There's quite a good one opposite the Narai Hotel but the best is probably the KOREANA in Siam Square. Bulgogi (barbecued beef) Kimchee (pickled cabbage) and mandoo (ravioli) are favourites but don't worry as all will be revealed in their ubiquitous photo album menus.

The GERMAN RESTAURANT on Soi 4 is run by an Englishman, Dave Davies, and is very popular and to show all's fair the BEEF-EATER (still a bit peng) is run by Hans Holstein. Both worth a go.

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Several gourmets of note have been recommending the INDRA HOTEL GRILL recently as a very pleasant place to eat out for special occasions.

\*\* \*\* \*

Meanwhile down at the BRIT'S LAST FLING we hear that their daily lunch time specials are meeting with almost as much acclaim as their pre-cinema Sunday buffets. Would anyone favour a Friday evening buffet?

\*\* \*\* \*

Plug-of-the-month goes to the second best Indian restaurant in town the MOTI MAHAL (and the first isn't CAFE INDIA\*) found in the small soi parallel with New Road opposite the Oriental Plaza. The decor is basic, the clientele mainly Indian, the portions good, the prices fair, and the authenticity not too bad. To name a few dishes their Gurda Kapoora (kidneys) are always good, their Chicken Kurma (boneless chicken in a smooth yoghurt gravy) very tasty, and their Sag Paneer (home made cheese in spinach) interesting. Their Dopiazas however are not up to scratch. Dishes average about Bht 40 (enough for two in most cases) and dinner for two (three dishes plus naan, rice, tea) would cost say Bht 150.

\* Note. The name of the No. 1 curry house will only be disclosed to true aficionados on presentation of credentials.



T.V. PAGE

One of the more unfortunate aspects of residing in Bangkok is that we miss the opportunity to keep abreast of the latest developments in that famed and peculiar area known as "The British sense of humour".

Over the next few months we will be reminding you of just how peculiar a race we British are, by printing extracts from various TV shows that appeal enormously to the British sense of humour.

What a funny lot they are!

GOOD EVENING....

Ronnie Corbett: It's nice to be with you again, isn't it Ronnie?

Ronnie Barker: Yes it is and in a packed show tonight we'll be talking to all seven members of the Dublin String Quartet.

RC: And to a masochist who likes nothing better than a cold bath every morning - so he has a warm bath every morning.

RB: And to a man who claims to be such a complete so-and-so that on Father's Day he sends a card addressed to Anon.

RC: And to a Scotsman who was very nearly drowned in the Black Sea while he was filling his fountain pen.

RB: And to a pathetic out-of-work contortionist who says he can no longer make ends meet.

RC: And to an enormously tall boxer who's had to retire from the ring with cauliflower knees.

RB: After that we'll be talking by long distance phone to another Scotsman who found an Australian penny and emigrated. Then we'll talk to a stereo expert about his favourite breakfast - two bowls of rice crispies ten feet apart.

And we'll talk to the Texas man who made a fortune selling smokeless fuel to Red Indian couples who are not speaking to each other.

RC: And to a famous one-fingered pickpocket who only steals Polo mints.

RB: And then a lady who's a world authority on carpets, an expert on rugs, and not at all bad on lino.

RC: And a hokey cokey champion who's just been disqualified for putting it in when he should have been shaking it all about.

RB: And to a great Irish forger who is able to take a fifty penny piece and file off the corners so accurately that he can pass it off as a ten penny piece.

RC: But now a message from the police in Finchley. They say that of the two rabbits stolen last week from Peter's Petshop, only fourteen have so far been recovered.



A Message for UK Expatriates Intending Someday  
To Return "Home"

A NEW WAY TO PROVIDE TOTALLY TAX-FREE  
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You may have many tax-free "offshore" ways of saving and investing money. But until recently there has been no way, on your return to UK, to enjoy the income from such accumulated capital without it being ravaged by the Inland Revenue.

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- or have totally tax-free income while still retaining access to the capital

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Your financial aim may be to buy a house in UK - or to upgrade your present one.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUGUST 1979

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS/SPECIAL DAYS

12 August - H.M. The Queen's Birthday

## WEEKLY CLUB EVENTS

Monday	BRIDGE	7.30 p.m.
	HAPPY HOUR	5-7 p.m.
Tuesday	SWIMMING TRAINING	4.30 p.m.
Thursday	SWIMMING TRAINING	4.30 p.m.
Friday	BALLET	2.00 p.m.
Sunday	FILM NIGHT	8.00 p.m.

## OTHER EVENTS

Sat 4 - Christ Church Fete

Please collect your St George's Ball photographs from the office.

## CLUB/SECTION EVENTS

Sun 5	- <u>Swimming.</u> Monthly Gala	11.30 a.m.
Tue 7	- New Members Night (Cinema Room)	5.30 p.m.
	<u>Ladies Golf.</u> Stableford	
Sat 11	- <u>Golf.</u> QANTAS Stableford (Pattaya Siam Country Club)	7.03 a.m.
Sun 12	- <u>Golf.</u> Jim Holt Trophy (Navy Course, Sattahip)	7.00 a.m.
Mon 13	- <u>Golf.</u> Social (Siam Country Club)	7.00 a.m.
Tue 14	- <u>Ladies Golf.</u> 3 Throw Aways	
Sun 26	- <u>Golf.</u> 4BBB Bogey (Hua Mark)	
Tue 28	- <u>Ladies Golf.</u> Medal Competition	

## SEPTEMBER

Sun 9 - Squash Section Barbecue

HAVE YOU SETTLED YOUR JULY ACCOUNT YET?



### FILM NIGHTS

Despite considerable enthusiasm shown in the questionnaires for a Friday night show, attendances simply do not justify the expenses involved.

Thus from the first week in August, movies will be shown on SUNDAYS only at 8 p.m.

August movies are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Movie</u>
5 August	On a Clear Day You Can See Forever
12 August	Gambit
19 August	I Love My Wife
26 August	Italian Job

Do remember to book if you want to be sure of getting a seat: tickets can be reserved by telephone at the office up to 2.00 p.m. on Saturdays, thereafter at the bar.

### LADY GOLFERS

Programme for August 1979:

#### 7th August - Stableford

Starter: Jean Taylor (286 2346)

#### 14th August - 3 Throw Aways

Starter: Anne Quinn (391 2322)

#### 21st August - Bisque Bogey

Starter: Jean Taylor (286 2346)

#### 28th August - Medal

Starter: Margaret Miller (286 5906)

### B.C. HIT PARADE

After two uncontested years in the top spot, Mantovani was toppled in a sensational coup last week.

Although the air was heavy with rumour and counter-rumour, the timing of the event caught everyone by surprise - October was still a full three months ahead. Reports still coming in indicate a conspiracy between two highly placed members, Management and a lower echelon barman. Their discussion was observed by one well-seasoned bottle-watcher, but on hearing the names Simon & Garfunkel assumed they referred to an unnatural relationship which he considered did not threaten national security.

Leaders of the old guard Mantovani, Edmundo Ros and Henry Mancini have been transferred to inactive positions in the Manager's office, and the new line up is:

The New Seekers  
John Horton  
Sue Thomson  
Bee Gees  
John Denver  
Lobo  
Engelbert Humperdinck  
Including the Hits  
Boney M.  
Simon & Garfunkel

\* \* \*

Members' suggestions on suitable music are welcomed, especially if accompanied by sample cassettes for assessment by the shadow committee of Euterpeans referred to above.



THE RUBY HAT OF OMAR SHARIF (DEDICATED)  
OR "ANYTHING TO OBLIGE"

(For all the author's sins  
The author forgiveness give - and TAKE!)  
(E. Culbertson Vol. 4 p. 2166)

Awake my love (and leave the bar)  
For Gundlach with her wicker basket  
Has flung the cards upon the baize  
Distributed the scores and casket  
And, stopping only for a rum and coke  
Doth now think out her seating joke. (Ibid)

The moving player scores  
And having scored. Moves on  
Nor all the members of his fours  
Will lure him back to cancel any won  
In case he misses with his eyes  
The chance to win the deucey prize. (Ibid)

There always is great argument  
Who should have come, who should have went  
As with old Omar Whatsisname  
Through that same door I came, I went  
And leaving partner all the blame  
I went. (Ibid)

But how-soe'er the outlooks bleak  
In 6 no trumps - redoubled - freak!  
A flask of wine, a pack and thou  
Is paradise enow. Hic! Hic!  
And where I drank, turn one glass down  
Or two or three or four - Hick! Heak! (Ibid)

P.S. Members of the happy hour are welcome at  
bridge 1930 Mondays. I double.

Editor's Note: You win.

# RING - THE - STICK TAIL - THE - DONKEY

OR  
Just



.... So it's hey ho,  
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## DARTS SECTION

Another month of inactivity on the pigbristle, but rumour has it that the league will enter its 13th session sometime in August. The only activity was the 12th League banquet, held at the Amarin Hotel on 19th July. For reasons best known to the league committee the Lilywhites failed to get a gong. Nevertheless the Club fielded its usual team and assisted, or may even have been instrumental, in the demolition of the Amarin supplies, which was achieved in record time. The Lilywhites all agreed that it was the best banquet held in recent years, almost as good as the one the Derbyshire duo organised. It was indicative of the ever improving standards of Dartsmanship that the high score trophy was shared by 8 players, all of whom scored 180 during the season. Congratulations to Bert Hobson and the league committee for organising a most enjoyable evening. The final standings in the Hobson Division were as follows:

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Points for</u>	<u>Points against</u>
Fly Kwiz	9	1	111	59
Hobson's Choice	8	2	103	67
Gemini Cats	6	4	85	85
Our Place is	3	7	80	90
British Club	3	7	71	99
Haus Munchen	1	9	60	110

As ever, club members who know which is the pointed end are invited or rather implored to write their names on the Darts notice board or drop a line to the office. The captain will then arrange for the necessary blood/Amarit level test and the issue of the infamous Lilywhite pink ticket valid for one visit per week to a bar of his choice 8.00 p.m. prompt on Thursdays.

## GOLF SECTION

Sunday 15th July, the Club sponsored a wonderful day's golf at Nawathanee. The members' green fees were reduced to £125 and we had a full complement of 32 players for the event which was a 4BBB versus par Bogey competition. For the first time, the Club had to refuse to accept additional people because of the restriction on the numbers imposed by Nawathanee.

The weather was unusually cool and the course was as challenging as ever. The day however produced some fine golf, with the eventual winners being Dai Pravitt and M.J. Aitkens with the score of +11. The runners-up were John Burrows and Ian McLean on a count back. The winners received lovely silver bowls and silver ashtrays, donated by the Chartered Bank. The front nine was won by Phil Murray and Roy Howard and the back nine by Dave Cobbett and Ken Boughton. The nearest the pins were won by Len Coulson and Roy Howard, whilst John Burrows won the longest strike.

Enjoyable as the day was, in some way it was a sad occasion for we had to say farewell to Iain Brown and Len Coulson who have been sterling supporters of the Golf Section. Iain Brown, particularly, devoted his time to preparing the programme and never failed to get the field away everytime we played. Iain and Effie are off to Milan, whilst Len and Noeleen Coulson will be taking up an appointment with QANTAS in Sydney. We wish them all the best and hope that they will drop in for a game of golf whenever they pass through Bangkok.

See the Calender of Events on page 13 for details of venues and tee off times for future outings.

In conclusion, it was very gratifying for the Committee to see golfers supporting the British Club Golf Section. So please keep up the good attendance.



## SWIMMING SECTION

As predicted our swim meet on June 30th was a great success. The Japanese swimmers carried the day with overall points, the British Club coming a good second. The International Club and the Dutch Club were great competitors. The children enjoyed the day and swam well. Most of our 35 swimmers swam to better their own best times. We feel this is as important as winning a race. The children were rewarded with improver's stars for their track suits. Congratulations to Kimberlie Weymouth who not only bettered her own time, but the team record time for both Butterfly and Backstroke in the 6 and under age group.

After the meet we held a celebration party for all the swimmers. At this gathering we also took the opportunity to say farewell and thank you to the Hignett family for their years of help to the swimming section, especially to Russell who has managed our books for much of his time here. A small presentation was made to the family and Russell then presented the improver's badges to those who earned them at the Gala.

Training will continue during school holidays on Tuesdays and Thursdays as usual. Meike de Heer is running a personal survival course for the children right now and hopes to run another after the school holidays to give all children an opportunity to work towards their bronze, silver, gold or honours certificates.

Non-swimmers' lessons are held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2.00 p.m. Contact Helen Jamieson on 286 7918 for details and times available.

## SQUASH SECTION

24th League: Dates: August 1st to September 15th. Competition for places in Division 1 is so hot this time that it has been split into two equal parts with plans for a play-off among the front runners after the league ends. Watch for details. League coordinator: Tony Blanc.

Duration of League Matches: The result of the poll among players in Divisions 6-12 was 30-10 in favour of Best-of-5-Game matches. If anything, there is more enthusiasm for the longer match in Divisions 6-8 and 11-12 than in Divisions 9-10, so there seems no way to draw a new line. For the 24th league we are experimenting with Best-of-5 throughout the league.

SRAT League: The 4th SRAT league is about to start. For details of schedules and club teams, see squash the notice board.

Squash Social - Barbecue: Note the date - Sunday September 9 for an early evening poolside barbecue preceded by some action on the courts that day, probably a handicap round robin. Full details will be posted at the club soon.

Third Court: Don't forget to make your views known.

If you've forgotten what real cheese tastes like, hurry along to the Club for a snack of nostalgia: through the kind offices of BRITISH AIRWAYS we now stock STILTON and ENGLISH CHEDDAR.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

There is clearly a demand for a third squash court. I believe that the third court should be financed out of the general funds of the club. It is a dangerous precedent to charge squash players for the use of the squash courts. If this is done, then within a short time, swimmers will have to pay to use the pool.

If the third squash court is not included in the Long Range Plan, then the Plan should be amended. To serve the interests of the members, the Long Range Plan must be responsive to changing conditions. There is no doubt that the demand for a third squash court is greater now than when the Long Range Plan was adopted.

The increased use of the club's bar, snacks and restaurant facilities which will automatically follow the building of a third squash court will in itself generate substantial additional income.

If members are charged for the use of the courts then demand will decrease. Two courts will then be adequate. This will result in reduced trading income for the club.

Yours sincerely,

Bernard Grogan (G6)

Dear Sir,

The snacks available at the bar are often very tasty but the pricing is odd. A smallish portion of macaroni cheese, for example, was priced at almost half the cost of the buffet dinner. Soup is priced at more than the same dish on the menu. Any comments?

Yours sincerely,

Son of Grommet

Ed: Stick to the buffet or the menu.

Sir,

Management tells me that talcum powder may soon be withdrawn from the Poolside changing rooms - because of children.

Really, Sir, this situation is intolerable: ice cream smeared on seats, talcum powder strewn all over the changing rooms (a frequent occurrence presumably accounting for management's decision) and staff harassed and obstructed in their duty by monsters climbing over and around the bar to name but a few of the child-induced hazards at the Club.

I am aware of the Spock philosophy of free expression for children, but he doesn't elaborate on the psychological effects of this on civilised British Club members. I can't believe that most parents permit their children to behave like this at home: too many members regard the Club as a heaven-sent opportunity to abdicate temporarily their parental responsibility.

If they really can't, or won't, control their children in the Club, I would respectfully suggest that they be asked to take the menace elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,

A. Freud (F73)  
(No relation)

The Manager replies....

This is becoming a serious problem, and members are asked to smile sweetly, extract the names of erring children, and inform the Manager as soon as possible: on no account should members themselves try to tackle the monsters or their keepers: they're armed, legged and toothed, and considered dangerous.



### THEY'RE A FRIENDLY LOT, REALLY

Would you like to find out about some of the regular activities of the Club? If so contact....

Billiards/Snooker	Les Collings	(233 7272)
Bridge	Jean Gundlach	(233 6741)
Darts	Bryan Baldwin	(221 1921)
	Roy Regan	(252 9801)
Golf	John Burrows	(462 3345)
Ladies Golf	Anne Quinn	(391 2322)
Squash	John Weymouth	(462 5667)
Swimming	Helen Jamieson	(234 7983)
Tennis	Malcolm Kelsey	(314 5441)

Articles, drawings, letters or contributions of any descriptions are invited from anyone (we are getting desperate).

All material, including advertisements (at ludicrously cheap rates) for the September issue must reach the office by 20 August.

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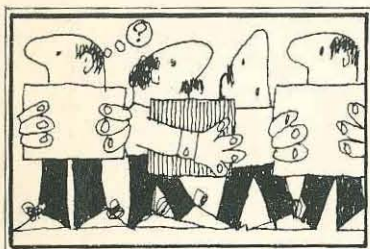
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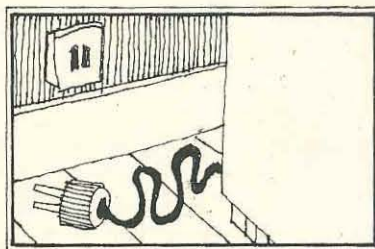
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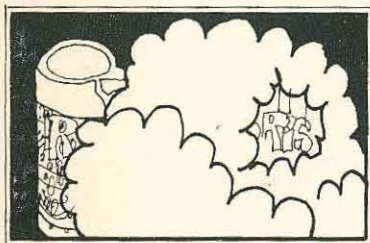
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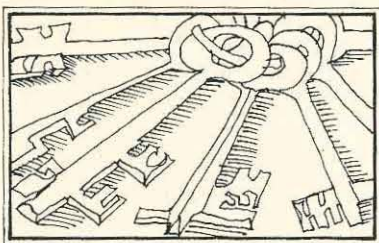
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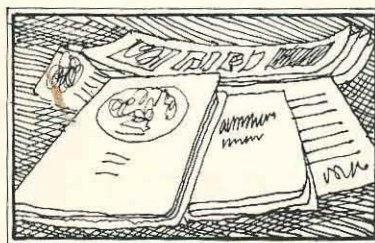
If possible, disconnect all electrical appliances, particularly refrigerators, deep freezers, airconditioners and stoves, the day before packing.



Discard all combustible liquids (such as lighter fuel) and aerosol cans from your belongings.



All furniture keys should be taped to respective items, preferably to the insides of drawers, etc., and you should keep a complete set of duplicate keys for yourself.



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