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On the Front Cover

New members Lance and Sylvie Phillips
Don Johnson & the Jones' after their open water dive
Larry, Lori and Gareth - in the pink!
Mr & Mrs Turner with Girton College Choir Member

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GM'S BRIEF



Willem T.P. Penttermann

Dear Members,

Welcome back from your annual leave and I hope that everybody had a great Summer holiday. We only have 4 months left until the end of this year and we have planned numerous activities for your enjoyment. In addition to the traditional year-end activities, we have some exciting events lined up for you in September, beginning with swimming coaching with the Bangkok Dolphins and tennis lessons with Paul Ho. If you would like to participate in either of these activities please register at the Fitness Centre.

In August, Girton College Chapel Choir from Cambridge gave an exquisite performance at the British Club, we have had very positive feedback from all the Members who attended. Special thanks go to Mr. David Turner who was the organiser behind this event.

The Suriwongse room is complete and the Club now has a smartly renovated function room, which can be booked by Members for any type of function or social event. For booking details please contact Khun Pui, our Catering Coordinator.

During the Summer holidays many of our Members made use of Reciprocal Clubs abroad. If you have any feedback on these Clubs, positive or negative, please let us know and we can inform them accordingly. Everybody likes to receive feedback regarding their own club and services.

This month we are launching new menus in all outlets. In the Churchill Bar and Poolside there will be slight adjustments and menu items with a low turnover will be replaced with new dishes. Prices from existing menu items will remain the same. In Lords Restaurant we will launch a completely new menu. Look out for it!

Looking forward to seeing you at your Club in the not too distant future.

Yours sincerely,

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WHAT'S ON

Back to School

But it's not all work, here's your entertainment schedule

NETWORKING NIGHT

Thursday, 13 September

Suriwongse Room

The British Chamber of Commerce and the British Club will organise a networking night at the Club, providing attendees with an excellent opportunity to meet new friends and discuss new business opportunities. A cocktail buffet will be provided.

SPANISH FOOD PROMOTION

28 September

Lords Restaurant

Chef Boonlert is creating a very special range of Spanish dishes for you to sample. The promotion will take a buffet format. Expect the usual high level of service from Barry Osborne and the team!! Only B600 per person.

WINE TASTING

7.00pm Friday 28 September

Snooker Room

A delicious selection of Chilean Wines offered by Italiasa, with complimentary cocktail food.

BAR ACCUMULATOR

Early in July the Accumulator returned to the Churchill Bar - and what an excellent way it is of catching up with fellow members at the Bar.

How it works:

Each Wednesday at 8.30pm there will be an Accumulator run in the Churchill Bar.

All membership numbers of active Members will be placed in an opaque container, and one number will be drawn out by the General Manager or designated person.

The winning membership number will be called, but only if the Member or their spouse is present will he/she be deemed to have won.

If the Member is not present, a second number will be drawn. If that Member or their spouse is present he/she will be deemed to have won. If neither draw is won, that is neither Winning Members (or their spouses) are present, then the draw will roll over to the following week. Each new accumulator will start at 5,000 baht, and increase by 1,000 baht each week until it is won.

CHURCHILL BAR

Happy Hour times:

You can enjoy your favourite tippie at happy hour prices from 5.00pm - 8.00pm and 10.00pm - 11.00pm.

SUNDAY FAMILY DAY

Organised by the British Club and Family Care Centre. Every Sunday there will be an exciting new programme to keep the kids amused. Orange squash and popcorn provided at no extra charge to Members.

SURIN ELEPHANT ROUND-UP

16 - 18 November

An event not to be missed! The British Club has been travelling to see the celebrated Surin Elephant Round-up for no less than the last thirteen years. At the show you will see elephants perform the most amazing tricks of balance and dexterity. The trip includes a visit to the Khmer Temple 'Prasart Hin Phanon Rung'. Please see our article on page 31 for more details.

BAR QUIZ

Friday, 21 September

Churchill Bar

Need to get those brain cells back in action after the summer break? This quiz is just the thing! Registration Fee B100 per team member and maximum 6 persons in a team.

WINEMAKER'S DINNER

Friday 7 September

Lords Dining room

Rebecca Salmond is in town to promote a range of Odyssey wines from New Zealand. Real value for money at only B990 per person, to include a 4-course dinner and a nice selection of wines from Odyssey Winery, Hawkes Bay in New Zealand.

This is a joint promotion between the British Club and Tom Westbury's Prestige Wines Partnership.

FRIDAY NIGHT IS MOVIE NIGHT!

7.00 pm Silom Sala

For all kids (parents welcome). Ages 5 years upwards. Soft drinks and popcorn supplied free of charge. Have an entertaining and relaxing family evening at the Club!

WILD WATCH THAILAND TRIP

7, 8 and 9 September

Kanchanaburi Province

This is a new weekend trip for BC Members. Depart BC at 7.00pm by mini bus and enjoy the one night stay at the Felix Hotel, Kanchanaburi.

Early Saturday morning departure into the

forest with an overnight stay in the forest and back to the Felix Hotel at 4.00pm on Sunday afternoon and return by minibus to Bangkok at approx. 5.30pm.

This is an exclusive trip and only 8 adults can register at the time for this particular weekend. It is not suitable for children under the age of 16 years.

The price will be B9500 including the transport to Kanchanaburi, one night at the Felix Hotel and two days trekking through the forests. All meals are included, apart from Sunday evening dinner.

SLIDE SHOW

Friday 21 September

Surawongse Room, 8pm - 9pm FREE

New Member Jui Meng Ng will give us a presentation on his recent wreck dive trip to the South China sea.

SNEAK PREVIEW

Exciting events to look forward to!!

Commonwealth Ball will be hosted by the British Club on 27 October.

Mexican Food Promotion 18 - 19 October 2001 at the Lords Restaurant.

Kids Sports Camp mid term Break 22, 24, 25 and 26 October.

Children's Halloween Party - 11.00am Sunday, 28 October.

St. Andrew's Society Scottish Dance Practices every Monday in November starting from 5 November at 6.30pm on the Front Lawn.

St. Andrew's Society Beat the Retreat Wednesday, 28 November.

Guy Fawkes Celebrations on Sunday, 4 November at 5.00pm. BBQ with bonfire and fireworks.

Annual British Club Christmas Ball, Saturday, 15 December at the Club.

Children's Christmas Party, Tuesday, 18 December in the afternoon on the back lawn. Christmas Luncheon on 25 December in Lords Restaurant.

New Year's Eve Celebrations on the Chao Praya River and at the Club.

SPORTS UPDATE

DARTS

We are building up a group of regulars playing every Wednesday evening in the Churchill Bar. Everyone is most welcome to come along to join them.

BRIDGE

Our Bridge Section meets every Tuesday evening in the non-smoking area of the Churchill Bar. Please come along to enjoy a friendly, social game.

YOGA

Classes take place twice a week at squash court 3 - Tuesdays 11.30am and Sundays at 4.30pm. Yoga is believed by many to provide numerous health benefits using control techniques over the mind and senses. Try it and see for yourself!

SELF DEFENCE COURSE FOR WOMEN

Starting Monday 3 September for 12 weeks, (except for 22 October when there will be no class due to the mid-term break). The course will take place from 9.00am - 11.00am at squash court 3 every Monday. The course will be conducted by an instructor from the Sports and Martial Arts Centre in Bangkok. Course Fee will be B3000 per person for 12 weeks. Please register at the Fitness Centre.

FIT TO FIGHT AND FIGHT FOR FUN - AEROBOXING

Starting Wednesday 5 September this course will take place from 9.00am - 11.00am every Wednesday at squash Court 3. The course will be conducted by an instructor from the Sports and Martial Arts Centre in Bangkok. Course Fee will be B3000 per person for 12 weeks. Please register at the Fitness Centre.

AEROBICS

We are pleased to announce that aerobics is back! Classes start Wednesday 12 September, 9.30am at squash court 2. The cost for a ten week course is B 3000. Please register at the Fitness Centre. Our new Instructor is Khun Pranom Srimai who is a qualified instructor with more than 4 years experience in various Bangkok Hotels.

LIVE! SPORTS COVERAGE IN THE CHURCHILL BAR DURING SEPTEMBER

Day	Date	Sport	Event	Channel	Start	End
Sat	1 Sep	Rugby	Tri-Nations: NZ v Australia	Starsports	1500	1900
		Formula 1	Belgium Grand Prix Quals	Starsports	1800	1900
Sun	2 Sep	Formula 1	Belgium Grand Prix	Starsports	1900	2100
Sun	9 Sep	Soccer	Premier: Southampton v Spurs	ESPN	2000	2200
		Soccer	Premier: Fulham v Charlton	ESPN	2200	2400
Sat	15 Sep	Soccer	Premier: Liverpool v Everton	ESPN	1750	2000
		Formula 1	Italian Grand Prix Qualifier	Starsports	1800	1900
Sun	16 Sep	Formula 1	Italian Grand Prix	Starsports	1900	2100
		Soccer	Premier: Leeds v Charlton	ESPN	2000	2200
		Soccer	Premier: Blackburn v Ipswich	ESPN	2200	2400
Sun	23 Sep	Soccer	Premier: Derby v Leeds	ESPN	2000	2200
		Soccer	Premier: Newcastle v West Ham	ESPN	2200	2400
Sun	30 Sep	Soccer	Premier: Liverpool v Newcastle	ESPN	2000	2200
		Soccer	Premier: Leeds v Ipswich	ESPN	2200	2400

AQUA AEROBICS

Classes resume on Thursday, 16 August. Mrs. Els Van den Broecke is our resident Aqua Aerobics Instructor and teaches in the main pool from 10.30am - 11.30am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Charge is just B200 per hour. Please register at the Fitness Centre.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Bangkok Dolphins - Certificate Swimming We started the Bangkok Dolphins Programme in April this year and the feedback from both parents and children has been extremely positive. Therefore, we will recommence lessons in early September. Here's the schedule:

Tuesday, 4 September 2001 for 10 weeks, every Tuesday

Course Description	Age Group	Time
Toddlers	3 - 4 years	2.30pm-3.00pm
Introducing Strokes	4 - 5 years	3.00pm-3.30pm
Stroke Improvement	5 - 6 years	3.30pm-4.00pm
Stroke Improvement	6 - 8 years	4.00pm-4.30pm
Stroke Correction	6 - 8 years	4.30pm-5.00pm
Mini Squads/Stroke ad	8 years +	5.00pm-5.45pm

Saturday, 8 September 2001 for 10 weeks, every Saturday

Parent & Baby	Depends on interest	9.00am-9.30am
Toddlers and Non Swimmers	2 - 3 years	9.30am-10.00am
Beginners	3 - 4 years	10.00am-10.30am
Introducing Strokes	4 - 5 years	10.30am-11.00am
Stroke Improvement	5 - 6 years	11.00am-11.30am
Stroke Correction	6 - 8 years	12.00pm-12.45pm

Charge B3000,- per child for 10 lessons, please sign up at the Fitness Centre. The course is for 10 weeks, unfortunately it is not possible to sign up on a weekly basis.

SWIMMING GALA

Don't miss our next Gala on Sunday 30 September. Please register at the Fitness Centre.

TENNIS SECTION

New Committee Announced

I am pleased to advise that at the last Annual General Meeting of the British Club Tennis Section, the following appointments were made:

require planning and managing and so it is only reasonable to expect that those people who wish to be more involved in the sport should make positive contributions to the

sufficient time for an alternative player to be found. I hope that we will be able to introduce not only a very contributive Youth Tennis Section and more away fixtures and functions to enhance the benefits of section membership, but also a series of penalties to ensure that our Club and Section standards are maintained.

Incidents such as eating food on court, using mobile phones on court, improper court attire, aggressive or disruptive play, or anything that brings the section into disrepute may carry penalties as agreed by the Membership at large.

Over the next few months we will be preparing the latest complete listings of Members, fixtures and events.

Also, if you can contribute in any way, be it large or small, for example recommending fixtures or providing old photos or items from previous events for Laurence Lipman in his efforts to rebuild our lost archive collection of photos, then please do so.

Remember, this is your section, you make it what it is and can make it what you want it to be!!

I look forward to working with you all over the next year and to enjoying the many facets that our sport has to offer both on and off court.

With your help and participation we will all have a great deal of entertainment together. Enjoy your game!!

Frank Crocker (C158)

Chairman

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<i>Functions Catering Co-ordinator Zandra White</i>	(S283)	02 381 1913
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<i>Social Secretary Position currently available</i>		
<i>Youth Development Position currently available</i>		

All of the above people have business and contact details in the main Club membership directory. Remember, your committee is here to work with and also for you.

You will note that the last two positions still remain unfilled and we are most eager and keen to find the right people to fill them. If you have a few hours to spare each week, and would care to support your Tennis Section in either of these functions then please do not hesitate to contact me directly, or any member of the committee to make your support known.

The principle objective of the committee is to work with the main club committee to create an atmosphere of fun and learning for those British Club members who have a desire to learn and/or play tennis at all levels. All the functions of your section, whether they be by learning, social or competitive

development of the section as a whole.

In short, if you become or are already a British Club Tennis Section member, you are expected to participate in the functions of the section as laid down from time to time in the Club notices and section rules. As a Section member, you are expected to participate in the majority of functions organised by your committee.

If we are to realise our full potential for our Club in the Tennis Section, then we all must accept that, whilst our elected officers work voluntarily to make our enjoyment more complete, we as section members are obliged to at the very least give our support in return. This means that if we agree to play in say, an away tournament, then we will make every possible effort to honour that obligation and if we cannot, then we must inform the Club or fixture captain in

SPORTS UPDATE CONTINUED

TENNIS COACHING WITH PAUL HO

Category	Age	Time	Fee/4 lessons	Fee/5 lessons
Mini Tennis	4-6 yr	3.30-4.00pm	750 Baht	1125 Baht
Beginner I	6-9 yr	4.00-5.00pm	1500 Baht	1875 Baht
Beginner II	8-11 yr	4.00-5.00pm	1500 Baht	1875 Baht
Intermediate	12 yr. & up	5.00-6.00pm	1500 Baht	1875 Baht
Advanced	12 yr. & up	5.00-6.00pm	1500 Baht	1875 Baht
Adult	15 yr. & up	6.00-7.00 pm	1700 Baht	2075 Baht

**Ability is the main factor in deciding what course the child should enter - not age.

Class Dates:

September - 4 classes	October - 4 classes
7 Sep	5 Oct
14 Sep	12 Oct
21 Sep	19 Oct
28 Sep	26 Oct
November - 5 classes	December 2 classes
2 Nov	7 Dec
9 Nov	14 Dec
16 Nov	
23 Nov	
30 Nov	

All tennis courses are sold as a course and will be billed after the second class. No drop-in option is available.

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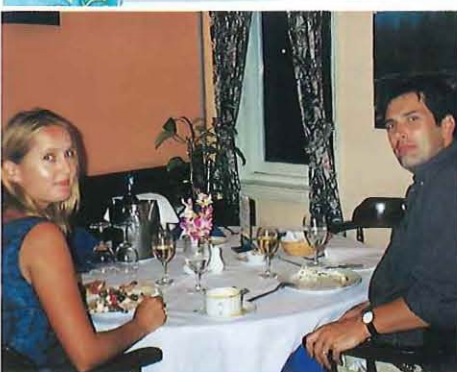
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FOOD PROMOTION

A Bit of a Greek!!

The Club's Greek Food promotion held on 26 and 27 July was a resounding success. Lords Restaurant was packed full with Grecophiles eagerly sampling the tasty fare on offer from Khun Barry and his team.



FOOD PROMOTION CONTINUED

For those of you who didn't make it this time, take a look at what you missed and start planning for next time...

Menu

SOUP

Fish Soup
Chilled Avocado Soup



MEZZE

Greek Salad
Smoked Fish & Bread
Fried Cheese Pies
Cucumber with Feta Cheese and Mint
Smoked Trout in Dill and Onion
Lima Bean Salad with Beetroot
& Smoked Fish
Fried White bait
Mezze Mushrooms
Dolmades
Taramasalata

CARVERY

Lamb Roasted in Oil Parchment



VEGETARIAN

Baked Mixed Vegetables
Stuffed Eggplant



BUFFET

Souvlaki
Tatziki
Meatballs
Chicken with Egg,
Parsley, Lemon/Okra
Seafood Kebab
Moussaka
Rice with Chickpeas & Sultanas

DESSERT

Baked Quinces with Greek Yogurt

Walnut Cake

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FOOTBALL

Back to Winning Ways!

Welcome to the Football Section of the British Club Bangkok. we hope that you will participate in the Section's activities.

We currently field a First Team in the Global Silverhawk Farang League and a Casuals Team in the Social League. The matches are played in the Bangkok area both at weekends and on midweek evenings (for the First Team).

We participate in major regional tournaments in Manila, Phuket, Songkla and other locations. In addition, social tours are organised in Thailand and the surrounding countries. An active social programme is also pursued throughout the season.

We run training, mainly in the form of informal 5-a-side football, at the BC every Tuesday evening from 7-9pm on the "Astroturf" tennis court area.

The section welcomes footballers of all ages and skill levels to join us in enjoying some football. Please contact any of the committee members for more details or ask to be put on our e-mailing list, which will provide you with information on forthcoming fixtures and events.

Check our notice board at the BC for Section news and use our letter box at the Club for any messages for the committee.

Come and join us.

Martin Conisbee

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BC CASUALS

On Sunday 5 August the BC Casuals took on last season's Social League Champions, the Bulls Head Brazilians (BHB) in a friendly match at the Colgate-Palmolive pitch.

The BC Casuals team for this game was a mixture of old hands, players returning from 'sabbaticals' and some new faces (and legs). The game was played at a cracking pace with the BC having the majority of possession. With a squad of 16 we were able to substitute players who needed a break in the hot and humid conditions. Surface water on the pitch added a new element to ball control.

Against the run of play, the BHB went ahead in the first half with a superbly taken close range effort which was probably their first real shot on goal.

Following a rousing team talk at half time the BC went out with heads high for the second half. A foul in the BHB penalty area resulted in a penalty kick being awarded to the BC. Rene Lammers calmly slotted this past the BHB goalkeeper to level the score at 1:1.

Shortly afterwards a superb crossfield pass found Laurie Wilson with acres of space on the right wing. His wicked cross was deflected into the BHB goal by one of their defenders and the BC were up 2:1!

Some resolute and organised defending by the BC, plus excellent goalkeeping by Tico Oms meant that the BC retained the lead through to the final whistle.

The game was played in great spirit and we look forward to the next encounter with our friends at BHB.

BC MEMBERS' MOVEMENTS

HELLOS & GOODBYES

A Big Hello To:

Christopher Macdonald

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David Harris

Christopher Parkinson

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David Edmonds

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Paul Mower

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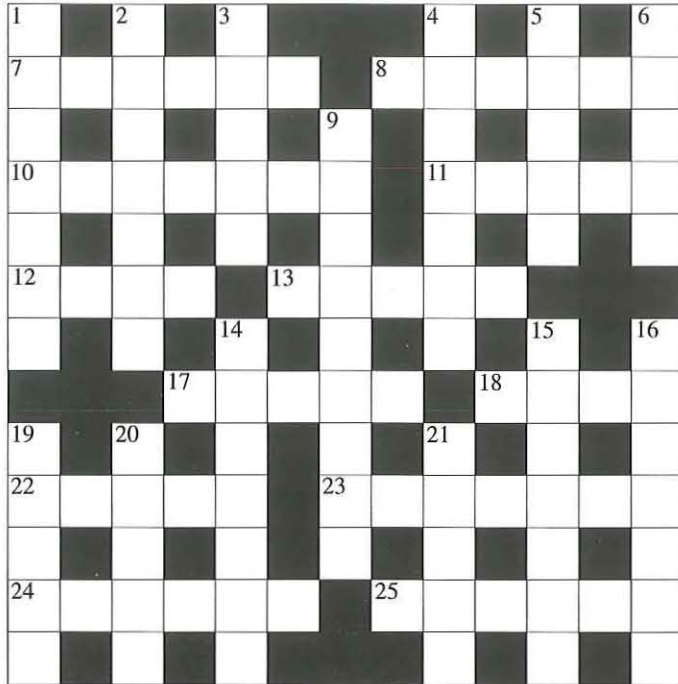
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CROSSWORD

All Clued Up!

Get your thinking caps on and prepare to do justice to this month's crossword.



Compiled by Margaret Miller

Solution to the August Crossword:

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Across

- 7 Go away- wicked varlet!
 8 Hero who, paetly disabled, had unique vision!
 10 Comes back for the profits on the undertakings.
 11 A tasty catch from the river.
 12 "Dwelt in the Land of Nod-East of ____ ." (Book of Genesis)
 13 It surrounds 9 Down.
 17 Praises the Peers- so it's said!
 18 Did Sir Thomas ask the king for extra?
 22 Give the school a hand!
 23 Genuine about new for this restoration.
 24 Level around the French for this figure.
 25 Movies to chill you.

Down

- 1 A leading revolutionary- topped the bill.
 2 Standard rent, perhaps for a present-day spouse!
 3 Be nosey about the queen- for a fruit drink.
 4 Unenlightened way to cook chicken?
 5 Coast around to find a famous racecorse.
 6 Reefs or Grannies?
 9 The British are so- so are the Cubans.
 14 It is less insipid.
 15 Just tired out!
 16 Banking informants?
 19 "Like the deaf ____ that stoppeth her ear. " (Book of Psalms)
 20 Women make me mad!
 21 No, no I - am a vegetable!

GOLF

Chasing The Dragon

Well it's been a very quiet month... lots of Club Members seem to have gone off for their hols (odd how the rest of the world seems to want to come to Thailand for their summer vacation and the ex-pats can't wait to get out of the place) and it's been like the Marie Celeste in the Clubhouse... There is a silver lining of course, green fees are down 40% and mid-week you can play on your own private golf course, even week-ends aren't what they were...

However we did achieve one major outing – a long weekend on 11–13 August at Dragon Hills. This was a 'first', in the past there hasn't been any accommodation up there and a game at this excellent course has involved a 2 hour drive up past Ratchaburi and then back again afterwards – a long day out for a round of golf. However a new hotel has recently been completed next door to the course and to take advantage of this a weekend fixture was arranged. To mark the occasion a new trophy was suggested – The Dragon Cup – which hopefully will become an annual event....

■ A PLAN SO CUNNING YOU COULD PIN A TAIL ON IT AND CALL IT A WEASEL....

To start us off gently a clever scheme was hatched, a game was arranged at Ekatchai (just past the outer ring road) teeing off at 1.20pm on Saturday afternoon. The late start was intended to avoid the holiday traffic and enable us to watch the All Blacks wreak vicarious revenge on the Wallabies for beating the Lions. After the golf we would complete the journey to Dragon Hills arriving in time for a meal and a few celebratory drinks, rising early the next morning rested, well-watered and ready to take on this challenging course...

It was perhaps a bad omen that the day did not go according to plan from the first - the All Blacks let us down badly...

The trip to Ekatchai should have taken 40 minutes – tops – but the traffic was appalling, the queues started at the bridges and just

didn't move.... no-one got there in under an hour-and-a-half and many people simply gave up the unequal struggle and drove straight to Dragon Hills... Those who did make it to Ekatchai were rewarded with an excellent round of golf on a 'ball-gobbling' course, numerous water hazards and tight fairways punishing wayward shots. However it wasn't exactly a well-attended meeting and although this had been planned as the first match of a 3 day 'eclectic' style competition, in view of the depleted numbers this was abandoned and we reverted to a 2 day format. A draw was held on Saturday night at the hotel to decide the pairings in the competition and Sunday morning should have seen us all teeing off according to that plan... unfortunately several people had private agreements to play their 'Matchplay' games that day and there was much muttering and scratching of heads as the pairings were hastily revised to try and accommodate these last minute changes.

However despite the drama we did get off on time and the golf was worth all the minor frustrations that had gone before. Dragon Hills lies in the foothills of the Dawna Range of mountains on the Myanmar border, the fairways wind their way through the valleys and the scenery alone makes a game there worthwhile. Given it's remote location means the course is little used and is in excellent condition... however the greens took some getting used to as they were firm, close-mown and even a softly struck ball seemed to roll forever.

Sunday ended with Joom White and Don Robertson sharing the lead with Bernie Adams and John Bryce on 61 points, however Lori Robertson and Larry Goodliffe were hot on their heels with 62 points and several other pairs were also in contention. Sadly Karen Carter and Jo Goodliffe were not amongst them - on 74 points they were 5 clear of their nearest rivals for the 'wooden spoon'.

Sunday night proved that despite our fondness for TV and the bright lights of Sukumvit we can still entertain ourselves – we had to, there's not a lot to do in the

evenings up there... Bernie and Charmaine brought out 'Boggle' a word-game that I still don't understand – except that the Adams always seem to win at it. Lori Robertson got together a bridge foursome – which appeared to involve a lot of long explanations about what the bidder *really* meant by opening 3 hearts. However everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and it was late before we packed up and went to bed.

Monday morning began well although play was slower than the previous day... the weather was occasionally overcast but when the sun did appear we were grateful for the breeze that came off the hills. Everyone struggled with the greens again, except for Joom who kept her nerve and returned a career best 82 – helping her team to a net 50 and victory in the eclectic competition. Bernie and John also improved their score by 9 strokes but their net 52 could only manage second place.



Don and Joom - the winning team

It was an excellent weekend and the format was voted a great success, the plan is to repeat the competition next year although in light of the fact that it will be held over the Queen's Birthday the trophy will be known as the 'Queens Cup'.

PS. To help publicise the existence of the hotel, Dragon Hills has a 'special offer' at the moment – B850 will get you two rounds of golf and an overnight stay (the price includes breakfast) but you need to book ahead. The

GOLF CONTINUED

hotel is basic but clean, everything works and all the rooms are 'en-suite'... very good value but apart from the golf there's not much entertainment.

CLUB DAY

The one other outing we managed last month was a Club Day at Krung Kavee on 29 July. This is a 'new' venue and was chosen (I strongly suspect) because the restaurant came highly recommended... The course itself was in good shape and boasted an exotic variety of bird-life, including the first swans I have seen in Thailand...

On the downside, water hazards featured on every hole and the 'light rough' was murderous, the thick Bermuda grass having been mown exactly 2" high – precisely the right depth to cover the ball of any golfer who was not 100% accurate i.e. all of us.

The event started out as a 'I'm bored let's play golf' sort of thing and up until a week before the match a grand total of six people had put their names down on the 'sign-up' sheet... Then the captain sent out details of the tee time and instructions of how to find the place – and was rewarded with a few more members showing interest. By Saturday we had 26 players and a lot of explaining to do at the Golf Course since we hadn't booked anything like enough tee's.

The day was undoubtedly a success, there was much good-natured banter about the 'rough' and the number of lost balls but the weather was kind and the storm which broke in the afternoon was considerate enough to wait until we were all safely back in the clubhouse swapping disaster-stories. In keeping with the laid-back approach to the day the scoring was 'Denver Stapleford' although I suspect the origin of this system is a lot closer to Bernie Adams than Colorado. Net Birdies and Bogeys scored 2 points, net Eagles and double Bogey's scored 5.... net Pars earned zero points. In other words you had to be having the best round of your life – or the worst – to win.... Bruce Wehlau unhappily fell into the latter category to carry off the day prize.

Dick Taylor

THE REAL, TRUE AND UN-EXAGGERATED RULES OF GOLF

1. If you really want to get better at golf, go back and take it up at a much earlier age.
2. The game of golf is 90% psychological and 10% in the mind.
3. Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three.
4. When you look up and cause an awful shot, you will always look down again at exactly the moment when you ought to start watching the ball if you ever want to see it again.
5. Any change in your swing works for a maximum of three holes and a minimum of not at all.
6. No matter how badly you are playing, it is always possible to play worse.
7. Never try to keep more than 300 separate thoughts in your mind during your swing.
8. When your shot has to carry over a water hazard, you can either hit one more club or two more balls.
9. If you're afraid a full shot might reach the green while the foursome ahead of you is still putting out, you have two options: you can immediately shank a lay-up, or you can wait until the green is clear and top a ball halfway there.
10. The less skilled the player, the more likely he is to share his ideas about the golf swing.
11. The inevitable result of any golf lesson is the instant elimination of the one critical unconscious motion that allowed you to compensate for all your errors.
12. If it ain't broke, try changing your grip.
13. Golfers who claim they don't cheat, also lie.
14. Everyone replaces the divot after a perfect approach shot.
15. A golf match is a test of your skill against your opponent's luck.
16. It's surprisingly easy to hole a 50-foot putt when you lie 10.
17. Counting on your opponent to inform you when he breaks a rule is like expecting him to make fun of his own haircut.
18. Nonchalant putts count the same as chalant putts.
19. It's not a gimme if you're still away.
20. The shortest distance between any two points on a golf course is a straight line that passes directly through the centre of a very large tree.
21. There are two kinds of bounces: unfair bounces, and bounces just the way you meant to play it.
22. You can hit a 2-acre fairway 10% of the time, and a 2-inch branch 90% of the time.
23. Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make two triple bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.
24. If you want to hit a 7-iron as far as Tiger Woods does, simply try to lay up just short of a water hazard.
25. To calculate the speed of a player's downswing, multiply the speed of his backswing by his handicap. Example: backswing 20 mph, handicap 25. = downswing 500mph.
26. There are two things you can learn by stopping your backswing at the top and checking the position of your hands: how many hands you have, and which one is wearing the glove.
27. Hazards attract; fairways repel.
28. You can put "draw" on the ball, you can put "fade" on the ball, but no golfer can put "straight" on the ball.
29. A ball you can see in the rough from 50 yards away is not yours.
30. If there is a ball in the fringe and a ball in the bunker, your ball is in the bunker.
31. If both balls are in the bunker, yours is in the footprint.
32. Never buy a putter until you've had a chance to throw it.

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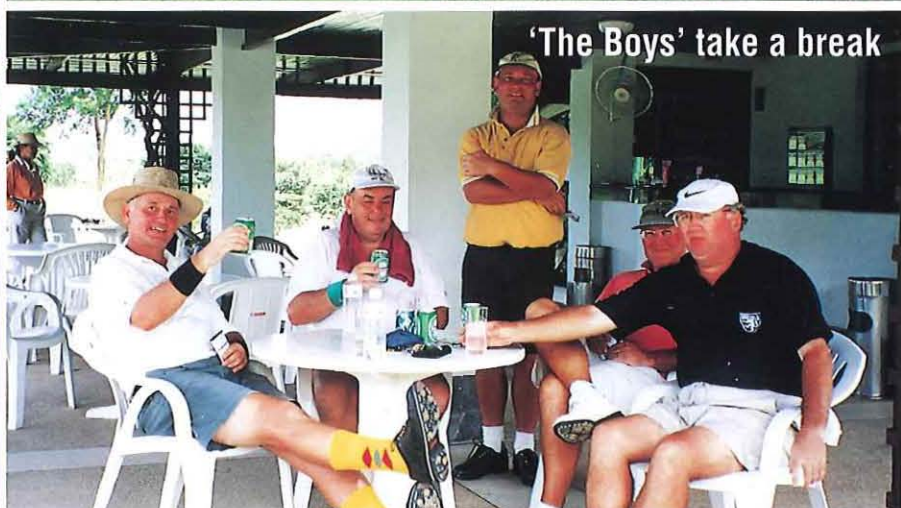
Nick and Larry at the Island Green



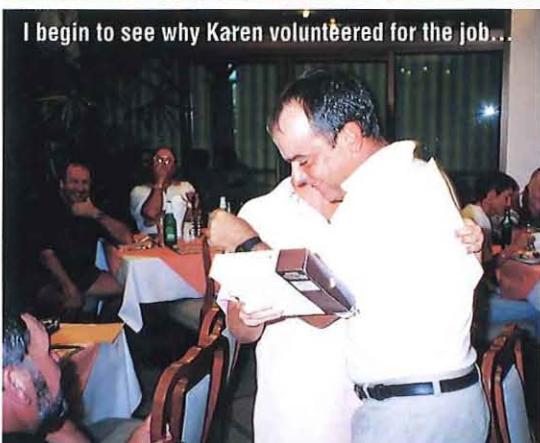
The 18th Green at Dragon Hills ...and the world's deepest bunker...



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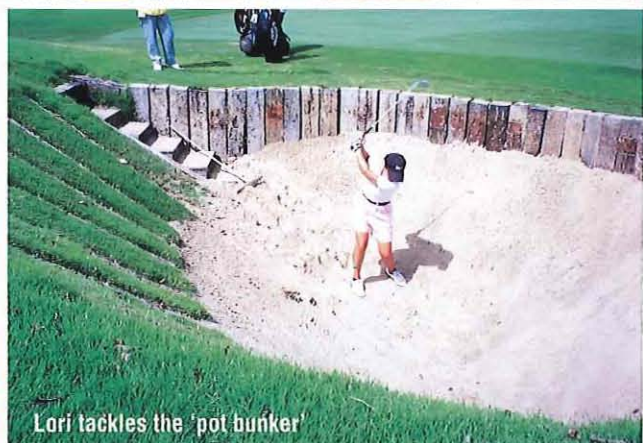
'The Boys' take a break



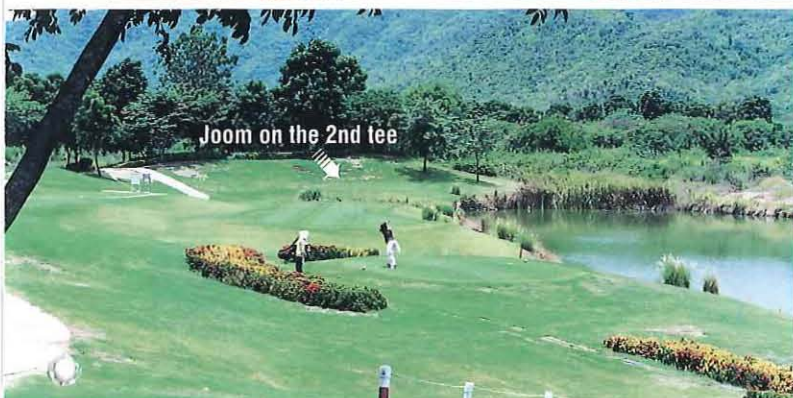
I begin to see why Karen volunteered for the job...



Don demonstrates his new grip



Lori tackles the 'pot bunker'



Joom on the 2nd tee



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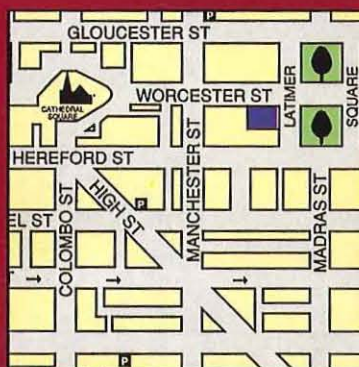
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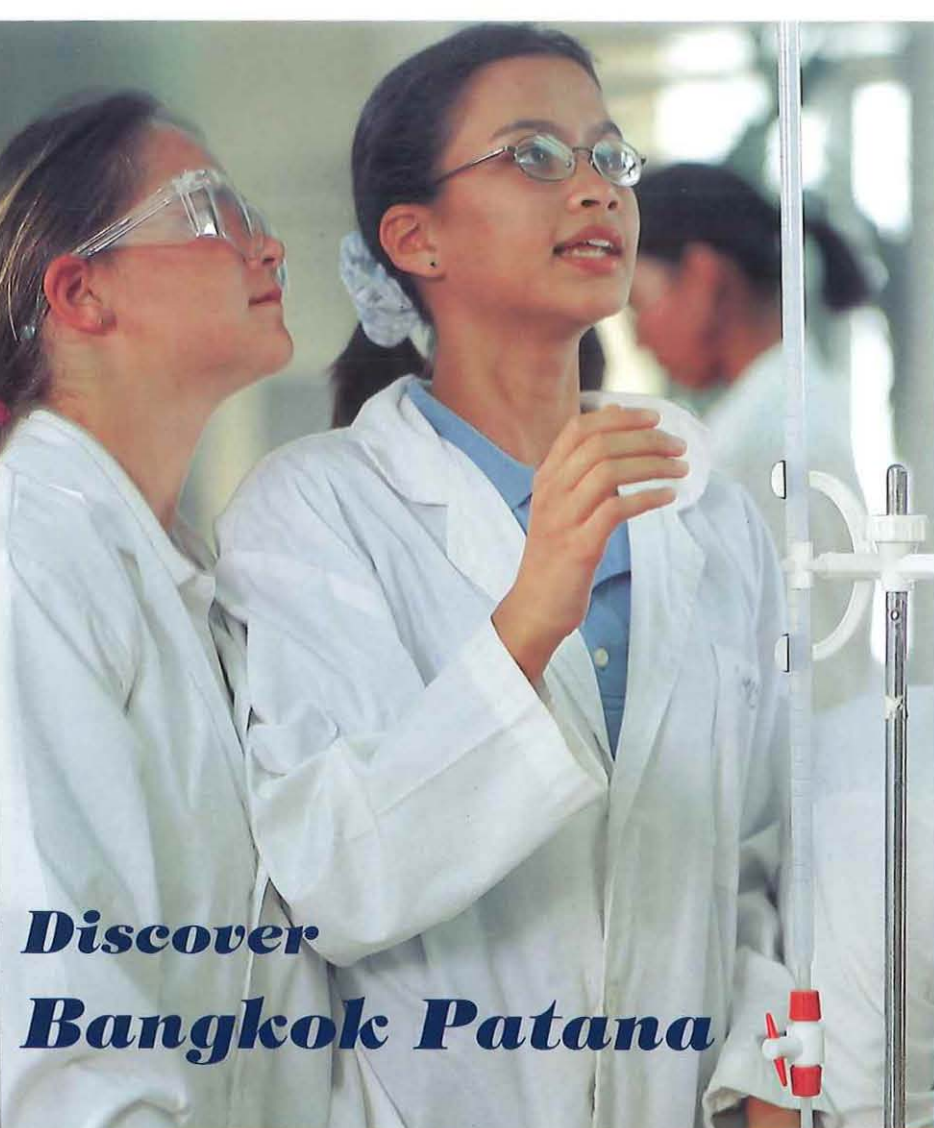
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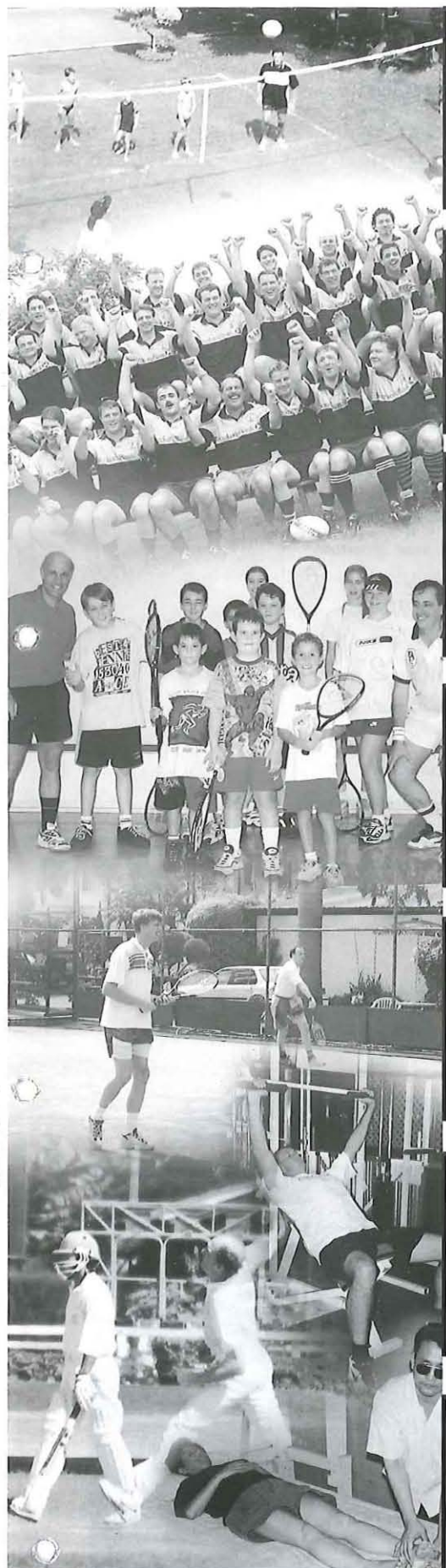
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CALENDAR

British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar - September 2001



7 am - 1 pm
11 am - 1 pm
2 pm - 4 pm
3 - 6 pm
4.30 pm
5 - 8 pm
10 - 11pm

Tennis Team Practice
Badminton - Soi Nares
Children's Activities
Tennis Mix-in
Yoga
Happy Hour
Happy Hour II

Sunday

8.00 am
9.00 am
5 - 8 pm
7 - 9 pm
10 - 11pm

BWG Mahjong
Self Defence for Women
Happy Hour
Tennis Team Practice
Happy Hour II

Monday

7.00 am
8 - 10 am
10.30 am
11.30 am
2 - 7pm
5 - 8 pm
7 - 9 pm
8 - 11 pm
9 pm
10 - 11pm

Ladies Golf
Ladies Tennis
Aqua Aerobics
Yoga
BC Swimming Instruction
Happy Hour
Football Training
Friendly Bridge
Gentlemen's Spoof
Happy Hour II

Tuesday

9.00 am
9.30 am
5 - 8 pm
6 - 9 pm
6.30 pm
7.00 pm
8.30 pm
10 - 11pm

Aeroboxing
Aerobics
Happy Hour
Tennis Mix-in
Cricket Nets
Darts
Accumulator
Happy Hour II

Wednesday

8 - 10 am
10.30 am
5 - 8 pm
6 - 9 pm
7 - 9 pm
9 - 10 pm
10 - 11pm

Ladies Tennis
Aqua Aerobics
Happy Hour
Squash Mix-in
Rugby Training
Hockey Training
Happy Hour II

Thursday

9.00 am
3.30 - 6 pm
5.10 pm
5.30 pm

ANZGW Mahjong
BC Tennis Coaching for Children
Tennis Mix-in
Swimming - Junior
Squad Training
Happy Hour
Adult Tennis
Poolside BBQ
Happy Hour II

Friday

9 am - 12 noon
9 am - 1.30 pm
5 - 8 pm
10 - 11pm

Squash Coaching
BC Swimming Instruction
Happy Hour
Happy Hour II

Saturday

MAKE A NOTE!

Friday 7 September	Winemaker's Dinner
Friday 7, 8, 9 September	Wild watch Thailand trip
Thursday 13 September	Networking Night
Friday 21 September	Bar Quiz
Friday 28 September	Spanish Food Promotion
Friday 28 September	Wine Tasting
Every Friday Night	Movies for the kids!
Every Sunday	Family Fun Day
Every Wednesday Night	Accumulator

See page 7 for full details.

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Badminton	Anant Leighrahathorn	654 0002-29
Bridge	Winlock Hsu/ Charlene Wang	921 6015
Cricket	Nick White	246 0832
Darts	Fitness Centre	234 0247
Football	Martin Conisbee	366 0432
Golf	Karen Carter	285 6169
Rugby	Jon Prichard	662 6376
Scuba Diving	Don Johnson	038 225 364
Snooker	Khun Kittisak	01 633 9490
Squash	George Dunford	635 2346
Tennis	Anton Bontje	211 9550

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St Andrew's	Jim Napier	617 9620
St Patrick's	Jerome Kelly	682 7526
St David's	Gareth Hughes	01 859 6140

Venues

Badminton	Soi Nares, behind Bangrak Police Station
Aerobics	Squash Court 3
Casuals Football	Colgate Ground, Rama III
Massage	Near the Silom Sala

Opening Times

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

RECIPROCAL CLUB LETTER

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18 JULY

THE CLUB MANAGER
THE BRITISH CLUB
189 SURAWONG RD
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Dear Manager

The USRC celebrates its 90th Anniversary this year, and an Anniversary Ball will be held on Saturday 13 October at the Club. As a Reciprocal Club, if you have Members who will be in Hong Kong at the time, they would be welcome to attend. Please ask them to submit applications to purchase tickets directly from the Club, citing their own club affiliation. In some cases, you may have members who were former USRC members; these would of course be particularly welcome.

We are also interested in collecting any appropriate stories, memorabilia or other miscellany relating to the Club. For example, we have recently been given a programme for the Royal Artillery Sports day held in 1912 on the USRC grounds. Should your club be aware of any such associations, we should be very interested.

Finally, the function will be held in aid of a charity, The Home of Loving Faithfulness, which is a home for severely mentally and physically handicapped children in Hong Kong. There will be a fund-raising prize draw, and any prizes provided by our Reciprocal Clubs would certainly be appreciated, assisting a worthy cause and acting as a reminder of the long-standing ties between us.

Yours sincerely

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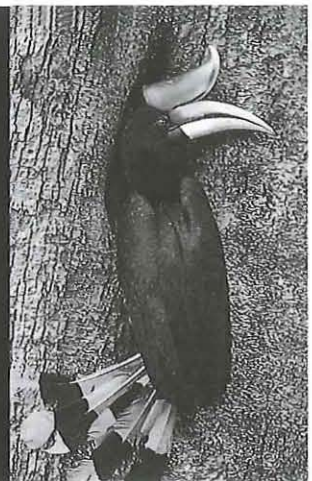
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MEMBER'S TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

Back-Packing through the Middle Ages

New member Sylvie Phillips entertains us with a sharp and witty account of her solo adventure to Laos. Read on for what we hope will be the first of many submissions from her (hint hint Sylvie).

Living the life a "Farang Queen" (Royal not Gay) in Southeast Asia may appear to the novice to be an idyll. However, difficulties do arise and life-changing decisions must be made from time to time. My problem at the beginning of this account is which country to visit in order to renew my visa?

Inspiration comes in a Travel Agent on Silom where I am waiting for my husband to book a flight for his weekly trip to China. "Come to China with me", had been mentioned earlier that morning - meaning come and spend a week traipsing around a soap factory wearing a shower cap and face mask. Mmmm! Not quite what I had in mind. What did I have in mind exactly? - see what I mean about the dreadful decisions we ex-pat wives have to make? Think, think, pick up magazine and read article on Laos.....

■ "I'M GOING TO VANG VIENG" ■

Readers should be aware that the title of my account refers not so much to "middle ages" in historical terms but to age as in, "Oh no not another birthday" terms. Yes! Forty something (a little heavy on the something) but hey! I can do this - 20 year old backpackers, watch this space.....

■ DAY 1 ■

6am Monday morning - relieved that alarm works I am feeling confident, rucksack stuffed with comfort items, i.e. hairdryer, perfume, good novel, crisply ironed clothes and make up bag (for coverage of large spot on chin)... So, here I am in Vientiane, queuing up at immigration - this is easy, nice short flight, lovely breakfast. "Where is entry card?" "Sorry nice immigration officer, I don't have

one." "On desk." Oh! God where is the desk? Of course, right at the end of the queue, I should have guessed. Never mind, fill in entry card and rejoin queue, no problem.

Yes! I have made it through immigration but need Laos Kips - change 2,000 Baht - that should do. I am handed a WAD of notes - this can't be right - 489,000 Kips. First panic attack occurs, I don't DO Noughts, not this many anyway - money won't fit in small feminine purse, I must buy a large wallet!

A taxi takes me to the bus station, where I am directed to the pick-up truck, which will take me on the 3-hour onward journey to Vang Vieng. At first it's just me. The pick-up truck is surprisingly comfortable, the views are great - miles of rice paddies, mountains in the distance, lovely fresh air and sunshine, good road - yeh! This is easy; back packing - piece of cake. I settle down to read Lonely Planet Guide and happen upon an article about Bandits on a particular road not being TOO much of a problem these days. What road are we on? Oh no! - same road as Bandits. I am going to die, please take my hairdryer, my make up bag and my good novel - just don't kill me - my husband will only say, "I told you to come to China." I decide to put the book away and not think about abduction or death.

Once I arrive, I find they have rooms available - sweet little bamboo bungalows facing the river - decide to check in, well, so what, you only live once!

■ DAY 2 ■

Electricity very erratic last night - it poured with rain - couldn't use hairdryer so now having a bad hair day. Couldn't use make-up as couldn't see to cover up very large spot by torch light and the mozzies loved the

perfume. Change of tack tonight - leave hair and replace perfume with copious quantities of DEET.

I have booked myself on a guided tour. We are going to trek through the jungle, visit two of the caves, lunch at a local hilltribe village and then more trekking. I am feeling a little nervous as I realise that the average age of the rest of my group is 25 - they are going to think I'm a sad, eccentric old hag and I just know they will laugh and won't speak to me at all... "Hi, I'm Talia and this is Dave, oh! and that guy over there is Steve and that's his friend Paul....." She seems nice anyway.

A tuk-tuk takes us to the starting point of our trek. The group is admiring the awesome scenery which amazes me as I always thought only the Middle Ages noticed stunning views or made appreciative comments about them. I am trying to relax and feel less matriarchal, when we arrive. Now, I mentioned that it had been raining and let me say that rain comes in very large doses here. Underfoot at this moment is reminiscent of a Kent clay quarry. My plastic flip-flops, totally unsuitable for the occasion, are being disgustingly sucked off my feet and I am now trying to retrieve them with my hands. Goodbye nice nails! Everyone is falling over, enjoying the naughtiness of being allowed to get "really filthy" and not get into trouble.

It is very hot and humid, my hair has stuck to my head (so bad hair day didn't matter anyway) as we climb a steep hill approaching the entrance to a large cave. Our guide gives us all candles - now I don't DO enclosed spaces - but here I am with these young experienced travellers, all raring to get in there and, encouraged by their enthusiasm and not wanting to appear miserably

MEMBER'S TRAVEL EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

inadequate, I venture into the darkness.

A few stalactites and mites later, and following a small moment of near panic after Guide suggests everyone blow out candles to experience blackness; we emerge back into the forest. I am feeling very proud of myself as didn't panic and group were very sweet and supportive. I am starting to relax and enjoy the day as we trek to another cave – this one even bigger!

OK! So I failed miserably in attempt to overcome phobia at this cave – well, I was perfectly fine for the first five minutes (am barefoot by now as I cannot see to exhumate sucked off flip flop anymore) until I notice the group ahead of me starting to wade knee deep through water at a point where the cave becomes V. narrow and small. Oh my God! Claustrophobia AND deep dark unknown bottomed icy water ...This is too much... knee deep becomes thigh and I observe, saucer eyed, as thigh becomes neck... I can hear a whimpering which seems to be coming from somewhere around my throat as I am trying to decide what to do. Miserable with my fear and sense of failure, I call the guide, and beg him to take me back to the entrance. The group now has to wait where they are until the Guide gets back to them – "I'm so sorry guys."

To round off the day our Guide hands each group member a large rubber inner tube. "What is this?" I ask rather stupidly as I know it's a tyre. "We go back on River." He is grinning. "Well, you lot can go back on river on raging current... Sorry guys, I've had enough." I am relieved to see that the group are now delighted that someone will be available to take snapshots of them all as they climb onto their rubber rings and, as they float away at enormous speed, I am left frantically trying to take pictures with 6 cameras before they disappear from view. "See you all later in the bar." Unfortunately, later to the 20 something's means not before 10pm. I forced my eyes open until about 9 – I looked for them to say thanks for being such a great bunch and how impressed I was with them and what a great day I'd had – then I gave in to oblivion, dirty fingernails, black feet, sticky hair.....sorry I never did find you

guys...cockroaches, mozzies – do your worst – I love backpacking!!!!!!

DAY 3

It is still raining. The river is a raging torrent. Plans to hire bike for the day seem absurd as I view the rivulets of water rushing passed my front door. What do true backpackers do now? I decide to pack up and head off back to Vientiane, to a dry hotel, with air-con and a bath!!

My return journey very much resembles my outward except that my truck is shared with other travellers. Good, perhaps I can have a good chat, share experiences. It turns out that one couple is Dutch and the other 3 people are French. They are having a great time – I can't understand a word. However, the journey is uneventful if a little crowded as we pick up and drop off a dozen or so locals along the way.

Vientiane is hardly a city but more a ramshackle collection of odd buildings erected and later abandoned by the various occupying forces. Buddhist temples stand serenely between French bakeries, Chinese shop houses and revolutionary monuments creating an ambient mix of Asia, Northern Europe and Communist China. I book into a hotel built during the height of Communist rule. A weird but intriguing place with high ceilings and rooms with enormous Russian style water heaters alongside modern Japanese air-con. However, the water is hot and the bed comfy. My clothes can at last dry and I can attempt to clean my toenails – not a pretty sight.

The main attraction of this place is the River. This time it's the Mekong. It is huge. Must have a long walk tomorrow. In the meantime I have discovered, quite by accident, a little bar with a great atmosphere run by two Aussie girls. They have only been open for 2 days and fortunately are making very big effort to impress customers – me! Get free wine and before long I am drawn in to a party consisting of about 20 NGO workers and teachers all living in Laos chatting excitedly about condoms and HIV. Well you just have to join in don't you?

I am feeling very confident about

backpacking now – after all I've just walked into a bar, on my own and had a brilliant time talking about birth control and monogamy, or rather lack of it, in Laos – haven't lost my passport or been murdered by bandits.

DAY 4

I am walking along the banks of the Mekong River. There is something rather romantic about the Mekong – perhaps because everyone has heard of it, that river somewhere in Asia – but everyone knows it's BIG and it is. Big and yellow. No mountain backdrop here, just miles of river valley plains, flooded at the moment but cultivated in the dry season. I seem to have been walking for hours. I have left the town and passed through several little communities along the riverbank where all the kids say a cheery "Hello" or "Sabai Dee" in Laos (I am almost tri-lingual now) I am careful not to catch sweet kids eyes just in case they should find me scary and start screaming (this has happened before). Dogs are a bit spooked by me too and run up to me, hackles raised and growling.

Have a few scares en route trying to put aside thoughts of rabies. So, eyes cast firmly downwards and trying hard to appear non-threatening I decide I should turn back. I come back via the same route so I don't get lost – just follow the river.

Back at Lang Xang Hotel I realise I have walked for 5 hours – at least ten miles and in the heat that is some challenge. No wonder I am exhausted. Hotel is very relaxed and welcoming and after bath order large Gin and Tonic – can use credit card here – so much easier to not see how much it is!!!

Home tomorrow, back to the noise and madness of Bangkok. I will miss Laos. It is very beautiful, peaceful, clean and totally unspoiled. It's people are charmingly uncorrupted by tourism, with a warm and constant cheerfulness, which is infectious and uplifting.

I feel privileged to have seen it before it all changes but before I go I have to say that backpacking is pretty easy for the Middle Ages or any age for that matter.

Sylvie Phillips

BRITISH CLUB CENTENARY, APRIL 2003



The British Club Centenary 2003 book researchers have now completed over six months of research and with the information gained plus the many interviews conducted with long term Members, have found a lot of stories and facts about the Club. Such as why the Australian Prime Minister told all Australians they must resign from the Club, the Club Toga parties, the chariot races and the paint pot over the Chairman's head....

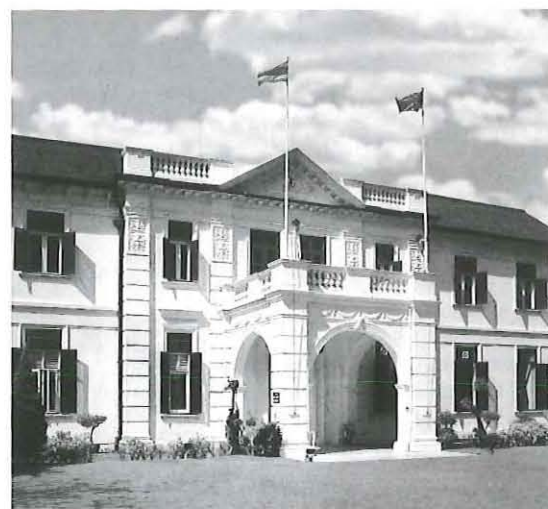
The Club will shortly embark on its year of centenary activities and over the next few months we shall describe the events and how members can become involved. If you have any particular ideas or interest in our Centenary activities please contact me.

Kind Regards,

Sarah Allen

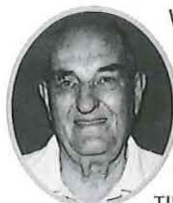
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Obituary

**A Man with a Mission -
Arnold J Clarke 1919-2001**



WE ARE SAD TO REPORT THE DEATH OF LONG-TERM THAILAND RESIDENT AND BRITISH CLUB MEMBER, ARNOLD J CLARKE, WHO DIED PEACEFULLY IN HIS SLEEP ON JULY 20 2001.

ARNOLD AND HIS WIFE BETTY MOVED TO THAILAND IN 1954 AND WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN SETTING UP THE PHUKET CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY. TOGETHER THEY WORKED TIRELESSLY WITH ALL WHO NEEDED THEM, BOTH IN PHUKET AND ARNOLD WAS OFTEN TAKEN FURTHER AFIELD TO PLACES SUCH AS MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, HONG KONG AND LAOS. ARNOLD SPENT THE LAST THREE YEARS OF HIS LIFE IN BANGKOK DUE TO ILL HEALTH. HE NEVER LET THIS GET HIM DOWN AND STILL RETAINED A KEEN INTEREST IN LIFE AT THE MISSION IN PHUKET. HIS WORK BOTH THERE AND ABROAD WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN AND HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL HIS FRIENDS AND FAMILY.



SQUASH

We're On The Road This Month

150TH LEAGUE

The winners in the special 150th league, sponsored by Sofitel Central Plaza were

League Winners

- 1 Nick Thwaites
- 2 Tom Livingston
- 3 Bill Randall
- 4 Suharsh Mittal
- 5 Danny Raviv
- 6 Andy Talling
- 7 John Pacey
- 8 Kittisak Kulvichit



MATCH WITH SINGAPORE CRICKET CLUB

Sunday July 29 saw our first overseas visitors of the year, the Singapore Cricket Club, featuring some ex-Singapore national players in their squad, and this tough fixture resulted in an overwhelming victory for the visitors 14 games to 4.

BC	Singapore CC	Total Points
Nick Thwaites	Lim Jit Wei	0-2
Marc Hagelauer	Koh Wai Keng	0-2
Nick White	Alan Chang	1-2
Dick Anwar	Dushyant Jamwal	0-2
Peter Corney	Tim Holland	1-2
Tom Livingston	Darcy McColl	0-2
Steve Harvey	Tony Gash	0-2
Chris Platt	Joannah Yue (Ms)	0-2
Ignacio Serano	Peter Rogers	0-2
Jack Dunford	Chia Chewey (Ms)	0-2
Barry Daniels	Cindy Chen (Ms)	0-2
Sriwan Forrest	Tanwani Kumar	0-2
Frank Flatters	Shirley Chou (Ms)	2-0
Peter Myers	Ong Mei Lin (Ms)	0-2
James Crossley-Smith	Mahes (Ms)	2-1
Sriwan Forrest	Zoe Clark (Ms)	2-0
James Crossley-Smith	Alison (Ms)	2-1

SUNDAY MIX-IN

Sunday 5 August had 8 players in the mix-in, split into 2 leagues of 4, with a lay off between the top 2 players in each league. Steve Pursor pipped Marvyn 15-13 in the final, after a very close set of matches. Both semi-finals were won 15-14.

GROUP 1

				Total	Pos
Nick W.	13	14	15	42	3
Steve P.	15	15	15	45	1
Marvyn	15	14	15	44	2
Peter	14	11	12	37	4

GROUP 2

				Total	Pos
Marc H	11	15	12	38	3=
Bill R.	15	15	8	38	3=
Duncan	13	14	14	41	2
Ignacio	15	15	15	45	1

Semi-final 1 Ignacio lost to Marvyn 14-15

Semi-final 2 Duncan lost to Steve 14-15

Final Steve beat Marvyn 15-13

SINGAPORE ROAD TRIP

The BC Squash Section will hit the road to Singapore, leaving on Friday 28 September and playing at least two matches on Saturday and Sunday, against the Singapore British Club and the Tanglin Club. Watch the notice boards for details about cost etc. We don't go travelling very often, so make the most of it!

A short report this month, as I am just back from hols in Greece. League 151 is under way - get your games in, as there will be no extensions.

Keep squashing,
Phil Hall

SURIN ELEPHANT ROUND-UP

If You Like Elephants...

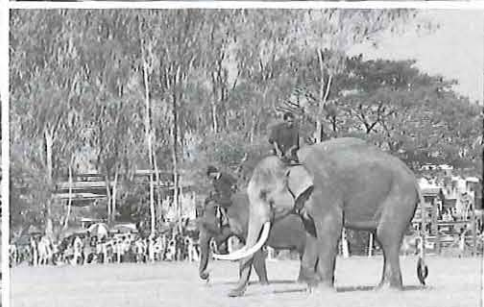
Then DO NOT miss this fantastic trip! Due to the phenomenal success of the past twelve BC trips to the Surin Elephant Round-Up, we are giving you the chance to book early for what is gearing up to be our most exciting yet! Our accomplished Tour Guide, Khun Barry and his able staff, will cater to your every need to ensure that you and your family have the time of your lives! Have a look at this sneak preview of our proposed itinerary:-

FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

7 - 7.30pm Members meet in the Suriwongse Room at the Club to receive boarding passes
8.00pm Depart for Hua Lumphong Station
9.00pm Train departs for Surin
Whilst on board, you can enjoy Thai food as served by 'Thai Railways' or alternatively, you can bring your own packed snacks from home, not forgetting your choice of liquid refreshments!

SATURDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

4.45am And a very good morning to Surin! Air-conditioned coaches will transport Members to the Petchkasem Hotel.
5.30am On arrival at the hotel, you can enjoy a shower and a freshen up in one of the 7 rooms the Club has at its disposal.
6-7am Breakfast is served. The hotel catering department will carefully prepare a feast fit for a BC Member! All the usual goodies will be served; sausages, bacon, eggs, cornflakes, fruits, who could resist? - guaranteed to be hot. Why not enjoy an ice cold draught beer Chang whilst you're eating?
7.15am And its off to take up our Stand H seats at the Elephant show.
8.00am See the elephants demonstrating their skills for the audience! Marching, dancing, feeding, special tricks. Fun for all the family! The show lasts approximately 3 - 3 1/2 hours.



12.30pm Arrive back at the hotel, with just enough time to purchase refreshments and pick up our packed lunches before zooming off to the Khmer Temple 'Prasart Hin Phanon Rung'. This is the largest Khmer temple in Thailand and overlooks the bordering country of Cambodia. Don't worry about the soldiers - they don't shoot - they are just there to protect the Cambodian border.
6.00pm Arrive back in Surin for a Thai dinner buffet at the Petchkasem Hotel.
7.00pm Be the envy of your friends - enjoy an Elephant ride - speak to BC staff who will be glad to arrange your trip!
8.15 pm Depart for Surin station and onward

journey back to Bangkok, after a happy, exciting and thrilling adventure!

SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

5.30am Arrive Hua Lumphong Station
This is one trip you should not miss whilst you live in Thailand.
Bookings information and any questions should be addressed to Khun Arenee.
See you in (Sunny?) Surin!!

Contact Barry or Khun Pui for booking details

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NEW MEMBERS

DAVID PADGHAM



David describes himself as single and hard to get. Sounds like a very clear message, David. He is Australian and arrived in Thailand one year ago to work as marketing and sales manager with HSBC bank. He is expecting to stay on for around 5 years.

Hobbies-wise, Heineken beer (large bottles of; as seen in the Churchill Bar on New Members night), squash and tennis go down well, but hopefully not in that order...

CHRIS AND TRACY GILL

Chris and Tracy are excitedly looking forward to the birth of their first child in November of this year. Meanwhile Tracy is working as a teacher and Chris is working for Thai Industrial Gases as Operations and Engineering Director.

When they have free time (better make the most of it while you can!) they both enjoy travelling, good food and wine. Chris is also a fan of golf and squash.



SHANNON AND STEVE SHUBERT

Americans, Steve and Shannon are making sure that the one year they intend to stay in Thailand will be time extremely well spent - they have already ventured out to Khao Yai with the BC and they were spotted sampling the fare at a recent food promo too!



Shannon is a Software Consultant for Novistar, her hobbies include reading, shopping, scrapbooks and sewing. Steve is currently a student and enjoys playing tennis, basketball and baseball. Together they enjoy golf and travel.

IAN 'BOY WONDER' HARRY

Account Executive with The Creative Partnership, Ian joined the British Club in order to "meet girls". He has been in Thailand for four years already but "I haven't had much luck yet" he says. He is a fluent Thai speaker and in the spare time that he has, enjoys badminton, swimming and cycling.



NEIL AND TANJA MILLNER



Another couple who intend to stay in Thailand for one year, Neil and Tanya are very busy people. British Neil works for Orange as Service Design Manager, whilst Tanja, who is from Austria, is Conference and Banqueting Sales Manager at the Hilton Hotel. And if that's

not enough to keep them busy, they have plenty of hobbies to occupy them:-

Neil likes football, cricket, scuba diving, squash, tennis, swimming and golf (phew - you must be exhausted after all that!) Tanja's sporting hobbies are squash, tennis, swimming and aerobics - far more sedate than her husband!

They also like to get out and about, travelling whenever they can, sampling different countries' cuisines. Neil is also a guitar player - maybe we can get him to do a turn in the Churchill Bar sometime?

LANCE AND SILVIE PHILLIPS

Working for Axxis International Ltd, Lance and Silvie arrived three weeks ago and expect to stay for 3 - 4 years. Both British, they are 'outdoor' people, enjoying walking, scuba (Lance), aerobics/fitness (Silvie). They have three grown-up daughters, all living in England.



Always keen to venture out, Silvie spent 6 weeks as a mature student on an aid project in the Kenyan bush, helping to build a water-tank in a remote village. (When people read this I reckon you'll get a few calls asking if you'd be interested in undertaking similar projects in Thailand, Silvie.)

JOHN COLLINS



John used to be a company director in another life, but now he has the good fortune to have retired in Thailand, an excellent choice. He has been travelling here on and off since 1971, so has had plenty of time to form an opinion!

Now he will be able to concentrate on his hobbies of reading, walking, music, good food and wine and I'm sure travel will come high up on his agenda.

John is British and before settling here he also spent a year in France and seven years in Hong Kong.

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Judith Airey**

ZOOMING IN

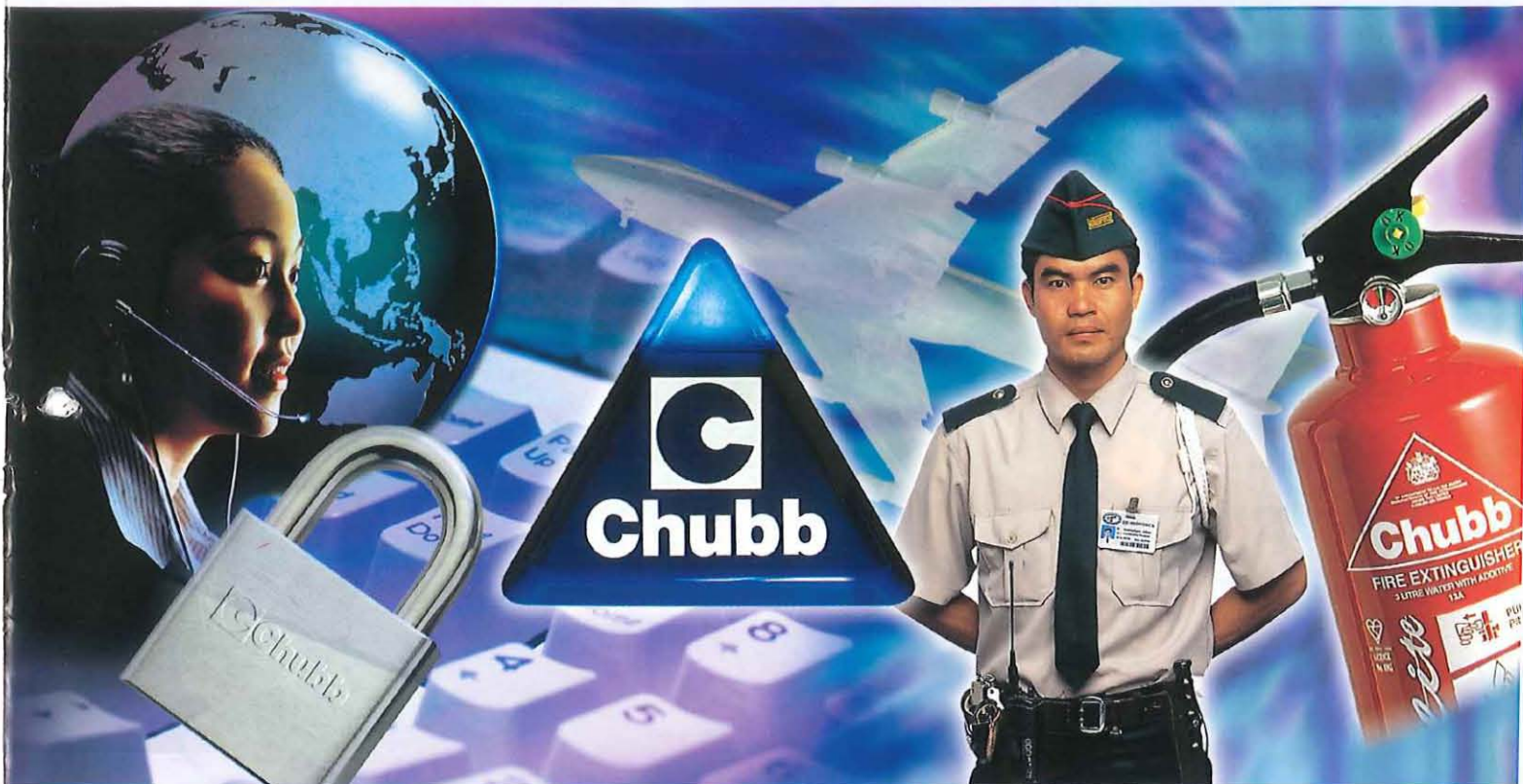
On Girton College

Girton College Choir performed brilliantly at the British Club on 11th August. Look out for a full write-up by David Turner next month.



We would be interested in hearing comments on the performance from anyone else who attended, email: creativ@loxinfo.co.th

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