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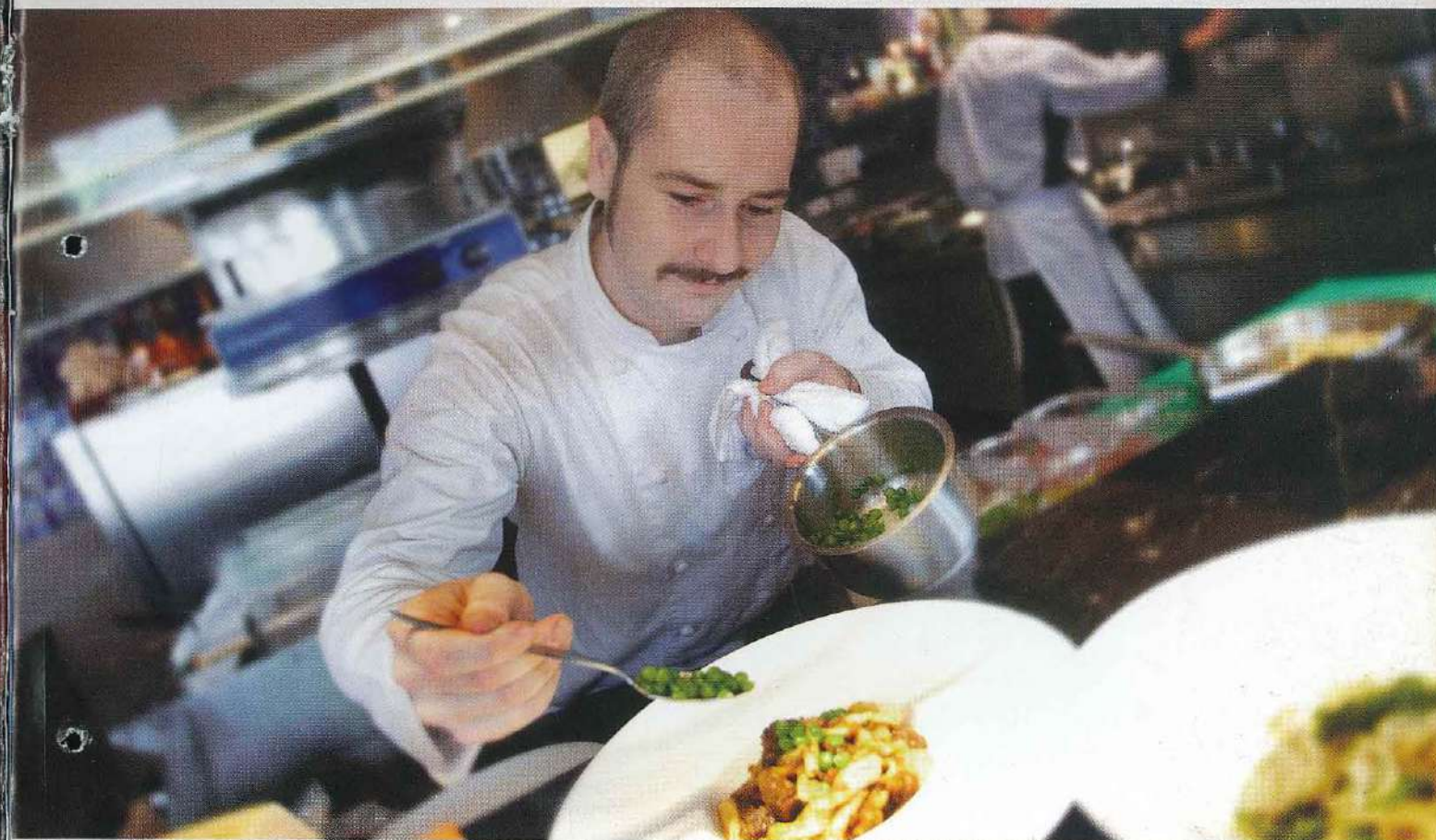


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The British Club wishes a wonderful and happy birthday to HM Queen Sirikit of Thailand. We join in the commemoration of this auspicious day with celebrations of Mother's Day at and around the Club.

# LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Jonathan Truslow  
Chairman - General  
Committee 2009/2010*This month I have asked John Bleho, the GC member with responsibility for member sections, to outline the GC's plans in this area.*

At its best, the British Club experience is about family and friends, old and new, coming together to relax, laugh and enjoy common interests and passions. The Club's member sections are a key part of many members' fondest British Club memories and weekly social activities. Whether it's an evening pint with fellow Balut enthusiasts at the Churchill Bar or joining in one of four regularly scheduled weekly tennis mix-ins, member sections are where we catch up with like-minded souls whilst sharing in a mutually enjoyable contest or a post-game drink.

New members in particular find joining a Club section a wonderful icebreaker, a great way to make friends and catch up with old mates. The jokes and banter, shared drinks, and matching of skills, palate and wit create bonds and memories that often last a lifetime, or long after a member reluctantly departs Bangkok and Thailand.

The General Committee and Club management strongly feel that the Club's future lies in vibrant member-supported sections. We currently have active tennis, squash, balut, bridge, spoofer and golf sections. Thanks to the previous GC, we now have four excellent hard-surface tennis courts, an all-purpose back lawn pitch, a renovated cricket area and a beautifully landscaped back lawn area.

This GC is working to make full use of these facilities by members. By year's end, we hope to add hockey, junior netball and cricket sections to the Club's roster of sections that use the back lawn. We encourage members to suggest new sections and activities.

We will provide more Club support to the bigger member-supported sections like tennis. This includes a more active role for Reed Passmore, our Sports and Grounds Manager, and the hiring of Pierre Sequier as full-time tennis coach. Pierre, reporting to Reed, will be responsible for creating a full slate of serious and fun tennis activities for players of all ages and skill levels. Closely coordinated with the tennis section, these activities will also include inter-club regional events.

Reed is also working on a list of fun activity days to try out new sports at the club. These include water polo, volleyball and kids' rugby.

Many of the team sport sections have a number of non-member players. They come for their game or practice session on a mid-week evening and then disappear to a bar or restaurant elsewhere without enjoying our facilities. The idea of a sports membership giving limited access to Club facilities for such occasional users of the Club was informally discussed following June's EGM, and was well received by the members in attendance. The GC will refine this idea in consultation with the member sections and bring it back to the membership for formal consideration later.

Finally, the GC is looking to simplify the various by-laws governing the sections to improve corporate governance, transparency and member participation in the Club's sections.

Tastes – and members' interests – change. If you have a passion for a sport or activity that isn't currently represented in our member sections, let us know about it. Simply contact Reed Passmore by emailing him at [reed.passmore@thebritishclubbkk.org](mailto:reed.passmore@thebritishclubbkk.org) or phoning him at the Club at 02 234 0247, or by emailing John Bleho at [john@bleho.com](mailto:john@bleho.com) to get the ball rolling.

Have a great summer.

John Bleho, GC member







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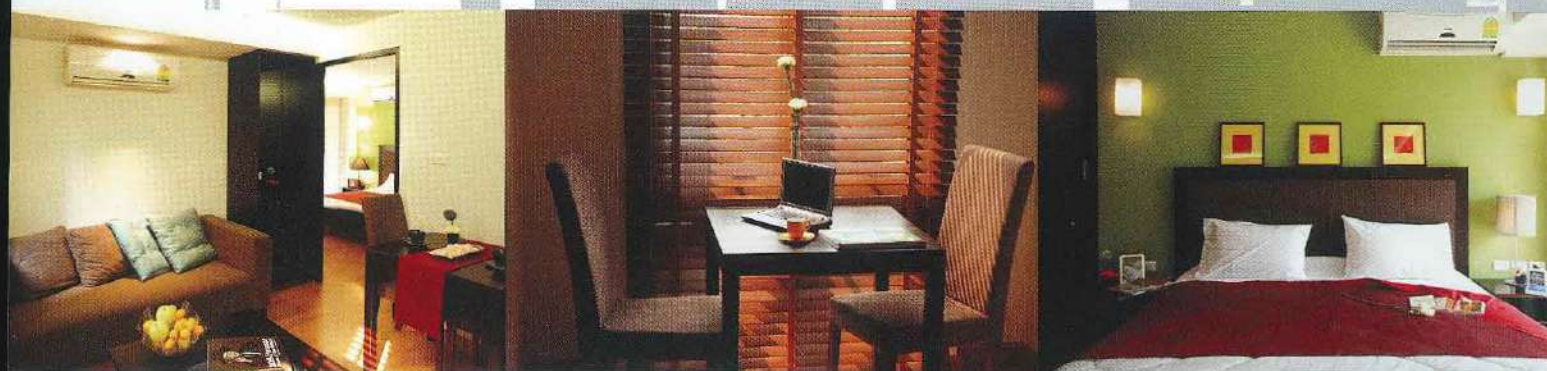
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## BAZZA'S BANTER



Dear Members,

In this edition of Outpost, we look back at the recent Members' Gathering, which was a great success with lots of members young and not-so-young joining in this casual event. Some great music provided by Major Somkiat and his band, and it was really good to see the Verandah Buzzing with chitchat and people enjoying themselves at their Club.

Not so successful was the recent Pub Night. In fact, at one point, I think there were more Members in the band than there were members in the Verandah itself. But, not to be put off by failure, we will try once again. However, this time, rather than being a standalone event, we will try to put the Pub Night on a Friday night, along with a buffet and a wine tasting. Music for the Pub Night was provided by Celtic Colours, who played at the Club's Birthday Party for Queen Elizabeth in June.

We recently bought Khun Laak a few more cookery books, and at this very moment, she is trying out new recipes for the Club's buffets. So, hopefully, you should see a few new dishes appearing at the wine tastings; although, not a totally new dish, the Cumberland Sausage rolls are rather nice. We also bought a new dessert book so Khun Boonchao will hopefully be bringing us a new range of desserts, muffins and cookies very soon. Paella Wednesdays are staying, and Khun Laak will produce a new menu with more varieties of paella available on Wednesdays. Friday's themed buffets this month see the return of the Spanish buffet and a new look Tex-Mex, along with old favourites returning – the curry buffet and Jamie Oliver's monthly buffet.

Last month, Club Member Paul relaunched his video nights in the form of The Monday Night Club, and this will continue into August. Enjoy British TV detective movie classics in the comfort of the Wordsworth Lounge, all for free, starting at 7pm. Full food and beverage service is available.

This month we celebrate Mother's Day here in Thailand held, of course, on HM Queen Sirikit's Birthday. This Mother's Day, we have a special treat for all Mothers. We head off to see the smash hit musical Mamma Mia, here in the Kingdom of

Thailand for the very first time. Tickets are still available, and the cost includes transport from and back to the Club, with a police escort to ease us through the Bangkok traffic.

Looking further ahead, we are also off to Huamark Stadium to see the wonderful acrobatics of The Beijing Acrobatics Fantasy. This is the Cirque du Soleil of Asian acrobatics and is a great show for the whole family. And we are also off to the Thailand Cultural Centre to see the magical performance of Cinderella on Ice. This is held as part of Bangkok's 11th International Festival of Dance and Music. For details of all events, check throughout this edition of Outpost, and for events held further in the year, check the Club's website. Or, please feel free to just contact me!

We also gave the Club's staff a refresher on fire fighting and fire prevention. The course was held over two Mondays and was a morning classroom lecture and video presentation of particularly nasty fires in Bangkok over the last decade, followed by hands-on practical training in the afternoon. In August, a selected group of Members will attend a CPR and Medical First Aid course held here at the Club, once again taught this year by the staff from nearby Lersin Hospital Silom.

The Friday night videos at Poolside are proving popular, and there are quite a lot of kids there each weekend enjoying a good film and some crafts after their swimming or tennis lessons, leaving Mums and Dads time to relax with their friends and enjoy a drink or two.

Regular events such as the wine tastings, bar quiz, etc. are all continuing throughout August. Check out Outpost or the website for more details.

Well, that's about it for another month. I look forward to seeing you around your Club soon!

Regards,  
Baz

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## COMING UP IN AUGUST

WEDNESDAYS, AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup> AND 19<sup>th</sup>  
**BCB Balut Shield Competition**

MONDAY-FRIDAY, AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>  
**Sports Camp**

For children 5-14yrs. Tennis, squash, football, cricket, arts and crafts, lunch, swimming and more. 10am-2.30pm. 650 baht per day.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Another Tom Baker Day**

This public holiday just got a bit more exciting... Tom Baker is back! Oh, yes - two wonderful episodes, "Full Circle" at 10.30am and "State of Decay" at 1pm, from his last year as The Doctor. Who you might ask? In the Suriwongse Room - don't be late!!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Mamma Mia Live**

At Muang Thai Ratchadalai Theatre. The perfect Mother's Day present. We took over 200 members to see the movie. Now we are off to see the live stage show. Celebrate this Mother's Day at Muang Thai Ratchadalai Theatre, and enjoy this smash-hit, feel-good musical on its first visit here to Thailand. We have booked 50 seats at 4,500 baht per person, including transportation from/to the Club. Coaches leave from the Club at 6.30pm, and the show begins at 8pm. Full drinks service will be available on the coaches. Please book early to avoid disappointment. To book, sign up at the Clubhouse reception, or send a fax or email to the Club.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Tetley Smooth Bar Quiz**

Held in the Verandah at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 18th August 2009. As usual, Bangkok's Premier Quizmaster, Rodney Bain, will be asking four rounds of nineteen questions (on a range of subjects from 'Asia' to 'Famous People'), with each ending in the dreaded "Common Denominator". Prizes go to First, Second, Third and 'Second-to-Last', and, in addition, there are also three

'between-round' questions where your team has the chance to win drinks, sponsored by Crown Worldwide Relocations. So, get a team of friends (up to six) to come along and join in the fun (at least one Club member per team), or just pop along to see if we can fit you in.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**The Harlem Globetrotters Live In Bangkok.**

We have booked a limited amount of tickets for this event held at Impact Arena. Tickets cost 2,500 or 2,300 baht each, with cost including transport from and to the Club. The Harlem Globetrotters were formed in Chicago in 1926 and have performed over 20,000 games in 118 countries. Now, they are coming to Thailand for the first time. Transport leaves from the Club at 3pm, and the game starts at 5pm. To book, send a fax or email to the Club, or sign up at the reception. For further information, please contact Khun Barry.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup>  
**Beijing Acrobatics Fantasy**

At Hua Mark Indoor Arena. We have booked tickets to see the amazing acrobats from the Beijing Acrobatics school here in Bangkok for just one day. This is a great show for the whole family with a cast of 40 acrobats. Tickets cost 1,700 - 2,000 baht each and includes transportation from/to the Club. Transport leaves from the Club at 12.30pm, and the show begins at 2pm. To book, send a fax or email to the Club or sign up at the Clubhouse reception. For further information contact Barry. Tickets are limited, so book now to avoid disappointment.

MONDAYS IN AUGUST  
**The Monday Night Club**

We continue our series of TV movies of famous detectives every Monday evening in August. Starts at 7pm in the Wordsworth Lounge. We shall be featuring HERCULE POIROT as played by David Suchet, SHERLOCK HOLMES as immortalized by Jeremy Brett, and the new JANE MARPLE variations as portrayed by Geraldine McEwan.

## OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

<b>The Verandah</b>	11am - 10pm	<b>Fitness Centre</b>	6am - 10pm (Mon.-Fri.)
<b>Neilson Hays Coffee Shop</b>	9am - 6pm (Tues.-Sun.)	<b>Fitness Centre</b>	6am - 9pm (Sat.-Sun.)
<b>Churchill Bar</b>	10am - 11pm		
<b>Poolside Bar</b>	11am - 10pm Last food orders - 9.30pm		



# THE CLUB'S WILD ABOUT HARRY!

The Hogwart's party held in the Verandah on Friday, July 17th was a great success, as over 80 members enjoyed a buffet consisting of Mrs Weasley's thankfully-edible rock cakes, Hogwart's haggis with neeps and tatties, baked ham in real Coca-Cola, Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding, pumpkin and black bean soup, rhubarb crumble, Eaton mess and lots more. The Hogwart's Mead was vintage 1910, which also just happened to be the year that the BC Clubhouse was opened. All the staff dressed as Hogwart's schoolgirls, and even Dumbledore and Harry Potter made an appearance.

Khun Laak and her team did a great job with the buffet, and a "Well done!" to Adsadang and the service staff – the Verandah looked great with flying owls, flowers in pumpkins and magic wands. It was great to see the Club buzzing, and the Verandah was so busy that members spilled over into the Churchill Bar, and that too was soon full!

Meanwhile in the Silom Sala, the Harry Potter party was in full swing, led by Khun Suzie and Khun Awe. The party was free for the kids with lots of crafts and activities and delicious chocolate popcorn. The kids were also able to watch *Harry Potter and The Prisoner of Azkaban*. The party finished at 9.30pm, which, as if by Harry Potter magic, was the same time the Hogwart's buffet and the monthly wine tasting in the Suriwongse Room finished.



# FIRE SAFETY DAYS



All staff members at the Club received a course on fire training and fire prevention. The course, led by Igg Company, was run over two days and included both theory and practical. All of the staff receive fire training annually.

In August, selected staff members will also receive Medical First Aid Training, including CPR. The first aid training will be led by the Lerdsin Hospital Silom.



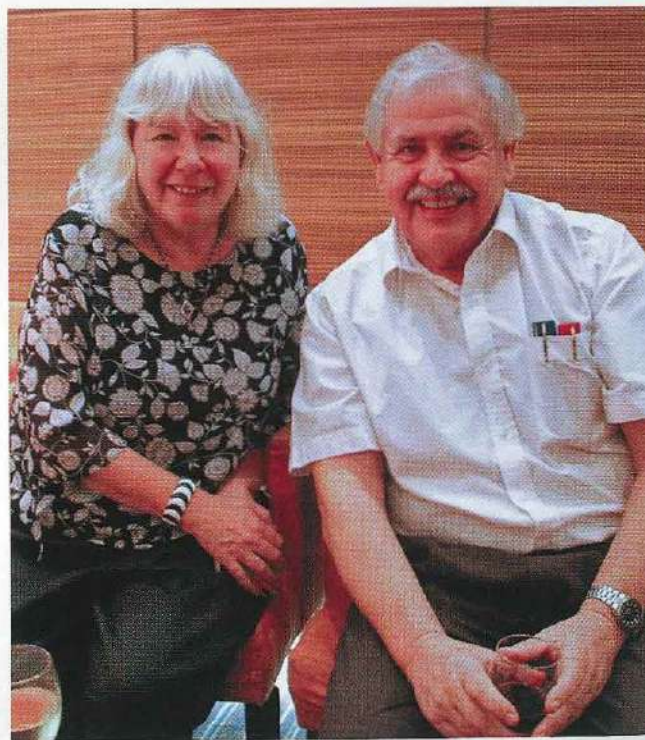


# MEMBERS' GATHERING



On Tuesday, June 30th, our Members' Gathering was held in the Verandah and back lawn. Two wine companies were here for a free wine tasting for the 100+ members that attended the event. Many thanks to Asian Foods and Splendid Surplus Company for providing the wines. Also, thanks to Tiger for sponsoring a barrel of their finest brew. Khun Laak created a wide range of canapés, and the gravadlax, mini-pies and sausage rolls proved very popular. Major Somkiat and the Thai Army band provided the music that made for a nice atmosphere that was relaxed and informal with no boring speeches – just a great time for friends to get together and chitchat. So much so that we extended the free bar by an extra hour!

It was great to see so many members who made the effort to attend. Keep your eyes peeled for the next Members' Gathering.



# WINE TASTING



June's wine tasting took place in the Suriwongse room on June 25th and was attended by over 100 members and guests. The event was also attended by twenty members of the BCCT. The wine tasting was held on a Thursday, as on the Friday we were busy setting up for the Canada Day Party held at the Club on a very wet Saturday, June 27th.

Four companies – Prestige Wines, Asian Foods, Bangkok Fine wines and ItalThai came along, and there were some great offers available to members. All companies did brisk business with ItalThai and Prestige Wines completely selling out of all their stock. Afterwards, members and their guests popped down to the Verandah cafe and enjoyed Khun Laak's Jamie Oliver Buffet.

The August wine tasting will take place on Friday, August 28th.





# CANADA DAY

The afternoon of Saturday, June 27th offered up delightful weather for Canada's 142nd birthday party, with all in attendance having a wonderful time at Bangkok's British Club. When you're so far from home, it's always nice to come together on this special day to celebrate the common bond of being Canadian. In total, over 350 adults and children participated in the Canada Day celebration.

The 2009 event offered many traditional events that allowed all age groups to participate, including ball hockey, water balloon toss and tug of war. A clown, BNH Hospital's mascots, arts and crafts and the ever-popular bouncy castle entertained the younger kids also.

We were honoured to have H.E. Mr. David Sproule, Ambassador of Canada, in attendance at this year's celebration. Whilst the event marked Canada's 142nd birthday, it also represented one of the few remaining opportunities for the local Canadian community to bid the Ambassador farewell as he prepared to depart Thailand for a new posting.

The traditional monsoon rain came late this year and started shortly after the completion of dinner at 7:30pm, but the Club did an excellent job in providing cover for over 400 guests. Whilst this year's rain was a real tropical downpour, it didn't seem to dampen the spirits of the attendees as they continued to party well after 10:00pm.

As a community, we thank the British Club for its outstanding hospitality and support of the 20th Canada Day Celebration in Bangkok.



The Mad Hatters



Some very serious ball hockey players



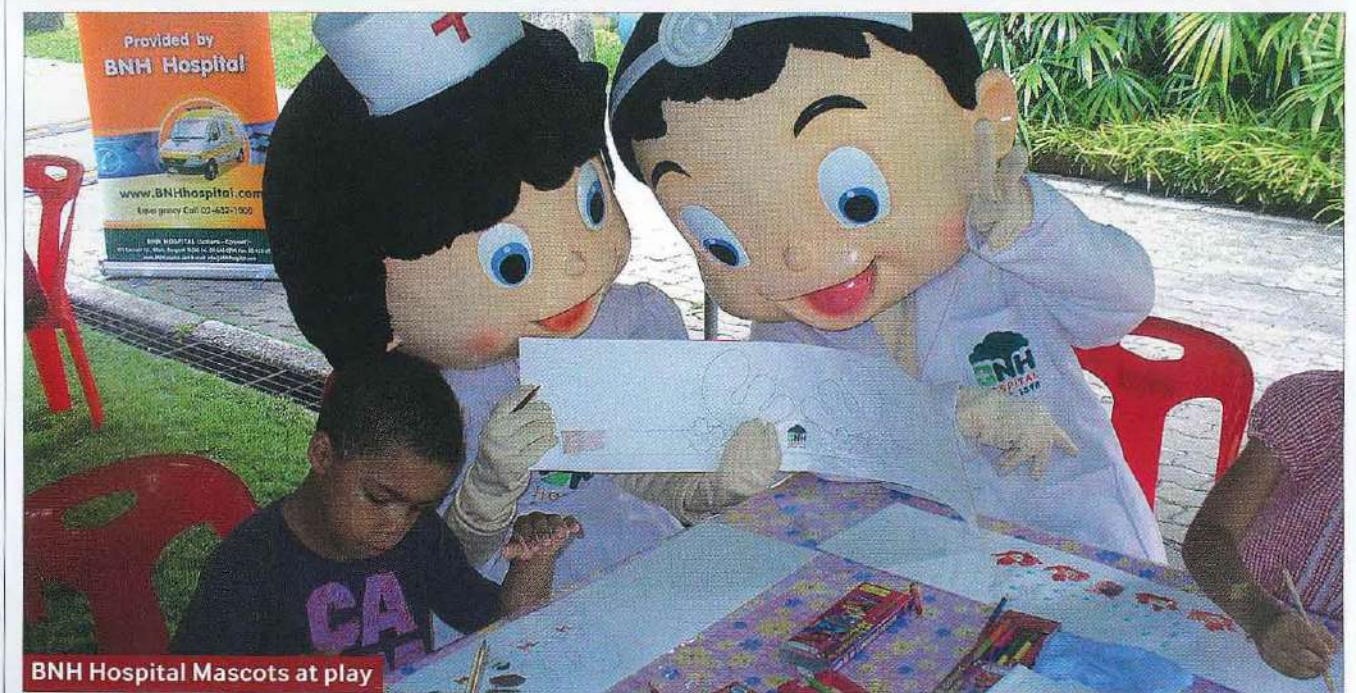
Time-out for the National Anthem



Guess who was very sore the next day?



Kids learning the art of "Tug of War"



BNH Hospital Mascots at play



# THE BRITISH WOMEN'S GROUP: A BRIEF HISTORY

Prior to May 1969, British women in Bangkok had no organised means of meeting one another. They met each other only at social functions or shared the rather dubious thrills of coping with children and shopping in a city that might have been quieter than it is today, but which was certainly not as convenient. As usually happens, groups would gather for informal coffee mornings at each other's homes.

So, on 29th May 1969, 57 ladies attended a meeting at the British Club. The Chairman of the temporary committee, Lily Milne, introduced the temporary committee and presented a Constitution to the assembled ladies, who were then invited to vote. The Constitution was accepted unanimously, the committee elected *en bloc* and by the end of the meeting, all 57 ladies had signed on as members.

## The British Women's Group was born!

Lady Pritchard, the then-Ambassador's wife, graciously accepted the role of Honorary President, and today, Mrs Alison Quayle continues that tradition as our Patron.

The objective of the BWG is to enable members to meet socially, to welcome new members and to establish a programme of social, cultural and welfare activities. Our range of activities and services have altered and expanded over the years to meet the requirements of our membership.

Today we have many weekly activities such as bridge, quilting, *mahjong* and ten-pin bowling; and our famous "Cracker ladies", lead by past chairman and honorary member Shirley Kennedy, meet once a week to make Christmas crackers, with all proceeds from sales going to schools in the Bang Na area.

We have regular monthly activities, which include a coffee morning, lunch, newcomers' coffee, GNO (Girls' Night Out) and bookworms, to name a few.

Throughout the year, there are additional functions organised by the BWG. In the past, these have included evening events with partners – a cocktail party at the British Embassy,

a cheese and wine tasting, a "day at the races", and a treasure hunt around the "bars" of Bangkok!



The BWG is also a great supporter of the Ploenchit Fair, which is held annually and is the major fundraising activity of the British Community in Bangkok. Our "Ye Olde Tartes Shoppe" sells home baking made by our members and subsidised by donations from local hotels. All proceeds from this event go to local Thai charities via BCTFN.

We are also one of six women's groups in Bangkok who host the "Combined Women's Lunch". In 2008, it was the BWG's turn, and

we held a "James Bond"-themed lunch at The Oriental Hotel, where we raised over THB 500,000 for local charity Operation Smile.

This year, the British Women's Group celebrated their 40th Anniversary on May 29th. To celebrate, we held a black tie fundraising evening event featuring our hugely successful "Walk this Way" fashion show, with members strutting their stuff on the catwalk to music from the past four decades and wearing clothes designed by local Thai designers. It was a great evening of fun and entertainment, whilst at the same time, raising over THB 500,000 for three local Thai charities.

The BWG has an active Welfare Programme that is expanding all the time and includes supporting local charities through donations approved by the Committee. The Welfare Team also coordinates a pool of volunteers from within the Membership to work with charitable organisations. Each year, a local Thai school is selected, and the Welfare Team organises a Christmas Party for them. Our support of Thai charities, likewise, has expanded, as BWG fundraising has broadened in scope to meet the changing demands placed upon it.

Today, the British Women's Group is a continuing success story, thanks largely to the support, commitment and effort of its members, both past and present. The BWG is currently run by a committee of 26 and has over 250 members.

For more details on our group, please visit our website: [www.bwgbangkok.com](http://www.bwgbangkok.com).





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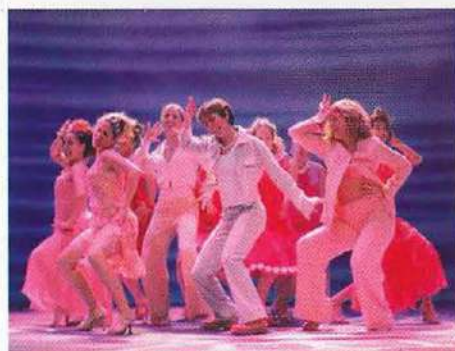
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## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



Whilst you might expect to hear this in some other month, Mother's Day is celebrated here in Thailand in August in honour and in celebration of HM Queen Sirikit's birthday on 12 August, as she is viewed as 'the mother of the nation'. This year, the Queen turns 77, and the Club offers its deepest well-wishes for a 'Happy Birthday' to Her Majesty.

The Club has arranged to spend Mother's Day, appropriately enough, attending the live smash-hit musical, *Mamma Mia*, at Muang Thai Ratchadalai Theatre. We think it's the perfect gift for Mums and hope to see you there!

*The Early Life of Queen Sirikit, from Wikipedia:*

Queen Sirikit was born on August 12, 1932, to the Prince of Chunthaburi and Mom Luang Bua Sanitvongse. Her name was given by King Prajadhipok and means the 'Greatness of Kitiyakara'.

When Sirikit was born, her mother gave her to her maternal grandparents who raised her for a year. Her father went to United States to work as the Secretary of the Siamese Royal Embassy at Washington D.C., while her mother accompanied her husband three months later after she gave birth to Sirikit. One year later, her parents returned to Thailand. Sirikit lived together with her family in Dheves Palace, near Chao Phraya River.

In 1946, when the war ended, her father moved to the United Kingdom to work as the Ambassador at St. James's, taking his family with him. The family moved to various countries including Denmark and France. While staying in France, she studied at a music academy in Paris, and she met King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who at that time had ascended to the throne and had been studying at Switzerland. The couple married on 28 April 1950, just a week before his coronation.

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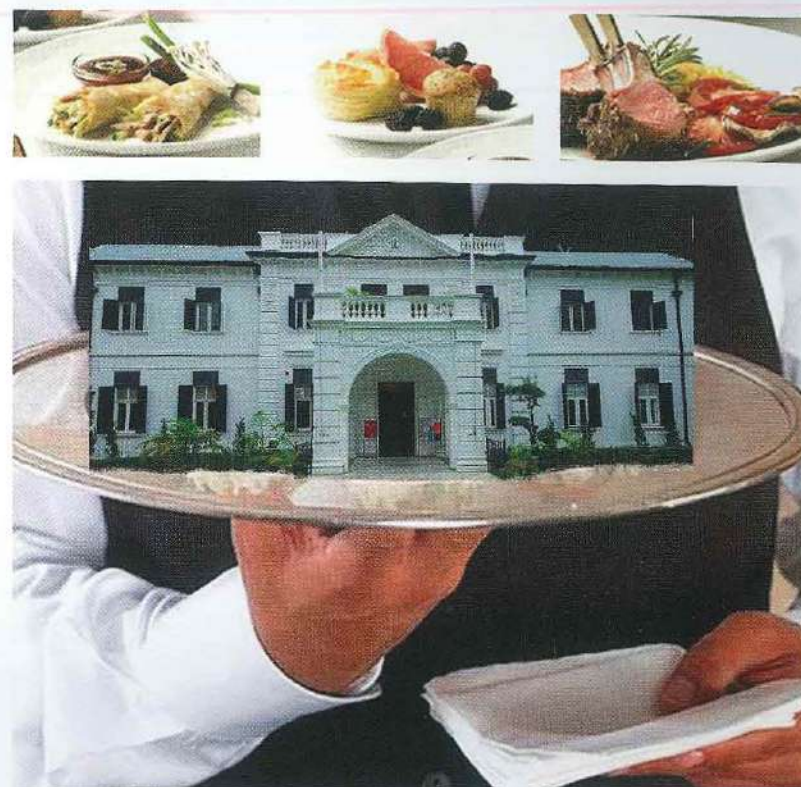


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# RECIPROCAL CLUBS

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## The Tanglin Club

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Other recreational activities include balut, billiards, bridge, lawn bowls and the Jackpot Room, as well as screenings of the latest blockbusters at our own theatre.

If you prefer a quieter pursuit, the Reading Room is a peaceful oasis in which to catch up with your reading and the world's current events through the Club's subscription to a wide variety of English-language newspapers. The Club also has a Main Library, stocking over 15,000 books from a wide range of categories.

### Note:

Please contact Membership Services for an introduction letter:  
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# BC CALENDAR - AUGUST 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p><b>Torchwood: Children Of Earth</b> 10am-5pm.</p> <p><b>Sunday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch only.</p>	<p><b>New S.E.T. Specials</b> All day.</p> <p><b>The Monday Night Club</b> <i>The Last Vampyre</i> Wordsworth Lounge 7.00pm.</p> 	<p><b>Tuesday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.</p> 	<p><b>Artists at the BCB</b> Wordsworth Lounge 9am-12.30.</p> <p><b>BCB Balut Shield</b> Wordsworth Lounge 7.05pm.</p> 	<p><b>New S.E.T. Specials</b> All day.</p>	<p><b>Spanish Buffet</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.</p> 	<p><b>New S.E.T. Specials</b> All day.</p> <p><b>New S.E.T. Specials</b> All day.</p>
<p><b>Sunday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch only.</p> 	<p><b>New S.E.T. Specials</b> All day.</p> <p><b>Sports Camp</b> 10am.</p> <p><b>The Monday Night Club</b> <i>Murder at the Vicarage</i> Wordsworth Lounge 7.00pm.</p> 	<p><b>Sports Camp</b> 10am.</p> <p><b>Tuesday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.</p> <p><b>TWG Meeting</b> 1pm.</p> <p><b>F&amp;B Working Group Meeting</b> The Verandah 12.30pm.</p>	<p><b>Artists at the BCB</b> 9am-12.30.</p> <p><b>Sports Camp</b> 10am.</p> <p><b>Another Tom Baker Day!</b> 10.30am and 1pm.</p> <p><b>Mamma Mia Live</b> Muang Thai Ratchadai Theatre Coaches Leave From The Club @ 6.30pm.</p>	<p><b>Sports Camp</b> 10am.</p>  <p><b>New S.E.T. Specials</b> All day.</p>	<p><b>Sports Camp</b> 10am.</p>  <p><b>Curry Buffet</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.</p>	<p><b>New S.E.T. Specials</b> All day.</p>
<p><b>Sunday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch only.</p>	<p><b>The Monday Night Club</b> <i>Lord Edgware Dies</i> Wordsworth Lounge 7.00pm.</p> 	<p><b>Tuesday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.</p> <p><b>Quiz Night</b> Sponsored by Tetley's Smooth Flow The Verandah 7.30pm.</p> 	<p><b>Artists at the BCB</b> Wordsworth Lounge 9am-12.30.</p> <p><b>BCB Balut Shield</b> Wordsworth Lounge 7.05pm.</p> 	<p><b>New S.E.T. Specials</b> All day.</p>	<p><b>Jamie Oliver Buffet</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.</p> 	<p><b>New S.E.T. Specials</b> All day.</p> <p><b>The Harlem Globetrotters</b> Transport leaves from the Club @ 3pm.</p>
<p><b>Sunday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch only.</p>	<p><b>The Monday Night Club</b> <i>The Eligible Bachelor</i> Wordsworth Lounge 7.00pm.</p> 	<p><b>Tuesday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.</p> 	<p><b>Artists at the BCB</b> Wordsworth Lounge 9am-12.30.</p> 	<p><b>New S.E.T. Specials</b> All day.</p>	<p><b>Tex-Mex Buffet</b> The Verandah 6pm-9pm.</p> 	<p><b>New S.E.T. Specials</b> All day.</p>
<p><b>Beijing Acrobatics Fantasy</b> Transport leaves Club at 12.30pm.</p>  <p><b>Sunday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch only.</p>	<p><b>The Monday Night Club</b> <i>The Body in the Library</i> Wordsworth Lounge 7.00pm.</p> 	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<div data-bbox="1724 1629 2902 1953"> <p>English Line: 089-699-3222 www.TA-TO.com/english (* 4 Box minimum purchase price)</p> <p><b>FREE</b></p> <p>Name brand contact lenses at <b>DISCOUNT PRICES</b> <b>Delivered Free</b> to your home or office!</p> <p><b>TA-TO.COM</b> Acuvue • Softlens • Focus • Maxim • Freshken • Arian</p> </div>		



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# SPORTS & LEISURE

By Reed Passmore

## Dear Members.

Welcome to another update on sports and activities around the British Club.

June finished with the biggest swimming gala in years. Over 50 people participated, including numerous new members and parents. A great turnout from members, and we definitely have some talented young swimmers at the club. After the fun and competitiveness of the swimming gala, we moved to the front lawn to play on the slippery waterslide and bouncy castle.

July is a slower month at Poolside with the summer holiday underway and numerous members returning home for R&R. I hope you all have a great and safe holiday.

## Upcoming activities:

**August Sports Camp:** 10th-14th August. Mini Sports Camp for ages 5-14 yrs. Tennis, football, lunch, indoor activities and games. THB650 per day.

**Race Reed to Pattaya:** Serene Sands Health Resort Pattaya (www.serenesands.com) has given us a 3 days/2 nights stay free at their new resort. All you have to do to win this great prize is to race me to Pattaya... sound easy?!

Run 250km on the treadmill or cycle 550km on the bike (every kilometre will be recorded with a leader board showing the results). The first person to reach either goal wins the holiday. Runners-up will receive a beautiful bottle of red from Chris Flaherty's collection.

**Fight Night, Round 2:** November 27th. The first-ever fight night at the British Club was a huge success, and the second promises to be huge. Full pro and amateur fight cards; boxing, Muay Thai and martial arts demonstration; door prizes; three-course dinner and drinks; and more!!

If you would like to sponsor this event, contact me in the fitness centre.

**Learn to Swim – Swimming and survival course for maids/nannies:** August. The British Club will run a survival and swimming course for maids and nannies. Numbers are limited, so contact me in the fitness centre for more details.

**Children's Camping Trip:** November 7th - 8th. Next term, we will head into the bush. Well, camping anyway. I will be taking a group of children away for bike rides, kayaking and a roping course over a weekend.

**Swimming Lessons:** New swimming term starts Sept. 4th/5th.

**Tennis Lessons:** New tennis term with Pierre starts Sept. 4th/ 5th.



## SERENE SANDS RESORT





# GOLFING NEWS

By Ray Bloom

## June Stableford Competition – Sunday, 14 June

At the beautiful Lam Lukka course, we played our monthly event with congratulations going to Rose Milne for a great round, finishing with 36 points. Rose was presented with her prize by Maureen Gibson, soon to leave Thailand, whilst Rose's husband, Gordon, looked on. Not far behind, Frank Fawkes narrowly beat Karen Carter on a countback, both finishing with 33 points.

Also celebrating with awards for 'technical' were:



MAUREEN GIBSON &amp; ROSE MILNE

Near pins – Peter Gale, guest Adam Topping, Mike Staples and Gordon Milne.

Long drives – Ladies – Maureen Gibson, Men – Mike Staples.  
Longest putt – Maureen Gibson.

## June Medal Competition – Sunday 21 June at the Royal course, Lat Krabang

This monthly event saw some low-scoring golf. At the finish, both Peter Skinner and I felt certain of victory in Flight A, both finishing with net 63 scores. On a countback, Peter was declared winner of the flight, with Tracy Birchall third with a net score of 67.

The B flight saw Bob Randle triumph with a net score of 70, closely followed by Maureen Gibson on 72 and Peter Bond on 73.



MAUREEN GIBSON &amp; PETER SKINNER



MAUREEN GIBSON &amp; BOB RANDLE

Near-pin winners were John Carter, Peter Clarke, Gordon Milne and Barry Ashman. The best long-putt on Hole 18 was made by Karen Carter. Tracy Birchall featured again with the Ladies' Long Drive prize, and John Bell hit the Men's Long Drive.

Afterwards, hungry and thirsty golfers enjoyed some banter and well-deserved sustenance in the course restaurant, then Captain Maureen Gibson presented prizes to Peter Skinner, winner of Flight A and to Bob Randle from Flight B.

## Match: British Club Golf Section versus the Japanese Golf Club held at Subhapruek Golf Course on Sunday, 28 June

It is probably best to gloss over the report on this friendly annual challenge match as, once again, the Japanese golfers were overwhelming winners, taking all but one of the matches to win by a large margin. Only David Lamb and I achieved a victory. Clearly, our strong intentions of extensive practice after last year's similar result weren't carried through.



We had a very enjoyable day's golf, however, culminating in a delicious post-match dinner shared with our Japanese friends, followed by the presentation of prizes. Our Captain, Maureen Gibson, held the trophy briefly before it resided for another year



DAVID LAMB &amp; RAY BLOOM

in the Japanese trophy cabinet, and David and I were rewarded for our sole victory.

## Maureen Gibson

The match against the Japanese golfers marked the end of Maureen Gibson's tenure as Captain of the British Club Golf Section. Maureen

is in the process of moving to Singapore with her husband and will be greatly missed by all golfers in Bangkok. Maureen first played with the BCGS five years ago, joined the committee in 2007 and was elected Captain last year.

Maureen will be remembered as a conscientious, hard-working Captain, always very approachable and friendly and with an eye for detail. She has also turned in some fine golfing performances in her own right. We look forward to seeing Maureen on her occasional return trips, which she has promised to make to golf in Thailand. In the meantime, we wish her and her husband good luck, good health and much happiness in their new life in Singapore.

Maureen's Captaincy has been taken over by Frank Fawkes, who has previously served as Vice-Captain. We look forward to supporting Frank in his new role.

For the fortunate golfers who can and want to play a midweek round, there is friendly golf on offer every Wednesday morning with the Midweekers group. We play most weeks at Bangkok Golf Club, Pathum Thani, where we take advantage of preferential green fees, but we also travel to other courses that offer good value. Contact Ray Bloom at [rbloom\\_364@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rbloom_364@yahoo.co.uk) or 087 051 3548.

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## BC BALUT

By Paul Cheesman



Balut section members now have only three tournaments left in this Shield year to better their averages. In the last two tournaments, two more players gained 'Shield' status by completing six Tournaments. Seven more players are still able to qualify in readiness for the Balut Shield Awards Night this September.

In the July 1st tournament, Jeremy Watson (more commonly known as 'Oddsmen') came close to beating all records with an aggregate score of 566 and a best single of 136, whilst Andrea Baker came in at a very close second on 548.

The BCB Balut Shield leagues (as of 02.07.09) now reads:

Rank	Player	Best 6 Played	Average
1	Phil Alexander	15	112.57
2	Steve Eaton	17	104.73
3	Putthipong Merrigan	10	104.00
4	Carlos Romero	12	103.20
5	Bob van Es	11	101.83
6	Roger Willbourn	10	100.63
7	Tomjakraphan Merrigan	10	99.70
8	John Boisclair	11	99.33
9	Steve Mallon	8	99.00
10	Muntana Merrigan	10	98.93
11	George Okrasa	9	98.63
12	Caroline Willbourn	9	98.50
13	Paul Cheesman	16	98.40
14	Tony Rodriguez	6	98.10
15	Jeremy Watson	6	95.27
16	Ronald Macdonald	6	94.73
17	Nick Pelly	6	94.23
18	Daw Kiki Maw	6	93.83

THE TOURNAMENTS FOR AUGUST ARE ON THE 5TH AND 19TH, AT 7.05PM, IN THE WORDSWORTH LOUNGE, WITH THE FINAL TOURNAMENT OF THE SHIELD YEAR AT THE BALUT SHIELD AWARDS NIGHT.

### BALUT SECTION SUBSCRIPTIONS

Section members are reminded that Balut Section subscriptions are due on September 1st. The current fee is 300 baht per playing member. All Club members are eligible to join, as are spouses and families of Club members paying Club fees at the Family rate or Country rate.



### BRITISH CLUB BANGKOK BALUT SHIELD AWARDS NIGHT

Wednesday, 2nd September 2009

6.30pm Free beer and wine with finger buffet\* in Suriwongse Room (section members only)

7pm Balut Section AGM\*\* (section members only)

7.30pm BCB Shield 21st TOURNAMENT

9.30pm BCB Balut Shield 2008-09 Awards

\* The beer is sponsored by 'Outrigger Hotels & Resorts', and the wine comes from Carlos the Jackal, courtesy of his Prestige Wine Accumulator win!

\*\* AGM papers and accounts to be circulated by email.





# QUIZ NIGHT

## Bitten Nails and Brylcreem

By Fingal O'Flahertie



AC/DC and Alice Cooper? You spoil us!

July saw some tense sporting moments: Flintoff and co wore down the plucky resistance of the Australian tail-enders; Stewart Cink broke a few hearts as he dispatched plucky veteran Tom Watson in the open; and the Bangkok Gentleman Spoofers challenged Chairman Rodney's approved nomenclature of some towns in the English Midlands.

In fact, that wasn't the only excitement to be had at the Tetley's Smooth Flow Quiz Night. A suggestion that table questions might accrue points was given a wintry response: the decision to move quizzing to the first Thursday of the month from September got majority – but not unanimous – approval.

Such political machinations aside, Rodney came up with another top-notch selection of brain-teasers and pencil-chewers, although the one about the Great Exhibition provoked a number of harrumphs, even if there weren't points riding on it. Doodles about Orson Welles and Yes, Minister ran alongside fiendish queries on Denis Thatcher's marital history and the Horn of Amalthea; Donald Trump and a Saudi genie kept up the current affairs quota, alongside the golf and cricket. And the one about the guy who spent \$23,148,855,308,184,500 on a packet of cigarettes provoked smug smiles among the non-smokers.

The game itself was even more tense than normal, with a real tussle for podium positions. Another Team took an early lead, but were unable to hang on, as Trivia Mix pipped them by a mere half-point; Shminky took bronze by the same margin. A depleted Textile All-Stars earned the round of drinks for sheer damn pluck.

If your nerves can take it, the next instalment will be on August 18th, but remember that the following one will be just two weeks later, on September 1st. Be there, or be Kevin Pietersen's Achilles tendon.



"I still think I was right about the Midlands question."



Excitement over the question of points for table questions was feverish...



...but resentment still rankled over the shift to first Tuesdays.



What is this 'Brylcreem' of which you speak?



"I dare you to write that Ricky Ponting looks like a Cabbage Patch doll gone wrong."

# TORCHWOOD

## Children of Earth

Sunday, 2nd August 2009, 10am to 5pm  
(including lunch break).

"I am recording this in case anyone ever finds it, so you can see how the world ended." –Torchwood Files

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Torchwood is back – a five-part mini-series launched in the UK and US in mid-July... and now at the British Club Bangkok! John Barrowman plays Captain Jack Harkness, Eve Myles plays Gwen Cooper, and Gareth David-Lloyd plays Ianto Jones. Torchwood also stars Kai Owen, Peter Capaldi, Paul Copley, Liz May Brice, Lucy Cohu, Nicholas Farrell, Susan Brown and Cush Jumbo.

Episodes 1 and 2 will be shown at 10am, lunch is at noon then Episodes 3 to 5 will start at 1pm.

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# MONDAY NIGHT CLUB

We continue our series of TV movies of famous detectives every Monday in August.

This month, we shall again be featuring HERCULE POIROT, as played by David Suchet; SHERLOCK HOLMES, as immortalized by Jeremy Brett; and the new JANE MARPLE, as portrayed by Geraldine McEwan.

## AUGUST

Each evening starts at 7pm in the Wordsworth Lounge.

### 3rd **The Last Vampyre** Starring Jeremy Brett

Evil abounds in Sussex, a newcomer to the village strikes fear into the community – but can one really believe in vampires? Anyone for Stake? Guest starring Roy Marsden, Maurice Denham and Keith Barron, with Jeremy Brett as Sherlock Holmes and Edward Hardwick as Dr Watson.

### 10th **Murder at the Vicarage** Starring Geraldine McEwan

A new take on Christie's first novel involving the elderly Miss Jane Marple – two confessions to murder and a suicide – surely the case solves itself? Guest starring Robert Powell, Tim McInnerny and Herbert Lom, with Geraldine McEwan as Jane Marple.

### 17th **Lord Edgware Dies** Starring David Suchet as Hercule Poirot

Poirot investigates a dinner set for thirteen persons – unlucky, some might say – well it was for Lord Edgware, and he wasn't even there! Guest starring John Castle and Time Steed, with David Suchet as Hercule Poirot and Hugh Fraser as Captain Hastings.

### 24th **The Eligible Bachelor** Starring David Suchet

Lord Robert St. Simon's bride disappears on their Wedding Day – did he say her names wrong? Watch Holmes try to piece together what really happened. Guest starring Geoffrey Beevers and Peter Graves, with Jeremy Brett as Sherlock Holmes and Edward Hardwick as Dr Watson.



Something is amiss in a Sussex village, but can Holmes really fight a Vampyre?

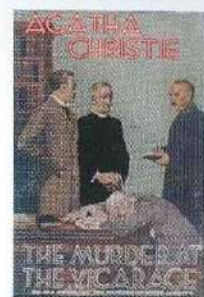
### 31st **The Body in the Library** Starring Geraldine McEwan

In St. Mary Mead, when a body is found in your library – don't bother the Police, just ring for Jane Marple – the Bantys did! Guest starring Ian Richardson, James Fox and Joanna Lumley, with Geraldine McEwan as Jane Marple.

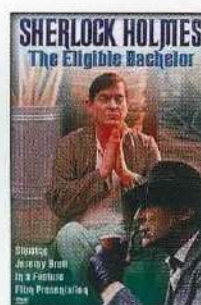


For Poirot, the clue lies in Paris!

# MONDAY NIGHT CLUB



He was shot at 6.15pm, ten minutes before he arrived!



She was gone before she could say, "I do".



"I say, there's a body in our Library."

"Really? Whodunnit?"

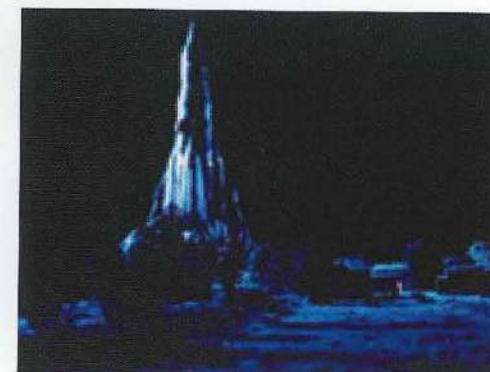
# ANOTHER TOM BAKER DAY!

At the request of some young and not-so-young members, we are showing two more top episodes from Tom Baker's period as that mysterious Time Lord from Gallifrey, The Doctor.

Wednesday, August 12th, the Mother's Day public holiday, is the date, and the Suriwongse Room is the venue, with a break for lunch in The Verandah.



Tom adopted a more bohemian look for his last series.



The Planet has one village with one tower... and one deadly secret.



Matthew Waterhouse makes his debut as Mathematical Genius Adric.

## FULL CIRCLE

10.30am-Noon

The only classic episode of Doctor Who written by a fan sees The Tardis thrown into Exospace, landing on the planet Alzarius where a Terrondian Spaceliner has been stranded. Then comes mistfall, giant spiders, Marshmen and The Doctor makes an amazing discovery. Well, you will have to wait and see!



Mistfall always brings marshmen to the fore.

## STATE OF DECAY

1.00pm-2.30pm

No, this isn't about the British Club. It is the final Tom Baker story of 1980. An alien planet has one village with one tower... and one deadly secret – a secret so secret that The Time Lords didn't even record it in the Tardis Computer database. It was a war, a last war against the most hideous and fiercest creatures that ever existed, and until now, all Time Lords thought they had won that war!



Lords of the One Tower.

## THE WATERS OF MARS

The next episode of Doctor Who starring David Tennant will be shown in early December – WATCH THIS SPACE!





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# PAST PARTICIPLE

## *Auspicious Melioris Ævi*

By Paul Cheesman

As a change from being on the front cover of Outpost as Harry Potter, I have been asked to delve into the Club's past and put together a series of historical trivia about our Club, so I start out with five things you might not know about the early years of our Club.

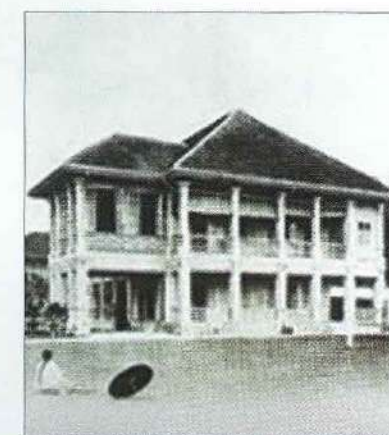


**3** The first Honorary Secretary was the Honourable Robert Abercrombie Forbes-Sempill, fourth son of the 17th Baron Sempill, who was also a guiding light in the construction of Christ Church's present building on Soi Convent. After leaving Siam, Robert served as a lieutenant in the Gordon Highlanders and, sadly, was killed in action in France in 1915.



**1** One of the founding fathers in 1903, as our Club was opened as solely a male bastion, was Ralph Gibbons. A year earlier with William Tilleke, Ralph had been a co-founder of the law firm Tilleke & Gibbons, which still trades today. Ralph went on to become a legal advisor to the Siamese Ministry of Justice and a judge in International Court.

**2** Our first Clubhouse, a two-storey wooden house, was situated on the west side of a Soi connecting Windmill Road and khlong to the newly opened Suriwongse Road. On the east side was the Danish-owned Siam Electricity Company's Tennis Club. In 1919, the Tennis Club became what is now our Poolside, and the "Soi" still exists as the roadway from our Suriwongse gate to our Silom gate. A picture of our first Clubhouse (1903-1910) is the left-hand photograph in the Clubhouse reception.



**4** Originally, the Club was owned by Debenture holders, all British businessmen or diplomats. The original joining debenture cost 100 Ticals, as the Thai currency was then called in English (strangely, the Thais called it Baht). One Tical in 1903 was just under one shilling (5p), but it was soon revalued to 1/6½ (8p). The monthly subscription was 15 Ticals, which was originally 15/- but under the revaluation it became £1/3/1 – and we think we have currency problems these days.



**5** Another one of our founding fathers was Walter Armstrong Graham, who was transferred from the Burmese Civil Service to become an adviser to the Siamese Ministry of Agriculture and then His Siamese Majesty's Commissioner for the Siamese Malay State of Kelantan, for which he was appointed Commander of the Order of the White Elephant. He was also a prolific writer producing "The French Roman Catholic Mission in Siam" (1903), "Kelantan – A State of the Malay Peninsula" (1908) and a two-volume book simply called "Siam" (1912).

The Author was Vice-Chairman of the Club from 2001 to 2003 and Honorary Secretary from 2000 to 2003 and in 2006 and 2007.



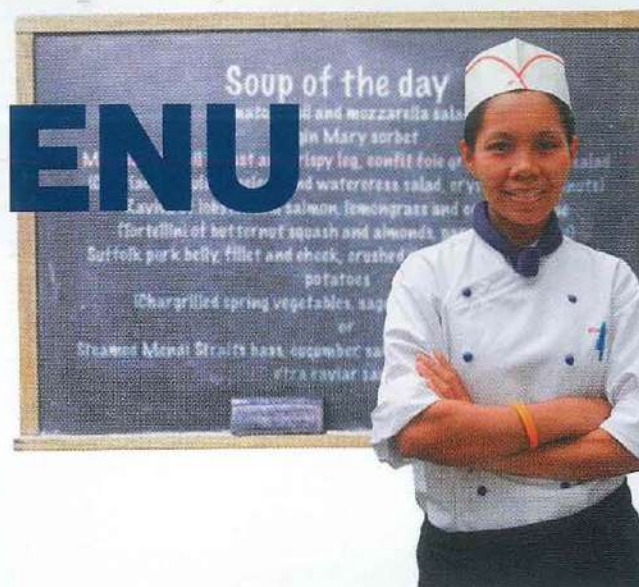
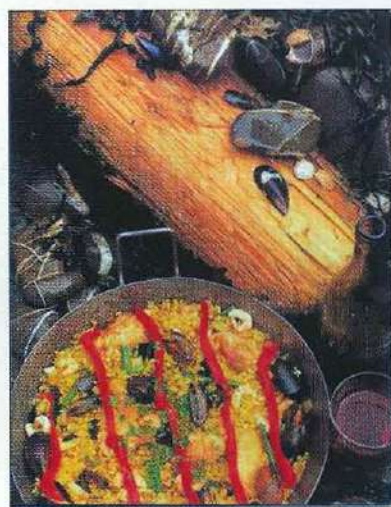
# KHUN LAAK'S ON THE MENU

Our main recipe for August, Paella Valenciana, comes from the menu for the Club's Paella and Sangria nights, available every Wednesday. We have had this promotion for three months now, and we are extending the paella varieties. The Fruit Meringue is a Khun Laak recommendation and is available in the Verandah and Churchill. Mojitos and kiwi milkshakes are available throughout August in all outlets. Try them out... at home or at the Club!

## Paella Valenciana Serves 6.

400g (12oz) paella or risotto rice • 4-5 tbsp olive oil • 1 onion, chopped • 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped • 900ml (2pt) fish stock • 200ml (7oz) dry white wine • 40 saffron strands or 0.2g saffron powder • 250g (8oz) raw prawns, peeled • salt and freshly ground black pepper • pinch of cayenne pepper • 6 chicken thighs or 3 legs, halved • 250g (8oz) mussels, cleaned • 1 tsp paprika • 100g (4oz) cooked green beans or peas • 200g (7oz) canned red pimientos, drained • 3 tbsp chopped fresh parsley

Fry the onion in 2 tablespoons of oil in a shallow, wide 32-35cm (13-14in) *paella* pan (the rice pan), adding the garlic when it softens. Warm the stock and wine together, soaking the saffron in a cupful of it. Meanwhile, start a second frying pan, heating 2 tablespoons of oil. Fry the peeled prawns for 2 minutes (skip this if they are already boiled), then reserve. Rub salt, pepper and the cayenne pepper into the chicken pieces, and fry for about 10 minutes on each side, adding more oil if needed. Wash the rice in a sieve and drain. Add the rice to the onion in the *paella* pan, stir for a couple of minutes and sprinkle with the paprika. Add the saffron liquid and 1/3 of the stock and bring back to boil. Set the kitchen timer for 20-25 minutes. When the liquid has been absorbed, add another third of the stock and distribute the mussels, prawns, and beans or peas round the pan. When the liquid has nearly gone, add the remaining stock and give the mixture its last stir. Add the chicken pieces, bedding them into the liquid round the pan. Simmer on the lowest heat (best on a heat diffuser) for about 8-10 minutes. The liquid should all disappear by the time the timer rings. Check that the rice is cooked. Cut the pimientos into strips and lay these across the rice. Then turn off the heat and wrap the *paella* pan in newspaper or foil, to keep in the steam. Let it stand for 10 minutes. The flavours will blend and the last drop of liquid should disappear. Sprinkle with parsley and serve.



## Fruit meringue with vanilla cream, hazelnuts and caramel Serves 8-10.

1 basic meringue • 50g (1 3/4oz) hazelnuts • 400ml (14oz) double cream • 2 tbsp icing sugar sifted • 1 vanilla pod, scored lengthways and seeds removed • 1 punnet of raspberries • 1 punnet of strawberries • 200g (7oz) caster sugar • small bunch of fresh mint, smallest leaves picked

Preheat your oven to 150°C/300°F/gas 2, and line a 30x10cm/12x4in. baking tray with a sheet of greaseproof paper. Then make your basic meringue mixture. Using a spatula, spread the meringue mixture onto the greaseproof paper so that it covers the whole baking tray. Carefully place the tray into the preheated oven and bake the meringue for an hour until crisp on the outside, but chewy and soft inside. Take the meringue out of the oven, and leave to cool. Put the hazelnuts on a baking tray and pop them into the oven until they're light brown – don't turn your back on them because they burn easily. Crush them lightly in a pestle and mortar and put to one side. Whip the cream with the sifted icing sugar and vanilla seeds until it forms soft peaks. Using your fingers, gently press down on the centre of the cooled meringue to create a hollow in the middle of it. Sprinkle in some of the crushed hazelnuts, then some berries and some vanilla cream. Repeat these layers until you have used up all the ingredients. Put the caster sugar into a saucepan, add 200ml (7oz) water and bring to a boil, then reduce until the liquid turns into caramel. Carefully drizzle this over the top of the meringue, and finish with a scattering of mint leaves.



## From Poolside: Mojito Serves 1

1.5oz Bacardi light rum • 3-4 tsp brown sugar or sugar cane • 6 pcs lemon wedge • 6-8 leaves mint

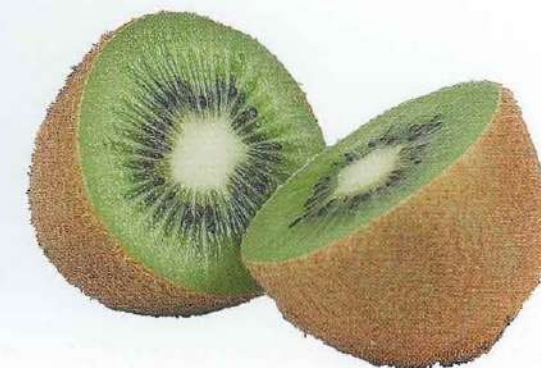
Mash the mint and sugar together. Add light rum and lime juice, and pour over the ice. Top up with soda water. Use a highball glass.



## Kiwi Milkshake Serves 1

2 scoops of Italian kiwi ice cream • 8oz fresh milk

Blend together until smooth and serve.



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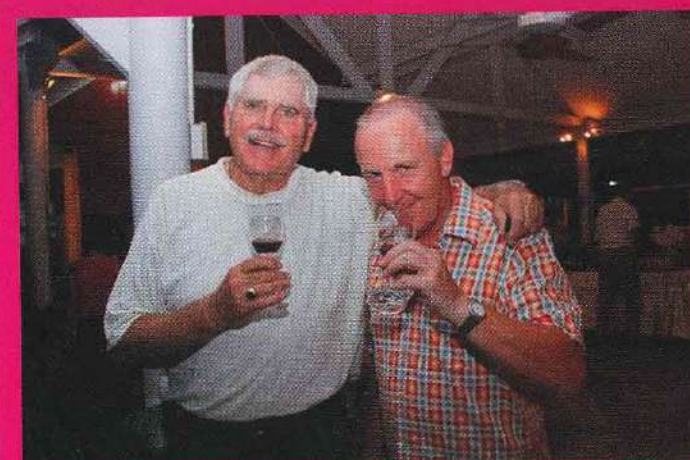
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# SUDOKU

We heard that last month's Sudoku puzzles were especially vexing, which, admittedly, gave us a perverse thrill. So, we present to you a couple more minimal 'Diabolically Difficult' Sudokus to tantalize your cerebral cortex.

Please do send in your solution times by fax, email, or in person (see page 2 for those particular details), and tell us how long it took to complete each puzzle so that we may rub our hands in glee at the torture we're providing! Who knows? You may find your results posted here next issue.

## Instructions:

Each Sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing. Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square.

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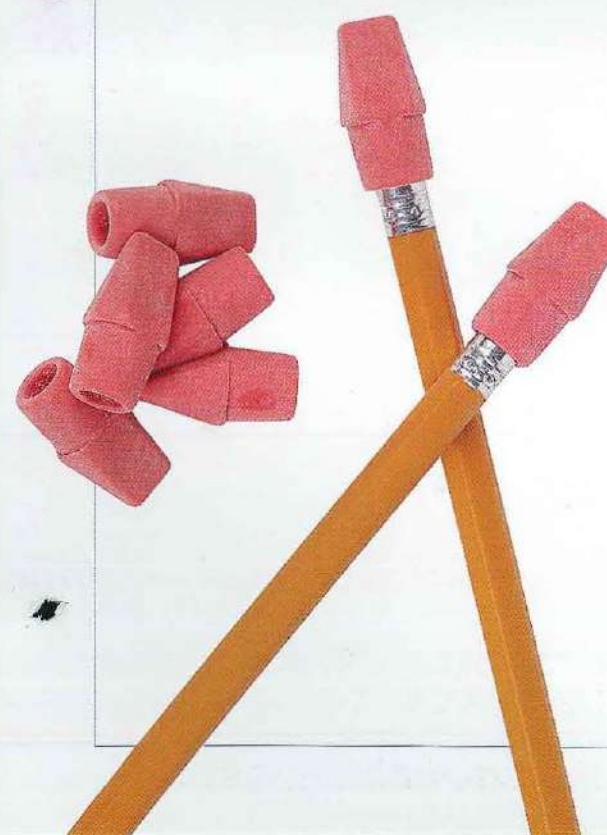
**Rating:** 'Diabolically Difficult'

**Solution time:** You tell us! Write down your time next to your completed puzzle(s) – be truthful now!

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9								

**Rating:** 'Diabolically Difficult'

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## SUSIE'S KIDS' KORNER



### Mini Piñatas

Modelled after traditional piñatas, these personal-size candy holders tear open easily, revealing a cache of sweets inside. And since they're a cinch to put together, they make great favours for a party.

#### Craft Materials:

Toilet paper tube  
Tissue paper  
Paper streamer  
Scissors  
Glue



5. For the fringe, accordion-fold a 25-inch length of red paper streamer, and cut slits  $\frac{1}{4}$  inches apart along one side, stopping  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from the edge.

6. Unfold the streamer, and place the chili's bottom point at one end of the fringe. Slowly wrap the fringe around the chili in a tight upward spiral, sticking it in place with a glue stick as you go. Trim any excess fringe, and allow the glue to dry. Come fiesta time, parties can simply tear the tissue paper to break open the piñata.



1. Make a cut along the length of a toilet paper tube, then roll the cardboard into a cone and secure it with tape.



2. Roll the cone in green tissue paper, taking care to fully cover the tip, and tape the tissue paper in place.



3. Remove the cardboard, and fill the paper cone with small candies.



4. Tightly twist close the top to create the chili's stem.



### JOKES BY KIDS FOR KIDS

What is the colour of a burp?  
— *Burple.*

What do aardvarks eat for breakfast?  
— *Aard-boiled eggs.*

Who built the Ark?  
— *I have Noah idea.*

What do you call a boomerang that doesn't come back?  
— *A stick!*

What did one eye say to the other eye?  
— *Don't look now, but something between us smells!*

What is the fastest country in the world?  
— *Rush-a.*

How did Benjamin Franklin feel when he discovered electricity?  
— *Shocked!*

What do you get when you cross an elephant and a fish?  
— *Swimming trunks!*

What did the baby corn say to the mama corn?  
— *Where's popcorn?*



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