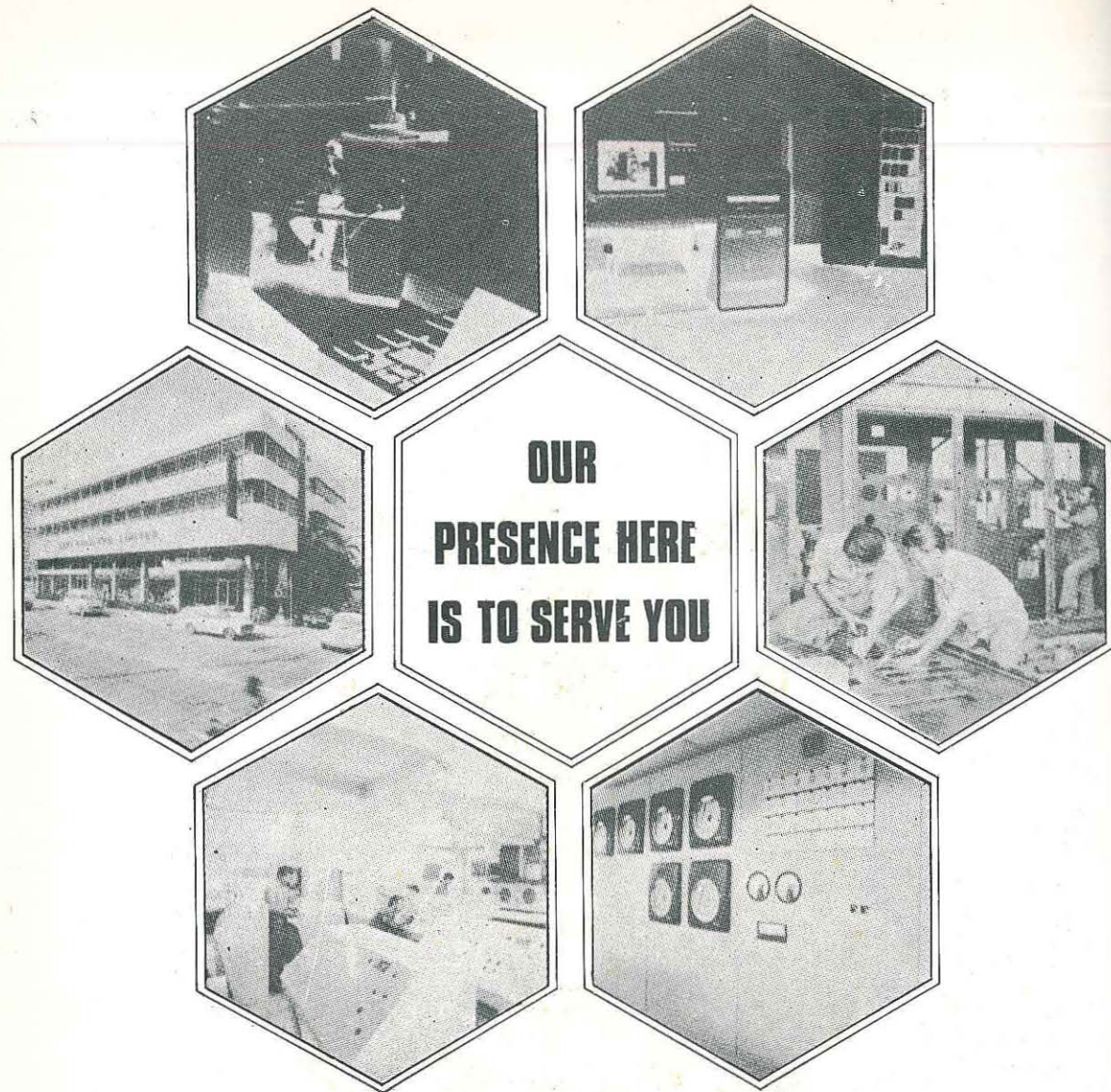


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October 1979

I am writing this editorial after having just finished Sunday breakfast consisting of sausages which I purchased from the Club, and I must say that they were the best 'bangers' that I have tasted since leaving England over one year ago. The Club also offers other take-away items such as beef, lamb and wine all at very reasonable prices.

Apart from this there are many varied facilities available to members and their guests in the way of sports and entertainment. I personally find the Clubs' restaurant and bar ideal for entertaining my business clients and friends as the atmosphere is quite unique.

Our Committee, Club Manager and all the staff must be applauded for their efforts in making the Club what it is today.

I would like to give special thanks to those members who have contributed articles for our monthly newsletter, especially Mike Dutton for his 'Grumbling Grommet's Guide' which I think is excellent. Suggestions on other items that members would like to see in our newsletter would be most welcomed - please write down your comments and send them to me at the Club.

As a last thought, why not make a habit of enjoying the facilities at your Club more often!

Your Editor.



## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

### NEW MEMBERS

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

#### Ordinary

Mr. J.H. Broadbent	Canadian Embassy
Mr. L.J. Hope	Hongkong & Shanghai Bank
Mr. J. Soutar	British Embassy
Mr. F.D. Taylor	
Mr. B.G. Thomson	ESCAP
Mr. D.C. Watts	Thailand Metal & Ores

#### Non-Voting

Mr. A.J. Paine	Dulmison Thailand Co.
Mr. T.F.D. Sewell	Sindhu-Maunsell

#### Ladies Privileges

Miss D.E. Stalley	AIT
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#### Associate

Mr. P.V. Mongeau	
Mr. S. Chirathivat	Central Department Store
Mr. E. Hyllested	Borneo Co. (T) Ltd.
Mr. J. Bierdrager	Borneo Co. (T) Ltd.
Mr. R.A. Klingler	AIA
Mr. B.P. Vlietstra	RBSC

#### Rejoined

Mr. W.M.C. Sim	Chase Manhattan Bank
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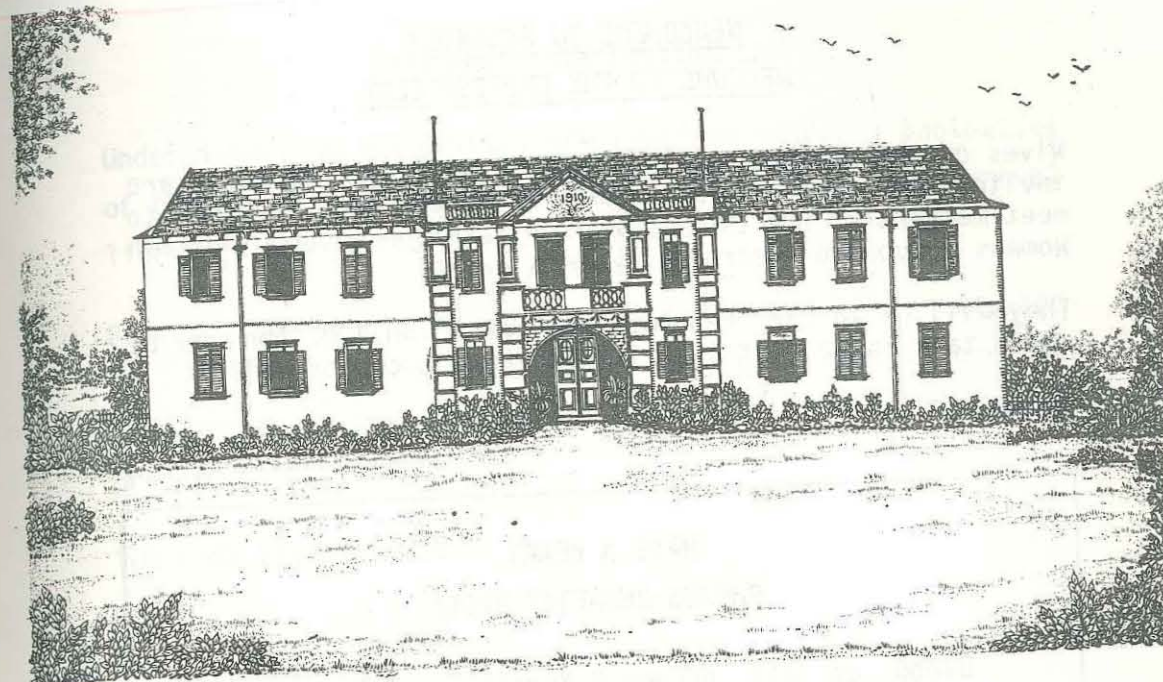
### NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

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

Tuesday 2 October (Closing date 29 September)

Tuesday 6 November (Closing date 3 November)

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



*The British Club, Bangkok.*

### POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS

A limited number of Christmas cards, featuring a pen and ink drawing of the Clubhouse "as was", are available at the Office.

A specimen can be seen on the Club noticeboards.

Baht 35 for 10 (with envelopes)



NEWCOMERS TO BANGKOK?  
WELCOME TO THE BRITISH CLUB

Wives of new members and new ladies privilege members are invited to coffee on the morning of Monday 12th November to meet members of the Ladies Advisory/Liaison Group, British Womens Group and Australian Womens Group.

They will be in the reading room at 10.30 a.m. for you to meet, talk about "settling in" and have a cup of coffee.

Do come!

HAVE A HEART  
RHESUS NEGATIVE BLOOD

Blood of all groups O Negative, A Negative, B Negative and AB Negative is in short supply as Asian people only very rarely have Rhesus Negative blood, therefore it is essential to have a complete list of Rhesus Negative donors.

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THAILAND'S NEW DRIVING LAW

Under a new law all drivers are required to carry photostats of their car registration documents (as well as the annual licence disc) in the car at all times.

Besides incurring a fine for non-compliance of this requirement, you will be subject to enormous hassle and inconvenience if you are stopped by the police and you cannot produce this vital card.

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

FILM NIGHTS

Films will be shown on SUNDAYS at 8 p.m. in the Cinema Room. Forthcoming attractions are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Movie</u>
7 October	Arabesque
14 October	Carry On Doc
21 October	The Salzburg Connection
28 October	Doc Phibes
4 November	The Anderson Tapes



### THE GROMMET'S LAST GULP

The Grommet, having taken up squash (gently) has felt it necessary to curtail his culinary activities for the next few months in an endeavour to make more room for the fruits of future gastronomic odysseys. That's the good news. Whether Son of Grommet or Grommett the Younger will return to the editor's eyrie is yet to be seen.

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Plug of the month goes to a restaurant which, at the time of writing is not yet open; TRATTORIA da ROBERTO on Patpong II which after looking at the menu has every chance of becoming Bangkok's best Italian job. Not too heavy on the pasta (and those well chosen), pizzas very tasty (I had one at the oven trial) and which will go for about Bht 50 plus some interesting items such as a cold mackerel stew. Decor very good and parking in the Patpong Car Park.

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I was curious why I hadn't been to the GYPSY CARAVAN for so many years. On returning I found out why and vowed again never to return.

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We have heard that THE TAJ, in Honey Square, has changed management and that Mr. Kader, one of the founding partners of the MOTI MAHAL, has taken over the ladies of power. It can only get better.

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Two places of mention to ardent buffetiers are the THAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT RESTAURANT and the BAVARIA in the Narai Hotel. Both aspire with some success, to get away from the more common fare which seem ubiquitous to most local hotels and both give excellent value.

Current leaders in the Sukhumvit Soup League is the HAUS MUNCHEN with every one a winner and worth the effort to check out. The main courses are not too enterprising, but for all that as solid and substantial as a ham hock.

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Now that we've been assured that the rainy season has ended eating al fresco is in vogue again. Newcomers to town should note BANGRAK MARKET (turn left off Silom into New Road and behind the flower market on the right) which is an ideal location to sample the local goodies at low cost. Rule of thumb: eat with the mostest - if no customers, somethings wrong.

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The KOBE STEAK HOUSE in Siam Square puts its offerings on sale Japanese style as could be expected and you would be lucky indeed to pay less than Bht 100. But service and decor are good and it makes a change from the usual.

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### POOLSIDE VALUABLES LOCKERS

These have now been installed and keys can be obtained from the poolside bar in return for a chit.

After use, keys should be returned to the poolside bar. After 8 p.m. when the bar closes, keys should be dropped into the Squash "Leagues Results" box on the bar counter by the telephone.

Keys not returned within 24 hours will be assumed lost, and a ฿150.- lock replacement fee charged to the member's account.



AVAILABILITY OF CLUB FACILITIES:

Office

Mon-Fri	8.00 a.m. - 18.00 p.m.
Sat	8.00 a.m. - 14.00 p.m.
Sun & Holidays	CLOSED

Dining Room

Luncheon	12.00 a.m. - 14.00 p.m.
Dinner	18.00 p.m. - 22.00 p.m.

Main Bar

Bar	10.00 a.m. - 23.00 p.m.
Food Order	10.00 a.m. - 22.00 p.m.

Poolside

Service Bar	9.00 a.m. - 20.00 p.m.
Food Order	9.00 a.m. - 19.30 p.m.

Swimming Pool

7.00 a.m. - 7.00 p.m.

Squash Courts

7.00 a.m. - 23.00 p.m.

Tennis

10.00 a.m. - dark

TAKE-AWAY SALES

The following items are available on request at the Clubs bar:

Sausages	per kilogram	£70
Beef Fillet	" "	£85
Lamb Legs	" "	£80

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## CRICKET SECTION

Under Russ Hignett's captaincy the 1978/79 season was one of the best for the British Club in recent years. Although beaten in the finals of both the 25 over and 40 over leagues by RBSC, the Club qualified only after some hard fought victories against strong opposition.

Unfortunately the Club will be without Russ Hignett, Peter Murphy and Nigel Starck for the coming season. However we can still look forward to another good year judging by the form of some of the last arrivals late season and the reputations of one or two 'smokeys' who have arrived in recent weeks.

Just how good a season it will prove to be will rely very much on the degree of participation and support available from members.

Would those interested in playing on a regular basis or willing to do so in emergencies please leave their names at the Club Office or phone Barry Boothby on 233 5970 during office hours. Games normally involve a half day only and are not played every weekend.

Practice net will commence in another few weeks. Details will appear in the next Club News.

### ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

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## DARTS SECTION

After thrashing Bobby's Arms 9-8 in the second encounter of the 13th Cathay Pacific Bangkok Darts League, the Lillywhites under new captain Roy Rogers Regan, let their hair down, (except in Roy's case) and were narrowly beaten 12-5 in a friendly against A.I.S. Star of the evening (otherwise known as the evening star) was Andy Bearpark with 134!

On 13th September (lucky for some) your favourite team was already 9-3 down at the end of the singles against Rajah's Tailors (previously known as the Executive Room) winning throws coming from the hands of Chris, Roy and John. The impressive doubles line-up failed to win a point, but having already conceded the match to RAJAH, John and Roy both closed with X3's to give us both triples points. Having a real captains evening Roy then closed double 4 to win the team game. Although the club lost 9-8, we did win the tons competition by 3-1 with Roy 100, John 105 and Brian Flanagan 120. John Sill's wife Audrey's first appearance for the Lillywhites did not go unnoticed by your Amarit-swilling reporter!

On September 20th the club hosted Haus Munchen who had kept off the Bratwurst and Sauer Kraut for the past week in preparation. Brian Flanagan, Andy and Brian Heath gave us a 3-3 tie at the end of the singles, but with only John and Andy winning their doubles (with John Sill closing impressively with double 20) we went into the triples 7-5 down.

Bryan, who scored the evening's high fluke with 128, closed X2 to win the first triple with John and Chris, and believe it or not, Roy closed double 20 in the remaining triple to win with Brian Heath and Ingrid. That won the game for the club 9-7 and being perfect hosts we let Haus Munchen take the team game when John closed with a double 4.

Other tons for the Club on a riotously successful evening were John Sill 100, and 108 and Brian Heath with 121.

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The next match is one of our favourites - against the Mermaids. The report in the next newsletter should be worth reading providing your scribe can keep abreast of the fixture list!

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Graham Jacobs, Manager Far East Department, of Wilfred T. Fry Ltd., will be visiting Bangkok between the 18th and the 25th November. British Club members are invited to contact him at the Hyatt Rama Hotel for personal discussions.

### GOLF SECTION

We still have a full programme of events scheduled for the rest of the year, culminating in our weekend at Hua Hin in December. The events through to the end of the year are:

	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Course</u>
23 Sep	Singles Stableford	Club Trophy	Hua Mark
7 Oct	Captains Prize (Stroke) and 1st Round T.G.I./ Gestetner Eclectic	The Captain	Rose Garden
21 Oct	2nd Round T.G.I./ Gestetner Eclectic	Club Trophy	Rose Garden
4 Nov	3rd Round T.G.I./ Gestetner Eclectic	Club Trophy	Rose Garden
18 Nov	Medal	Club Trophy	To be advised
8 Dec	Singles Stableford	Nigel Overy	Hua Hin
9 Dec	Singles Stableford	Commercial Union	Hua Hin
10 Dec	4 B.B.B. Stableford	Handy Hamper	Hua Hin

On December 8th, the competition includes a match against the American Chamber of Commerce, as well as our own competition. The Golf Section has 30 or so regular golfers and would welcome any newcomers to any of our competitions. If you want to play, contact any member of the Golf Committee.

Following the departure of two of our Committee members from Thailand, the Committee now is:

Captain	John Burrow
Vice Captain	Mike Neville
Secretary	Julian Wells
Treasurer	Derek Pott

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Match Committee	John Davidson (Secretary) John Kerr John Burrows
Handicap Committee	Dennis Quinn Hans Daniels
Committee Member	Tommy Madar

### LADY GOLFERS

The autumn rains seem to have missed us out this year, so playing conditions are excellent at the Royal Thai Army Course and it is good to see more Members out on Tuesday mornings.

The entry list for the Kitchen Sink on 23rd October...a public holiday...will be on the Club Notice Board shortly, so please sign up. We would like to see as many Members, with husbands and golfing friends, as possible at the Rose Garden that day.

### Programme for October

#### 2nd October - Stableford

Starter: Jean Taylor (286 2346)  
Scorer: Ape Armistead

#### 9th October - T's & F's

Starter: Sheila Neville (391 6000 Ext 39)  
Scorer: Margaret Miller

#### 16th October - Par Bisque

Starter: Ape Armistead (391 4399)  
Scorer: Jean Taylor

#### 23rd October - KITCHEN SINK AT ROSE GARDEN

#### 30th - Medal

Starter: Margaret Miller (286 5906)  
Scorer: Sheila Neville

### SQUASH SECTION

#### Sunday Competition - Bar-B-Q

A very successful and enjoyable competition and Bar-B-Q was held on the 9th with over 30 members entering the competition and although each game only lasted 2 minutes there were a few who found even that time too long. In the first heat Steve Whiteway just pipped Scott Younger to win whilst Mary Launder romped away with a win in her heat. In heat 3, Maria Green in a return to form and shape edged Dick Souter to 'go into the final and John Townend walked away with the last heat. With 3 league, 9 members in the final it was a race for points and with time running out it was Mary Launder for the ladies who just squeezed past John Townend 8 to 7 to win the day.

#### 25th League

The 25th league will commence on the 21st October and will finish on 16th December, please put in your entry forms as soon as possible to ensure a place in the league. An entry form is coupled with the newsletter.

#### British Forces Squash Team

Two exciting matches were held on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th between the British Club and the visiting British Forces Squash Team from Hong Kong. In the first match on Saturday, Tom Farrington beat Mike Roberts 3-1, Jim Finnegan who seemed to be a little on the pale side caught Peter Gooding twice to win 3-0. John Kerr fought gamely before running out of steam to lose 3-1 to Peter Ingham, and Adrian Lamb was worn down 3-2 by Danny Dhansay to make the score 2 all with two games to play. Tony Blanc playing against his old teammate George Crosier was extended before posting a 3-1 win. John Weymouth then fought gallantly against the Forces running machine Bill Pegler who won 3-0. At 3 all the British Club won the match on game countback 12-11.

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In the second match on Sunday morning, the previous nights merriement had more effect on the B.C. boys. Mike Roberts beat Roger Winter 3-0 and Peter Gooding lost to a determined Eric Thomson 2-3, Peter Ingham beat Brian Flanagan 3-1 whilst Ken Green convincingly beat Danny Dhansay 3-0. With the scores at 2 all, Rod Carter was unable to beat George Crosin who won 3-0. It was up to Len Alexander to make it 3 all and as Bill Pegler was rushing back from Pattaya where he just won the 10 km. run it looked good for Len, but Bill had only warmed up and after a long hard first game was able to beat Len 3-0 and win the match 4-2.

In all it was a good weekends squash with a possible return match in Hong Kong noted for next year.

### Third Court

In reply to our proposal to a 3rd court financed out of court usage, the results are overwhelmingly in favour of our proposal and with such a good response, the squash sub-committee will now present the proposal to the main committee for the calling of a EGM to approve the proposal. The notification of the EGM will be posted on notice boards and all Squash section members are asked to attend this meeting.

### TENNIS

With the onset of heavier rains little tennis can be played due to court conditions. Similarly fixture dates cannot be projected with any certainty.

A tennis notice board has now been established near the main bar - and another will shortly be placed at the pool-side bar. As soon as weather permits dates and venues of matches will be posted on these boards.

Meanwhile commencing October 1st court No. 3 will be under repair and closed all that month, meaning that usage of other courts will have to be restricted. Commencing November all courts should be in good condition - thereafter a new court timing schedule will be available for bookings.

### SWIMMING REPORT

School holidays are over and we're back in the 'swim'. Mrs. de Heer has an enthusiastic squad each Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4.30 till 6.00. Swimmers of all standards have much to gain from time with the group. Our improvers badges show this - Swimmers of all ages are constantly taking seconds off their individual best times and then proudly wearing the yellow improvers star. At our September gala - 18 individual times were bettered including one record - 6 & under girls back strokes - Kimberlie Weymouth took 0.1 sec from her own time.

Swimmers of all standards are urged to join us each week and enjoy the time and improve their swimming strokes and fitness.

During the holidays many children gained their personal survival awards and sincere thanks to Mrs. de Heer again for her time and expertise in making this possible. A list now is on the board for those children who missed this group and would like to begin training in October for their awards.

We send very good wishes to all the children who left our ranks at the beginning of this term to go to boarding school. We'll miss them all but hope their swimming may be continued in the 'cooler' waters of UK. We look forward to seeing them during vacations.

Swimming lessons Tuesday and Thursday - contact Helen Jamieson.

### OUTSIDE CATERING

Can the Club help you with your party at home?  
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Dinners  
Buffets  
Barbecues  
Cocktail Reception

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

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Bridge	Jean Gundlach	(391 4923)
Darts	Bryan Baldwin	(221 1921)
	Roy Regan	(252 9801)
Golf	John Burrows	(462 3345)
Ladies Golf	Anne Quinn	(391 2322)
Squash	John Weymouth	(462 5667)
Swimming	Helen Jamieson	(233 7918)
Tennis	Malcolm Kelsey	(314 5441)

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

All material, including advertisements (at ludicrously cheap rates) for the November issue must reach the office by 22 October.

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