

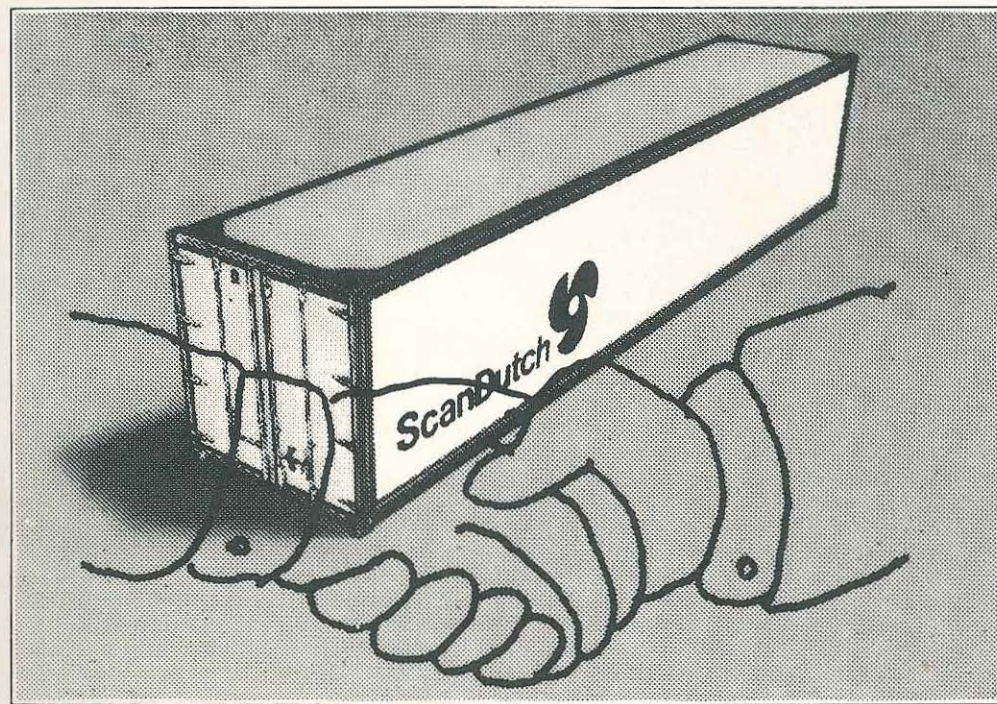
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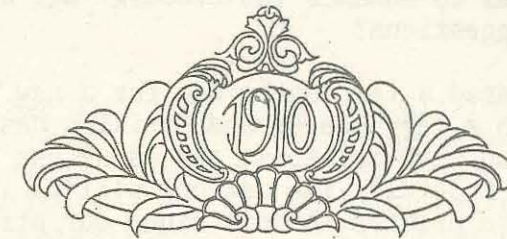
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### AT THE BRITISH CLUB

<u>TUE</u>	6	New Members Committee Meeting
<u>SAT</u>	10	Swimming endurance tests at 9.00 am
<u>SUN</u>	11	Swimming Gala at 12 noon
<u>MON</u>	26	Squash videos in the bar
<u>WED</u>	28	Squash coaching night

Every Friday and Saturday	-	Curry Buffet
Every Saturday	-	Dinner Video
Every Sunday Evening	-	Buffet

## EDITORIAL

After the EGM in which most of the Committee Sponsored Proposals were accepted, the debate continues, as is only to be expected, in the Churchill Bar. Most comments overheard were constructive - how can the club improve the old sala and changing rooms to enhance the floodlit all weather surface. Any suggestions?

The prize we offered a few months ago for a new cover design has been won with a very clever and striking design. Negotiations are going on with printers, and as we use up our old stock of covers, hopefully the new one will be introduced. Outpost covers are printed in bulk since our printing run is relatively small.

In spite of funny comments, we are determined to get the Outpost to you as soon as possible in the month. We are not however quite as enthusiastic as two other magazines, not available in Thailand, who were racing with each other a few weeks ago to publish the September issue of their magazines.

August looks as if it will be a quiet month at the B.C.B. with many families taking summer holidays. For these of us who are staying in Bangkok we have the new menus to try. As always the Outpost is first with the details. Give it a try - food, not Outpost.

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### COMMENTS ON THE CLUB'S FINANCIAL POSITION

At 20th June which marks the end of the first half of the club's present financial year the club has recorded the following:-

	One month to 20th June	6 months to 20th June
Operating surplus (Deficit)	Baht 36,741	(Baht 167,946)
Positive cash flow	Baht 99,771	Baht 210,234
Assets, less liabilities - book value at 20th June	Baht 3,491,165	

The latest cash flow projection reflecting recent subscription increases and assuming an increase in associate members confirms a monthly positive cash flow.

## STATUS OF MEMBERSHIP

### NEW MEMBERS

The following were elected to Membership of the British Club in July 1985.

#### ORDINARY:

Mr. I.J. Bodycoat	Ansell (Thailand) Ltd.
Mr. A.W. Coleman	Price Waterhouse Asso.
Mr. R.R. Paterson	TNT Skypak Inter. (T) Ltd.
Mr. D.J. Pettit	Karma Enterprises Ltd.
Mr. J.M.M. Sutherland	Lig International Ltd.
Mr. J.W. Thorp	Australian Embassy
Mr. G.N. Warren	Safcol (Thailand) Ltd.

#### NON-VOTING:

Mr. D.R. Ferguson	Peter Fraenkel Int. Ltd.
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#### LADIES PRIVILEGES:

Mrs. C.H. Walsh	-
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## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

The current membership status is as follows:

Honorary	10
Ordinary	338
Non-Voting	15
Associate	51
Ladies Privileges	32
Up-Country	17
Candidates	34
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TOTAL	497
Absent	799
	<hr/>
GRAND TOTAL	1296



RESULTS OF THE EGM HELD AT THE CLUB  
ON THE 4 JULY 1985

At the EGM held on the 4 July 1985 the following resolutions were passed:-

1) Associate Members

"That the limit on Associate Members be raised from 60 to 120 persons."

2) Club Development

"That in accordance with Rule 18 the Committee be given approval to finalise loans to fund the following improvements to Club facilities:-

- (a) To provide all weather hard tennis surfaces on two courts and to install floodlighting. To fill and raise the land level of the other two courts.

Estimated cost Baht 1,050,000

- (b) A general fund to cover a range of replacements repairs and refurbishments, including tiling of the kitchen walls, sound system, piano, deep freeze, clubhouse furniture and others.

Estimated cost Baht 500,000

- (c) To refurbish the old Sala providing a new floor, renovated roof and bar.

Estimated cost Baht 250,000"

Associate Members

The Ordinary membership of the Club has remained fairly static for several years now, however the expenses of the Club are constantly rising resulting in pressures on Club finances.

In order to alleviate such pressures and to avoid putting additional financial burdens on existing members it has been decided to increase the limit on Associate Members from 60 to 120.

Under the new rules Associate Membership may be offered to persons resident in Thailand who in the opinion of the Committee will actively contribute to the objects of the Club and its membership.

It is expected that the new limit for Associates will be reached by within a year. However Associate Membership will only be offered to those persons who in the opinion of the Committee will comply strictly with the intent of the new rule.

Club Development

The proposals under 2(b) and (c) above arise out of the necessity to maintain the property of the club in a good state of repair and are partly in the nature of major repairs and refurbishment and partly necessary improvements to the club.

On the other hand the proposal under 2(a) to provide all weather floodlit tennis surfaces is justified because it is considered to be a self-financing project.

It is estimated that the project will produce income, net of expenses, sufficient to repay the loan over a reasonable period. After loan repayment it is expected that the project will be contributing substantial income to the club for many future years.

The above statements are based upon the assumption that additional new members will join the club, primarily to play tennis on the new facilities, who otherwise would not join the club. An additional ten new members per year would produce monthly subscriptions and entrance fees of B 130,000 and the gross contribution from their food and beverage consumption is estimated at Baht 70,000 per year. Court fees, less electricity costs are estimated to produce

Baht 60,000 per year. Since the club already has the infrastructure necessary to support all weather tennis facilities, the clubs overheads, mainly staff costs, consumables and establishment costs, will not increase.

It is intended that the response to the new all weather floodlit facilities on two tennis courts will be carefully monitored.

If, as expected, new members are attracted by the new facilities and if the new courts enjoy a high level of usage similar, for example, to the level of usage of the squash courts, it is planned in the near future to provide all weather surfaces and floodlighting on the other two tennis courts.

However, if the rate of usage of the two courts by the tennis section is considered unsatisfactory, then the all weather hard surfaces will be made available for use by other sections of the club, for example, cricket and soccer.

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Full Size (4-door)	154	23	600

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Full Size (4-door)	179	39	719

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J.E. DUNFORD

D.C. WILLIAMSON

F & B Sub-Committee

### APPETISERS

#### Club Pate

Our ever popular smooth home-made chicken liver pate served with fingers of hot toast ..... B 40

#### Mackerel Pate

A coarse home-made pate served with lemon and fingers of hot toast ..... B 40

#### Prawn Cocktail

Fresh prawns nestling in a bed of shredded salad, covered in a tangy Seafood sauce and served with lemon and brown bread ..... B 45

#### Smoked Salmon

Thin slices of finest smoked salmon served with lemon and brown bread ..... B 65

### Snails

Served piping hot in the shell stuffed with garlic and herb butter ..... B 65

### Oysters

6 Fresh Rock Oysters served with lemon, chopped onion and chilli sauce ..... B 110

### SOUPS

#### Tom Yam Khung

Traditional hot and spicy Thai soup enriched with prawns ..... B 40

#### Cream Pea Soup

An old English favourite that never fails to please ..... B 25

#### Oxtail Soup

A clear soup with meat and vegetables, delicate but extremely tasty ..... B 35

Soup of the day ..... B 25

### SALADS

Fresh lettuce, tomato, cucumber, potato salad, coleslaw and onion served with your choice of the following:-

Chefs Salad : A veritable treasure chest of beef, ham, chicken, cheddar cheese and egg ..... B 70

Seafood Salad : A combination of shrimps, lobster, plakapong and mussels .. B 70

Beef Salad : Slices of finest fillet beef .... B 70

Chicken : Half of a roast poussin ..... B 70

Prawn & Tuna : A generous helping of tuna surrounded by fresh prawns ..... B 70

## SIDE SALADS

Mixed Salad .....	Ø 25
Coleslaw Salad .....	Ø 20
Tomato and Onion Salad .....	Ø 20
Potato Salad .....	Ø 20

(All salads are offered with your choice of French, Thousand-island or blue cheese dressing.)

## FISH AND SEAFOOD

### Grilled Tuna

A sea-fresh tuna steak grilled and served with a light lemon and butter sauce ..... Ø 75

### Pla Kapong Meuniere

A whole pla kapong, pan fried in butter and served with lemon and tartare sauce ..... Ø 95

### Grilled Lobsters

Three fresh rock lobsters, split and grilled to perfection ..... Ø 105

### Deep Fried Prawns

Fresh prawns, split, coated in bread crumbs and deep fried, served with lemon and tartare sauce ..... Ø 90

### Grilled Tiger Prawns

Fresh tiger prawns grilled whole and served with lemon and tartare sauce ..... Ø 145

## ENTREES

### Fillet Mignon

A prime 200 g. fillet steak grilled the way you like it and served with bearnaise or mushroom sauce ..... Ø 95

### Pepper Steak

A prime 200 g. fillet steak cooked the way you like it and served with a creamy pepper sauce ... Ø 95

### Medallions of Beef in Shallot Sauce

Three small prime fillet steaks grilled and served with a shallot sauce ..... Ø 95

### Beef Stroganoff

Thin strips of prime fillet, pan fried, combined with a creamy paprika sauce and served with buttered noodles ..... Ø 75

### Chicken Breast with Mushroom

A succulent breast of chicken generously smothered in a rich mushroom sauce ..... Ø 75

### Gammon Steak

Grilled to perfection and topped with your choice of pineapple or fried egg and garnished with tomato ..... Ø 80

### Liver with Bacon and Onion

Thinly cut slices of liver cooked the way you like them and served with a rich onion gravy and bacon ..... Ø 75

### Mixed Grill

A generous combination of fillet steak, liver, bacon, sausage, pork fillet, topped with a fried egg and garnished with a grilled tomato. Not for the faint-hearted! ..... Ø 95

### Pork Chop

A 250 g. lean pork chop grilled and served with traditional apple sauce ..... Ø 75

### N.Z. Lamb Cutlets

Three prime lamb cutlets cooked to order, garnished with a tomato and served with fresh mint sauce ..... Ø 120

### Roast Leg of Lamb

N.Z. leg of lamb, boned, rolled and roasted to perfection. Served with fresh mint sauce ..... Ø 115

### Steak and Kidney Pie

Chunks of prime fillet steak and pieces of kidney cooked in a rich sauce and covered in a golden crusty pastry ..... Ø 75

### Cream Chicken and Ham Pie

A subtle blend of boneless chicken and ham in a creamy sauce covered in golden crusty pastry ..... Ø 75

## CURRIES AND THAI DISHES

### Chicken Curry

Chicken pieces cooked in a creamy medium hot curry sauce, served with rice and all the traditional condiments ..... B 65

### Lobster Curry

Mouthwatering bites of fresh lobster cooked in a creamy medium hot curry sauce, served with rice and all the traditional condiments ..... B 175

### Musman Curry

Generous chunks of prime beef cooked in the rich musman style, served with rice and all the traditional condiments ..... B 70

### Beef in Oyster Sauce

Thin slices of prime fillet, pan fried with spring onions, herbs and spices in an oyster sauce, served with rice ..... B 60

### Garm Boo Ob Mordin

A generous helping of fresh crabs claws baked in a pot with clear noodles, soy sauce and herbs ..... B 105

### Goong Ob Gluea

Sea - fresh prawns baked in the traditional manner with salt, pepper and spring onions, served with rice ..... B 75

### Pla Kapong Pleaw Warn

A whole fish, deep fried and then smothered in a rich sweet and sour sauce, served with rice ..... B 95

## VEGETABLES

Free choice of vegetables with any main course

Jacket Potatoes	Boiled Rice
Roast Potatoes	Fried Rice
Creamed Potatoes	Green Peas
Boiled Potatoes	Baby Corn
Croquette Potatoes	Mixed Vegetables
Saute Potatoes	Grilled Tomato
Chipped Potatoes	Vegetable of the day

## DESSERTS AND CHEESE

### Banana Split ..... B 35

A whole banana served with two scoops of ice cream and fruit salad, smothered in chocolate and melba sauce and topped with whipped cream.

### Bread and Butter Pudding ..... B 30

Traditional bread and butter pudding served hot with your choice of whipped cream or custard.

### Chocolate Mousse ..... B 30

A light and fluffy chocolate mousse topped with whipped cream.

### Sherry Trifle ..... B 30

An individual sherry trifle topped with whipped cream.

### Banana or Pineapple Fritters ..... B 25

Fluffy fruit fritters served with maple Syrup or lemon and sugar.

### Cream Caramel ..... B 20

An individual custard, dripping in caramel sauce and topped with whipped cream.

### Apple Pie ..... B 35

Home baked apple pie served with custard, whipped cream, or ice cream.

### Seasonal Fruit ..... B 25

A selection of seasonal fruits.

### Ice Cream ..... B 20

Your choice of vanilla, strawberry, chocolate, orange sorbet or lemon sorbet.

### Cheese Board ..... B 60

A selection of imported cheeses served with crackers, butter and grapes.

## BEVERAGES

Pot of Tea ..... B 12

Finest Twinings Tea served with your choice of  
Fresh Milk or Lemon.

Pot of Coffee ..... B 20

Your choice of Filter, Nescafe or Decaffeinated  
coffee.

Liqueur Coffees ..... B 45

Why not pamper yourself and complete your meal  
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Irish Coffee	made with Irish Whiskey
Cafe Royal	made with Cognac
Cafe Princess	made with Cointreau
Highland Coffee	made with Drambuie
Cafe St. Louis	made with Kahlua
Cafe Tangerine	made with Grand Marnier
Cafe Spaniard	made with Cream de Cacao

### PREGO HOUSE WINES - RED, WHITE & ROSE

Glass .. .. .	B 35
¼ Litre Carafe .. .. .	B 65
½ Litre Carafe .. .. .	B 125
1 Litre Carafe .. .. .	B 240

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### RED WINES

Bin 1.	Chateau Respide 1980 - Bordeaux Smooth and Tender.	B 235
Bin 2.	St. Emilion - Bordeaux Solid, Rich and Tasty.	B 325

Bin 3.	Mouton Cadet Rouge - Bordeaux Full Bodied, Smooth and Rounded.	B 335
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Bin 4.	Piat D'or - Burgundy Smooth Mellow Blend with Excellent Fruit & Body.	B 220
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Bin 5.	Beaujolais 1983 - Burgundy Light, Fresh and Full Flavoured	B 265 half B 155
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Bin 6.	Brouilly - Burgundy Fresh, Fruity and Supple.	B 315
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Bin 7.	Cotes Du Rhone - Rhone Light, Fine and Elegant.	B 230
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Bin 8.	Chateauneuf Du Pape - Rhone Power, Body and Fullness.	B 350
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Bin 9.	Bardolino 1981 - Italian Pale, Light and Fruity.	B 260
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Bin 10.	Paul Masson Red Burgundy - California Full Bouquet, Rich and Mellow. 1 ltr carafe	B 350
	37.5 cl carafe	B 145

N.B. The carafe is free for you to take home.

### WHITE WINES

Bin 11.	Entre Deux Mers A.C. - Bordeaux Dry, Fresh and Tasty.	B 235
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Bin 12.	Mouton Cadet Blanc - Bordeaux Dry, Light and Fruity.	B 335
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Bin 13.	Piat D'or - Burgundy Medium Dry, Fresh and Fruity.	B 220
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Bin 14.	Macon Villages - Burgundy Dry, Elegant and Vigorous	B 320 half B 185
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Bin 15.	Chablis - Burgundy Fresh and Light with a Unique Bouquet.	B 395
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Bin 16.	Muscadet - Loire Dry and Delicious.	B 240
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Bin 17.	Sancerre - Loire Very Dry, Fresh and Fragrant.	฿ 95
Bin 18.	Niersteiner Gutes Domtal - Rhine Medium Dry, Fine and Fruity Bouquet.	฿ 250
Bin 19.	Blue Nun Liebfraumilch - Rhine Medium Dry, Light and Fruity.	฿ 280
Bin 20.	Green Label Bereich Bernkastel - Moselle Medium Dry, Refreshing with a Flowery Bouquet.	฿ 255
Bin 21.	Soave - Italian Fresh with an attractive texture.	฿ 265
Bin 22.	Paul Masson Chablis - California Light Bodied, and Distinctive	1 ltr carafe ฿ 350 37.5 cl carafe ฿ 145

N.B. The carafe is free for you to take home.

#### ROSE WINES

Bin 23.	Mateus Rose - Portugal Medium Dry and Refreshing.	฿ 220
Bin 24.	Tavel Rose - Rhone Dry with a Spicy Taste.	฿ 260
Bin 25.	Paul Masson Rose - California Medium Dry, Excellent Aperitif.	1 ltr carafe ฿ 350 37.5 cl carafe ฿ 145

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#### CHAMPAGNES

Champagne is ideal with any dish and for any occasion.

Bin 26.	Pol Roger - "Demi-Sec"	฿ 560
Bin 27.	Pol Roger - "Brut"	฿ 575 half ฿ 320
Bin 28.	Moet & Chandon Brut Imperial	฿ 625 quarter ฿ 240

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# LETTERS

c/o Heath Langeveldt  
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The Editor,  
OUTPOST,  
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189 Suriwongse Road,  
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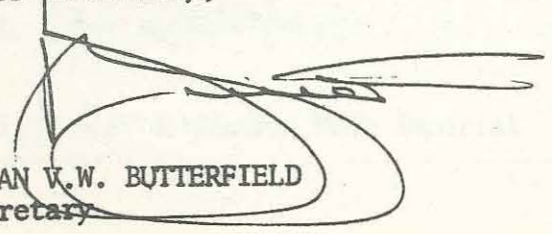
Dear Sir,

Would you please include in your next issue, the following committee of St. Patrick's Society who were elected recently at the Annual General Meeting:

President:	Derek Gibson
Vice-President:	Jim Soutar
Treasurer:	Des O'Brien
Secretary:	Brian Butterfield
<u>Committee</u>	Susan Larsen Frank Rowland Terry Cramp Ron Armstrong Ian Sweeney Les Vize

Immediate Past President:	Michael McAlister
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Yours faithfully,

  
BRIAN V.W. BUTTERFIELD  
Secretary

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7 July 1985

The Editor  
"Outpost"  
The British Club  
Bangkok 10500

Sir,

Thanks only to the courtesy of "Outpost", extracts of my outline feasibility notes on the Committee's proposed capital spending, were made available to Members before the EGM of 4 July. References were made by a number of speakers, and in the Bar before the meeting I was approached by a number of Members asking for copies of my notes sent to the Chairman on 11 June.

I now submit the following information for Members' information:-

1. The Chairman did not make available my notes to the EGM. He wrote me a letter on 27 June (received on 2 July) stating that it would require 7 signatures. Considerably more than 7 signatures could have been obtained by me, but not at 48 hrs. notice.
2. The Chairman's letter stated, paradoxically, that following the AGM of 19 March "...the Committee... has in fact suspended all capital expenditure."
3. The letter also stated that "...adequate financial data will be provided to support the motion." In fact, no written financial data was supplied to the EGM. A brief statement by the Treasurer announced that "...at the moment the Club's receipts exceed expenditure by about £25'000 per month."

This must presumably finance:-

- Club Funds Deficit 1984:	£ 632'228
- Excess of current liabilities over current assets:	928'160
Total liabilities:	£ 1'560'388

The EGM was not told how the present small monthly income was relevant to a proposed capital expenditure of £1'980'000.

4. Mr. R. Laville, who, from his expert banking knowledge, was clearly the member of the Committee most competent to assess the proposed expenditure and financial position, was not invited by the Chairman to speak.
5. Mr. B. Grogan, a member of the Committee, was invited by the Chairman to speak on the "feasibility" of the proposed expenditure. His remarks, expressing a general optimism, and supported by few coherent figures, cannot be considered as "adequate financial data". Mr. Grogan thought fit to refer to my outline financial estimates as "presumptuous".
6. I had put questions to the Chairman concerning:
  - the statement in his letter of 27 June that the Committee had in fact suspended all capital investment, which appeared to be in contradiction with resolutions before the EGM,
  - how the proposed loan was to be raised, on what terms, and on what security,
  - whether the Club's premises were to be mortgaged,

I received no reply to any of the above questions.

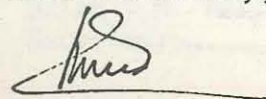
7. The Committee took advantage of Rule 18 to obtain a vote for investments increasing the Club's total debt by 84 per cent, at a time when the Club has no Capital Fund, no financial assets, and ran a deficit current account in 1984.

Taking total membership entitled to vote as 374, about 20 per cent of these attended the EGM, and a vote on a major part of the proposed expenditure was obtained from about 11 per cent of total membership.

Since all Members are, under Rule 2, owners of the Club, it would have been more appropriate to:

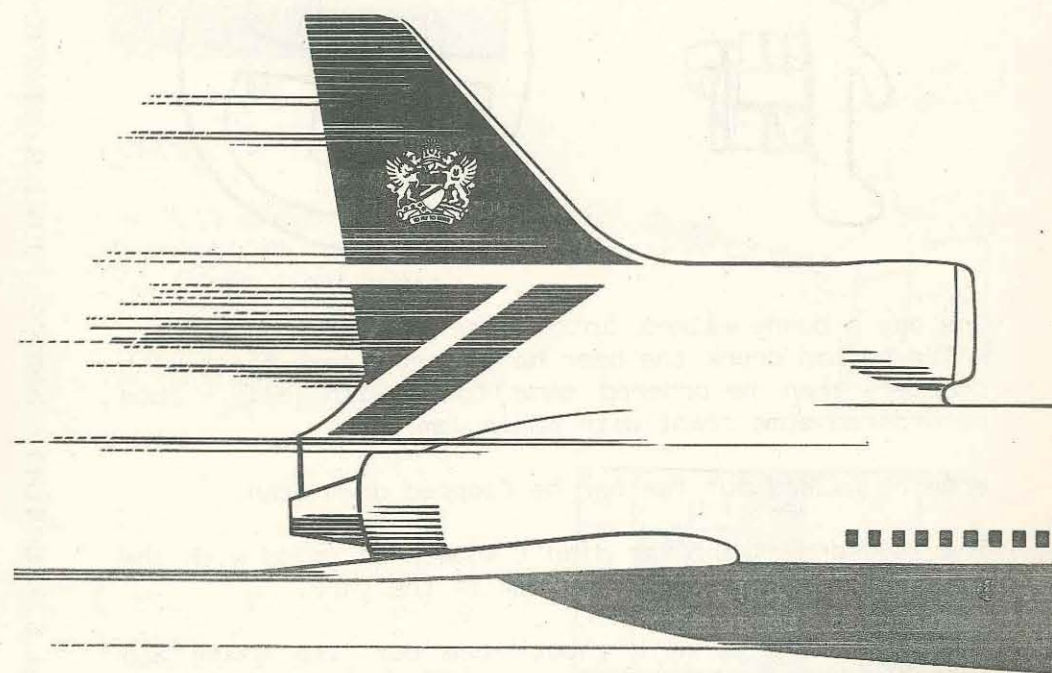
- (i) send advance written and full financial information to all Members entitled to vote,
- (ii) obtain their decision by written Referendum.

Yours faithfully,



N.C. de R. Heseltine (H105)

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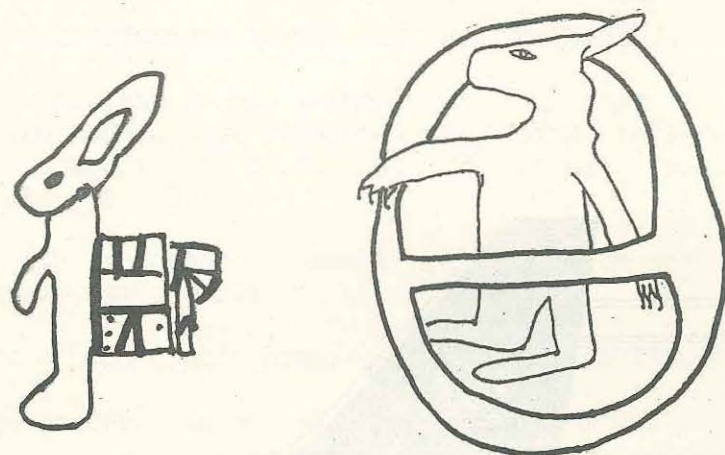
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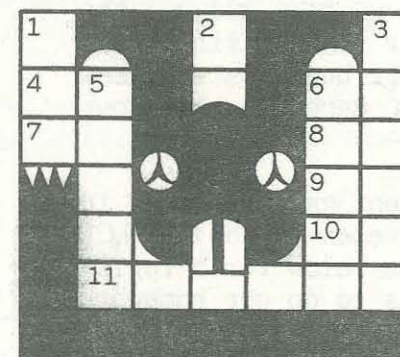
When he walked out the bar he flopped down dead.

The landlord of the bar didn't know what to do with the dead bunny and so he buried him in the yard.

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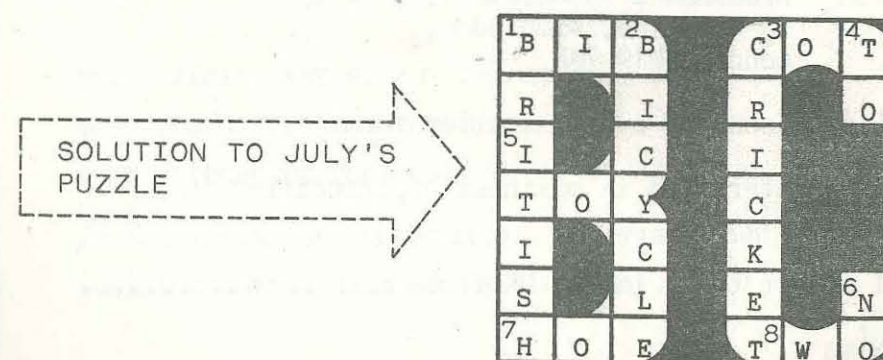
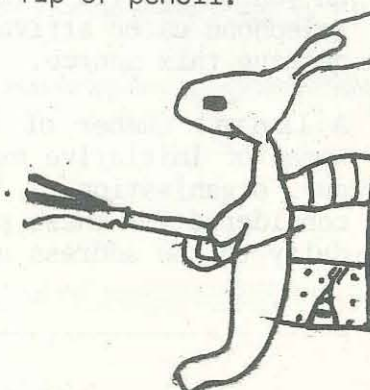
### CLUES

#### DOWN

1. Used for carrying things.
2. For example (initials).
3. Sticky sweet.
5. Opposite of liquid.
6. Tip of pencil.

#### ACROSS

4. "Its fleece was white...snow".
6. Italian river.
7. Green light means...
8. Prince...Wales.
9. Perhaps.
10. North-east (initials).
11. Erase.



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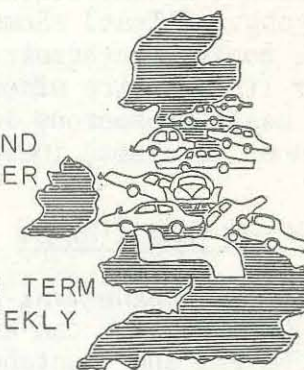
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## TRAVEL

### Chantaburi

One of the less wellknown tourist areas among expatriates in Thailand is the South-Eastern province of Chantaburi, between Rayong and Trat. Sometimes known as the garden of Thailand due to its many fruit and rubber plantations, it is famous for its sapphire mines, durian, rambutan, and woven reed mats. It has a prosperous local population and many interesting places to visit, including quiet beaches.

#### How to get there?

Take the Bangna-Trat highway out of Bangkok towards Pattaya. At Choburi you can either turn onto the new, direct highway to Rayong and Chantaburi, or stay on the Pattaya Road and drive along the coast. The direct highway is faster and will take about 2½ hours to Chantaburi, but it is lonely and rather dull.

The coast road will take about 4 hours but is worth the drive if you have the time. It goes past Bangsaen and Pattaya, U-Tapao and Rayong, cutting through the beautiful Suan Son Beach at Rayong, and passing Sunthorn Phu Park dedicated to Thailand's most famous poet.

Suan Son is a beach with powdery white sand set in a grove of pine trees. Although there do not appear to be any tourist type hotels along the Rayong-Chantaburi coast there are quite a few bungalow beach resorts.

#### Where to stay in Chantaburi?

There are 2 large hotels, Travel Lodge and the Eastern Hotel, both situated in town. They offer simple, clean accommodation at reasonable prices.

#### Places of interest

It is interesting to note that in colonial times Chantaburi was for some time occupied by the French who left behind a legacy of Catholicism, a Cathedral, a prison and a number of cannons.

The Cathedral is in town and serves a large Catholic congregation. The prison can be seen at the Laem Singh Beach and the cannons are laid out in rows on what appears to be a ruined watch-tower at Tar-Mai near the sapphire mines. The road to Tar-Mai is narrow and can be difficult to negotiate in wet weather but it is worthwhile visiting the cannons and

the mines. But be warned, the polished stones sold by vendors around the mines are more often than not just plain glass.

Ask for direction to Wat Bangkachai. This is a temple about half an hour out of town on a scenic road passing through salt farms and reed groves. The Abbott is a former navy officer and this is reflected in the shipshape appearance of the temple. Drive past the temple to the end of the road, about one kilometre, and you will come to a beach minus the usual tourist attractions, without even a restaurant.

Chantaburi sea food is famous as are its fresh water crayfish. There is an excellent restaurant at Tar-Chalaeb an approximately 20 minutes drive out of town. This restaurant is clean and has both air-conditioned and non air-conditioned rooms.

About 15 kilometres out of town towards Trat is the Pliew National Park of which the local point is the Pliew Waterfall (Nam Tok Pliew). Wear a hat and comfortable walking shoes as the trail is steep in part. There is a parking area at the entrance to the park. This is one of the smaller national parks but is big enough to be interesting especially for those interested in plants and birds. Most of the trees have signs giving their names both in Thai and Latin.

#### Souvenirs

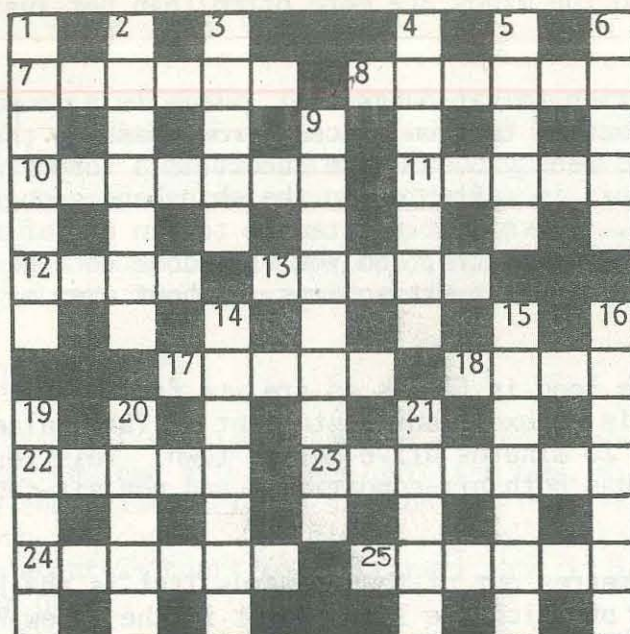
Items made from reeds such as mats, bags, table-mats, etc.; fruit - durian or rambutan - in season; stones such as sapphires, garnets and miscellaneous coloured stones, (but do be careful as there are many fakes), dried fish and preserved fruit. The area is especially wellknown for its durian paste known as durian guan.

#### Notes

No attempt has been made in this article to give definite distances from one place to another as they vary depending on the road taken and whether you stay in Chantaburi or one of the Rayong beach resorts. There are plenty of signposts that indicate clearly in English the places of interest. Receptionists in any of the hotels will give you directions.

Leonie Vejajiva

# CLUB CROSSWORD



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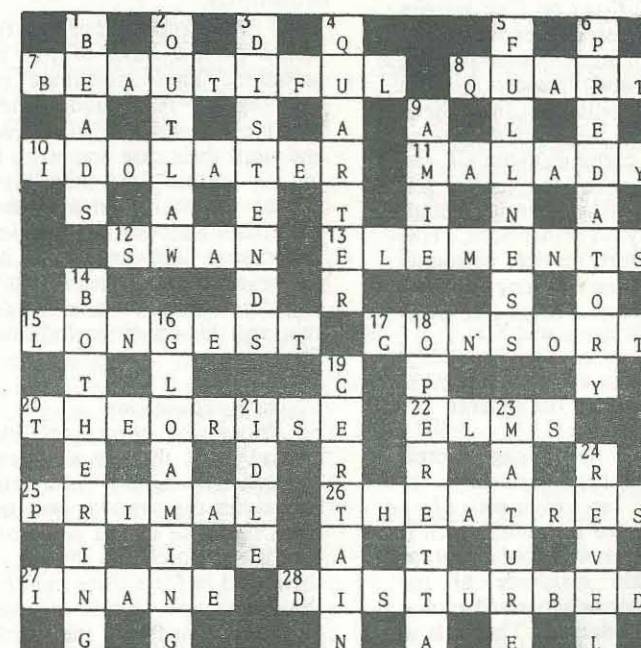
### Across

- 7 Birds you'll find in a bit of bother on Saturdays!
- 8 Counsel a short advertisement on sin.
- 10 Things that would make your hair curl!
- 11 With nothing, Mother, and a little laugh, you'll get a place in Nebraska.
- 12 Went down below.
- 13 File of stones for a wee dog.
- 17 Brown it somehow for a very big fellow.
- 18 Uncouth - but sounds is if it's regretted.
- 22 A mule to expound Muslim law.
- 23 Go ahead - lend the money.
- 24 No local taxes - so makes a speech!
- 25 A cream popular with tourists everywhere.

## Down

- 1 Girl's name with three a's in it.
- 2 I come down to earth again here.
- 3 Make a petition on them.
- 4 Put off the roan Jud deranged.
- 5 Time to go to Kew?
- 6 It's O.K. if it is.
- 9 Religion with a bad end for a capital city.
- 14 Trade is disrupted by such outbursts.
- 15 Pole in Turkey employed in an old prison.
- 16 It's real new put around for something replaced.
- 19 Right out for a coach.
- 20 It's a form of servitude.
- 21 Artless, back on Lake Geneva.

## Answers to Last Month's Crossword



# The MIRAS morass

Donald Elkin reveals all.

A GREAT DEAL has been written about Mortgage Interest Relief At Source since its introduction on 8th April 1983. Nevertheless, misunderstandings abound and in the short run at any rate, are likely to increase. This is so, because the Inland Revenue has recently changed its interpretation of some of the rules so far as they apply to expatriates.

The legislation sets out the classes of lender who are entitled to operate the scheme, but it is for each one of them to make application to be included. Not surprisingly, all of the major sources of mortgage finance, for example, the banks, building societies and insurance companies, have done so. But MIRAS does not apply to private lenders, so if your house is mortgaged to great Uncle William's trust, you will have to continue paying interest gross and claim the tax relief separately – if you can.

By contrast, nearly all borrowers are included within the scheme and in this case it is easier to say who will *not* qualify. The rules do, in fact, exclude those who are exempt from UK tax on their salaries by reason of 'some special exemption or immunity from tax.' Consequently, foreign servicemen and diplomats based in the UK will not be entitled to this relief.

But the rules do not exclude British expatriates. Their earnings avoid UK tax due to the operation of the general law and not as a result of any special exemption or immunity. Furthermore, HM Diplomatic and armed services personnel are not prevented from claiming the relief just because they receive a tax-free overseas allowance.

## Relief may be due under the general rules . . .

For MIRAS to apply to mortgage interest paid, the loan must have been taken for the purchase or improvement of a property in the United Kingdom which is used, *wholly or to a substantial extent*, as the only or main residence of the borrower, his former or separated spouse or a dependant relative. The Inland Revenue has indicated that this property would be the family home, where friends and correspondents would normally expect to find the owner.

Consequently, it came as something of a surprise when, originally, the Revenue regarded this test as satisfied if one or other of the spouses (together with their family), lived in the property for 92 consecutive days each and every year. That was a very generous interpretation and is now replaced by a much more stringent test.

In future, before MIRAS can apply, the spouse not working overseas would need to spend much more time in the property. Asked to indicate what sort of pattern of visits would be acceptable to them, the Revenue instanced a case where the non working spouse lived in the UK property from 3rd January to 22nd March, the 24th April to 1st August and 1st October to 5th January – that is, periods totalling 9 months in a year. It does not necessarily follow, that if the time spent in the UK property amounts to less than this, the relief will be excluded. Nevertheless, it does seem clear that periods amounting to a bare six months each year would not be sufficient.

All future applications for relief will be settled on the basis of this new interpretation. Those fortunate enough to have agreed relief under the previous practice will continue to receive it unless and until their case comes up for review for any reason. Even then, the relief will not be withdrawn retrospectively unless the circumstances are exceptional. That would most likely be the case if the relief was granted on the basis that the property would be lived in for a certain period each year and this condition has not been fulfilled.

## . . . or by concession

For those who cannot comply with the general rules, there is an extra-statutory concession whereby one must show that either the property was used as the main residence before going overseas or, that it was purchased during a leave and then lived in for a three month period by the spouse *who has the overseas employment*. Provided that the employment is for a term of not longer than four years and the property is expected to be lived in again at the expiry of that time, MIRAS treatment will be given.

In cases where both husband and wife have overseas employments, relief can be obtained on the basis of either of their circumstances.

Clearly, if the overseas employment is for a period of, say, five years, the relief will not be due. But what is the position if it is for two years renewable on the agreement of the parties? Or if it is for a three year fixed term but at the end of that time is renewed for another three years?

In the case of the two year renewable contract, the Revenue will probably not be willing to grant relief immediately but will insist on waiting to see what happens. If the employment does not last for more than four years and the expatriate returns to live in his property, relief would then be given by repayment.

By contrast, MIRAS would be authorised at the outset for the three year fixed term contract, but, in such cases, the Revenue reserves the right to withdraw the relief retrospectively. It seems that they would be most likely to do so if the expatriate's absence could from the outset have been expected to exceed four years.

Where an employee has a series of relatively short overseas employments, it is possible for him to get MIRAS relief more or less indefinitely. All that is necessary is for each of the employments to be for less than four years and for him to live in his UK property for three consecutive months between one employment and the next (three months' residence by a spouse who has not worked overseas will not be sufficient). In these circumstances, however, he could well become resident in the United Kingdom once again and that could have undesirable results.

## Claiming The Relief

Any mortgage in existence on 8th April 1983 will have been brought into the MIRAS scheme automatically, unless the lender was aware of any circumstance which seemed to make it ineligible. For new loans, claims setting out all the circumstances should be sent to the inspector of taxes to whom tax returns are submitted. Of course, many expatriates do not need to make such returns. They should send their claims to: The Central Unit (MIRAS), 1st Floor, St. John's House, Merton Road, Bootle.

When it has been agreed that the relief is due, the inspector of taxes will authorise the lender to accept payments of interest net. But in cases where he is doubtful whether the relief will ultimately be due, gross payments will have to continue and the relief will be given by repayment if the rules are, in fact, complied with.

The maximum loan eligible for relief is £30,000 (formerly £25,000). For loans in excess of £30,000, MIRAS does not apply unless the lender agrees to a special scheme under which he collects the interest relative to £30,000 of the loan net and the balance gross. So an expatriate borrowing, say, £35,000 from a lender who has agreed to the scheme, will be allowed to pay 6/7ths of his interest net. But if he borrowed from a lender not included in the special scheme, MIRAS will not apply and he will obtain no relief at all unless he has some UK income against which the interest can be set off. By choosing the wrong lender, you could stand to lose nearly £1,000 a year!

The MIRAS scheme was designed merely as an alternative and administratively more convenient means of granting tax relief for mortgage interest. In the case of expatriates who let their UK properties and who can, therefore, obtain relief by setting off the mortgage interest they pay against rents received, MIRAS is just that.

But those expatriates who have no UK income against which the interest can be set off, but who nevertheless comply with the MIRAS rules, will obtain relief when none was available previously. As a result, they receive a tax subsidy for their mortgage interest as if they were residents of the United Kingdom while, at the same time, being able to invest their own money in a tax-free form. The sort of benefit achievable is shown in the table below.

UK Mortgage Interest	
£30,000 at 12 per cent	= £3,600
Deduct MIRAS at 30 per cent	= £1,080
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£30,000 at 12 per cent	= £3,600

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## BRIDGE

Bridge Section has continued to have strong attendance at its regular Monday duplicate games despite some stalwarts enjoying home leave.

The return of Joyce & David Gillett to UK will be a loss to the section and their support over the past years is much appreciated.

Results of recent Monday Games are:

June 24	Pieter Schumacher	- Harry Kurd	54 points
	Jerry Yegenian	- Mike	51 "
July 1	Winton	- Mike	107 "
	Collin Snow	- Geoff Slack-Smith	97 "
July 8	Winton	- Mike	65
	Pieter	- Harry	57
July 15	Three wins straight for		
	Winton & Mike		with 47
	Len & Linda Redford		44
	Pieter & Harry		40



# SOCCER

## British Club SS vs Cambridge University AFC

### Result

Heavy Brigade 1 : Light Blues 4

On the afternoon of July 5th, in the lengthening shadows of the oil storage tanks, a heroic battle was enacted on the reclaimed turf of the Shell Ground. To the roll-call of glorious battle hours stretching from Crecy, Agincourt, Talavera, Sebastopol, Waterloo to the White Horse Cup Final, a proud new name must be added. Klong Toey.

You may be too young to remember the spirit of Dunkirk, but let me assure you that the do-or-die spirit was not forgotten by the B.C. Soccer Section on July 5th. The players fought as if they were at Dunkirk. After all, three of them had been. And therein lies the true heroism of that fateful afternoon.

The Light Blues : fit, fast, intelligent, played football before, and with only one night in Patpong under their belts.

The Heavy Brigade : fat, slow, middle-aged (the Dunkirk veterans bringing the average age up somewhat), and short of billions of neurons due to many nights on Patpong. Played a bit though.

And there the battle lines were drawn : age and cynicism against youth and enthusiasm.

The British Club were also short of several of last season's key players - Captain "Cushy" Castledine and Mad-Dog Stamper, to name but two. Reserves were mobilised from far and wide, from generation to generation. Bionic Jim Howard declared himself fit to play provided the entire team donated their used chewing gum to his repair kit. The recently arrived Laven, Gladwell and Watson pulled on their boots for their first BC game. In his inaugural game (the first of many, it is to be hoped) Herr Peter Collins also laced up, pausing only to remove his jackboots. Childs rose miraculously from his sick-bed where his self-diagnosed bout of dengue fever cleared up just hours before the game. And, of course, the rest of last season's veterans: Rennie, Swift, Harrison, Wallace, Morton, Wilkins, Barlow and Warham.

Facing the hastily patched-up Bangkok British were 12 current Cambridge Blues and three more-than competent reserves. Their Captain, Pottsy, having arrived five days in advance of the main party, had been put through a rigorous BC training programme involving early morning sessions at a well-known hot water spa. The remainder began an intensive acculturation course on the evening they arrived (Wednesday 3rd) to try to catch up. But this was all to no avail. The BC High command had got their strategy wrong. The Cambridge boys appeared to thrive on the debauched lifestyle and on Friday at the appointed time were raring to go.

And so to the Shell Ground (courtesy of Bernard Coe) to do battle.

Right from the kick-off the pace was predictably fast, with Cambridge moving the ball around accurately and imaginatively. But the B.C. chased and foraged, breaking down their play in the midfield and clearing up through balls at the back. Within minutes of the start Morton had burnt out his boots and had to come off for replacements. Barlow entered the play and played with his customary vigour in the middle, up the front and finally at the back. Though the B.C. stuck gamely to their task, the speedy Cambridge forwards eventually split the defence and went one up through Elliot.

At this point all expectations were that Cambridge would cruise to victory by several goals as the BC ran out of steam. All expectations, that is, except those of the B.C. team. The effort never slackened, heads never dropped and BC continued to fight for every ball. For the remainder of the half the game was surprisingly even, and eventually luck broke in the B.C.'s favour. Pumping high balls up to Wilkins had not been effective, but Barlow's extra "presence" shifted the balance. From a loose ball on their half, Barlow bundled his way forward with Wilkins in support to deliver some kind of a pass to Childs. His killer instinct honed by the recent dengue fever and the prospect of a Bangkok Blue, Childs made no mistake and slid the ball past the onrushing Potts. One-all. A historic goal for the BC against the fittest, best-organised and most skilful team we've played.

Cambridge were visibly shaken by this change of fortune and the unexpectedly stiff opposition. They counter-attacked immediately but were blocked every time. Rennie pulled off a string of his usual, magnificent last-ditch saves. Howard was in superb form, shackling their star-striker Walsh, by hook, crook and even occasionally by the largest protuberance on his body. Swift, Captain for the day, was busy rotating a bewildering stream of substitutes but still

found time for the occasional tackle. Harrison and Collins stuck doggedly to their men and the mid-fielders tackled back again and again to help out.

This was the British Club's finest hour, lasting for approximately 30 minutes.

Cambridge scored again before the half was out, with Walsh breaking free and crossing to the unopposed Whyte to head home.

After the break, the game turned against the B.C. who defended desperately and contested fiercely but were increasingly outpaced. With his first touch of the ball, Earle, the Cambridge sub, attempted a speculative shot which Rennie uncharacteristically misjudged, and the score was 3-1. Guided by Harper in mid-field, Cambridge piled on the pressure and continually threatened the B.C. goal. After a superb performance, Howard finally left the pitch due to a malfunction (chewing gum no longer elastic) and Barlow was the only man big enough to fill the gap. Determined resistance continued but all the B.C. hoped for now was to contain the opposition. In the dying minutes an interchange of passes between Morton and Harrison was finally intercepted, and the ball was fed to Elliot who scored his second to make it 4-1.

Cambridge had beaten Oxford 4-2 in the Varsity match last December, and the day after our game beat the Royal Bangkok Sports Club by a margin of 4-1. The British Club had therefore acquitted itself with honour, and had proved well worthy of the fixture.

The reception at the British Club after game was given by the Soccer Section on the Club's behalf, with generous liquid sponsorship from the Shell Company of Thailand. The touring side declared their Bangkok stay a great success and the Soccer Section was pleased to host them. After all, we've awarded ourselves honorary Blues for giving them such a close game.



## RUGBY

### B.C. vs South China RFC

Having preceded this game with immense success in the field of press relations and obtained superb coverage in the English-language newspapers, the BC took the field full of optimism. Late doubts regarding the availability of a certain pregnant father were overcome when his wife obliged by giving birth the night before the game: (It is a pity the scrum can't push that hard!). The team were in the unprecedented position of having too many players before the start of the game.

The Canton side looked fairly useful and given that there is nothing else for them to do in Canton except train, they looked a fit and well-drilled side (no pun intended!).

BC started well and held their own in both the line-outs and scrums. Defensive tackling at this stage was particularly good. Not far into the first half, having moved the ball across the backs to the wing, Tim Laven out paced the Canton defence to score under the posts. Drew Wilkins converted. This lead was retained almost throughout the first half but we lost a try almost on the half-time whistle. They converted to make the score 6-6 at the break.

This early in the season the team is still looking for the right combination and using the opportunities of friendly games to try to get everyone match fit. Positional changes and substitutions broke the rhythm of the side and in the second half we never really regained the momentum of the first half. Our overall lack of fitness continues to be glaringly obvious. The result of all of this was to allow the opposition to capitalise on their practiced moves and better co-ordination to score three good tries in the second half. One try, from a beautiful dummy-scissors, left the BC defence completely flat-footed and provided evidence of the value of regular training and practising together as a team. Final score BC 6 - SCRFC 20.

Despite the defeat BC did in fact play very well in the first half and continue to show signs of impending greatness. Actually, we only lost because they had seven Scots on their side and we only had four.

After-match festivities in the club were most enjoyable, the Canton boys being the most civilised group of rugby players yet to grace our portals.

Team : John Warham, Tim Laven, Drew Wilkins, John Gidley, Ted Batchelor, Ian Duncan, Colin Henderson, Terry Smith (Capt.), Keith Davison, Peter Collins, Tony Coffey, Chris Joly, Vernen Turnbull, Gary Crist, Andy Crossley, Alan Griffith, Vince Swift, Jim Howard, Dave Wallace, Andy Goodwin.

### Thai Rugby Union Sevens

July 6th/7th

One year after reincarnation of the British Club Rugby Section (there had been a B.C. team back in the thirties) our season officially kicked off with the Thai Rugby Union Sevens.

Sevens is not the way to kick any season off and it's also too demanding for any but the hardiest of souls even at the end of the season. As we did not have the option of postponing it, the cream of British Club Rugby set forth to win glory on the concrete greensward of Chulalongkorn Stadium. The nine who unfurled their jock-straps for this annual tourney were supposedly the fleetest of foot and sharpest of thought from our pool of almost 30 players. (But they can't have been all that fleet or smart if they got caught in the bar the night before and were then conned into playing.)

The elite nine were Coffey, Collins, Crist, Davison, Henderson, Laven, Swift, Wallace and Wilkins. You will note that the name of Smith. T.A. is absent from the list, but then the captain is selected for fleetness of foot and sharpness of thought. The excuse proffered to explain his absence was that of installing the final unit of the nuclear family in Soi Ekamai. It seems like a lot of trouble to have gone to (just think of the forward planning!) merely to avoid the Sevens, but then we were up against stiff opposition.

The first game was against Sukothai, who are in fact Chulalongkorn Old Boys, no mean opposition and playing on their home ground. As four of the seven who took to the pitch had also played soccer against Cambridge University the night before, the start was a little desultory. The fact that most of the nine had celebrated long and hard with the

Cambridge boys did not, of course, have any bearing on this slow beginning. Within minutes poor covering on the fringes of a breakdown in play let one of the Sukothai players through and a try inevitably followed. At this stage last year the British Club realised its shortcomings and became increasingly ineffective. But this year with a bigger, better squad of players and more motivation we were still in contention. With time running out, Colin Henderson broke through three or four tackles and ran straight between the posts to set up an easy kick at goal. If Henderson is the new hero, then Wilkins is the old villain of this piece as he blasted the kick wide and we finished level at 4-4. The only other character worthy of mention in the first game is Peter "The Kraut" Collins who reduced their scrum-half's effectiveness somewhat. However, modest chap that he is, Peter does not want to be mentioned in case his heroic act is interpreted as less than diplomatically proper. So for the record let it be said that Peter did not feed the scrum-half a knuckle butt but that he did leave the field with a bad case of molars-in-the-metacarples.

The second game against Chuamcharee (Ramkamhaeng Old Boys) followed a similar pattern with the speedy Tim Laven making a startling breakthrough to bring us our try in another 6-6 draw. The game had started 15 minutes early and Swift arrived just at kick-off to find Crist occupying his spot. The sight of the huge Crist (Vice-Captain of the Rugby Section, Token American and Baby Whale) terrified the opposition so much that they ran as if with winged feet. At least it looked that way with Crist trundling along in their wake. Having exhausted himself within five minutes Crist took himself off to the benches to rest up for his next dynamic outpouring of energy - well, next but one - against Old Vajiravudians on the following day.

And so on Sunday the unbeaten BC needed to scrape victory against the OV's to move to the next round. Wallace was in at hooker for Davison and Crist again heaved his massive bulk off his massive butt and onto the park. They scored quickly but again the BC came back from behind with another storming try by Colin Henderson. With minutes to go the OV's gave away a penalty and Wilkins had a chance to clinch the game. But the boot was on the other foot - it must have been because he missed again - and the OV's ran in a try and ran out winners.

Overall we performed far better than in the last Sevens and surprised a few of our critics. If we improve through the season as we did last year we can look forward to the rest of our games with optimism.

Perhaps the most heartening indication is that Gary Crist has bought a pedigree dog to be his training companion. (No untoward comments, please.) The dog has been named Plonker Crist, so don't be surprised if in forthcoming weeks you hear of Gary taking his Plonker for a run.

It's going to be a great season!

### BC vs RBSC

Although only a friendly training game with nothing at stake, BC were obviously taking this one seriously because, for the second match in a row, we had a full team, plus reserves, before kick-off time.

RBSC look a revitalised side this season with a few new faces and the benefit of some coaching from Mike Mason (a BC member, no less!).

The game was played in a good spirit and the heaviest rain recorded in Bangkok in many a day. This made handling the ball fairly difficult though BC did try to do that right from the start. Early possession was moved out to the backs and we looked set for a strong performance. Owen Davies scored an excellent runaway try showing a clean pair of heels to their defence. Unfortunately, the score was not converted. As the game progressed, BC failed to take a grip on the proceedings and were soon on the receiving end. Weight and height advantage in the scrums and line-outs were not put to efficient use and the cover afforded the scrum-half at time-outs was such that no self respecting insurance company would have considered giving him a life policy. Positional changes and substitution at half-time did nothing to help and it was only when the referee awarded a try after the ball was grounded outside the pitch that the team injected a bit of urgency into their play. The last five minutes showed much improvement but not enough to pull back a score and we ran out losers by 13 points to 4.

Team : John Warham, John Gidley, Tim Laven, Colin Henderson, Drew Wilkins, Owen Davies, Peter Young, Terry Smith (Capt.), Peter Collins, Vince Swift, Tony Coffey, Alan Griffiths, Glen Gledwell, Andy Goodwin, Gary Crist, Andy Crossley, Jim Howard, Vernan Turnbull, Dave Wallace, Jay McAlister.

### Next Game

BC vs Renegades RFC from Bermuda.

Chulalongkorn Stadium, 5.30 p.m. Sunday August 4, 1985

The draw has been made for the British Council Cup and we find ourselves in a strong group with RBSC, Kings College and Vajiravudh College Old Boys. All games to be played at RBSC:

5 September	5.00 p.m.	vs	OV
10 September	6.30 p.m.	vs	Kings College
19 September	5.00 p.m.	vs	RBSC

### Last Game

Drew Wilkins, vice-captain last year, is leaving at the beginning of August to return to Scotland. Drew's speed and crash tackling will be as sorely missed by BC as it was felt by a few of the opposition last season. Our good wishes go with Drew and with Annie and Findlay, our two most consistent supporters.



# SQUASH

First our congratulations to:-

Our new club champion, winner of the Don Johnson Cup:  
Ian Kent.

Runner up: Colin Hastings

Our new ladies champion: Carolyn Tarrant

Runner up: Annie Wilkins

Winner of the Parra Handi Plate: Craig Rennie

Runner up: Ray Walsh

Winner of the Ladies Plate, The Len Alexander Plate:  
Audrey Sill.

Runner up: Heather Moore

Winner of Ladder Flight A: Ian Kent

Winner of Ladder Flight B: Ray Walsh

Winner of Ladder Flight C: Peter Almeren

Our consolations to the losers - better luck next time.

## TSRA Competition

Unfortunately we were unable to field a ladies team but hopefully we will be entering a team in Division one, two teams in Division 2 and one team in Division 3.

## Coaching

The coaching held on a Monday night in July was very successful so a repeat evening is being organised in August. See August diary notes.

## Ladder/League

Thanks Andy for your letter in last month's Outpost. You have put into words what we have been trying to do with league/placings. The only argument our coordinators could

raise was the date on which they should note the player who has made great progress in the ladder. Should it be the date the last league ended, or should it be the date on which the new league is compiled i.e. the last day of the month or the 20th of the next month. One golden rule is that the league winner will be promoted, the loser demoted. The July league was difficult however, as the table will show:-

New entries	11	20%
Returnees	7	13%
From Last League	38	67%
	56	100%

Fortunately most players enjoy playing, and understand what an unenviable job the coordinators have.

## Finally

Last month we bade farewell to Geoff & Lee Thorpe who have done so much for squash at the British Club. Many thanks to you both.



# SWIMMING

## Endurance Tests 6th July

Holiday fever seemed to have hit the younger generation at the end of term on 6th July, as only 5 children appeared to take part in the endurance tests. There seemed to be a reasonable number of other children around, but they all complained of imminent departure on holiday and wanted to conserve their strength! The same conservation of strength seemed to apply to those who did turn up, particularly those with Thompson in their name who swam considerably less than they had previously done (and still received badges!).

The awards made were as follows:

C.J. Kefford	1000 metres
Hannah Thompson	400 metres
Simeon Thompson	100 metres
George Dunford	200 metres
Sally Dunford	200 metres

But do not despair, so that the lazy ones can have another go, and those who have returned from boarding school can have the opportunity to return next term and impress their friends with how far they can swim, the Swimming Committee proudly present:

ENDURANCE TESTS REVISITED 10TH AUGUST 9 A.M.

### Swimming Gala 7th July

Happily, not everyone has gone on holiday and 14 children turned up to swim in the Gala. No records were broken, but everyone seemed to have a good time (except me who was at home in bed with flu). Although no records were broken, the records all disappeared!! Unfortunately, our worthy committee member who keeps the performance records joined the leave spree and disappeared before she could pass on the record books. That means that this month, and next, we will have to abandon the improver of the Month award and I will try to calculate them for announcement at the Family Gala in September. Many apologies.

A notable point of the Gala was that a number of the previously reluctant were persuaded to swim in all styles, including a few interesting variations on the Butterfly which hadn't been seen before. The results are given on the Chart, and again, apologies for there being no Improvements noted.

The next gala is:

\*\*\* SWIMMING GALA SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST 11.45 \*\*\*

Also note:

\*\*\* ENDURANCE TESTS 10TH AUGUST 9.00 \*\*\*

For September, we have delayed the date of the Gala to give a bit of breathing space for those coming back from leave. This is the event you have all been waiting for!!!

\*\*\*\*\* GRAND FAMILY GALA 15TH SEPTEMBER \*\*\*\*\*

SEE YOU BY THE POOL

### SWIMMING RESULTS 7TH JULY

AGE	SEX	NAME	Breast		* Butterfly		I.M.		Tot. C
			Time	C	Time	C	Time	C	
UNDER 7	GIRLS	BCB RECORD	27.2		20.4		1.10.0		
		Zoe Binns	31.4	**	27.1	**	1.11.8	**	**
UNDER 9	GIRLS	BCB RECORD	50.6		46.4		1.45.9		
		Angela Ryan	1.14.9	**	-		2.33.1	**	**
		Sally Dunford	1.21.0	**	1.14.0	**	2.32.4	**	**
		Elizabeth Thorpe	1.13.2	**	1.39.0	**	2.58.8	**	**
		Gemma Sayer	1.05.3	**	-		2.43.0	**	**
	BOYS	BCB RECORD	51.0		48.2		1.42.0		
		C. J. Kefford	1.03.0	**	1.17.6	**	2.10.0	**	**
		Simeon Thompson	1.41.5	**	1.23.9	**	3.18.0	**	**
UNDER 11	GIRLS	BCB RECORD	43.9		39.8		1.30.5		
		Karly Kentwell	1.04.2	**	59.8	**	2.11.0	**	**
	BOYS	BCB RECORD	**		**		**		
		Alastair Binns	1.05.0	**	1.17.1	**	2.20.0	**	**
UNDER 13	GIRLS	BCB RECORD	1.31.3		1.20.5		2.54.0		
		Samantha Kentwell	1.54.0	**	2.17.0	**	4.21.0	**	**
		Hannah Thompson	2.21.2	**	2.17.1	**	4.38.5	**	**
	BOYS	BCB RECORD	1.29.5		1.20.9		2.50.6		
		Llew Jenkins	1.52.0	**	-		3.54.0	**	**
		George Dunford	2.17.5	**	-		-		**
UNDER 15	BOYS	BCB RECORD	**		**		**		
		Kris Erswell	1.36.2	**	1.54.8	**	3.44.4	**	**

\* Freestyle for under 7s

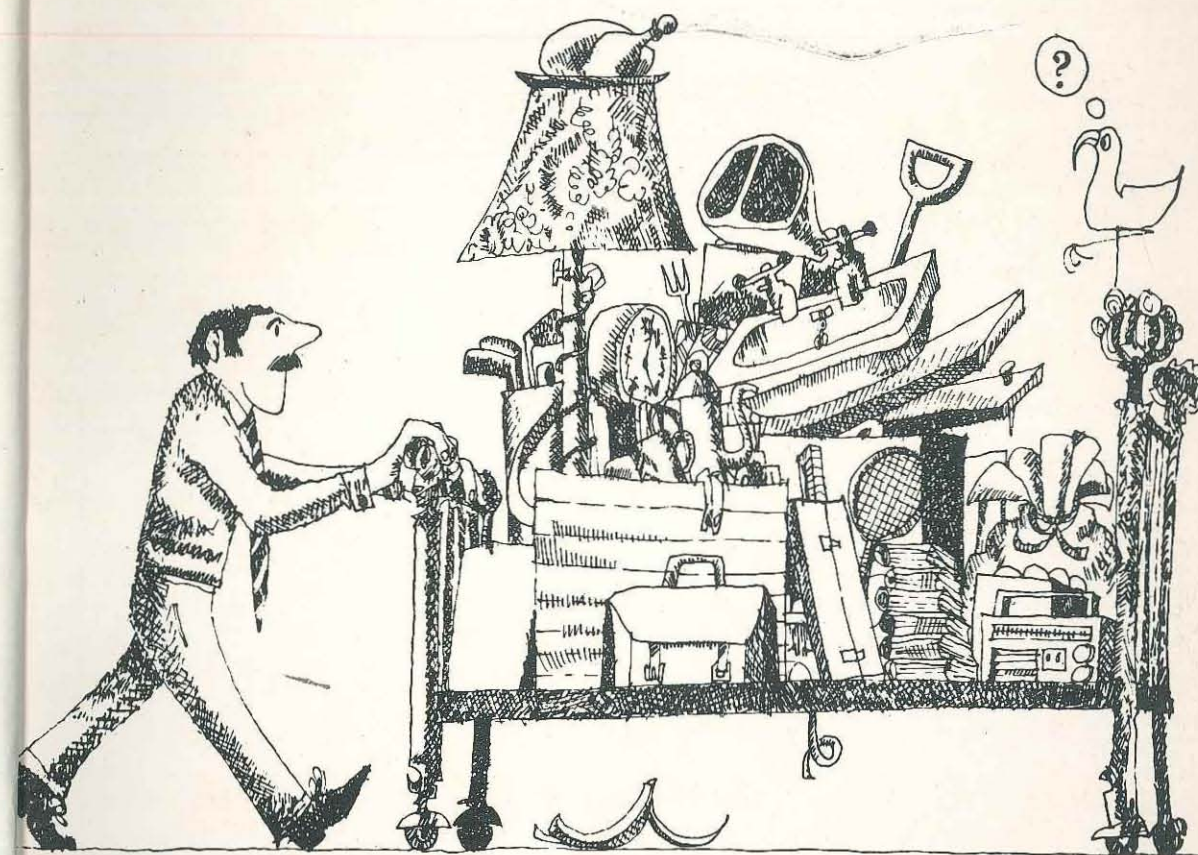
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Rugby	Terry Smith	233 1481
Soccer	David Wallace	235 3551
Squash	Harold Mercer	211 5808
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