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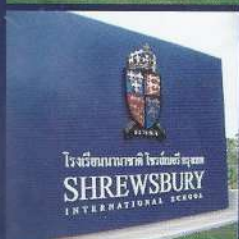




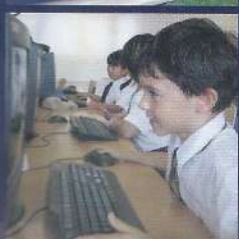
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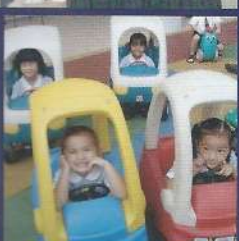
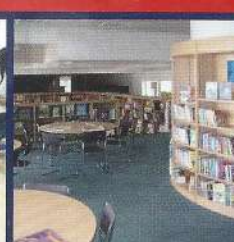
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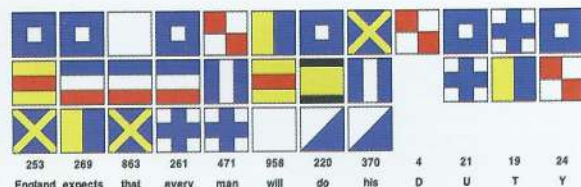
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**"England Expects":**  
The signal given by Admiral Lord Nelson just before the Battle of Trafalgar on 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1805, "England Expects That Every Man Will Do His Duty" is reproduced top right.



Admiral Nelson's famous signal, delivered to the fleet by hoisting flags from the mizzen-mast of HMS Victory.

## A Busy Month with a Pagan End!

This *Outpost* must take some sort of record for the most material crammed into one Issue! This month, we have everything from historical drama to cult VDO; from food & wine to fairs & websites; from illicit affairs to pool repairs. Illicit affairs? Oh yes . . . don't miss our feature article commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar - Remember Nelson.

One of the events in this Issue that hasn't received much attention at all is Halloween! At the end of the month is the Halloween Kids' Party. The celebration has ancient pagan roots going back to the Celtic New Year's eve festival of Samhain.

For the Celts, October 31st marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter - a time of death. On that night the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. The ghosts of dead kinsmen returned to earth, and had to be guided back to the land of the dead by lights set in hollowed-out turnips and gourds. But evil spirits were also loose - witches and goblins - that had to be frightened off with masks and scary faces. Druids, or Celtic priests, built huge sacred bonfires, where the people gathered to burn crops and animals as sacrifices to the Celtic deities.

The result of a 400-year Roman occupation of Celtic lands was the merging of the Celtic Samhain with the Roman harvest festival to honour Pomona, the Roman goddess of fruit and trees. The symbol of Pomona is the apple - so it's no coincidence that October 21st is "Apple Day" and that "bobbing" for apples is part of Halloween today.

The Christians decided to stop all this pagan stuff in the seventh century when Pope Boniface IV designated November 1 All Saints' Day, a time to honor saints and martyrs. All Saints' Day was also called All-hallowed-Souls and the night before it, the night of Samhain, began to be called All-hallows Eve and, eventually . . . Halloween.

**General Gordon's** (filling in for Billy Beefeater)

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# Letter from **the Chair**



**Dear Members,**

## **British Club Website**

At last! This month heralds the launch of the new British Club website which we hope will provide an easy and efficient line of communication to members as well as providing more promotional opportunities for the

Club generally. The website will feature up-to-date information on Club events; a monthly calendar; news from management, sports sections and the General Committee, membership info etc. It will also provide direct access to the Discussion Forum and enable on-line booking of events. Many thanks must go to all the members and staff who have been involved in its development. Check it out on **[www.britishclubbangkok.org](http://www.britishclubbangkok.org)** and let us have your comments!

## **Constitution Rules and Bylaws**

The review and overhaul of our Constitution, Rules and Bylaws has been a major focus of the last month and we hope to present our proposed amendments at an EGM towards the end of November. Thank you to those who have already contributed your views via the Discussion Forum, but we still want to hear from more of you! To this end, we are including the main issues in this edition of *Outpost* (pp 14&15) so if you have not already done so, please do spend some time reviewing these and let us have your comments. It is important to note that the outcome of this review, and ultimate vote by the membership, will affect almost everyone – either because changes to the Rules will be approved by members and therefore new policies will be established, or because members will vote to uphold the current Rules as they stand, in which case they should be enforced.

## **Surawongse Gate**

Last month the management and GC agreed to open the Surawongse Gate for vehicular exit only. This decision was made in light of the new University opening soon in Silom Soi 18 in the hope that it will ease some of the anticipated congestion. While we appreciate (and regret) that the closure of the Surawongse Gate has caused inconvenience for some members, we have been advised only to allow access to the Club from one entrance for security purposes.

We would therefore like to ask for members' co-operation and request that no attempt is made to **enter** the Club in a vehicle from this Gate. We will monitor the situation and review its success (or otherwise!) in a month or two. We thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

## **Yearbook and Annual Report**

It has been customary for the BC Yearbook and Annual Report to be published at the end of the GC year, and distributed at the AGM. However, in recent years this has lapsed somewhat and the book has been coming out many months later. Last year's report, unfortunately, is no exception. It is, of course, important to have a record of each year's events and so the 2004 Yearbook will be finally published this month (with the collaboration of last year's GC) and will also include an interim report on 2005. We will then endeavour to get back on track and produce the full 2005 Report at the end of this Committee year.

## **New Menus**

The decision recently to do a thorough re-costing of food and adjust prices accordingly has caused some reaction amongst members. The adjustments were made based on the standard formula for pricing for the Club (cost x 1.95% + service charge + VAT) and were considered necessary to bring the cost ratio of food sales back to acceptable levels. However, we do acknowledge that some dishes have increased significantly more than others. Some explanation for this is that, while the pricing equation has been applied correctly, this concise food-costing exercise has not been carried out across the board for many years. Also, part of the brief to the new Deputy GM/F&B on his arrival, was to improve the quality of the food and this has inevitably led to the purchase of some higher cost items and some adjustments in quantities. Nevertheless, the results of this exercise have now identified a real need to re-evaluate our overall F&B strategy and pricing policy in each outlet. This review is now taking place and we are looking at various issues including the balance of menu items offered, levels of quality and selection desired for each individual outlet, comparisons with other comparable food outlets etc. If any member would like to get involved in this process, do please let us know.

I look forward to seeing you around the Club soon.

**Angela Daniel**  
Chairman

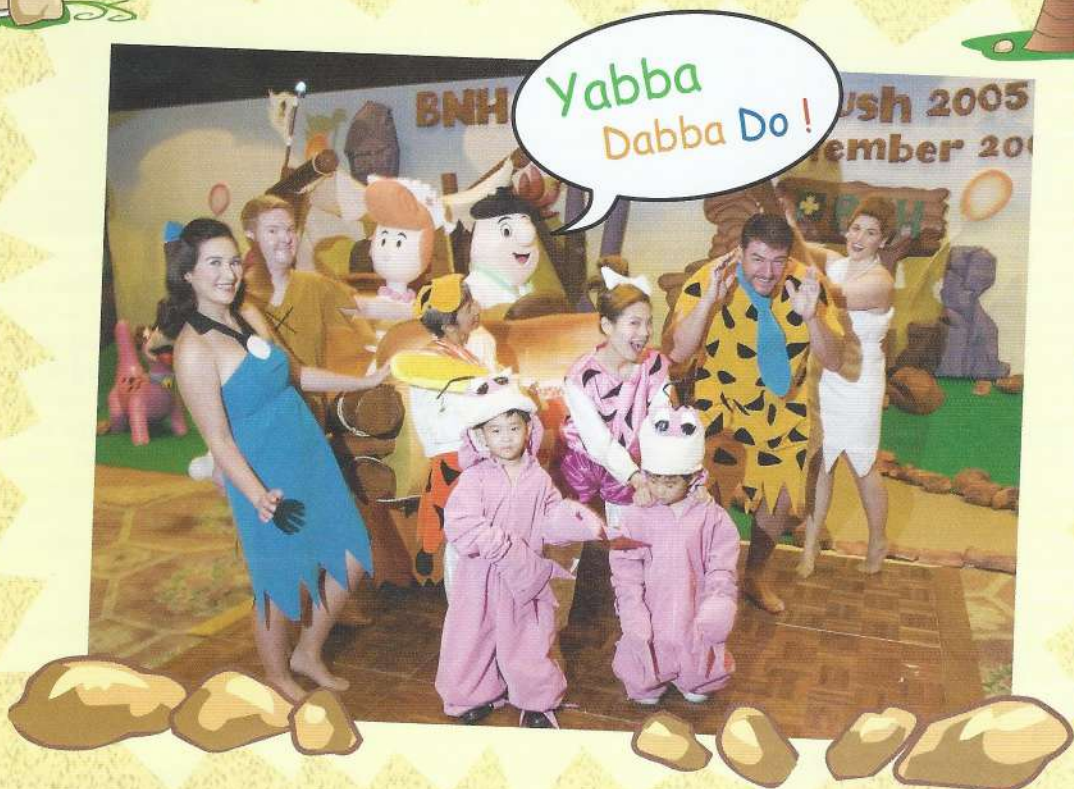
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## Busy Days and Exciting Nights

### Dear Members,

It's great to see you all back from your holidays. We are now entering the really exciting busy period at the Club as we gear up to Christmas and New Year.

On October 8th please come along and support the Club's team in the BNH Hospital's second Bed Push. We took part last year and had a ball. This year the finish line is at the Club so it's a great excuse for a party on the back lawn. If any members also want to help us on the day then please give me a call - we'll be more than happy to have your support.

In October we also have our annual Kids' Halloween party. Last year more than 110 kids attended the party. It was total chaos with food and kids everywhere but the kids had fun - especially with the doughnut-eating contest (and very nice they were too).

Don't forget to put the 6th of November in your diary, as it's the Club's Guy Fawkes spectacular. We will be following the same format that we started last year with everybody seated on the back lawn with loads of entertainment laid on for mums, dads and of course the kids. We will also have a BBQ provided by John and the Club's chefs. The fireworks will be launched at 7pm from the front lawn. Without wishing to be a wet blanket, I would ask parents to please keep a careful eye on the kids, especially during the fireworks display.

I would also like to inform members that the Club's car park will be closed from 10pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November through to 10pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November. This is done for safety reasons. The only vehicles in the grounds will be those from the emergency services. We are arranging alternative parking for members but I would advise members that it might be more convenient to come by taxi. The Club will remain open on the day until 3pm. We will then close and reopen to members with Guy Fawkes tickets only. Even though it's the same format, we have some surprises in store. Last year nearly 500 members attended this event making it one of our biggest events of the year.

This year we have booked two boats for the New Year's Cruise, each offering a dinner cruise but catering to different musical tastes. One boat will have a "ragey" disco and the other will just flow along with mellow background music. Obviously both boats will watch the fire works with a great view on the Chao Phraya River. Our staff will also be on hand to supply you with all your favourite drinks to make the evening even more memorable - well, if not memorable, then more enjoyable anyway!

Don't miss the Christmas order list, included in this Issue. If members want to add an item not on the list then just mention it to John and I'm sure that we will be able to accommodate you. Last year we actually made and sold over 3000 mince pies - not bad considering we only have one baker!

November also sees the start of the Scottish country dancing with the St Andrews Society every Monday night and of course we will also be helping out at the Ploenchit Fair. As you can see we have loads of events and activities coming up. We are even planning the very first BC Children's Christmas Ball and Hanni is going to be organizing a kids' sleep-over here at the Club.

And if that weren't enough excitement, check out the Club's new website (see below) which is now up and running!

Whatever the event, and whatever you're doing, I look forward to seeing you around and about your Club in the not too distant future.

Regards,

**Barry Osborne**  
General Manager



## British Club Website Goes Live!

**T**his month we are delighted to announce the **Phase One launch** of the new, improved British Club website and we'd like to thank all those members who have worked so hard on its development. Check it out now at [www.britishclubbangkok.org](http://www.britishclubbangkok.org)!

The first phase has been to load in all the 'static' information regarding our facilities, regular sports & activities, Club section details, how to join the Club etc. You can also find a monthly calendar of events on the site, staff contact information, our Constitution, Rules and Bylaws, General Committee news etc.

For security reasons, some of this information will be public and some will be for members only. To view the membership topics, you will need to log-in each time you access the home page. Once you've done this you will also have direct access to the Member Discussion Forum (however, for the time being you will still be able to log in to this using the regular URL <http://forum.britishclubbangkok.org>)

We hope that, as it evolves, the site will become more active with weekly events, activities and Club news being regularly updated. You might want to set it as your home page to keep up to date with what's going on!

Please let us have your feedback!

**I.T. Subcommittee**



# WHAT'S GOING ON

## Special Events at the Club this month

### \*\* BNH HOSPITAL BED PUSH

**Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

Come along and support this worthy cause. Starts BNH Hospital at 4pm and finishes on the Club's back lawn from 6pm onwards. Award ceremony and party from 7pm onwards.

### \*\* FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX

**Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, noon - "Japan"**

**Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 1pm - "China"**

(More details below)

### \*\* VDO NIGHT

**Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, Suriwongse Room**  
"CARRY ON CRUISING!"

**Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, Suriwongse Room**

"4.50 FROM PADDINGTON" (Miss Marple)

Each evening will kick off at 7.30pm, and a full F&B Menu will be available from 7pm.

### \*\* QUIZ NIGHT

**Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm, Churchill Bar**

Join host Rodney Bain for our BC Bar Quiz.

There are four rounds of 19 questions each, plus the ever-popular "Common Denominator". Cost is 100 Baht per person, with teams of 4 to 6 persons. To book please contact Khun Ben or Reception.

### \*\* NEW ZEALAND SPECIAL

#### WINE MAKERS' DINNER

**Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm,**

**Lord's Restaurant**

Sumptuous dining, with 5-course menu complemented by excellent NZ wines. (menu p19)

### \*\* VDO SPECIAL

**Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, Suriwongse Room**

"ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW"

Starts 7.30 with F&B service from 7pm.

ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK!

### \*\* WINE TASTING

**Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, Suriwongse Room**

Taste a range of wines from around the world. All wines presented are on sale at special rates for members. This is an ideal time to start stocking up your Christmas wine cellar! Come and sample the delicious wine and free Club Canapes. (Article, p34)

### \*\* CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

**Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 11am to 1pm,**

**Suriwongse Room**

Full-on kids' fancy dress party with Halloween menu and plenty of activities & games. Followed by kids' video at 2pm.

## "DOWN TO THE WIRE!"

As we come to the finales of the 2005 Grand Prix Season with the last two races, both in Asia, it is still neck and neck between Fernando Alonso and Kimi Raikkonen with Michael Schumacher completely out of the running!

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Kimi Raikkonen



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Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Chinese Grand Prix</b>	LIVE AT	1pm

As usual the Qualifying session will be shown on the Saturday at 11am and Noon respectively.

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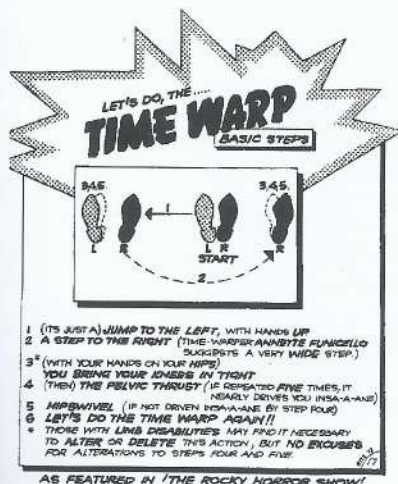
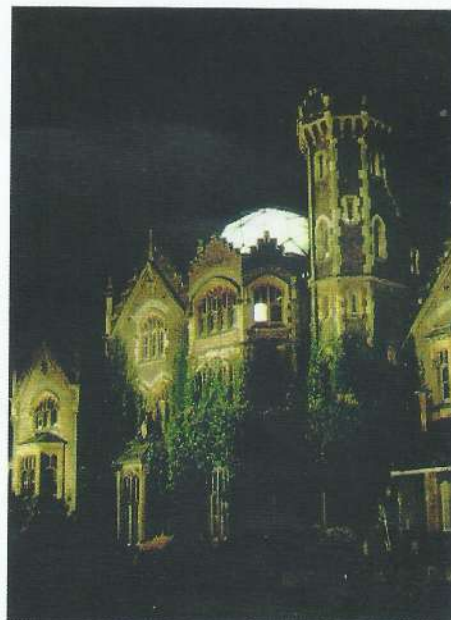
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# THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW

**Michael Rennie was ill  
The Day the Earth Stood Still  
But he told us where we stand**

**And Flash Gordon was there  
In silver underwear  
Claude Rains was The Invisible Man**

**...it's a late night, double feature,  
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AS FEATURED IN 'THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW'



"I would like, ah, if I may . . . to take you on a strange journey . . . It seemed a fairly ordinary night when Brad Majors and his fiancée Janet Weiss, two young, ordinary, healthy kids, left Denton that late November evening, to visit a Dr. Everett Scott, ex-tutor, and now friend to both of them. It's true there were dark storm clouds, heavy, black, and pendulous, towards which they were driving. It's true, also, that the spare tyre they were carrying was badly in need of some air, but, uh, they being normal kids and, on a night out . . . well, they were not going to let a storm spoil the events of their evening, were they? . . . On a night out . . . it was a night out they were going to remember . . . for a very long time."

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As it always says . . .

## ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK

This Special Movie evening will be held in the Suriwongse Room on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. The doors will open at 7pm to serve F&B and the programme will start at 7.30pm.





## Anthony Traill

**A**nthony Murray Traill (Tony), a long time resident of Bangkok, died peacefully on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2005, while on holiday in England.

Mr. Traill was born in Preston in 1918 and grew up in Salisbury. A gifted sportsman, he spent his teenage years playing sports to a highly competitive level; water polo, rugby, springboard diving and swimming.

Mr. Traill went to college to train as a teacher and spent a few years teaching in London. When World War II broke out he joined the army and was posted to India with his brother Sinclair who was in the RAF.

After the War, began a great interest in Athletics and sports and nutrition - starting a long and successful career. He trained at Loughborough University to be a track and field coach. During this time he played rugby for Loughborough and then later for one of the premiere rugby clubs, London-Scottish. After accompanying the Great Britain Athletics team to the Melbourne Olympics in 1956, he moved to the East to train the Pakistan national track and field team. He enjoyed great success in Pakistan, and was placed in charge of the team at the Empire Games and then the Rome Olympics in 1960. Mr. Traill returned to England, and took up a teaching post for the next few years in London and then in Brighton. While in Brighton he took up weight-lifting and became Southern England champion in his weight division.

In 1964 Mr. Traill was offered the job as coach to the Thailand national track and field team. He accompanied the Thai team to the Tokyo Olympic Games. Thailand was to become his permanent home, where he met and fell in love with his wife to be, Chinda. He was also involved in his early years as a springboard diving coach, and while as a weightlifting coach, was responsible for coaching the Thai lifter, the late Khun Chaiya Sookchinda, who under Mr. Traill's tutelage became the world record holder for his weight division.

In 1966 Mr. Traill founded the Traill International School (initially known as the Preparatory School), and was Principal of the School right up until last year when he retired from the post. He has been an active member of the British Club for 35 years, playing football for the Club in the Farang Soccer League until he was 62 years old. Mr. Traill continued to be involved throughout his time in Thailand in a variety of sports in coaching and administrative roles. He is survived by his wife, Chinda, daughters Christabel and Lillian, son Robert and granddaughter Alexia.



# Loy Krathong



Wednesday, 16th November 2005



Celebrate Loy Krathong

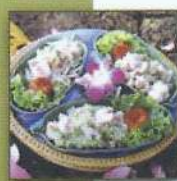


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Krathong/ Thai show



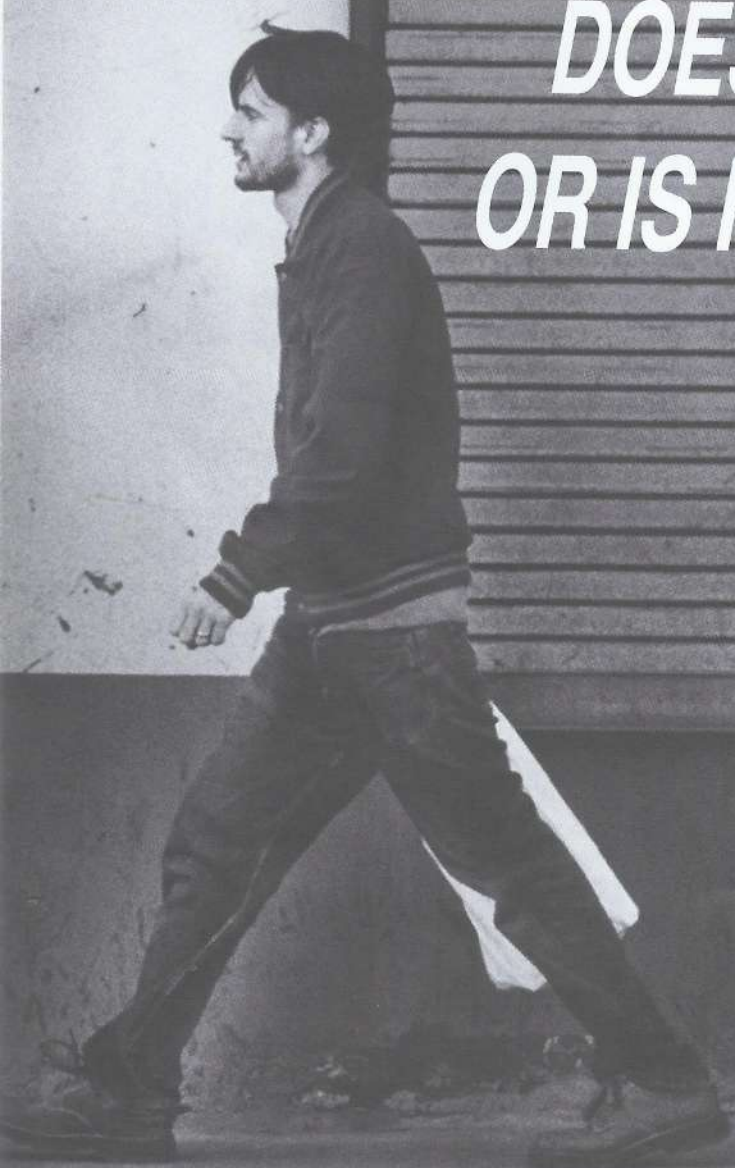
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## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

### **TUESDAYS Churchill Bar**

5:30-9:00pm

### **WEDNESDAYS Churchill Bar**

Lunch & Dinner  
(Noon-2:00pm & 5:30-9:00pm)

7:00pm and 8:00pm

7:30pm

### **THURSDAYS Churchill Bar**

6:00-9:00pm

### **FRIDAYS Churchill Bar**

Lunch & Dinner  
(Noon-2:00pm & 5:30-9:00pm)

### **Silom Sala**

7:00pm and 9:00pm

### **SATURDAYS Lord's Restaurant**

9:00am-Noon

### **SUNDAYS Lord's Restaurant**

9:00am-Noon

Noon-3:00pm

### **Silom Room**

1:30-3:30pm

Friendly Bridge

CARVERY BUFFET Bt 230. Choose from 3 roast joints, 3 potato styles, 3 veggies. Also with fresh salad (Bt 270).

#### **CROWN RELOCATIONS ACCUMULATOR**

Any member could win from Bt 5,000 to Bt 25,000 – prize increases each week.

BARRY'S BOTTLE DRAW – somebody present in the Bar will win a bottle of whisky, tequila, vodka or gin.

Chess

THEME BUFFET - Indian Curries & specialty Indian dishes (7<sup>th</sup> October); Tex-Mex (Dinner only) – Chimmi chungas, burritos, refried beans and key lime pie (14<sup>th</sup>); Mediterranean classical cuisine, including risottos, polenta, tortilla, paella and pizza (28<sup>th</sup>).

Kids' VDO It's free. Includes free Nestle Sundaes for the kids.

BREAKFAST BUFFET Bt 250 (kids Bt150). All the traditional British favorites (such as grilled and fried sausages and bacon) + omelette-cooking show, continental bakery delights, freshly homemade toast, breads, waffles and pancakes + cereals, mueslis, Khao Tom, Porridge, fresh juices and cut fruits.

#### **A LA CARTE BREAKFAST**

FAMILY CARVERY – Choose from 2 soups, cold cuts, 3 roasts carvery, with potatoes and veggies, hot dishes, children's buffet, fresh salad bar and a range of desserts.

Adults Bt 330 and children Bt 180 (includes soft drink)

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES. Games, videos, crafts, soft drinks and snacks with Khun Suzie. Cost: FREE

## Official Opening Times

10:00am - 11:00pm

11:30am - 2:00pm

6:00pm - 10:00pm

7:30am - 10:00pm

6:00am - 10:00pm

6:00am - 9:00pm

9:00am - 6:00pm

Churchill Bar

Lord's Restaurant\* (Lunch)

Lord's Restaurant\* (Dinner)

Poolside Bar (last food orders - 9:30pm)

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Fitness Centre (weekends)

Thai Massage (Tues-Sun)

\* Special opening hours may apply for Buffets and weekend Breakfasts



# MOVING INTO THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY!

Let us get the hard bit out of the way first. This letter is about the Club Constitution and the review currently being conducted to update it into a constructive document fit for the second 100 years of the Club! Whilst we appreciate that this is not everyone's cup of tea, we really do need members' input on a variety of issues before we can propose any policy changes. So please read this and, better still, do let us have your views! (See end of letter for how to do this.) Thank you to those members who have already posted your comments through the on-line BCB Discussion Forum.

Although the General Committee will publish all proposed amendments in a calling notice for an EGM planned for late November 2005, we would like to float a number of 'key' changes with members ahead of time. It is important for members to understand that after an EGM, all existing rules, amendments and any new rules adopted will be enforced for the benefit of all members.

## 1. GUESTS

**a) Number of visits per year:** As a Members' Club, entry is for members and their immediate family only. One of the privileges of membership is to be able to introduce guests into the Club. However the Constitution restricts the same guest, if resident in Thailand, to only THREE visits in any ONE YEAR – that is not three times each with a number of different members but three times in total. This is because many of these 'guests' are eligible for Club membership in their own right and with limited capacity in our Sports facilities, it is considered only fair that these facilities are only used by members.

In 1998, in order to boost Food & Beverage sales in both the Churchill Bar and the Lord's Dining Room, this restriction was lifted for those two venues ONLY, for a trial period. However, the trial was never ratified and six years down the track we now not only have 'regular guests' who enter with members weekly or even more frequently to drink in the Bar and eat in Lord's but also who play racquet sports, or swim, all without paying a joining fee or a monthly subscription.

There are, thus, a number of options open for members to clarify Club policy in this area: do we –

- Uphold the existing rules (three visits in one year) and enforce it?
- Ratify the Trial allowing freer access to the Clubhouse and enforce the rules at Poolside?
- Consider a different option . . . like

charging members, say 100 Baht for each guest per visit, or limiting guests visits to (say) 10 times per year?

Your view as a member is important here . . . All guests are potential new members . . . but which balance is fair?

**b) Guest numbers on any one visit** - At present we are limited to introducing three guests to the Club on any one visit without prior agreement from the Management or the GC. This was presumably to ensure the number of guests did not cause inconvenience to other members. Should this be extended, say, for people wanting to dine in Lord's or indeed extended per se to any part of the Club premises?

## 2. NON-MEMBER PLAYERS

To clarify, the term 'Non-Member Players' does not refer to guests who come in to play tennis or squash with a member. It refers to some players in our four Field Sports Sections (Rugby, Soccer, Cricket and Hockey) who practice in the Club but play on Sports Fields away from the Club.

Typically each sport needs a squad of 15 to 20 players and over the years we have been increasingly unable to field complete 'all member' teams. At present our rules allow these Sections to have five non-members in their team and as per Rule 63 that they only play away from the Club.

However, for our teams to be competitive there is a need to bring in a larger number of young non-member players to play and, as a consequence, for them to practice in the Club with their teammates. Rugby as an example has won dozens of trophies over the past few years by having such people dedicated to the team – these are students, young Thais, local contract expatriates or non-working children of non-members, who are not in a position to afford to join the Club.

We are looking at a provision to allow up to 50% of our Squad to be young non-member players but with clear rules on Club entry, use of facilities etc, so that our Field Sports section can continue to prosper and the Club continues to enjoy the prestige of winning major sporting tournaments. Would you support this?

## 3. 'ASSOCIATED' GROUPS

A major area of constitutional vacuum is the question of the numerous groups that are "associated" with the Club. These are outside organisations, with their own memberships but with British Club members in their number, who use our facilities on a regular basis. These include, and the list is not complete - the Bangkok



Community Theatre, The Society of Professional Engineers in Thailand, the Societies of St George, St Andrew, St Patrick and St David, the British Women's Group, ANZWG, BAMBI, CCSDPT and to lesser extent the British Council, Canada Day Committee, the Chambers of Commerce and some Masonic Lodges.

There are members who welcome the diversity that these groups bring to Club life, and there are also members who fear that such frequent use of Club facilities deters the non-members from actually joining the Club. Our own Constitution points the way in that we exist *for the benefit of all in the British community in Thailand* recognising a broader remit of the other core nationalities of Australia, Canada and New Zealand. However, the non-member use of the Club is currently unconstitutional.

As with the need to regulate non-member players in our Field Sports teams, it is proposed that we establish clear constitutional criteria to give these organisations use of the Club with clear regulations on entry, use of facilities, payment methods etc. Continued use of the Club's facilities could then be ratified by members annually at the AGM.

With a clear framework to build on, it is believed that the Associated Groups can make a valued contribution to Club life. Would you support this?

#### 4. OTHER MATTERS

The full review of the Constitution also highlighted a number of other areas where policy may need to be changed or even created . . .

- CHILD CARERS/MAIDS – Are these guests of members, or part of a member's family? Should they be allowed in the Club without a member being present? Should we charge a fee for entry of a member's staff?
- TEMPORARY MEMBERS – These are mainly reciprocal members from other clubs, with some short-term visitors as well. At present they may not bring in guests at all – many clubs have relaxed this – should we reciprocate?
- PARENTS/SIBLINGS/CHILDREN (OVER 21) ON HOLIDAY – These are currently treated as guests or temporary members. Should it be a member's privilege that your parents, children or siblings can use the Club whilst on holiday here, say for up to a month in any year?
- RETIRED PARENTS – If a member's parents retire to Thailand they are, at present, treated only as guests – should we have a reduced entry fee for such retired parents of say, over 60 years of age?

- SINGLE PARENTS – At present, interpretation of Rule 56 is that single members with children must be family members. However, should single parents with children (under say 8 years old) be allowed on a single membership?
- DIVORCEES – In all cases only the member retains the membership; thus we have two 'problems'. Firstly if the divorced spouse is of associate nationality and wants to join in their own right should they have to join the waiting list or should they be allowed to join immediately? Secondly, if the couple were originally two single members (i.e. two joining fees had been paid) should not they both retain individual membership?
- CHILDREN IN HIGHER EDUCATION – At present children of members of more than five years' standing enjoy a 75% discount on joining fees when they reach the age of 21. At present this can be deferred one year. Should this be deferred to 25 years of age if they are out of Thailand in Higher Education for example?
- SIGNING IN OF GUESTS – a rule "more honoured in the breach than in the observance" – should we delete the existing rule and create a by-law reflecting the changing security needs of the Club in managing entry of non-members onto the premises?
- SPOUSE – To reflect modern lifestyles, should we redefine spouse within a family membership to be 'spouse or domestic partner with whom one co-habits' thus encompassing those who are not married.

#### CONCLUSION

If you are still awake at this point – congratulate yourself! Please remember that this is a Members' Club and all rules and regulations should be for the benefit of the members. This means we need YOUR opinions. Please take a little time to consider the above and give us your views in any of the following ways:

Posting your views on the on-line Discussion Forum is the easiest way to do this and also lets you see other members' views and debate issues. Just go to <http://forum.britishclubbangkok.org> follow the registration procedures and then click on the *Constitution, Rules & Bylaws* topic to post your comments. However you can also send an email to the GC ([GC@britishclubbangkok.org](mailto:GC@britishclubbangkok.org)) or write directly, c/o The Chairman, at the Club.

Thank you. We look forward to receiving your comments soon.

**BCB Constitution, Rules & Bylaws  
Sub Committee 2005/2006**



# Who was this **Fawkes** guy anyway?

*Once again, the Club will celebrate Guy Fawkes Night with a bonfire and fireworks extravaganza (see page 22). For those not familiar with this aspect of English history, the official version is roughly as follows . . .*



Guy Fawkes (better known to his friends as Guido) was caught in a cellar underneath the English Houses of Parliament in the early hours of November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1605. In the cellar with him were 36 barrels of gunpowder and in his pockets were slow-burning matches and assorted kindling. Now, it just so happened that November 5<sup>th</sup> was the formal opening of Parliament at which the King himself would be present. Naturally the King was not at all amused by these developments and gave special permission for Guy Fawkes to be tortured, a practice that was illegal unless authorised . . .

To cut a long story (and torture session) short, it turned out that Guy Fawkes was one of more than a dozen Catholic extremists who had planned to blow up King James I and the entire Parliament of England during its formal opening, thus triggering, they hoped, a rebellion that would result in the restoration of Catholicism.

How could it have come to this? Well . . . right

from the time Henry VIII split from Catholicism in the 1520s and started his own Church of England, things had gone badly for the Catholics. Such was the persecution during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I that the building of "priest-holes" (hiding places) became a growth industry. When James I ascended the throne, Catholics anticipated a reprieve but, alas, it was business as usual, with the same

harsh penalties being dished out to "recusants" (those who refused to worship in the Church of England).

Some historians say that the "Gunpowder Plot" was a last desperate attempt to re-establish Catholicism in England; others that it was all cooked up by the King's men in order to provide a pretext for cracking down on the Jesuits . . . Whatever the true version, Guy Fawkes and most of his fellow conspirators were eventually hanged, drawn and quartered, a particularly nasty death reserved for traitors.

The failure of the Gunpowder Plot was celebrated by a relieved King, Parliament and most of the non-Catholic citizenry. The November 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary is still celebrated in England with fireworks and bonfires, on which are burned effigies of the conspirator (called "guys").



*A penny for the Guy*

**"Guy":** According to *Wikipedia*, the free Internet encyclopedia, Guy Fawkes' name is also the origin of the word "guy" in the English language, particularly in American spoken English. The burning on 5 November of an effigy of Fawkes, known as a "guy", led to the use of the word "guy" as a term for "a person of grotesque appearance". Over time, the word evolved to become a general reference for a man, as in "some guy called for you." In the 20th century, under the influence of American popular culture, "guy" gradually replaced "fellow," "bloke," "chap" and other such words in many English-speaking countries.

## CENTRAL BLOOD REGISTER

### Seeking Rhesus Negative Blood donors

The Central Blood Register is a voluntary register for people willing to give Rhesus negative blood in the event of an emergency.

Rhesus negative blood groups are very rare in Thailand. You never know when you, a loved one, friend or colleague may be in need of a few units of that very special fluid.

With the cooperation of various clubs, societies and companies banding together the names and blood groups of their members, the Central Blood Register was created.

Signing up for the CBR does not carry any obligation, nor does it mean you will necessarily ever be asked to donate. If you are called, the chances are it will probably be to help save a life.

If you wish your name and/or spouse's name to be included on the Central Blood Register, please fill out the CBR Form - available at BC Reception - and return to:

CBR Co-ordinator, c/o ANZWG, 37 South Sathorn Road, Bangkok 10120. (Mobile: 09 068 8533)

**Please pass the word to friends or family who may wish to register as a Rhesus Negative blood donor . . .**



## By John

“Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness,  
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;  
Conspiring with him how to load and bless  
With fruit the vines that round the thatch eber run.”

John Keats, *Ode to Autumn*



### Dear Members,

Functions and events are coming in fast and furiously; we are receiving very positive feedback from everyone who has chosen the Club to cater for their special event. So if you are having a celebration or party of sorts, think about your Club to cater for your needs. There seems to be a trend for last minute functions at the moment, which normally we can always accommodate, but you will get the very best results if you book well in advance.

### What's on in October -

#### Lord's Restaurant:

Sunday at the Lord's is getting busier now, so we will start the full Sunday lunch buffet again, with starters, soups and desserts alongside the three roasts carvery, with potatoes and veggies, hot dishes and kids food and fresh salad bar. Priced at 330 baht for adults and 180 baht for kids with free soft drink.

Saturday breakfast buffet is up and running with a great selection of British and Thai breakfast favourites. Alongside the grilled and fried sausages, bacon and black pudding are all the other hot dishes you would expect on a five star buffet. Egg and omelette cooking show, bakery corner with fresh homemade breads, toast, waffles, cereals, muesli and khao tom cooked fresh and hot, just how you like it. There are also fresh juices and cut fruits.

So bring the family along for a British Club Breakfast and get the weekend off to a great start.

Adults 250 baht and kids under 14 years 150 baht. Saturday 9am till noon. Newspapers and TV.

Lord's is also open early on Sundays, for a la carte breakfast from 9am onwards.

#### Churchill Bar:

The Wednesday Carvery; Lunch and Dinner; with three roasts, potatoes and veggies at 230 baht and with fresh salad bar at 270 baht, is still proving popular in the afternoons and is the

perfect complement to the Wednesday accumulator in the evening.



I have just returned from holidaying in Scotland, so I decided to introduce some new whisky to the Churchill Bar, but you will have to hurry as

there are limited stocks and they are proving very popular.

Many members have requested the return of the Friday buffet, so for this month we will be offering:

**Friday 7th October** - Lunch and Dinner; Indian Curry Buffet; with speciality Indian dishes and music. Kingfisher beer will be on a special price for the day as well.



**Friday 14th October** - Night time only; Tex-Mex food and drink promotion. The last one we did was excellent, with Texan and Mexican delights such as chimmi chungas, refried beans, burritos and delicious Key Lime pie. The Corona team will also be here with the girls serving out bottles of the golden beer with test tubes of tequila dropped into them. We will have a special guest bartender who has a reputation for great Margaritas - she can make them just the way you like them, along with a few other special cocktails for the night.



**Thursday 20th October - Battle of Trafalgar**

- To commemorate the 200-year anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, the Churchill Bar will be hosting a special Lord Nelson Buffet. There will be an abundance of special dishes on the buffet with a certain emphasis on the Great British apple. Join us to celebrate this truly momentous occasion in British history.

**Friday 21st October** - We will give the Friday buffet a break as we have an extra special New Zealand Wine Makers' Dinner in the Lord's Restaurant. (Book now to avoid disappointment.)

As it is apple day on the 21st, we will have some special dishes on the blackboard in the Churchill Bar incorporating this wholesome fruit.

**Friday 28th October** - Mediterranean Buffet, with delicious classical dishes including risottos, polenta, Spanish tortilla, Paella and Pizza, to name but a few.

Buffet priced at only 225 baht includes a free glass of Italian wine . . .

**Poolside:**

We have had quite a few comments on the instability of the tables at the Sala, so Khun Noo and his team have set about repairing them.



Our Apple Day Special Drink, which will be on sale throughout the month of October, is Apple and Strawberry Frappe. This delicious refreshing drink shown here by Khun June, your poolside supervisor, is the perfect thing to sooth you on a hot afternoon after that hot game of tennis - and with the

surprise of strawberry jelly at the bottom it is great for kids also.

If you have any special requests for your favourite sandwich, please ask the staff and let me know and I can put it on the menu.

I am presently working on a "fit-for-you" option to the menu and it will be up and running soon.

**Up and coming events to look out for:**

**Saturday 8th October:** BNH Hospital Bed Push; Caring Hearts Foundation.

The Club will be entering a bed in the theme of Harry Potter, with Khun Barry in a pushy role as Hagrid. The race will be ending here at the Club where we will be cooking up lots of tasty bits to

fill the worthy bed pushers.

**Tuesday 18th October: Churchill Bar Quiz Night.**

The Bar is normally packed for this night, so if you would like to enter in a team please leave your name at Reception or contact myself or Barry - we can slot you into a team or you can enter your own team. Lots of fun and prizes to be had on the night. This month we'll be having a special Imported German Beer promotion on the night as well, with specialty beers like Franziskaner Hefeweizen dunkel / dark and Kristal at a special reduced price for the night - and the kitchens will put on a special German snack menu to accompany the Beers.

Join us for another great evening at the Churchill Bar.

**Friday 21st October:** Wine Makers' Dinner at the Lord's Restaurant.

The Club will be hosting a special wine makers' dinner in conjunction with Robin Mundy of St. Helena and John Hancock of Trinity Hill, who have travelled all the way from New Zealand courtesy of Tom Westbury from Prestige Wines. This very special New Zealand wine makers' dinner will be on the evening of Friday the 21st October in the Lord's Restaurant. We have created a delicious five-course menu to complement some excellent wines (see menu opposite) and these truly successful wine makers will be there on hand to chat about the wines. For reservations, please call the Club and leave your name at reception.

**Friday 28th October:** Wine Tasting at Suriwongse Room.

Come and sample wines from four different companies. With the party season fast approaching, the British Club Bangkok wine tasting evening is the place to get your hands on that special bargain, and with special snacks to complement the wines, it makes for a pleasant evening. Come join us.

**Sunday 30th October:** Halloween Kids' Party at the Suriwongse Room.

The kitchens are really testing their culinary skills with a menu of Bloody Worms, Chopped-up Fingers, Spiders Web Pizzas, Deep Fried Rats Ears and Juicy Eyeballs. With lots of activities throughout the day, this is going to be a Halloween to remember. Time: 11am till 2pm.

A big thank you to all who enjoyed the Scottish Night at the Churchill Bar on Friday the 23rd of September (I am still getting over it). Look out for the photos in next month's *Outpost*.





## NEW ZEALAND WINE

### MAKERS' DINNER

21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER  
at LORD'S RESTAURANT



#### 1<sup>st</sup> COURSE

Seared King Fish and New Zealand Mussel with a Smoked Salmon and Leek and Tomato Broth  
*St. Helena Estate Chardonnay 2003 Marlborough*



#### 2<sup>nd</sup> COURSE

Blue Cheese and Granny Smith Apple Salad of Micro Greens with a Balsmico and Rocket Greens Dressing  
*St. Helena Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2004*



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> COURSE

Cream of Pacific Oyster and Champagne Soup  
*St. Helena Estate Riesling 2004*



INTERMEDIATE COURSE  
Duo of Citrous Sorbets



#### 4<sup>th</sup> COURSE

Marinated Rump of New Zealand Lamb  
with Gorgonzola Polenta and Red Onion Confit, Red Wine Reduction  
*St. Helena Estate Pinot Noir 2002 Canterbury*



#### 5<sup>th</sup> COURSE

Mini Pots of Chocolate with Orange Snaps  
*St. Helena Estate Late Harvest 1999 Canterbury*



Coffee or Tea  
Petit Fours

Baht 1600 per person



## Apple Creations:

Apple Day - 21st October: There are about 1,200 varieties of British apples that have been bred or discovered and yet so few of these can be found in the shops (especially here in Thailand). Here are some of the creations that the BCB kitchens have come up with for the October specials blackboard in the Churchill Bar.

### APPLE AND BLUE CHEESE SOUP, LACED WITH CIDER:



Creamy soup, with blue cheese, apples and cider beer.

Delicious, served with fresh warm bread.

### ROAST TENDERLOIN OF AUSTRALIAN GRAIN-FED BEEF WITH CONFIT APPLE AND STILTON CRUST, SERVED WITH RED CABBAGE JAM AND CHATEAUX POTATOES:



Prime grain-fed tenderloin cut of beef, cooked to your liking and served with red cabbage, apples and stilton. The whole dish marries together

splendidly to make a perfect dining experience. Enjoy . . . perhaps with a glass or two of our house Merlot from McGuigan.

### APPLE AND CUSTARD MERINGUE PIE:



Baked apples and chilled custard in a perfect flan pastry, topped with delicious meringue, served with raspberry compote and vanilla sauce.



As it is Apple Day on the 21st, we will have Cider on at a special promotional price throughout the month:

Strongbow Cider	from 165 baht down to 150 baht
Blackthorn Cider	from 180 baht down to 160 baht

So if you fancy a refreshing change to beer, then now's the time to try. (Available at all food and beverage outlets in the Club.)



# BC CALENDAR OCTOBER – The Month at a Glance

**Sunday**

<b>30</b>	<b>Lord's Restaurant</b> 9:00am-12noon a La Carte Breakfast 12noon-3:00pm Family Carvery  <b>Silom Room</b> 1:00-3:30pm Children's Activities	<b>Wordsworth Room</b> 3:00-4:00pm Yoga  <b>Suriwongse Room</b> 11:00am-1:00pm <b>HALLOWEEN Kids' Party</b> 2:00pm <b>Kids' VDO</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Lord's Restaurant</b> 9:00am-12noon a La Carte Breakfast 12noon-3:00pm Family Carvery  <b>Silom Room</b> 1:00-3:30pm Children's Activities	2:30pm <b>Tennis Thailand Open</b> Finals  <b>Wordsworth Room</b> 3:00-4:00pm Yoga	<b>9</b>	<b>Lord's Restaurant</b> 9:00am-12noon a La Carte Breakfast 12noon-3:00pm Family Carvery <b>Churchill Bar</b> 12noon <b>Formula 1 Grand Prix</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Race live from Japan
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**Monday**

<b>31</b>	9:00am-12noon BWG Mahjong  10:00-11:00am Aerobics	6:00-10:00pm Tennis Squad Training	<b>3</b>	9:00am-12noon BWG Mahjong  10:00-11:00am Aerobics	6:00-10:00pm Tennis Squad Training	<b>10</b>	9:00am-12noon BWG Mahjong  10:00-11:00am Aerobics
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**Tuesday**

			<b>4</b>	8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix-In 10:30-11:30am Aqua Aerobics  6:00-9:00pm Cricket Practice 7:00-9:00pm Football Practice	<b>Churchill Bar</b> 5:30-9:00pm Friendly Bridge  <b>Adult Swimming Clinic</b> 7:30-8:30pm Swimming Pool	<b>11</b>	8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix-In 10:30-11:30am Aqua Aerobics  6:00-9:00pm Cricket Practice 7:00-9:00pm Football Practice
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**Wednesday**

			<b>5</b>	5:00-6:30pm Junior Tennis  6:00-10:00pm Tennis Mix-in	<b>Churchill Bar</b> Lunch & Dinner <b>CARVERY Buffet</b> 7:00&8:00pm <b>CROWN RELOCATIONS BAR</b> <b>ACCUMULATOR</b> 7:30 pm Barry's Bottle Draw	<b>12</b>	5:00-6:30pm Junior Tennis  6:00-10:00pm Tennis Mix-in
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**Thursday**

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**Friday**

			<b>7</b>	4:00-6:00pm Junior Tennis  6:00-10:00pm Tennis Mix-in	<b>Churchill Bar</b> Lunch & Dinner <b>INDIAN CURRY Buffet</b>  <b>Silom Sala</b> 7.00-9.00pm <b>Kids' VDO</b>	<b>14</b>	4:00-6:00pm Junior Tennis  6:00-10:00pm Tennis Mix-in
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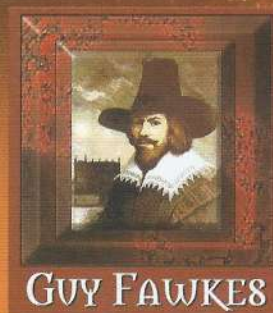
**Saturday**

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GUY FAWKES

# Guy Fawkes Night

Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> November



**Start at 4pm**

**with an afternoon full of activities and events**

BBQ supper starts at 4.30pm

And the Bonfire

Fireworks display at 7pm

**Bt. 600.- / adult**

**Bt. 450.- / children under 12 years**

Please sign up at Reception



# THE BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR -

## 200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The Battle of Trafalgar, fought on 21 October 1805, was the most significant naval engagement of the Napoleonic Wars and the pivotal naval battle of the 19th century. A Royal Navy fleet of 27 ships of the line destroyed an allied French and Spanish fleet of 33 ships of the line west of Cape Trafalgar in south-west Spain. The enemy lost 22 ships; the British none. The British commander Admiral Lord Nelson died late in the battle, by which time his victory had ensured his place as one of Britain's greatest military war heroes.

The British victory put an end to Napoleon's plans to invade Britain across the English Channel. Once the threat of invasion was removed, British troops could be used to fight on the European continent, which was a major factor in Napoleon's ultimate fall. After the battle, the Royal Navy remained unchallenged as the world's foremost naval power until the rise of Imperial Germany prior to the First World War, 100 years later.

### REMEMBER NELSON

Horatio Nelson was the fifth - and third surviving - child of the Reverend Edmund and Caroline Nelson. He was born in 1758 in the now demolished rectory in the village of Burnham Thorpe in Norfolk, where his father was the rector. The church still stands.

Caroline Nelson, whose parents were prosperous Cambridge bakers, on her mother's side was a second cousin of the first Prime Minister, Robert Walpole, in whose gift was the rector's living at Burnham Thorpe. She was to have six further children, but was to die when Horatio was nine, having, as her last child Catherine was later to say, bred herself to death.

Whilst never a strong child, the young Nelson had determination and also greatly admired his Uncle Maurice, his mother's elder brother and by then a Captain in the Royal Navy. Perhaps partially to ease the life of a widowed village rector, who had a large and young family to care for and certainly by Horatio's own choosing, Edmund Nelson wrote to his brother-in law and asked him if he would take the boy.

'What has poor Horace done, who is so weak, that he, above all the rest, should be sent to rough it out at sea? But let him come and the first time we go into action a cannon ball may knock off his head and provide for him at once', wrote Suckling, encouragingly, in reply. And so it was that Horatio Nelson went to sea with his uncle, Captain Maurice Suckling, in 1770, at the tender age of 12. The young Nelson joined the captured French 3rd rate HMS RAISONNABLE, then commanded by his uncle Maurice, at Sheerness at the mouth of the Medway in 1770 and went to the West Indies for a year. It was to be no picnic and far from healthy. Nelson was later to suffer from recurrent malaria and also to be dreadfully sea-sick from that day until the day he died. He did well enough and by 1779, the height of the War of Independence, was a Post Captain at the age of twenty-one, something not unusual in those days.

He also had a number of sea commands of increasing size, more notably of HMS Albermarle in 1787, where one of his officers was Prince William, the second son of the King and the future King William IV. It was reputedly he who, standing for the Loyal Toast to his Father, banged his head, since when officers of the



Royal Navy have always toasted the Sovereign's health sitting down. It was also at this time that Nelson met and married Frances Nesbit, a British widow, on the island of Nevis in the West Indies. Prince William gave her away.



*Frances Nesbit*

The end of the American War of Independence brought a short period of relative peace with France. The Royal Navy was run down and Nelson was put on half pay and 'on the beach' in 1787. Despite persistent requests he was not recalled until 1793, when he was given

command of the 64 gun HMS Agamemnon. It was later that year, whilst commanding her and during a routine visit to Naples, that he encountered for the first time the daughter of an illiterate Cheshire blacksmith, who in the space of nine years had risen from obscurity to being the wife of the British Minister in Naples. Her name was Lady Emma Hamilton.



*Lady Emma Hamilton*

Nothing happened at that time and Nelson went off for what was to be a busy and injurious period. He was to cover himself in glory as a Commodore at the battle of Cape St Vincent in 1794, but later the same year to lose the sight of his left eye in Corsica, and in 1797 to lose the

lower part of his right arm in an action in Tenerife. In 1799, however, things took a different turn.

Intent upon interfering with the British route to the Orient, Napoleon had sent an army to Egypt, with a view to eventually moving towards India. However, its support required sea transport and the protection of the French Navy, which force was crushed by (the now Rear Admiral) Nelson's squadron at Aboukir Bay, just east of Alexandria, in 1799, in what became known as the Battle of the Nile. Nelson's decisive victory left the French army in Egypt with no support and brought to an end any French ideas of moving eastwards. With that defeat the Mediterranean was largely freed of the threat from Napoleonic France and Nelson returned to

Naples in triumph. He was created Duke of Bronte, in an event orchestrated on behalf of King Ferdinand and Queen Maria Carolina by Sir William and Lady Hamilton. Notwithstanding his loss of an eye and an arm, Emma and he started a passionate affair within days of his arrival and this was to be, as they say, the love affair - and scandal - of the century.

Sir William, by now in his seventies, behaved impeccably; but the same was sadly not to be said of Nelson - and yet a menage a trois was established, with Sir William simply ignoring what was clearly happening. However in 1800 his term as Minister in Naples came to an end and it was time for the Hamiltons to return to England. Nelson had been slightly wounded at the Nile - little more than a scratch on his forehead in reality - but in his increasingly theatrical and vain way, he pleaded an inability to come home with his ships. In reality he wanted to spend his time with Emma and he returned home with the Hamiltons across Europe, eventually landing at Yarmouth. What the arrangements were along the way is not recorded, but Nelson had by this stage reached new pinnacles of vanity and relished the glory that was heaped upon him everywhere they stopped.

News of his affair with Emma had reached the ears of many in England and not least those of his wife, Frances. During the next year Nelson behaved appallingly and subjected her to untold embarrassment and humiliation, before finally ditching her. Emma was also already pregnant with his child, their daughter Horatia, born in 1801, the year in which Nelson achieved further glory at Copenhagen. It was here that in a famous incident, wishing to ignore the recall signal from his CinC, he put the telescope to his blind eye and said, "I see no signal".

Sir William gradually withdrew from the scene and died in 1802, by which time Nelson was living openly with Emma at Merton Place, near Wimbledon. He was never to marry her, and neither was he to divorce Frances.



*Nelson (by Beechley) 1801*

The peace at the end of the Revolutionary Wars in 1802 was not to last and at the outbreak of the Napoleonic Wars in 1803, Nelson was made Commander in Chief Mediterranean and was away from England for nearly two years, returning



*Nelson (by Hoppner) 1800*



briefly, for what was to be the last time, in August 1805. During that period he traveled one day from Merton to London to see the Secretary of State for War, Lord Castlereagh. Nelson was shown into a waiting room, as Castlereagh was running late and where there was another man waiting, who recorded the event.

"I met a gentleman, who from his pictures and the loss of an arm, I immediately recognised as Lord Nelson. He entered into conversation, if you can call it conversation, for it was all on his side and all about himself and in reality, in a style so vain and so silly as to surprise and disgust me.

I suppose that some thing I happened to say may have made him guess that I was somebody and he went out of the room, I have no doubt to ask the office keeper who I was, for when he returned he was a different man in both manner and matter. All the charlatan style had vanished and he talked of the state of the country, the aspect and probabilities of affairs on the continent with good sense and a knowledge of subjects both at home and abroad that surprised me equally and more agreeably than the first part of our interview had done; in fact he talked like an officer and a statesman."

The man in question was Major-General Arthur Wellesley, the future Duke of Wellington, fresh from victories in India, whose time, in the Peninsular War and at Waterloo, was yet to come.

Nelson left England for the last time on 15th September 1805 and he was to die of a musket ball wound at the Battle of Trafalgar on 21st October. His body was brought home, reputedly in a cask of brandy. All the other 440 British dead, save one buried in Gibraltar, went over the side. The Spanish, however, fared much worse, losing 1,022 and the French 3,373. Of the 33 French and Spanish ships 22 were sunk, wrecked or taken. The British lost none. This was not merely a victory, it was an annihilation, from which the Royal Navy gained command of the seas, so vital for what was to come. It was a supremacy that the Navy was to hold for over a century, only surrendering it, despite a close scrape in 1917, by default to the United States sometime in 1942.

So what is my judgment of Nelson? Physically courageous, he certainly was, even if sometimes foolhardy and theatrical and whilst vain and also morally weak, he was brilliant at what he did. His brilliance came from his ability to do two things; to think strategically and to weld those under him into a team - the band of brothers - who, at all levels, adored him.

**Ian Webb**  
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## THE TRAFALGAR NIGHT DINNER

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar and a dinner to commemorate it will be held on Friday 21st October 2005 at The Landmark.

The dinner will be formal, black tie, gentlemen only around one "U" or "E" shaped table, with an orchestra to play during dinner. The toast to The Immortal Memory will this year be proposed by Vice Admiral Sir Robert Hill, KBE FREng.

Before dinner there will be a group photograph to commemorate the occasion, a copy of which will be given to those attending before the end of the evening.

After dinner and the speeches there will be a musical interlude with a "Last Night of the Proms" to include, along with other well known themes, Sir Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" and Sir Henry Wood's "Fantasia of British Sea Songs", the latter being specially composed for the 100th anniversary and first performed on 21st October 1905.

This has become a very international gathering, with a uniquely British theme, which it is important to note is not for the glorification in a victory and others' misery, but rather the marking of an historical event of huge significance and the celebration of the varied and colourful life of its hero, Nelson, saluting his memory and those of the nearly 5,000 other souls who died that day.

It will be a unique occasion. The inclusive cost will be Baht 2,500 per person. Gentlemen wishing to attend should contact Ian Webb, by e-mail, at [ian.webb@bakertillythailand.com](mailto:ian.webb@bakertillythailand.com), the closing date for receipt of bookings being Monday 17 October.





# Regular Sports, Games & Activities

## Aerobics

Monday 10:00-11:00am - Squash Court 3

## Aqua Aerobics

Tuesday 10:30-11:30am  
Thursday 10:30-11:30am

## Bridge

Tuesday 5:30-9:00pm - Churchill Bar

## Chess

Thursday 6:00-9:00pm - Churchill Bar

## Cricket

Tuesday 6:00-9:00pm Practice - Back lawn  
Thursday 6:00-9:00pm Practice - Back lawn  
Saturday 9:30-12:00pm and 3:00-6:00pm  
Back lawn

## Football

Tuesday 7:00-9:00pm Practice on the Tennis Court

## Hockey

Thursday 9:00-11:00pm Practice on the Tennis Court

## Rugby

Thursday 7:00-9:00pm Practice on the Tennis court

## Squash

Thursday 5.15-9.00pm Mix-in  
And 1st Sunday of every month 10:30am-2:15pm

## Swimming

Tuesday 7:30-8:30am Adults training  
Saturday 9:00am-1:30pm Junior classes

## Tennis

### Squad Training

(Top 20 men, Top 20 women)

Monday 6:00-10:00pm

### Mix-in All Standards

Wednesday 6:00-10:00pm

Friday 6:00-10:00pm

### Ladies Mix-in

Tuesday 8:00-11:00am

Thursday 8:00-11:00am

### Adult Tennis

Saturday 7:00-8:00am Beginner class

Saturday 8:00-9:00am Intermediate/  
Advanced

Private and semi-private (2 persons) classes  
also available

## Junior Tennis

Wednesday 5:00-5:45pm or 5:45-6:30pm

Lessons with Nelson Thein

Friday 4:00-6:00pm Lessons with Nelson

## Yoga

Sunday 3:00-4:00pm in Wordsworth Room

## Sports/Activities Price List

### Aerobics

### Aqua aerobics

### Cricket

### Massage

### Squash courts

### Swimming

### Tennis

### Adult Tennis

### Junior Tennis

### Tennis courts

### Yoga

Bt 3,000 for 10 lessons

Bt 300 per lesson

Use of cricket nets - Bt 300 day/Bt 500 evening if lights needed

Bt 200 per hour

Bt 30 per 45 min

Bt 3,000 per 10 lessons

Private coaching with Nelson Thein - Bt 900/ hour; Bt 500/30 min.

Semi-private w/ Coach Nelson for 2 - Bt 1,500/hr; Bt 800/30 min.

Bt 3,000 for 10 lessons (Saturday morning-beginner to advanced)

Bt 3,000 for 10 lessons (Wednesday or Friday)

Bt 30 per hour am/Bt 90 per hour pm

Bt 300 per lesson

All sporting activities can be booked through the Fitness Centre. For Churchill Bar games - just show up!







# The Ploenchit Fair

*All the Fun of the Fair from 10.00 am – 8.00 pm*

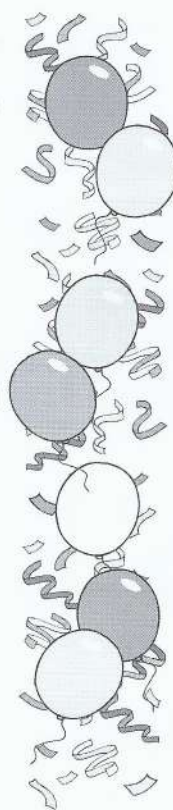
**T**he British Community in Thailand Foundation for the Needy (BCTFN) have announced the date of this year's annual fund-raising event for Thai charities – The Ploenchit Fair – which will be held on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November at the BEC-Tero Hall** in the Suan Lum Night Bazaar by kind courtesy of Mr. Brian L. Marcar. Please do mark this date down in your diaries.

Ploenchit Fair, a traditional family fun day, has been part of Bangkok's social calendar since 1956 and is a traditional British fairground with something for all. Apart from the children's section, which will feature Thomas the Tank Engine along with the traditional Ferris Wheel and Carousel, jumping castles, bungee trampoline, climbing wall, clowns etc, there will be over 100 outlets selling everything needed for Christmas and the holiday season and traditional Thai handicrafts. In the fully air-conditioned Hall there will be a full entertainment programme with live bands, many games of chance with fabulous prizes to be won and a full international cuisine provided by some of Bangkok's top hotels.

All money raised at this extravaganza is distributed throughout the year to Thai charities throughout Thailand. All funds donated are carefully monitored to ensure the projects, most of a self-help nature, are properly implemented where they can achieve maximum benefit for rural communities. Do visit **ploenchitfair.com** for further details of both the Ploenchit Fair and beneficiaries in 2004/5.

Please do keep this date free – you will have a fantastic day and be helping those less fortunate and in need.

BCTFN can be contacted at 02 204 1587/88.



**Security –** Lumpini Police will be on duty all day, having completely checked the grounds before opening time, and will check all Fair gates. Chubb Thailand will also have staff in attendance. The Fair Committee urges all ladies to leave their handbags at home – just bring a money belt – we will provide plastic bags throughout the Fair and there is a left luggage station when they get too heavy to hold!

## BNH HOSPITAL BED PUSH

Date: **Saturday, 8th October, 2005**

Following the success of Thailand's inaugural Bed Push in 2004, the BNH Hospital is proud to organise "Bed Push 2005". Spectators are welcome to join this family event and cheer the teams as they proceed along Convent Road, Sathorn Road, Lumpini Park, Rama IV Road, Silom Road and Surawong Road.

In 2004 the event raised over 1.3 million Baht for the Thai Red Cross "AIDS Research Centre" and "Caring Hearts for AIDS Foundation" and involved 23 teams. This year the target is to attract 50 teams and to raise over 2 million Baht for the same charity. It is also possible that with so many teams in the parade, "Bed Push 2005" will set a world record for an event of its kind with the highest number of beds and participants. If you would like to get involved or need more information, please contact the International Centre by phone on 02 686 2700 ext 3377 or by e-mail on [bnhinter@bnh.co.th](mailto:bnhinter@bnh.co.th)

*This year, the Club will be entering a bed in the theme of "Harry Potter". The Push will finish on the BC back lawn and the award ceremony & party start at 7pm. For more information on the Bed Push see the posters in the September issue of Outpost at pp 22&23.*



# HANNI'S HOTSPOT



Well it's coming up to the festive season, and we've been thinking up ways of making your Christmas at the Club a good one!

For the first time ever at the Club, we will be holding our very own "Children's Christmas Ball". This will be very similar to the Club's annual Christmas Ball, but for our younger members instead! The dress code will be 'Princes and Princesses'. All the children will receive formal invites and there will be a full, sit-down Christmas dinner. This will be followed by 'Santa's Groovy Grotto' disco, in the grotto with Santa as the DJ! The Ball will be open to children aged 6 to 14 and there is strictly no adults allowed!!

Just in time for the end of school, we will be holding a sports camp (December 20th, 21st, 22nd). On the 23rd we will take the children to see a Christmas movie and then ice skating. There will also be a trip to 'Dreamworld' on December 27th. This is a fantastic day out and will involve numerous 'scary' rides, a haunted house, water slides, log flumes and snow world!!! Not one to be missed!

Watch this space for details on Bangkok's first ever 'Polar Swim' here at the club!! This will involve a very 'icy' dip in the pool, followed by mulled wine and mince pies to warm you back up! This event will be open to both children and adults and if successful, will be a yearly event. More details to follow in the next *Outpost* edition.

Also coming up will be the 'British Club Racket Ball', for all those who are members of the 'racket' sections (tennis and squash). Dates and details coming up in the next issue.

## Pool Resources

There's more to swimming pools than meets the eye – and fixing them is not as straightforward as it may seem . . . At 42 years old, the Club's main pool needed a little T.L.C and, as the picture shows, this was no small undertaking.

The pool floor tapers down to a depth of three meters at one end, presumably to allow high diving. Although any diving boards have long since disappeared, the pool's unusual shape means that it holds just on 700 cubic meters of water (as a comparison, one of those ubiquitous giant concrete trucks carries about 10 m<sup>3</sup> of concrete!). So, although it would take a long time to fill the pool with a garden hose, the real concern is the weight of that water. The weight is easy to calculate, thanks to the metric system: 1 cubic meter of water contains 1000 liters, and 1 liter weighs 1 kg, so 1 cubic meter of water weighs 1000 kg or a metric ton.

What happens when you pump 700 tons of water out of a swimming pool? Well, maybe, if the pool floor is not strong enough, the bottom of the pool will just crumple upward . . . not good. Fortunately the BC pool is made of sterner



stuff, but there was an incident when the removal of a tile resulted in a mini-fountain on the pool floor. This was caused by water pressure, as the deepest part of the pool would be well below the water table. Fortunately, the hole was able to be securely plugged, thanks to the quick actions of the General Manager, who put his finger in the hole and screamed for help (*OK, OK, this last bit didn't happen!*).

Despite the odd hiccup, the project was a great success, with over 5000 tiles replaced and an automatic chlorine system added, amongst other things - all accomplished in less than a month.



# Squashy Bits

## The Quest

So was Don Johnson an Australian bar fly? Was Parra Handy a boat that always came in second? And will David Mason return to the Club now that Tum Yung Kung is an outrageous 260 baht? The Quest continues . . .

David Sims has provided the first real piece of information: *"Don Johnson was one of my predecessors at The Borneo Company in the Lloyds' Agency and insurance broking arm. He was a keen squash player I believe, and left Thailand in 1967 or 68"*

But where did he come from, where did he go? What was his role at the Club? Would it be possible to get more information from Borneo's archives? Sorry . . . *"The Borneo Co (then owned by Inchcape) has disappeared from the scene. I'm afraid there is no way to access any company records"* answered David.

Well, at least we now have a good lead and if this information is correct it also means that Don Johnson probably had nothing to do with the Parra Handy Plate because he left Thailand several years before its inauguration.

So, on to other names on my list of potential contacts . . . Arthur Phillips first. *"No, I read your article and know nothing about Don Johnson or Parra Handy. Borneo gives a lead though. I'll check with Nigel Overy. He has an encyclopaedic memory about that sort of thing. And, yes, I'll try to contact Mike Greenwood. I'll get back to you"* . . .

I caught Adrian Lamb after he had just come back from two months out of the country but *"no, although I first came to Thailand in 1963/4 and joined the Club in 1970 I don't have any recollections of Don Johnson or circumstances surrounding the Parra Handy Plate"*.

He had not yet read last month's Outpost so I told him that I had heard he had played in the first Parra Handy final against Brian Thompson. Adrian acknowledged this without comment. *"He seemed to remember it pretty well"* I prompted, helpfully. *"He would do"* was the terse response, *"it was a very tense affair"*. *"Yes, I've heard a bit from him and was hoping you would give me your side of the story"*.



Winning smiles: Sara and An

*"It was a very psychological tussle, but if I say anything you'll only write it in Outpost"* Which of course is true! We agreed to talk about it over a beer one day. What a game it must have been if it still stirs emotions after 32 years!!

According to Adrian, there was a guy by the name of Kevin Crump who thrashed everyone on the courts in those days, so another possible rationale for the Parra Handy Plate might have been to have a competition which he couldn't win!

The Quest will continue. *(As this was going to Press I received an email with more vital information on Don Johnson. But with others engaged, I'll keep this, and more, for next month).*

Oh . . . and David Mason isn't back from his holidays yet.

## And now to Squashy things:

Congratulations to the winners of August League 198: Division 1 Ja Chaturan, 2 Nick White, 3 Ken Grimshaw.

You may recall that one of the more noble promises of your creative Squash Committee this year was to "encourage the ladies". It was in the line of duty therefore that I went along last weekend to watch the first ladies Round Robin Handicap competition, enthusiastically participated in by all seven "ladies" – Jayne, An, Carol Ann, Da, Pim, Jess, and Sara.

The handicaps were obviously working well because when I arrived it was going down to the wire. With only a few matches to play, 4 ladies still had a chance of coming out on top, and in the end the final outcome depended on the very last game between Sara and An.

A rather brave Ken Grimshaw volunteered to mark this final game, with An getting off to a flying start but Sara almost pulling back mid-way through. The packed gallery was richly entertained as the ball was struck elegantly though legs and wild attempts at decapitations were deftly avoided. But Ken kept his nerve and An pulled ahead again to fend off Sara's challenge. The last few points saw some powerful shots from An, including one memorable forehand drive down the wall which took her to a 21-14 victory and winner of the day.





*The Ladies*



*Offering his encouragement . . .*



*An in action!*

Well done ladies! Most of them have been playing for only about a year and there has been a huge improvement in that time. The Committee has now organised some coaching sessions in September which should ensure that the ladies continue to improve in leaps and bounds. The squash courts should also become safer places to hang out!

As the pictures show, all the ladies enjoyed this competition and more will be organised. Handicapping was a good idea and the monthly ladies league will now also be played on this basis. Jayne would welcome any newcomers. All standards are welcome and she can be contacted for further details on 061610868 or by email at [jaynemellor@csloxinfo.com](mailto:jaynemellor@csloxinfo.com).

This month the Club Handicap Competition is being played and I found myself drawn in the first round against Club #1 James Quinn. The only sort of handicap that might have helped me win this one would have been something physical like tying his shoelaces together or holding his racquet in his mouth . . . or preferably both. The offer of a few measly points advantage (21) was never going to be enough and so the night before, I did not follow my normal big match preparations too carefully. In fact I arrived home well after the witching hour, somewhat the worse for wear, somewhere along the road having lost my house keys! The brain doesn't always select the best options in such circumstances and I elected to scale my formidable front gate. This could have proved fatal, but in the process of getting a foothold on my neighbour's side gate I was delighted to find that it wasn't locked. By heaving myself at it, I was able to push over all the potted plants which were supposed to be keeping it shut and in a jiffy I found myself in their floodlit car park . . . but confronted by the neighbour's dog which immediately started yapping at a high level of decibels.

Fortunately it is a typical Thai guard dog that wags its tail once you establish a rapport and I soon saw that by standing on a pile of unused

garden plant pots I would be able to climb onto a low store shed immediately adjacent to my own garden wall, a mere hop from home. The pile of plant pots held my weight for a split second but then suddenly sort of concertinaed in a rather disconcerting and crunchy way, and I only just made it onto the roof of the store shed. Unfortunately it turned out that this was made of *krabung* and first my left foot, and then my right foot, cracked the panels making huge noises something like pistol shots. Fortunately I didn't go though the roof and was able to drop over the wall into my garden. I imagined I had woken the whole neighbourhood and by now desperately wanted to flee the scene by escaping into the sanctuary of my house.

I remembered that a year or two back I had had the foresight to leave a spare key in a store room at the back of the house. I discovered that there was now a padlock on this but with one final effort I yanked it open, splintering the door post but with great relief finding the key just where I had left it. Moments later I was safely in bed and off to the land of nod.

Next morning I woke up feeling much better than I deserved but with embarrassing memories starting to filter into my mind of the trail of damage I must have left behind me. I really didn't want to believe it, but as I descended for breakfast I met a rather distraught maid who informed me that we had been *kamoyed* by some idiot who had vandalised the neighbour's garden and our store room but seemed to have stolen nothing.

Yes, I confessed all. And apart from a mild reprimand that there was no need to break the door post because the padlock was not locked, everyone thought it was highly amusing. I was greeted by smiles all down the Soi as I left for work. And yes, James thrashed me as expected later in the day.

Happy Squashing  
**Jack Dunford**





**Hello all,**

Well the cricket section has been very quiet recently, mainly due to the fact that the rainy season is certainly not conducive to cricket. However the new season is close to starting, and we are keen to see as many faces as possible playing cricket this year.

The British Club/Elite team will be competing in the local league again

this year, hoping to go one better than runners up in the A division last season. Once again Zeeshan Khan will be leading the team, and he is confident of another strong showing. For anyone interested in playing cricket this year, please contact Zeeshan Khan on 06 7724915 or email [shan@bangkokgemmart.com](mailto:shan@bangkokgemmart.com), or you can obtain an application form from the cricket section pigeon hole. Training will commence in the first week of October, every Sunday morning from 10am, and we hope to see many new faces this year.

On another front, the cricket nets have been used regularly by the Cricket Association of Thailand. When the weather is fine they use the nets four times a week, to train the Thailand national squads. The nets at the British Club have been renovated and they are the best available training facility in Bangkok, so it is good to see the national squads taking advantage of this.

The Thailand senior squad is in training for a tournament in Hong Kong in late September, and the Under-19 team is training hard in preparation for the Asia Cup, which is to be held in India in November. Our Under-19 team is quite strong and has a good chance of doing well in the tournament. If they make the finals here, they will then qualify for the Under-19 World Cup to be held in Sri Lanka next February. We wish all the squads the best of luck for the upcoming tournaments.



*"Fire one!"*

Junior cricket is growing strongly in Bangkok, and the new season will see even higher numbers this year. Any children interested in playing cricket can call myself on 01 8564073 or email me at [peter@thailandcricket.com](mailto:peter@thailandcricket.com). Registration will be in October, and we will commence training in November. This year we have had the pleasure of starting a business relationship with Bangkok Pattana School, which will be the home of junior cricket in Thailand. The school has already put in a synthetic pitch, and a net square will be built soon. The junior coaching will run every Sunday from November through to May and will be conducted by five Asian Cricket Council qualified coaches. The season will commence with skills training and will develop through to junior league matches at the end of the season. If you have any children between the ages of 9 and 15, I would love to hear from you.

*Take care and happy cricketing . . .*

**Peter Goodchap**



## TENNIS SECTION NEWS

A very warm welcome back to everyone who has been away on holiday. Every year July and August tend to be the quietest months of the tennis year as players take the opportunity of the school holidays to return home to visit family and friends. It is now time to dust off the rackets and get down to the Club and play some tennis.

There is always a warm welcome to players of all standards at our weekly Wednesday and Friday mix-ins. Each evening we start at 6:00pm on all four courts. The courts are booked until 10:00pm with food served from 9:00pm onwards. Over 20 players are regularly attending each session. Even if you are a relative beginner you are welcome to join in. It is an ideal opportunity to gain experience playing doubles and getting support and encouragement from more experienced players. Two beginners, who were rather nervous at joining in at first, are now regular participants and they have improved their games enormously in a short period of time. If you have never been to a mix-in or have been too nervous to come in the past, why not give it a try!

The Monday night training evening for better players was re-introduced as a direct response to a request by some of the better players. These sessions have not been very well supported, in the past few weeks, and unless the numbers improve we will have to reconsider the use of the courts on Monday evenings.

In August we hosted the Royal Thai Navy in a friendly social fixture, which involved matches for men's, ladies and mixed doubles. The holiday period and a tournament in Pattaya drastically reduced the availability of many regular players. It did, however, give an opportunity for other players to play but we were unable to prevent the Royal Thai Navy recording a well-deserved victory. The Club produced a lovely buffet lunch, after the fixture, which was thoroughly enjoyed by our visitors and there followed the traditional exchange of plaques between the teams.

In next month's report I will report on a men's fixture with the Japanese Association scheduled for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September. The format for this fixture will be different in that the top eight

men's players from each Club will first play singles and then the four doubles pairs will play two matches each. I am awaiting confirmation of a date for a similar fixture for the ladies and also a mixed doubles match.

In October an Inter Club Tournament involving 10 Bangkok Clubs has been organised for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at the Piyarom courts and another match is scheduled against a Krung Thai Bank team on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October. In December a match is being arranged with the Thai-German Chamber of Trade.

Once again our thanks must go to Jesada Tanking for organising and running the last tennis league. The winners of each league were as follows: -

Division 1:	<b>Enrique Valero</b>
Division 2:	<b>David Eastgate</b>
Division 3:	<b>Jesada Tanking</b>
Division 4:	<b>Nutt Watanaparin</b>
Division 5:	<b>Dennis Schohn</b>
Division 6:	<b>Mooky Chokpaibulkij</b>

For this and future leagues the section has introduced a new prize for each league winner of a 1,000-Baht voucher, to be used in Lord's Restaurant. The vouchers are sponsored by both the tennis section and the Club and are a prize that, I am sure you will agree, is well worth winning.

The current committee of four have been working very hard, on your behalf, organising the section. We do thank all those members who have offered their support and encouragement as we try to change some of the old practices and encourage a more "social" tennis section. As always, I encourage tennis players to contact me about any issues you wish to talk about.

Hope to see you on the courts, or at least in the Sala, in the near future.

**David Eastgate**







*Aamir & Huma Kureshi*



*Andrew & Mrs Guthrie*



*Darren and Stephanie Jones*



*John & Wanna Holme*



*David & Sue Chaplin*

## NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

The Churchill Bar was full on October 13<sup>th</sup> to give an especially warm welcome to the newest members of the Club. The evening kicked off at 7pm with an introductory welcome from the Club's GM, Mr. Barry Osborne, followed by a few words from the Chairman, Mrs. Angela Daniel, who introduced and identified key staff and section heads present. The process of mingling and getting to know each other was certainly assisted by a free barrel of tiger beer, and thanks to John Hogg & team for the delicious snacks, dips and canapes, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all (not just Barry!).

Some new members took the time to fill in the "Tell us about yourself" forms. Here are just a few snippets. American Eric Carlson works in labour law, with international experience in Argentina, Switzerland and Holland, to mention just a few. Eric and Maria's special interest is raising their 3year-old; they note that keeping up with him could be listed under both "Sports" and "Hobbies"! Kirk Albrow is in airline management and his special interest, apart from aviation, is traveling around the world to see Chelsea play football. Both Kirk and his spouse Gilly are keen golfers, as is Australian Army Major Andrew Treble, who lists golf as both a sport and a hobby! Aamir Kureshi laments that he has no time for hobbies these days but he does go running and work out in the gym – when he's not busy at the bank. John Holme wants to stay in Thailand forever, has worked all over the world, and lists his modest ambition as being Thailand's first farang Prime Minister. John's spouse Wanna has by far the most interesting hobby – she plays cards for money. So, watch out all you amateurs – you've been warned!

Oh, and Eric would like to know if anyone is interested in setting up a fencing club? No, not the no.9 wire-type: it's all cut & thrust and nimble moves . . .

A very warm welcome to all the new members and we hope to see you around in the very near future.



*Eric Carlson & Andrew Treble*



*Kirk Albrow*





## Caribbean Food Promotion



Over the course of August 25th & 26th, no less than 63 members hip-hopped their way into the Churchill Bar for a sumptuous Caribbean buffet to celebrate Britain's largest street event, the "Notting Hill Carnival".

Mellowed-out by the heady rhythms of Bob Marley and the Wailers, the diners feasted on such delights as Caribbean Spiced Sirloin of Beef with bell pepper relish, Black Bean and Papaya Salad, Roasted Barbeque Ham with marmalade & clove glaze and banana & ginger ketchup, Coconut Snapper with mango salsa, and Bahama Mama Carrot Cake, all washed down with a selection of Caribbean rum-based cocktails, which proved exceedingly popular.

Staff were dressed in bright, Caribbean shirts with flower garlands, an orchid and coconut flower decoration adorned the tables and England won the cricket! What more could one ask for?



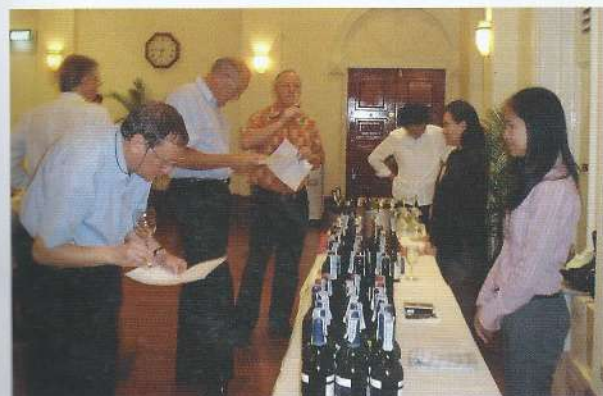
## WINE TASTING

The August wine tasting on the 26th was well-attended, with over 60 members enjoying a wide range of delicious wines from Argentina, Australia, Chile, France and many more. The Club once again provided complementary canapes to accompany the wines, which were kindly sponsored by V and K Intergroup and Splendid

Surplus Co. Don't miss our next wine tasting, which will be on Friday 30th September 2005. All members are welcome to come and try the wines, with no obligation to purchase.

For wine connoisseurs, don't miss the "New Zealand Wine Makers' Dinner" on Friday 21st October, in the Lord's Restaurant.

Also coming up, on 11th November, will be a wine festival. Twelve companies will be in attendance to help you find ideal wines at ideal prices, and just in time for the Christmas festive season.





# LOOKING BACK



## SEPTEMBER SWIMMING GALA

A beautiful day, but unfortunately a poor turn-out for this month's Swimming Gala. Out of the 22 who booked, only 15 turned up. Last minute cancellations from the other 7 meant a difficult job trying to get enough kids together for each age group. Everyone was extremely cooperative and patient however, and we managed! All the children, mums and dads who did turn up had a great time.

A big thanks to all who came for being such good sports! (and a huge thanks to Rosemary Imlah for being such a star, as usual. Don't know what I'd do without you Rosemary!)

For future galas, please do not cancel within 24 hours, so that we can keep things organised. To keep them manageable, the maximum number of entrants will be 30 - first come, first booked!

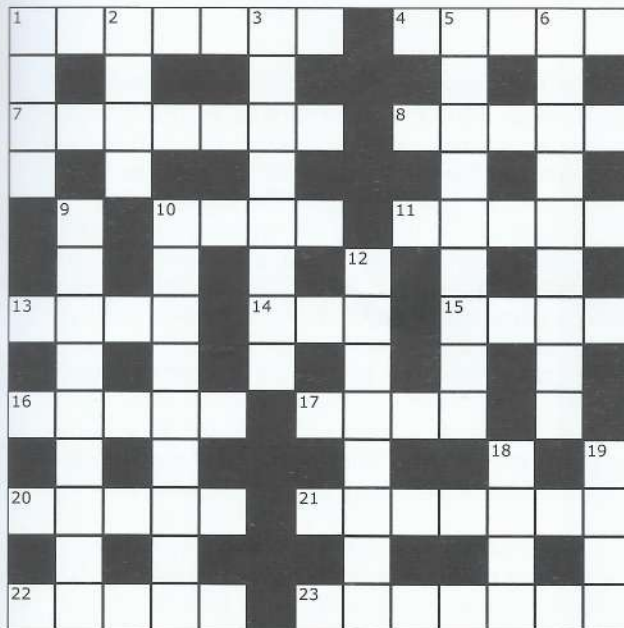
Watch out for the December 'Polar Swim' and 'Ice Games' coming up over Christmas. More details to follow in next month's *Outpost*.



# Crossword Competition

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By Margaret Miller



### September Solution

**Across:** 8 Cape, 9 Apron, 10 Cloak, 12 Belt, 13 Coat, 14 Pyjamas, 16 Garter, 18 Toga, 19 Wrap, 21 Kilt, 23 Shirt, 24 Outfit, 25 Bikini, 27 Stole, 28 Robe, 30 Veil, 31 Slip, 32 Jumper, 35 Drawers, 37 Sari, 38 Gown, 41 Habit, 42 Glove, 43 Tutu.

**Down:** 1 Face, 2 Sextet, 3 Saucer, 4 Croak, 5 Ink, 6 Ulna, 7 Calamari, 11 Sycamore, 15 Control, 17 Ali, 19 Water, 20 Kinship, 22 Twill, 23 Scissors, 26 Icecream, 29 Bye, 32 Jailed, 33 Mighty, 34 Havoc, 36 Waif, 39 Watt, 40 Aga.



Be the first person to enter the correct entry for this month's puzzle to Barry or Khun Ben and receive a bottle of wine. September's lightning-fast winner was Valerie Ashman, pictured here receiving her bottle of "Crate 31" from Khun Ben. Clearly, John Sands has competition, as this is Valerie's second win.

### Clues

#### Across

- 1 Against the trial for a competition.
- 4 A re-do somehow – for love!
- 7 In Ireland it could make one glad.
- 8 He was the Tinker who took part in the play put on by the workmen. (*Midsummer Night's Dream*)
- 10 "And \_\_\_\_\_, like a naked new-born babe, striding the blast." (*Macbeth*)
- 11 Denis? Somehow you're bogus!
- 13 Dried up.
- 14 One's self.
- 15 King of the kitchen.
- 16 The bowels of the earth.
- 17 "I have no \_\_\_\_\_ to prick the sides of my intent." (*Macbeth*)
- 20 Citizen of a country bordering Thailand.
- 21 This bird doesn't face facts!
- 22 "Letting I dare not wait upon I would, like the poor cat in the \_\_\_\_\_" (*Macbeth*)
- 23 All of us fell down while bloody \_\_\_\_\_ flourished over us." (*Julius Caesar*)

#### Down

- 1 System of signals used for secrecy.
- 2 What the poor dog had from Mother Hubbard's cupboard.
- 3 Mr. Spock was hot in this TV series. (4,4)
- 5 You may travel in one but not fast!
- 6 Historic recipient of cavalier treatment.
- 9 Chucked into the sea? That's going too far!
- 10 Set of media moguls who would use force to enlist you. (5,4 hyphenated)
- 12 One who writes on special notepaper.
- 18 Girl who did not make a hit!
- 19 Take it on here to be brave.





## End of an Era . . .

On Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, members gathered in Lord's Restaurant to have a drink and say farewell to long-term British Club member,

Margaret Miller. Margaret's husband, Eric, sadly passed away a few months ago and Margaret has now decided to return to the UK to live with her sister. Margaret has lived in Asia for over 50 years and has been a British Club member for 30 years. She has also been the *Outpost* magazine crossword guru for almost the same length of time, and her clever cryptic crosswords have kept members puzzling for years. Thankfully she's left us a few to keep us going for a while, but we just hope that she'll send us some more when we run out!

Despite the sad occasion, it was a jolly party and attended by those who had known Margaret and Eric over the years through their involvement with the St. Andrews Society, Bangkok Community Theatre or just from meeting them around the Club. Chef John prepared some really tasty snacks which, amongst other things, included her favourites: sausage rolls and battered prawns! The British Ambassador, David Fall, and his wife Gwendolyn also came to wish her well. David and Margaret had known each other since the mid '70s when they both first 'tread the boards' together with the Bangkok Community Theatre. There were also no less than five past and present British Club Chairmen in attendance and the question arose: what IS the collective term for a group of Chairpersons? The most popular suggestion however was not suitable for publication in a family magazine!

BC Club Chairman, Angela Daniel, presented Margaret with a framed picture of the Club, painted by BC member and local artist, Louise Truslow. Margaret was a bit daunted at the prospect of getting it back home, but was reassured that it could be shipped separately. Bangkok Community Theatre Chairman and BC member, Alan Fieldus, also presented Margaret with some Marks & Spencer vouchers so that she could buy herself something suitably warm and cosy once she is back in the old country.

It so happens that one of Margaret's favourite 'party pieces' over the years (and one which she recited to perfection!) was Noel Coward's "I've been to a MARVELLOUS party" and you know - it really was! We wish her all the very best in her new home and hope she will always remember all her friends back here at the British Club Bangkok.





# HELLOS

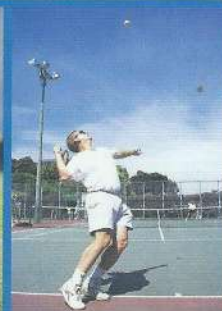
## Welcome Aboard!

*Please join us in welcoming the following new members and their families. We look forward to seeing them around the Club.*

1. Peter & Belinda Skinner
2. Christopher & Niccla Russo
3. Cathryn Hopkins
4. Richard & Shirley Christieson
5. Cameron Stirling
6. Paul & Lorna Grubb
7. Ali & Andrea Adam
8. Richard & Theresa Thomas
9. Erling & Tippawan Pakula
10. Daniel & Teresa Lyons
11. Oya Aydin
12. John & Sarah Duncan
13. Robin & Sylvia Brook
14. Darren & Stephanie Jones

# and GOODBYES

1. David & Gale Hughes
2. Nigel & Elizabeth Wixcey
3. Terry & Linda Paget
4. Peter & Raylene Day
5. Christian & Chanarat Squibb
6. Bob & Krisana Martin
7. Ling Chou & Nippon
8. Simon & Wilaiwan Gibson
9. Julian Inglis
10. Martin Sergeant
11. Will & Melanie Newton
12. Anna Crawford
13. Marco & Tamara Stone
14. Patrick & Gloria Quidel



## Reciprocal Club Benefits

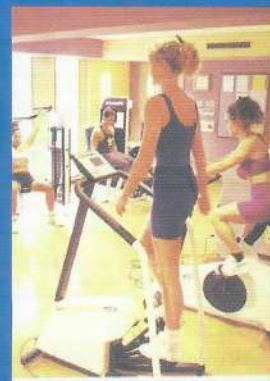
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The Yokohama Country & Athletic Club was founded in 1868 by young English cricket players wishing to promote friendship and goodwill through sports among the international community in Yokohama. The Club is located on a hill in a residential area of Yokohama 15 minutes away from the city centre and 45 minutes from central Tokyo.

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