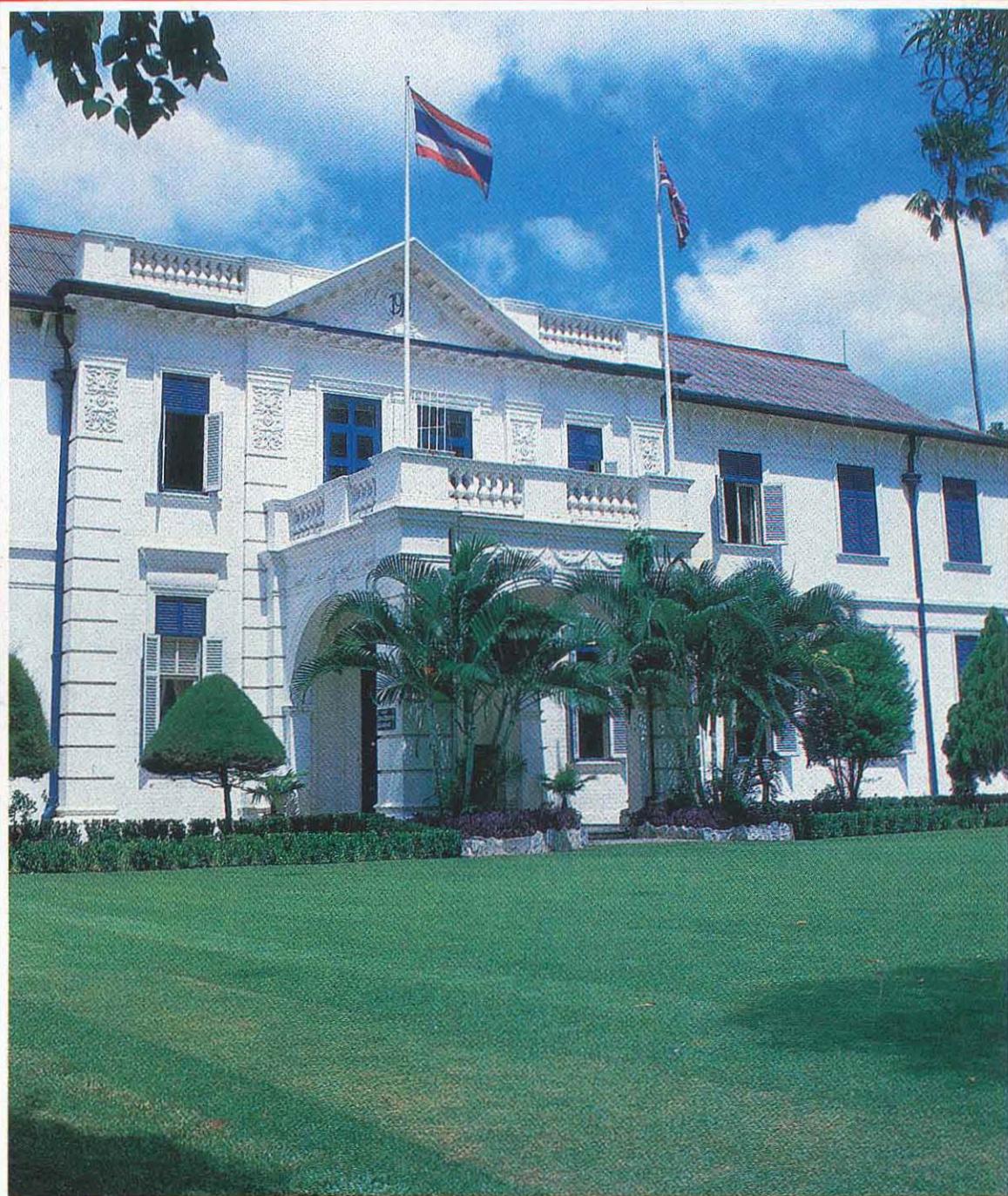
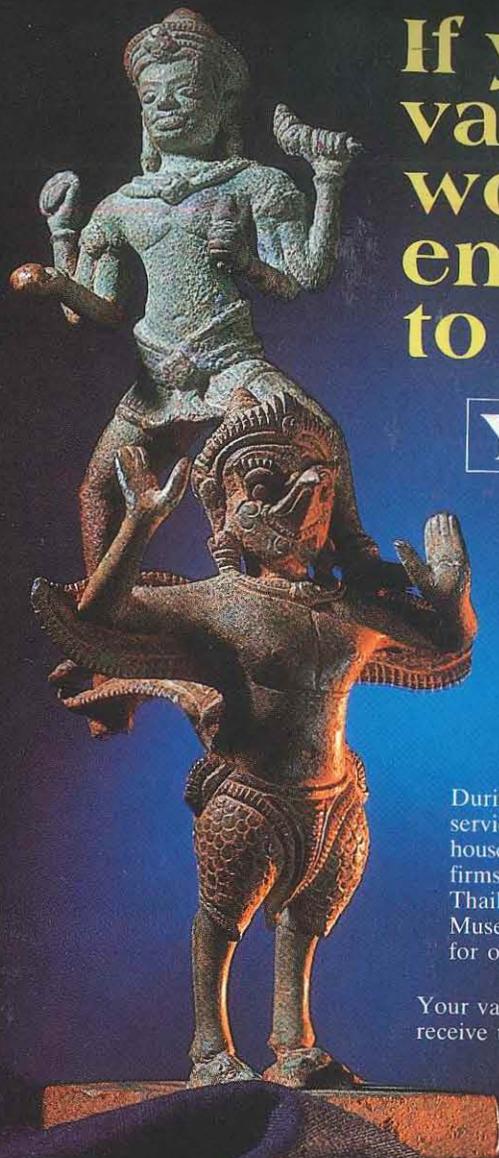


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Tue 1	Ladies' Golf Bridge <i>Drawings and prints entitled "Girls of Asia" by Arthur Hacker at the Neilson Hayes until 9th November</i>	7.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Wed 2	<i>BWG Bridge : Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis and Squash Club Night	9.30 a.m. From 6.00 p.m.
Thu 3	Ladies' Tennis Ladies' Squash <i>BCT Club Night : Community Services, Soi 33</i>	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00-12 midday 7.30 p.m.
Fri 4	<i>British Council Presents The London Shakespeare Group performing "Much Ado About Nothing" at the Thailand Cultural Centre</i>	8.00 p.m.
Sat 5	<i>British Council Presents The London Shakespeare Group performing "Much Ado About Nothing" at the Thailand Cultural Centre</i> Children's Games & The Best Guy Contest Firework Display	2.30 p.m. 3.00 p.m. 6.15 p.m.
Sun 6	Buffet Supper	From 5.00 p.m.
Mon 7	Beginners' Tennis <i>BWG Mahjong : Wordsworth Room</i> Ladies' Tennis New Members' Night/Happy Hour Chess Club : Wordsworth Room St. Andrew's Ball Dance Practice : Front Lawn	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 4.00-6.00 p.m. 5.30-9.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m.
Tue 8	Ladies' Golf <i>"Hata Yoga For Physical & Mental Health" : Lecture by Acharn P.S. Karess, together with a demonstration of Yoga postures by Joan French : National Museum Auditorium</i> Bridge	7.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Wed 9	<i>BWG Bridge : Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis and Squash Club Night	9.30 a.m. From 6.00 p.m.
Thu 10	Ladies' Tennis Ladies' Squash <i>BAMBI Meeting at the BC</i>	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00-12 midday 9.00 a.m.
Fri 11	BC Dinner Review : "Fat Henry and the Famous Five" <i>"Bleu et Blanc" Sale of Mudmee Silk and Cotton at the Neilson Hayes also on 12th November</i>	7.30 p.m.
Sat 12	BC Dinner Review : "Fat Henry and the Famous Five"	7.30 p.m.
Sun 13	Golf : Muang Ake (10 Slots) Swimming Gala Buffet Supper Family Video	9.45 a.m. Midday From 5.00 p.m. 6.00-8.00 p.m.
Mon 14	Beginners' Tennis <i>BWG Mahjong : Wordsworth Room</i>	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m.

	Ladies' Tennis Happy Hour Chess Club : Wordsworth Room St. Andrew's Ball Dance Practice : Front Lawn	4.00-6.00 p.m. 5.30-9.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m.
Tue 15	Ladies' Golf Bridge <i>"Inkie Fingers" : a selection of etchings at the Neilson Hayes until 15th December</i>	7.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Wed 16	<i>BWG Bridge : Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis and Squash Club Night	9.30 a.m. From 6.00 p.m.
Thu 17	Ladies' Tennis Ladies' Squash <i>BWG Lunch : Call Marianne Johns, 392-8019</i>	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00-12 midday 11.30 p.m.
Sat 19	<i>Hilltribe Sale : ISB, Sukhumvit Soi 15</i> <i>Ploenchit Fair : British Embassy</i> Family Video	9.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 6.00-8.00 p.m.
Sun 20	Buffet Supper	From 5.00 p.m.
Mon 21	Beginners' Tennis <i>BWG Mahjong : Wordsworth Room</i> Ladies' Tennis Happy Hour Chess Club : Wordsworth Room Beating the Retreat St. Andrew's Ball Dance Practice : Front Lawn	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 4.00-6.00 p.m. 5.30-9.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m. 5.30 p.m. 7.00 p.m.
Tue 22	Ladies' Golf Bridge	7.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Wed 23	<i>BWG Bridge : Wordsworth Room</i> Beating the Retreat Tennis and Squash Club Night St. Andrew's Ball Dance Practice : Front Lawn	9.30 a.m. 5.30 p.m. From 6.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m.
Thu 24	Ladies' Tennis Ladies' Squash	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00-12 midday
Fri 25	<i>St. Andrew's Ball : Napalai Ballroom, Dusit Thani Hotel</i>	8.00 p.m.
Sat 26	Family Video	6.00-8.00 p.m.
Sun 27	Golf : Rose Garden (10 Slots) Buffet Supper	9.30 a.m. From 5.00 p.m.
Mon 28	Beginners' Tennis <i>BWG Mahjong : Wordsworth Room</i> Ladies' Tennis Happy Hour Chess Club : Wordsworth Room	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 4.00-6.00 p.m. 5.30-9.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m.
Tue 29	Ladies' Golf Bridge	7.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Wed 30	<i>Bridge : Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis and Squash Club Night	9.30 a.m. From 6.00 p.m.

Note : Non Club events in italics

For further information, see Activities Page for contact names and telephone numbers.

ARE THERE ANY BC RELATED EVENTS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE PUBLICISED IN THE OUTPOST DIARY THAT ARE NOT IN IT ALREADY? Contact Kate Seal (Work: 234-5013, Home: 286-9945)

Meet the New Members



Jan Morgan: *what a saint! Jan is only here for 3 months with Cooper and Lybrand but joined anyway; music and singing are her main interests.*



George Robinson: *must have seen me coming, because he had disappeared by the time I arrived. Shame on you George!*

Giorgio and Jill Burigana: *Giorgio is the new manager at the Royal Orchid Sheraton. The Burigana's have spent the last seven years in the U.S.A. where Jill sold real estate. Their sports interests include tennis and squash.*

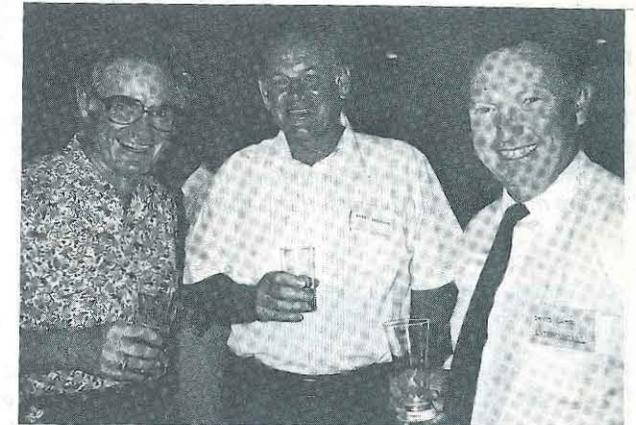


François Xavier Monteau, Nicola Macquire: *with Vincent Swift. Xavier is here in Bangkok with his wife Odile and two children. He has played rugby for the B.C. for so many years that he decided he had better join the Club. Nicola is a solicitor from London and she is here working with International Legal Counsellors Thailand Ltd. She plays squash too.*



Jens-Peter Ahrens: *with Barbara Noon and Patrick Windeler. Peter has been in Thailand for 18 years; he hails from Hamburg. He plays snooker and tennis but would rather take a shower than go for a swim. His wife Monika plays tennis.*

Harry Ferguson: *with Derek von Bethmann-Hollweg and our entertainments chairman. Harry is a golfer. His wife Anne (see below) is an ex-golfer. Despite years of tropical living in Brunei, Nigeria and Sarawak, she finds that golf and heat don't mix. Anne likes bridge and indulging her interest in antiques. Harry's description of them both? "Enthusiastic".*



Anne Ferguson (second left): *with Mollie's friend, Barbara Noon and Mollie von Bethmann-Hollweg.*

Richard and Jo Bond: *here with Thai Quest and Hannah, aged 3. Richard is in the smellies business; perfumes, fragrances and flowers. He plays rugby, tennis and squash. Jo, meanwhile, is suffering from culture shock but not for long, she soon starts Thai lessons and is also a tennis fanatic. Hannah is getting along fine at the E.L.C.*





Bill and Sal Addington: with Angela and Ian McCarthy. Bill and Sal are both keen sailors. Bill has a passing interest in civil engineering and the construction business. He enjoys squash and Sal ... is a swimmer.

Peter and Valerie Buckley: with a motley crew. The Buckleys have been here for 3 years but mostly up-country, they've now settled in Bangkok. Valerie sings with the B.M.S. combined choir. They used to sail, deep sea dive and hunt octopuses (was someone taking the mickey?) but are now limited to boats in the bath!



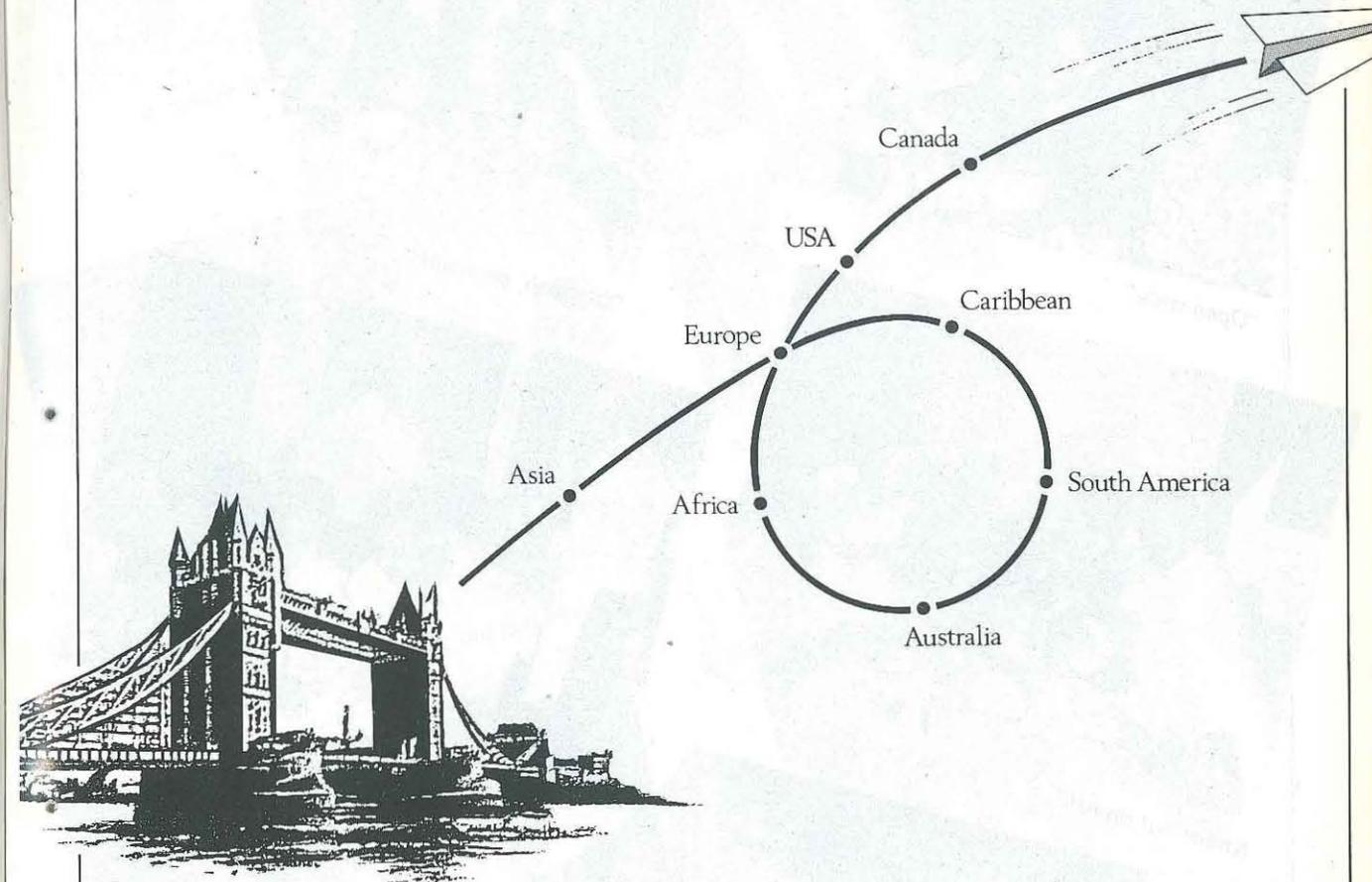
Marcelle Roche: with Pam "gleanings" Rennie. Marcelle's husband, Brian, escaped before I got to him, but I was told he plays tennis and squash. Marcelle plays bridge and mahjong. The Roches used to live in Singapore.

Thomas Nelms (and Noy): Thomas came to Thailand 8 years ago to recover from severe trauma endured on a business trip to Tokyo and he is still here. He loves rock and roll.



Mark Reid (centre): with friends and potential members with great potential George Alberts and Olivier Francois. George is looking for a Thai tutor (I've heard that one before) and Olivier for an English one; Mark just likes having his picture taken.

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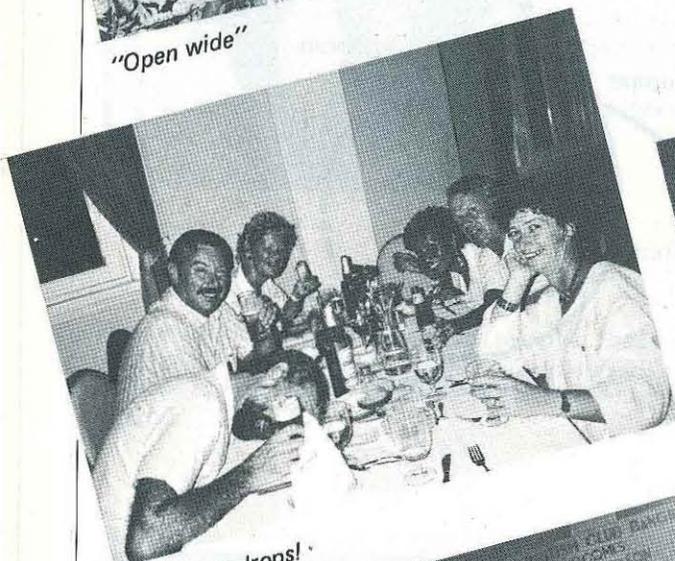
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"£495 for that!"



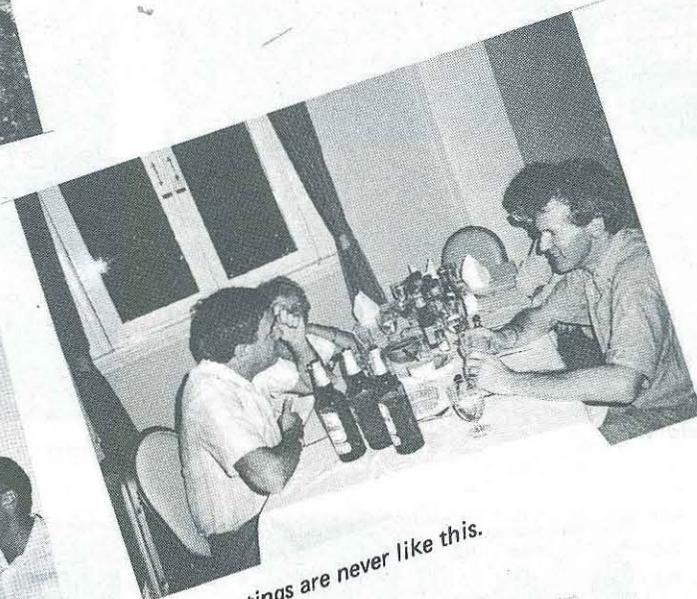
"Nick, nick, nick"



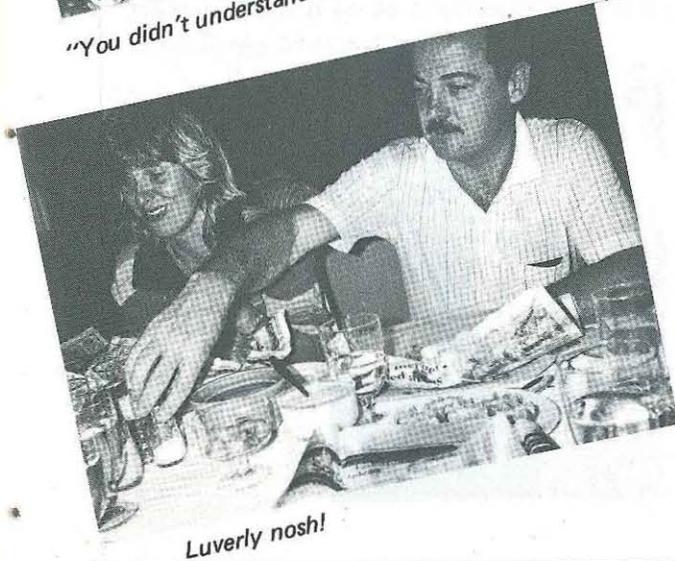
A motley crew.



"You didn't understand the jokes, did you Mum?"



PTG meetings are never like this.



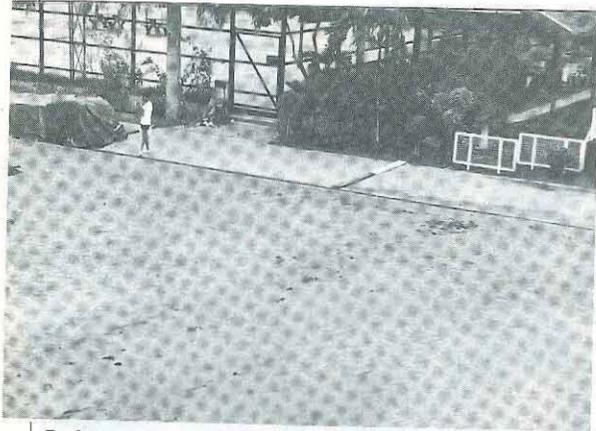
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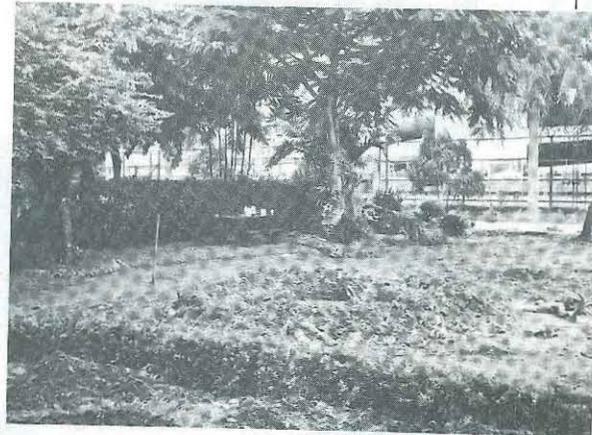
"What about me? I never get a billing"
Buster doing his bit.

THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER!

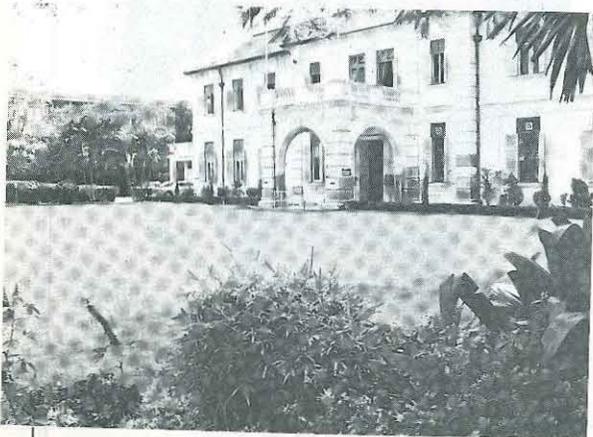
WHILST the majority of members were on holiday Khun Yoryos, the Grounds Supervisor, and his staff have been working flat out to raise and re-lay the front lawn. It is hoped that quite apart from improving the quality of the lawn it will improve drainage during the wet season.



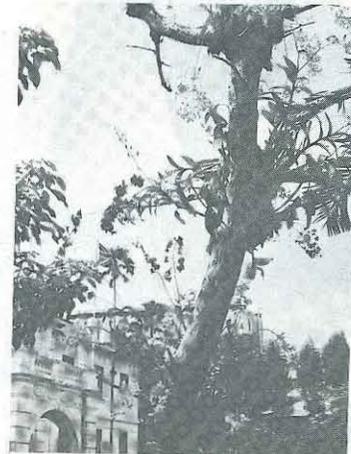
Before



During



And after.



The tree which came back to life.

LETTERS

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David Williamson
The British Club
Bangkok

Please reply to John Drapkin,
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Nottingham.
NG12 4AH

30th August, 1988.

Dear David,

I can think of no better venue and no better host for the farewell party on a Round the World Tour such as ours than the British Club in Bangkok. You really did us proud and we were thrilled that you were able to accommodate our very short time request to put on the barbeque that you did. It was undoubtedly a fitting end to what had proved to be a fabulous tour.

Can I also express my thanks to you for the hard work that you did in trying to resolve the problem of our wait listing. Happily, when we got to Bangkok Airport somebody had pulled a few strings and everything worked like magic. Within five minutes, or so it seemed, all formalities had been completed, all baggage had been booked through and we were happily ensconced in the bar on the emigration side of the Airport.

All that now remains is for us to capitalise on the experiences we had on the various Rugby fields and to go out and achieve the objective of winning the Courage Clubs Championship and the Pilkington Cup. If we do it will be in no small measure due to the kindness, hospitality and teachings of our Rugby hosts on the Tour.

If you find yourself in Nottingham at any stage please don't hesitate to give us a ring we would love to be able to repay, in some small measure, your hospitality. With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

John Drapkin
Tour Manager/Hon Secretary.

TRAVEL LOG

The 1988 Seoul Olympiad



I have taught Physical Education for over half of my teaching career. One of my lifelong goals has been to see the Olympics with my very own eyes, not those of the photographer.

Last Spring a trip had been arranged through ISB by some interested teachers and students. I was lucky that I had the opportunity to take advantage of this. The trip was planned for 6 days, 2 of those days were spent travelling. We were scheduled for 2 events a day and anything else we could squeeze in on our own. Tickets always seemed to be easily available. The planning was

either perfect or there weren't as many people as expected. Some said that large companies bought up huge blocks of tickets and then just gave them away to clients or employees. All I know, is that it wasn't too crowded and that was fine with me.

The first morning we were up and off on a quick trip to the fruit stand and bakery to gather our strength for the day's events. The 3 separate locations were a bit of a hassle, but it seemed to keep the crowds down and it was all easily reached by subway or taxi.

We started off our expe-

rience with men's gymnastics and swimming. The high bar in the men's was exciting, but I have got to admit that I've always liked the rings the best. The USA ladies' team won their first gold in the swimming and I stood to sing my national anthem as the flags were raised. I didn't really feel any surge of pride welling up from inside and after it was finished I half expected an American football game to begin.

I don't know ... All the wonderful, wonderful emotions I thought I would feel never emerged. Don't get me wrong, I appreciate all the

hard work and effort these young men and women have put forth. I marvelled at all those strong, fit, glossy bodies streaking by. It just didn't move me the way I thought it would. Sometimes it seemed more like a fashion parade than a sporting event.

Day 2 took us to the women's gymnastics and basketball. It's obvious the hard work that goes into being a gymnast. I've never seen such tight, fit bodies.

The 3rd day of events we spent cruising the stadium for just the right seats. The high jump on one side and the javelin on the other. It was the dashes that everyone was jockeying seats for.

Flo broke her own world record that day ... amazing. Then it was the Carl Lewis and Ben Johnson show-down that took place. I was quite pleased by Johnson's win coming from a Canadian background. Lewis was not generally liked because of his inflated ego, but in 2 days the scandal was out. Lewis took a gold, the Brits got bumped up a medal and Johnson was sent home. It brought me down (no pun intended). If you listened to the talk about the athletes, it was all about the different types of steroids available. The trouble was in the choice of steroid, not that they shouldn't have taken them in the first place. I wonder what the stereotype drug pusher looks like that peddles to an athlete? You just couldn't trust a win until they had been tested. I felt more like being at the horse races.

The 4th day was Soccer, Basketball and more track events. Brazil v Argentina was



watched from under umbrellas. Cute little blue ones made of plastic. The games all started running into one another. All good - what more can you say?

I personally took place in a number of races on my own. The race to the toilets, the race to the taxi, the race to the subways, the race from the abundant number of Christians passing out leaflets and postcards with meaningful messages. Last, but not least, the race to the shopping areas

before they closed.

So as not to taint the article with only my opinion, I shall share some general comments the kids made.

"I didn't want to leave"

"The games were great"

"I've got probably 50 autographs"

"Sometimes my emotions were so strong that it brought my feelings to my throat".

Edie McBean

NEW HORIZONS

Ploenchit Fair

-- Saturday 19th November

THIS year sees the 20th birthday of the Ploenchit Fair, in its present form, run by the United Kingdom Committee for Thai Charities.

Ploenchit Fair is a fun-filled day with attractions for all the family held in the grounds of the British Embassy. 62 stalls and sideshows are lined-up again, including the Ferris Wheel, Bingo, the Bottle Stall and Treasure Island. Father Christmas will be making his first appearance of the year and our two baby performing elephants will again be with us. The Crown and Anchor Bar has already ordered the imported beer, Wine and Cheese this year will be producing some special cocktails and as usual, full catering facilities will be available throughout the day. The Bangkok Dixieland Jazz Band will be playing throughout the afternoon and this year traditional Morris Men will be on hand to entertain. The Children's Corner has various activities throughout the day and there will also be a hospitality tent provided by Bambi for mothers and babies. The Fair will open at 10.00 a.m. and close at 5.00 p.m. — there is enough to occupy every family member for the whole day — so please, do come along and join us.

The Fair is run and organised by the U.K.C.T.C. which was formed to co-ordinate British companies' contributions to Thai charities. The Committee is entirely voluntary, there are no overheads and Ploenchit Fair is its only source of income. The Committee meets on a

monthly basis and discusses all applications for funds. Each member personally visits the charities concerned, discusses their needs and reports back to the Committee. Great care is given to each allocation and we try to follow the guide-lines of giving goods in kind, be they educational materials, medical supplies, the building of water-wells or funding training schemes. We do aim to try and help the particular charity to become self-supporting or to aid in projects where we feel we can help the majority of people on a longer-term basis, e.g. from the construction of a water reservoir and dental clinic this year for the Phud Hong Leper Colony, to supplying the training materials to set-up a vocational training school for deaf youngsters. Last year 34 charities received support from the monies raised at Ploenchit Fair and this would not have been possible without your help.

Most members of the British community are involved in helping on the various stalls — if you are not and would like to do so, please do contact me. With over 10,000 visitors to the Fair last year all willing hands are very welcome, but if you feel unable to take part, just come along and spend your money and enjoy all the fun of the Fair.

Carolyn Tarrant
Chairman — U.K.C.T.C.

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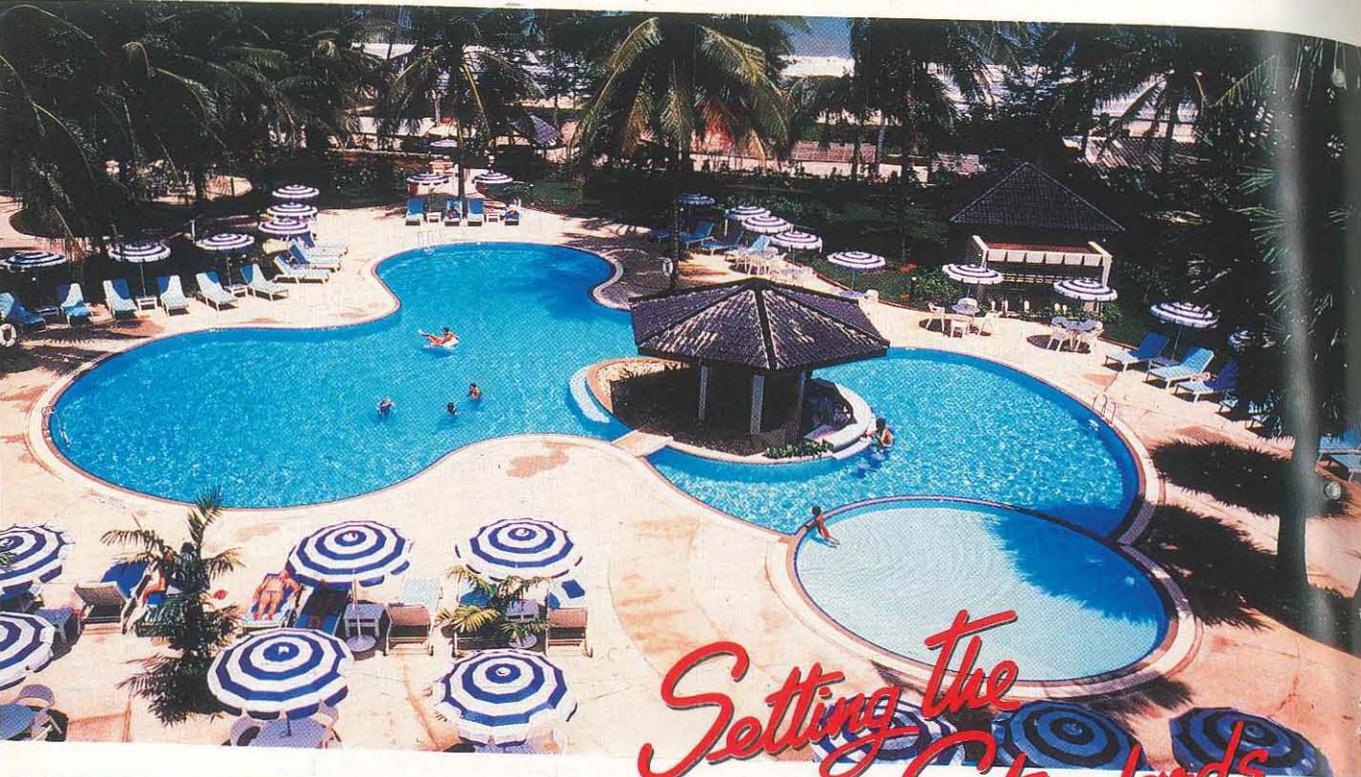
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SPECIALS

"The Dronings of Angus MacShaggi"

The Editor,
The British Club Magazine,
The British Club,
189 Surawongse Road,
Bangkok.

Sir,

Last week I was browsing in the Neilson Hays Library when I dropped a one Baht coin. Looking for the coin I moved several dozen books and found, wedged in the back of a shelf, a tattered old tract in original Gaelic which sheds some interesting light on Scottish history. Some of your readers may be interested in a rough synopsis:

Under the Kilt

Ask a Scotsman what is worn under the kilt and he will turn aside this embarrassing question with a bluff laugh and a joke such as, "Nothing is worn under the kilt - it is all in perfect working order." The truth is that the Scots, like the ancient Romans, had no knowledge of underwear and wore nothing except when going into battle when they would protect themselves by fashioning a primitive box of heather sprigs held in place by a sporran weighed down with some stones. When dealing with really dirty fighters (Boadicea's gang were well known for this) they would counter underhand tactics by using spiky gorse instead of heather; a desperate measure as it could of course lead to some painful pricks. Scotsmen have always been secretive about their nether heather and this has intrigued others who wonder why there are often traces of heather around the small room after a Scot has been. Prince Hamlet of Denmark was obsessed with this problem. Shakespeare

hinted that he spent much of his time peering into the loos at Elsinore; "Oh what a noble mind is here o'er throne". Some people are still obsessed with this. The British Club check toilets every 30 minutes but they are wasting their time; nowadays Scotsmen have the opportunity to wear heather only when flown in for their balls by British Airways.

St. Andrew's Ball

The tract contains an appendix by a female historian present at the execution of St. Andrew, who was stripped and crucified on an x-shaped cross (hence the Scottish flag). It is amusing to recall the confusion caused to other scholars (familiar with the manner of St. Andrew's death) by this lady's frequent references to St. Andrew being "hung". She also refers to the Saint having a condition from which A. Hitler also suffered. It is due to this woman's measured account that the world stops every year to celebrate St. Andrew's ball.

Clan Names

The tract also throws some light on Clan history and the origin of some of their names:

MacDonald - MacDonalds were scullions to the greater clans. One of them Ronald, was famed for cheap and nasty sandwiches of haggis between slabs of a chappati-like oatmeal cake - bannocks. However, he disgraced himself by getting drunk before an important battle and burning the cakes. In retrospect this was a good thing. The Scots, starving and angry as a result of MacDonald's lapse, trounced the English and ate many of them. Despite the Bannockburn victory, MacDonald remained in disgrace and was exiled to America where he went into the restau

rant business.

Wood – A corruption of – Woad which is all they wore till quite recently. Perhaps because of their name the clan engaged themselves in chopping down entire forests and soon denuded the highlands of trees. The timber was used to fuel pot-stills for whisky to satisfy their enormous thirst. Once the trees were gone the Woods turned to any alcohol they could find and the clan has steadily gone downhill. In modern times their main claim to fame has been the popularization of pink paraffin by an Aberdeen clan member who had the idea of adding angostura bitters.

Bruce – derived from broos – a Scottish term for a labour exchange. Although well known for loafing around, broos clan members have never been able to get a decent job. They were made kings of Scotland only because they managed to occupy the throne on one of the rare occasions when Hamlet wasn't there. This historical accident is echoed in the clan motto: "Fuimus" (We have been).

Pomfret – After the exile of Ronald Macdonald, the Scots army hired a Frenchwoman to cook. An efficient chef, she was soon famous for her fast food but the Scots got tired of chips with everything and sent her to America where she got a job in Macdonald's restaurant. Poor cooks though they were, the food was good

enough for Americans and they prospered. Although the clan has few members left in Scotland their culinary quickness is still renowned and Pomfret women are famous for being fast.

Forrest – The Forrests are a sub-clan of the Woods and therefore, very insignificant. However, they are known for their appetite for female company and a clan member achieved some notoriety as a bandit in Arizona where he was known as Two-gal Forrest from his habit of always being accompanied by two molls. Later he fled to Canada, where because of the French influence, his name was changed to Deux-gal Forrest, a name which is popular in the clan to this day, although modern members are not of their ancestor's calibre.

I hope your readers will find these few facts about the Scots of interest.

Yours sincerely,

Angus MacShaggi

Angus MacShaggi

PS: I did not recover the one Baht coin. If this is found by any of your members would they return it to me.

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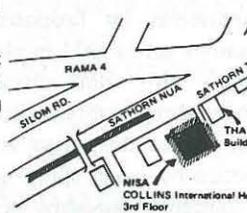
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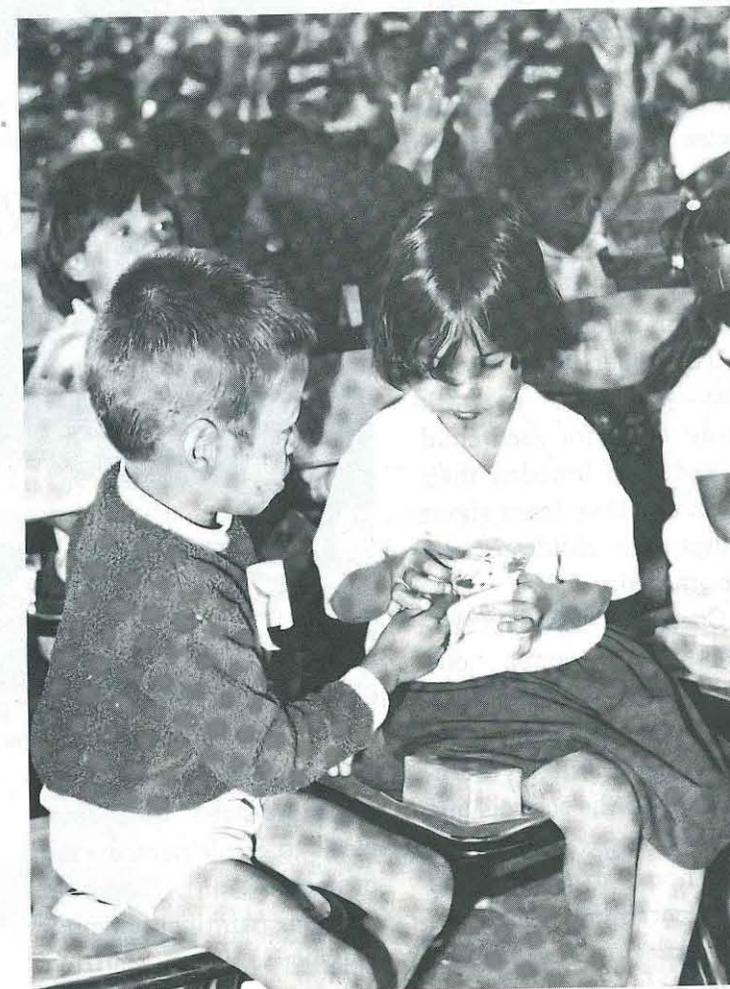
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Making Children Happy -- The Slum Kindergarten Improvement Project (S.K.I.P.)

RARELY have I come across a more appropriate acronym than S.K.I.P. For me the word skip conjures up visions of the very simplest and best of childhood games. The Slum Kindergarten Improvement Project tries to instil some of the sheer joy of childhood into the lives of some of the most disadvantaged children in Thailand today.

S.K.I.P. operates in the schools owned and run by the Human Development Centre, Klong Toey. Also involved in the schools are the Thai teachers, community leaders, social workers, S.K.I.P.'s own Catholic Sister, our darling Sister Benjamas, and most importantly, the S.K.I.P. volunteers.

The aim of S.K.I.P. is to improve the quality of education given to the children attending the slum kindergartens. The schools were originally set up to look after the young children of the slum dwell-



Just let me help you with that.

ers, enabling both parents to work more effectively and providing a secure environment for the children. A basic education was given and also, very

importantly, a nutritious main meal was provided at midday.

The strictness and rigid routines of the Thai education system are legendary.

The lack of decent teaching materials was chronic. The teachers lacked motivation. In providing these schools with a Montessori-based art programme operated by volunteers, a basic, fun maths programme operated by the teachers but devised and funded by skip, an ongoing health and cleanliness campaign, celebrations for holidays such as Songkran, Loy Kratong and Christmas, extra curricular outings to the zoo or magic land, S.K.I.P. has made a real improvement to the quality of the lives of the children involved.

This year S.K.I.P. has also produced a work study book for each child in order to broaden their horizons. They learn about things our children take for granted.

Currently S.K.I.P. operates in twenty one schools, giving educational assistance to over 2,000 children. S.K.I.P. volunteers go to the schools one morning each week for 2½ to 3 hours to operate the art programme. Most have no previous teaching experience, no particular artistic skills, many speak little Thai. All love children and find this an enjoyable and rewarding way to help.

Volunteers come together in groups of two or



Some farang children have come today ... and I really need some help.



Class photograph don't you like our new uniforms?

three and visit a school at a pre-arranged time each week to implement the art project set out. Examples include painting, glueing, making hats, cutting shapes, perhaps a class project like a collage or a pinata. S.K.I.P. tries to build up the children's self esteem by working toward a "no right, no wrong" attitude to art. Enthusiasm and applica-

tion is the requirement, not talent or skill – that applies, thankfully, to the volunteers as well as to the pupils.

S.K.I.P. has no steady income but money has come from the various women's groups, from BAMBI, from the UKCTC and from donations by individuals and companies. The money is needed for materials, for outings and



These crazy farangs.

at the moment, for uniforms. The uniforms are sold to those whose pa-

rents can afford the 25 baht cost. Incredibly there are many families for

whom this amount would be an intolerable strain on the family budget and for those families there is no charge.

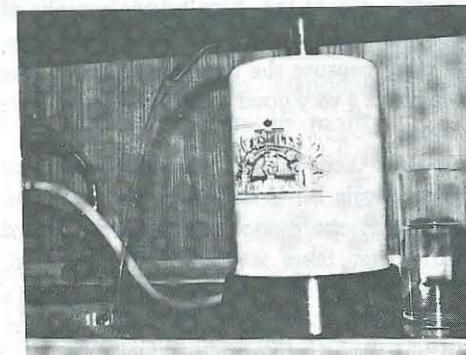
More volunteers are always needed. If you can help in any way or if you would like to know more, please call Rebecca Maer on 211-1465 or Nan Kennedy on 252-8536.

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GLEANINGS

THE trouble with writing articles is that you type them one month, hand them in the next and they are printed long after that news is history. However, apart from the Filofax addicts, I do not seem to have upset anyone as yet – not even that nice Mr and Mrs Tonkin. I will try to think ahead to current interests with just a little slide to catch up on the latest news.

I was only back two hours when Maren telephoned me to see if I had my Gleanings for October which were dispatched in great haste in case I had been forgotten in my two month's absence. Consequently, I had not heard the latest Bangkok gossip. Very disappointing really, apart from a few activities in the Churchill Bar. When I complained about the British Club sausages, I did not expect such an enthusiastic promotion from the French Rugby Team!

Many of the old faces have gone only to be replaced by some very fresh-faced young expatriates. Maybe I am getting old, or is it that we have now done 4 years here and everyone new looks fresh!

I was invited to have "Tea with a Thai Author" at Pira's Place recently and imagined that I would be one face amongst a sea of expatriate wives – fresh-faced or otherwise. I was surprised to find that there were only 5 women and 4 men for tea. We started very properly with a few cups of Earl Grey and equally subtle conversation. Khun Pira decided that it was time to open the wine (after all, it was 3.30 p.m.) and the conversation became semi-sweet, like the wine. On the arrival of the French dry, the company became relaxed and more fluent. The finale was a conversation of Patpong and various similar establishments in the world, and Pira added to the memorable occasion by opening his precious White Port, a present

received only that morning. By the end of the afternoon and several observations, we discovered that we were both Pisces!

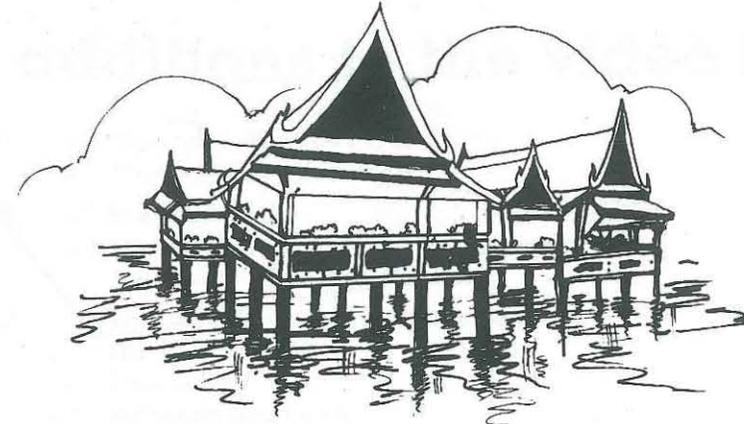
The Ploenchit Fair will be causing a few headaches by the time that you read this. I will be helping Grainne and Nick James on the Wine and Cheese stall as in the past 2 years, and enjoying every minute of it. It is one of the friendliest meeting places on the day. What a great guy Ian Stockwell is to give us such wonderful support and all he wants us to do is dress up as Kiwis – the bird not the fruit! Now you will have to visit us to see if it is true.

After such a hectic weekend, we shall all be able to relax at the St Andrew's Ball. Well the men will relax as they can wear the same as last year and nobody will notice. Not so the ladies. No, it is NOT a compliment when someone tells you that you ALWAYS look lovely in that dress or that they had seen it hanging up in the dressmakers and wondered WHO it belonged to. "I can't possibly wear that again" is a very valid excuse and the fact that your dear wife has spent SO long sitting by the pool to get a decent tan, hasn't done a stroke of work for two weeks so as not to break her nails, AND is ratty because she has been trying to lose some weight is a very good reason for her to have a new dress.

And for those of you who will be sampling their first haggis on this memorable occasion, I thought that the dictionary definition would make sure that there is enough to go round. "HAGGIS (hagis) n. Scottish dish of sheep's inner organs mixed with oatmeal, seasoned and boiled in the sheep's stomach-bag." Enjoy!

Pamela Rennie

SCOFFERIES



PIM PAI

MOST club members visit Pattaya at some time or another. Some weekly, others less frequently. Years ago a favourite half-way house was a restaurant in Sriracha overlooking the picturesque wat on a small island which has now been joined to the mainland by a causeway. The squid in curry sauce was then quite superb, but a recent visit exposed a change (better?) in atmosphere and a corresponding decline in quality.

The Pim Pai is probably now at that same unspoilt stage. The squid in curry sauce and grilled prawns with garlic are alone worth the 11.6 kilometre detour. Prawns were fresh and reasonable, but quite honestly, no local prawns have the taste and tangy flavour of those from cold water. If anyone knows differently I shall be very interested to hear from them. A menu is available in Thai and English and as a consequence local beer is slightly more expensive, than a restau-

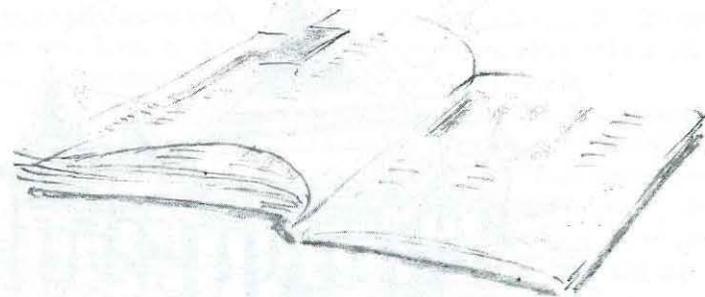
rant without such luxuries as a menu.

The setting is rather pleasant – a sleepy Thai fishing village with the restaurant projected over the water on stilts. In the distance one can see the rock and sand-moving activity, busily creating the new port of Laem Chabang and its enormous breakwater. Beyond can be seen the outline of the meditation pagoda at Bang Lamung and the islands off Pattaya.

A most relaxing and pleasant break from the horrendous highway. To get there proceeding north from Pattaya, turn left at the well signposted to Laem Chabang just a few hundred metres before the entrance to the oil refineries. Pass these on your right and follow the road for exactly 5.8 kilometres through the village and Pim Pai is on your left.

Bon Appetit
Bob Coombes

WELL WORTH READING



"Cuts"

FOR a witty, clever and yet undemanding read I recommend Malcolm Bradbury's latest book "Cuts". Described as a novella, this punchy little tale is about Britain in the summer of 1986. It plays on the word "Cuts" referring to various types of "cuts" - from university cuts to cutting and editing a television series in the North of England. An unknown author used to a "high fibre cereal sort of existence" is persuaded to write a television series for a dynamic television company. The television executives are hard entrepreneurial types willing to compromise "art" for finance - in fact, the book illustrates how a major television series could be written without any real plot, characterisation etc in order to suit the money men.

The book provides an interesting view of Tory Britain in the mid 1980's and although it never ceases to be funny, the sharp humour does not disguise the author's anger about what is happening to Britain. Prof. Bradbury was born in the North and lectures at a provincial univer-

sity plagued by cuts so he is bound to be upset about the North-South divide and the problems of lack of finance in further education. Nevertheless, this is still a particularly funny book with witty observations of a Britain full of Walkmans, graffiti, punks, Princess Di look-alikes, soap operas, nouvelle cuisine, kiwi fruit, Big Bang, buzz words. My favourite paragraph is about a university Vice Chancellor, newly knighted by Mrs. Thatcher who has novel ideas for encouraging sponsorship in the university In all the corridors there were now big notices saying "The faculty in his university all wear Marks and Spencer's underwear." More boldly he has been trying to get all the chairs in the university endowed, by commercial organisations, or even private individuals: the Westland Chair of Anglo-American Relations, the Kingsley Amis Chair of Women's Studies and the Durex Chair of French Letters were only some of the ideas he was presently developing. Most people should enjoy a few laughs with this book - well worth reading.

WELL WORTH WATCHING

New additions to the video library

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Swimming Fish

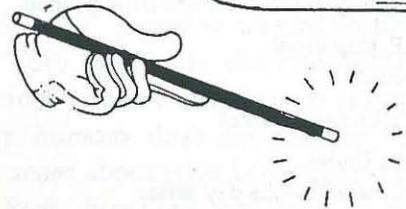
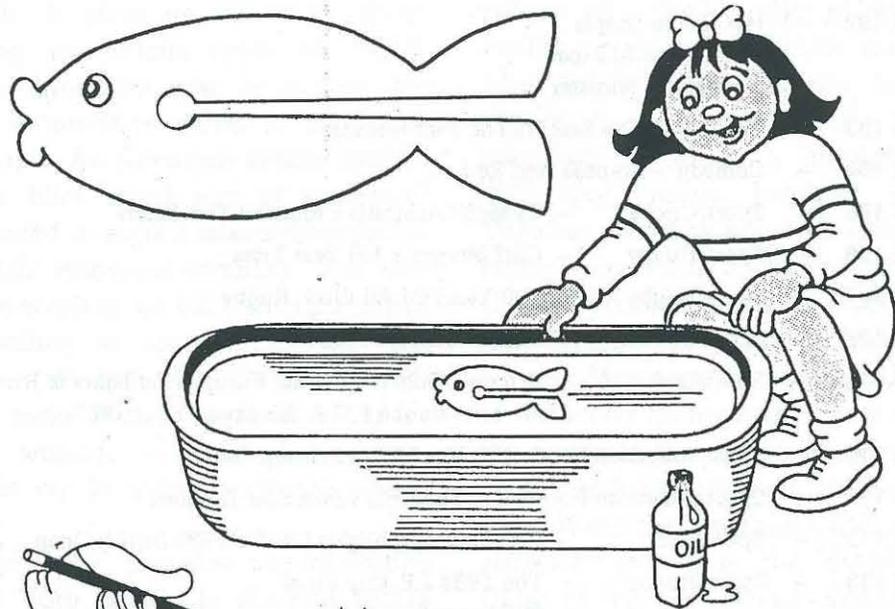
Here is an amusing trick to try out at home.

You will need
 a paper fish, cut out to the shape shown in the diagram
 a container for water
 some cooking oil

Then take the oil container and very carefully pour a small amount into the hole cut out of the fish. Try not to splash the oil onto the fish or the water. What happens? The fish will swim across the water on its own!

The trick
 Cut out a paper fish like the one in the diagram, with a narrow channel from its tail to a small circle up near its head. Fill your water container (a long narrow container such as a plant trough is best, but failing that you could use the kitchen sink) and very gently lie your fish on the surface of the water, so that only its underside gets wet.

How it's done
 The oil's natural reaction is to try to spread across the surface of the water. It cannot do this because it is contained within the shape of the paper fish, so it spreads in the only possible direction, down the channel cut out of the fish. This movement propels the fish in the opposite direction to the floating oil, i.e. forwards. It is a very amusing sight!



What does a deaf fisherman need?
 A herring-aid.

YOU NEED:
 • A pen and paper

Write these numbers on a piece of paper:



Now challenge someone to choose any six digits from the 15 digits shown and write them down, one under the other, so that they add up to a total of 21.

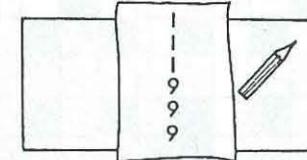
The column of figures they use must be made up of single digits only. In other words you cannot put two together (such as 1 and 5 to make 15). The six chosen digits must form a single column and they must total 21.

SUM IT UP

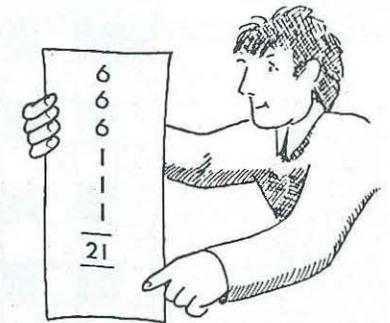
If you try this yourself you will find that it just cannot be done. So your friends will have to give up sooner or later.

When everyone admits defeat you demonstrate how to do it. How can you do that when it is actually impossible? This is how.

Write down the three 1s. Underneath these put the three 9s – like this:



If you add this up you will see that it totals 30 – but this is where the sneaky bit comes in. Turn the paper over – the 9s become 6s – and the column of figures now adds up to 21!



ANSWER IN ADVANCE

YOU NEED:
 • A pen and paper
 • A calculator may be useful

First write the number 9 on a sheet of paper. Fold the paper, without letting anyone see what you have written, and place it on the table in full view.

Now ask someone to say any number between 10 and 98, except double numbers, such as 11, 22, 33 and so on. Let us suppose they pick 25. Write this down, or put it into your calculator.

The number is now reversed. (In our example 25 reversed gives 52). Now subtract the smaller number

from the larger number ($52 - 25 = 27$).

The answer (27) is now divided by the difference between the digits of the original number. This may sound a bit complicated but if you take a look at the number in our example (25) you will see that it is not really difficult. In the example the difference between the two digits is three ($5 - 2 = 3$). Divide 27 by 3 and the answer is 9.

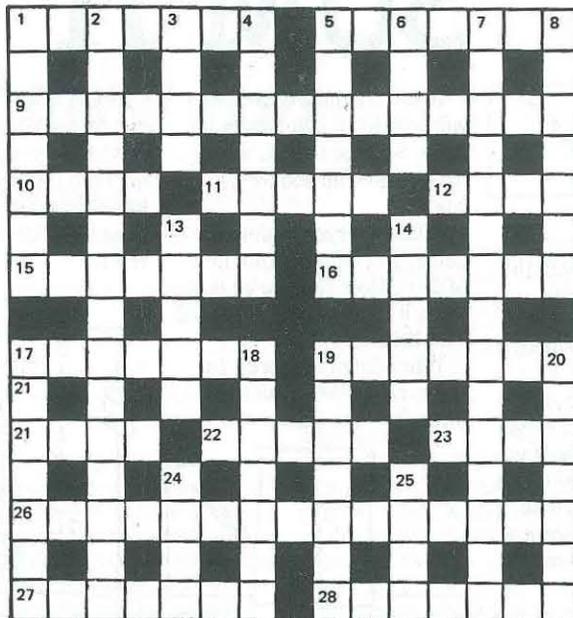
Ask someone to open the paper that has been on view all the time. On it is written the number 9 – you knew that answer even before the sum was started!

In fact the answer is always 9 – but there is no need to tell your friends that! Here is another example.

State any number between 10 and 98
 Reverse it 94
 Take the smaller number from the larger 49
 Divide this answer by the difference in the digits of the number you first thought of:
 $9 - 4 = 5$, $45 \div 5 = 9$.
 And the answer is 9!



CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 & 5 Oriental Hogmanay. (3 words)
9. 1988 is his last year as this. (2 words)
10. Sort of character.
11. Dug back for some tough stuff.
12. Increase the population? Come off it, ladies!
15. 21st. June is this day.
16. Firing range.
17. Comparative result of cutting consumption.
19. One of those in 9 Across' Union.
21. It's the last word!
22. A form of 24 Down.
23. We all will be if we last out!
26. You can find a representative of 9 Across here in London. (2 words)
27. Do it with the menu and you'll never be 17 Across.
28. Were these Queen Victoria's undercover artists?

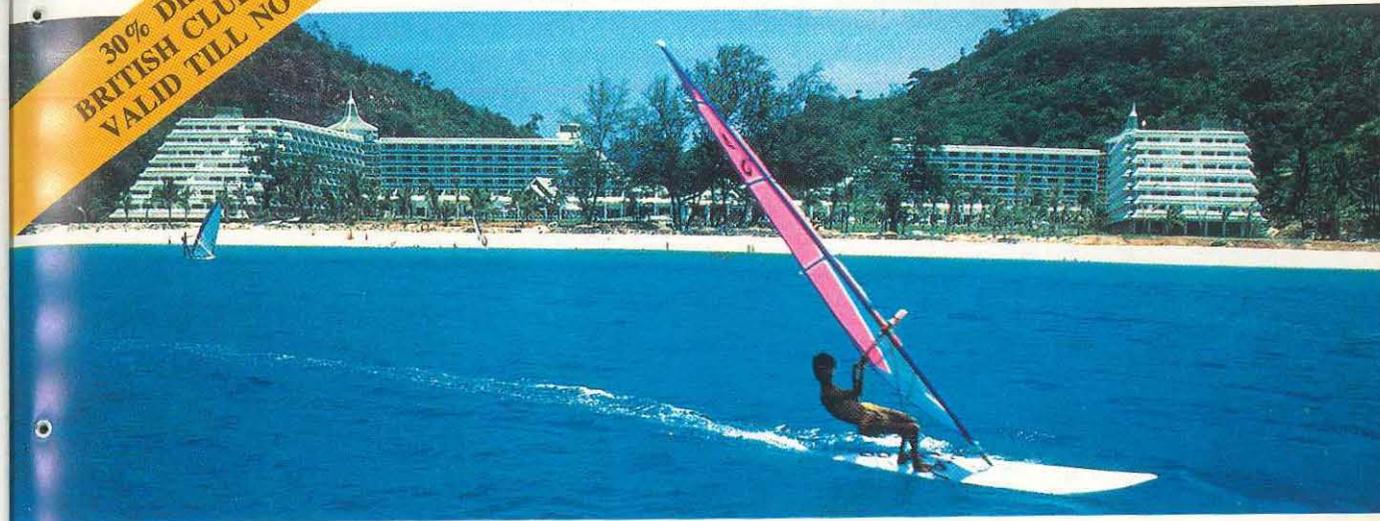
DOWN

1. Where 9 Across has a session- sounds first class!
2. Get it at a market stall - you hope. (2 words)
3. The way to go.
4. Earth is one.
5. "The poet's pen gives to airy _____ a local habitation and a name." (Shakespeare-Midsummer Night's Dream)
6. Time that sounds feeble.
7. Millions use it to communicate. (2 words)
8. Remove an article from a geometric figure and get a lock.
13. Sides which are mixed marriage-partners.
14. A twisty serpent is a peach at Public School!
17. La with this it is a paradise!
18. It's sweet, they say.
19. Let a red roundabout be changed.
20. Talk to a figure in a garment.
24. You might find 9 Across in this office.
25. With an amphibious serviceman this is a gem!

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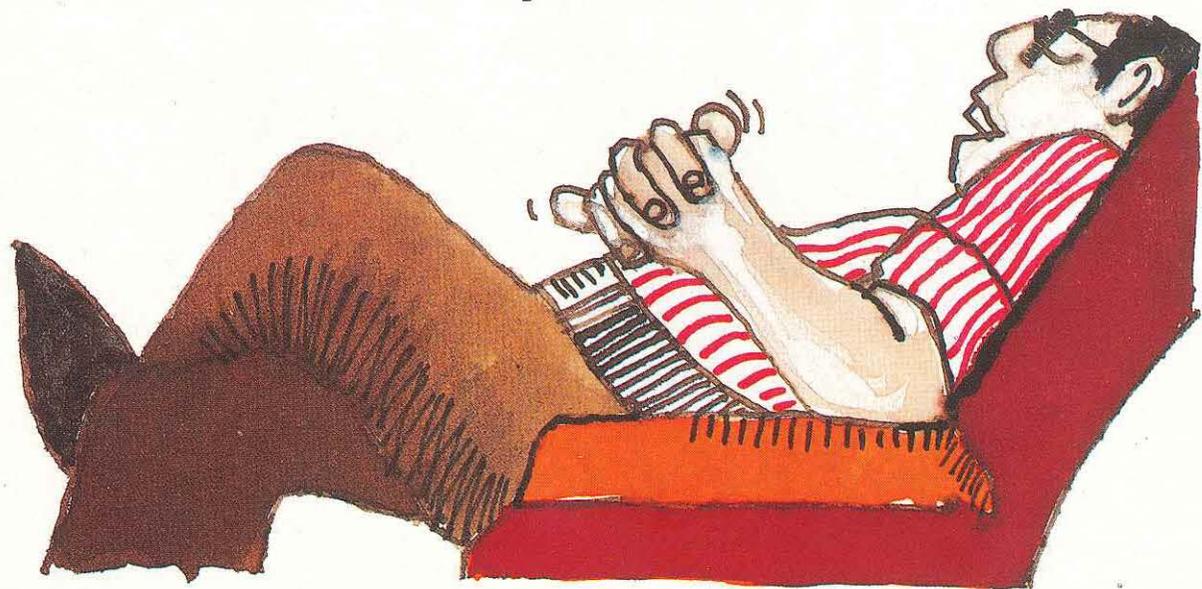
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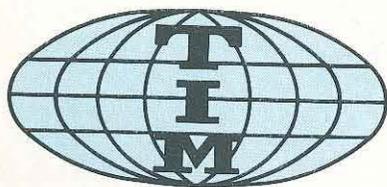
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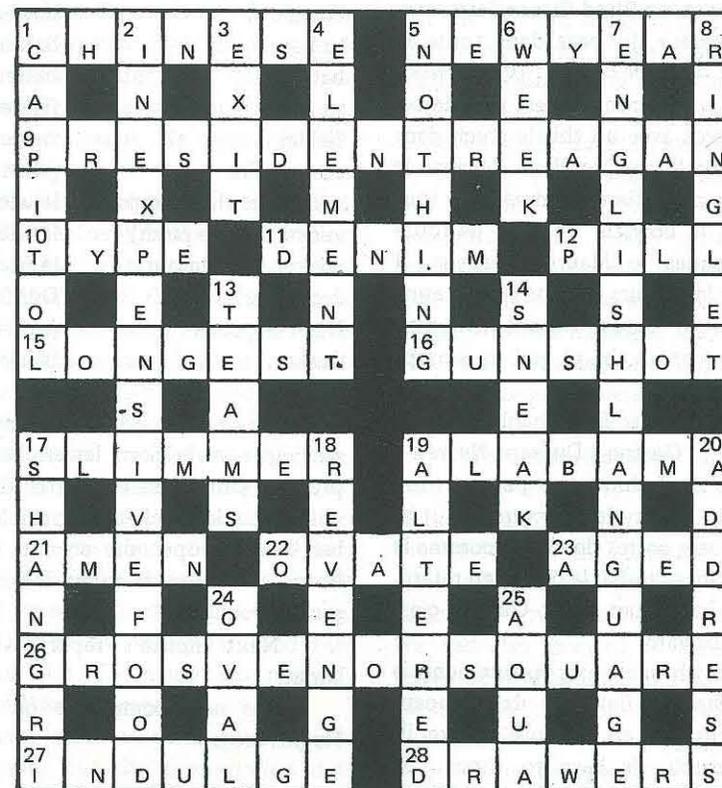
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THE ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY

The St. David's Society of Bangkok are pleased to announce that at their recent Annual General Meeting the following members were elected to the Committee for the year 1989/90:

Leighton Fowles	—	Bard
Roger Daniel	—	Vice Bard/Treasurer
Richard Hopkins	—	Secretary
Martin Thomas	—	Committee
David Williams	—	Committee
Ann Wood	—	Committee
Norma Darkin	—	Committee

Solution



CRICKET



CRICKET

ALLO zere! (Following Ambassador Tonkin's revelation that the French were cricket silver medallists in the 1692 Olympics, and to cater to the increasing numbers of Francophone members and nude visitors of the British Club, this month's article is presented in French!). La section cricket du Club British est tres busy at ce moment avec les preparations pour la new saison. Nous avons deja fait beaucoup de sitting around la table, drinking la Kloster and getting urine comme les newts proverbiales.

Pour those of vous who know nothing about le game de cricket, je presente une petite introduction a some of les caracteres du team. First, il y a le capitaine, Franc "Rimbaud" Oeuf; il bowle beaucoup de larges. Sometimes his larges are si large that they hitte le square-jambe umpieur, so now il try un new career comme keepieur de wicket. Then il y a le bowleur ouvrant, Nic Blanc who can blow le blues sur son organe de bouche comme Blind Citron Jefferson. Il est le tout-roundeur du year dans toute la Thaïlande. L'autre bowleur ouvrant (qui bowle a l'autre end) est David Danse, qui est tres fierce, comme un rhinoceros avec un thistle stuck dans son derriere. Il etait le tout-roundeur du year le year before. But le most fierce et dreade de tous les bowleurs, c'est le bowleur du year de toute la Thaïlande, Jacques le Maurice-Danseur. Il strike la peur dans les coeurs de tous les batteurs, qui find it difficile to choose between frapping him pour un quatre or un six, et end up stompe par le keepieur de wicket.

Pas tout le team est English; il y a aussi un Frenchhomme, Gaston Ducrape-Nerveu. Gaston batte dans un fashion tres peculiar; son shot favorite est le prode forward. Autres batteurs jouent toutes sortes de shots, comme le drive court, le glance jambe, la coupe en retard, le crochet et le balai, but pour Gaston c'est toujours le prode forward.

Le Club British n'est pas exactement le plus athletique dans le field, et ils droppent beaucoup de catches. Ce est because before ils try to take un catch, ils have to shout "Ni Kideune" trois times. Most cricketeurs aiment a fielder not too loin from l'action. Ils sont

vraiment urine off when ils sont sende a fielder a jambe longue ou troisieme homme. Normalement ces positions sont un punishment si le fielder play comme une laitue humide ou si il laugh audiblement when le capitaine bowle des larges.

Le Club Sports Bangkok Royal invitait nous a un party cocktail month last. Les Guests specials were John Wright, le capitaine de Zealande Nouveau, et Ole Mortensen, qui, believe-le ou non, est un Danishhomme qui play pour Derbyshire. Notre correspondant intrepide a fait un interview avec Ole:

Outposte: Allo zere.

Ole: Gød Mørgnung.

Outposte: Parlez-vous pas Frenche?

Ole: Yøeu møst be yøking.

Glossary

to bowl	bowler
bowler	bowleur
to bat	batter
batter	batteur
to field	fielder
fielder	fieldeur
cover point	point cover
wicket (ie the stumps)	le wicket
wicket (ie the pitch)	le wicket
wicket (ie man out)	le wicket merde alors
Jack Dunford	Dunford Jacques
Nigel Grocock	(untranslatable)
duck	baisser la tete

NB: Pour les Frenchhommes desireux de participer au cricket: les cricketeurs ne take off presque jamais their culottes dans le Bar Churchill. Also, les cricketeurs open les bouteilles avec les bouteille-openeurs et non avec les orifices. Pour cette sorte de thing, il est better to join la section rugby.

Next month's report will be in Serbo-Croat.

Les nets commence on Novembre le 5. Ne pas forget.

David Hall
October le 9.

SOCCER



SOCCER

HI Gang.

Another active month to report with matches at 11 a-side, 7 and 4 a-side also. Firstly, however, a warm welcome to new section members Mike Worrow and Keith Denner who answered our pleas for new players.

Both look like promising additions to the squad and new skipper Mike "Sleep-in-the-bath-when-pie-eyed" Pomfret is quietly confident about the way things are shaping. Mike Worrow is a Canadian who plays on the wing and looks to have some silky skills, whilst Keith is a strong Welsh centre-forward in the John Charles (sorry - showing my age), Ian Rush mould. Need I say more? Now to the action!

Match Report

Our season kicked off with a friendly against the German All-Stars and such was the quality of our play that we feel we may have 'peaked' too soon. The Germans are taking the build-up to their campaign very seriously and already had six games under their belt so we anticipated a tough game against our joint runners-up from last season. We were not disappointed. It turned out to be a cracker of a match with both sides playing well and in good sporting spirit. We eventually broke the deadlock early in the second half with a sweetly executed goal. Goalkeeper McPherson threw it to Forbes who, with great vision (aahem!), sent Dave "Heart-throb" Wallace away. Wallace crossed with pin-point accuracy into the rather large target of Billy Duncan's 'hooter' who calmly nosed the ball down over the line with devastating power. One-nil and the result was to stay that way, thanks to some resilient defensive play which was to earn Vince Swift the first Man-of-the-Match Award of the season. All-in-all a very satisfying opening performance, bearing in mind the absence of several regulars, and one that surprised the Hun. The match also marked the solid debut of Mike Worrow.

The following week it rained and rained and still more rain, but the precipitation did not pre-empt the RBSC playing host to us at the Polo Club pitch which must surely be the

best playing surface in the metropolis. By kick-off time the dry adiabatic lapse rate was such such that the rain had stopped, but the under-foot conditions varied from wet to awfully wet, to hand me my Greg Louganis mask. Despite this, both teams performed very well and another entertaining and extremely sporting encounter emerged. Two enjoyable games in two weeks - too much!! The Sports Club opened the scoring, or should I say Andy Maynard did it for them with the first own-goal of the season, but then they repaid us the compliment of scoring one against themselves. In a frantic first-half finish the Sports Club notched another at the right end; this time to take a 2-1 half-time lead. We commenced the second half like Hurricane Gilbert and levelled the scores when sheer determination down the middle of the park by Dave Bennington lead to him forcing the ball over the line. The Sports Club protested that their goalie was holding onto it at the time, but the ref had none of it, due to the fact that we promised him a beer. Both sides then pressed hard for a winner and unfortunately, it fell to the RBSC when a vicious dipping shot from 25 yards deceived goalie, Craig Rennie, for their third.

Craig was making a welcome return and, due to his high activity rate, was muddied, malodorous and mildly miffed at the game's end with the loss of the goal. His team-mates thought differently and, for a diligent, daring display he was adjudged joint Man-of-the-Match with Dave Bennington. Another sound display, however, since we were robbed of several regulars because of an important Rugby game.

The following week we were back at the Polo Club where we had been invited to participate in a triangular 7 a-side competition with the RBSC and the Germans. Both these teams were warming-up for the Singapore Cricket Club 7's Tournament the following weekend. We had also received an invite, but due to the heavy tour schedule, had to decline. Anyway, we opened the day with a game against the Germans which they won 2-1. Our scorer was skipper Mike Pomfret. The Germans were worthy winners, however, adapting to the special tactics the reduced-player game necessitates. The

Germans then played the RBSC and in a smashing match went down 3-2. This left the Sports Club needing only a draw against us to win the afternoon's honours and it seemed 'easy meat' when they took a 2-0 lead before Mike Pomfret pegged one back on the half-time whistle. A strong exchange of ideas on the strategy to use during the break, and we were off and running in the second half with some exciting high quality football. The debut by Keith Denner notched two goals to see us coast home 3-2 and share out the honours of the day. Yet another excellent British Club recovery and good performances all round from our 10-man squad.

The other action during the month centred on the traditional season-opener, the Indoor 4 a-sides. This is a hardy annual, due to the high chance of rainy season outdoor cancellations and, at the time of writing, had not reached a conclusion. Regular readers will not be surprised to learn, however, that we are out, as, in line with tradition, we played fairly abysmally. We just cannot seem to come to terms with the indoor game. In our section, comprising Algerians, Indians, Sikhs, Germans and ISB, we won one, drew one and lost three. The Indians and Germans qualified for the semi-final stage with the Sikhs third and BC fourth. A good time was had by all, however, and top scorer for us in the tournament was newcomer Mike Worrow with four, followed by Frank Hough and an up-and-coming striker called Forbes with 3 a-piece (one from Billy Duncan's borrowed trainers). Our man of the tournament was Billy Duncan who has shed kilos and is looking useful (although looks can be deceptive). Seriously, Billy is playing well and this is another welcome boost to our player pool.

The only other match at press-time was a Casuals fixture against the ISB Junior Varsity (16 year-olds) team. New Casuals Captain, Peter Downs, led his side for the first time and, true to form, experience triumphed over youth with the Casuals running out 2-1 winners and having a lot of fun in the process. Scorers were Bennington and Worrow on loan from the First XI.

STOP PRESS

On 'copy dead-line' day we met ISB in a friendly as part of their build-up for an important School's Tournament. In a high quality match we were one-up at the break through a

well-taken Massey goal. The school had by far the best of the second half, due to liberal use of their 22 man squad who eventually ran us 'old men' into the ground and put five past a despairing McPherson. Both sides played some good football and we wish ISB well in their big tournament. Congratulations to the two Hough kids, Roger and Simon, who at last have managed to beat their old man's team.

POST SCRIPTS

As you read this you will probably be thinking about the 5th November Fireworks at the Club. We will have had our own fireworks as the season has started and our Chiang Mai Tour will have come and gone. All the news and views of this expedition in the next edition, but I can reveal that we will have a 25 strong travelling party of players, wives and kids.

Congratulations go to team member, Steve Martin, who in the summer changed schools, going from Patana to teach at ISB and was promptly asked to coach the Junior Varsity Team following on a line of BC players since our former player, Steve Castledine, took charge of the top ISB team last year.

Thanks to British Airways for their sponsorship of a new kit. From next month we shall be "Flying the Flag" in all our games. More of the colour scheme next issue.

And now for something completely the same:

Where do you find a tortoise with no legs?
Where you left it!

What's pink and hangs out your underpants?
Your mother! (some of you have one-track minds).

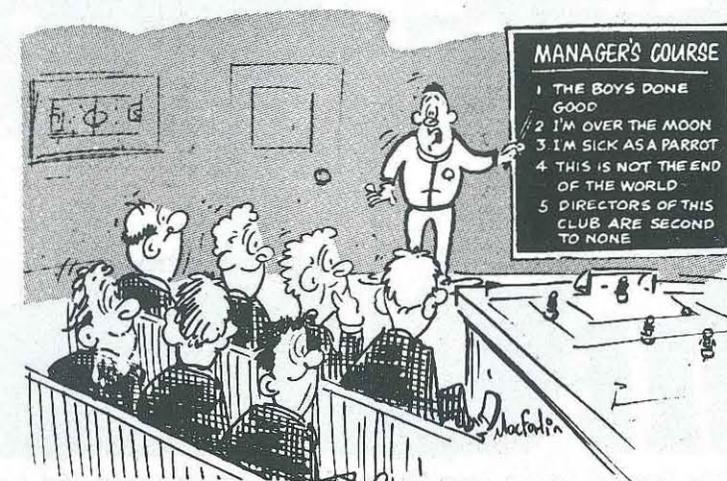
Brutus had just returned to Rome after another successful Christian killing expedition, one of many. The Emperor shook his head in disbelief as he stepped out to honour Brutus, saying, "Well, Brutus, you have got every decoration that Rome can bestow on you unless you would like to sample a new honour that we have been planning. It's called a Smartie Christian and what it consists of is the skin of a Christian with a zip up the front so it can be filled with Smarties, and when you retire you can save yourself from getting bored by counting Smarties". Brutus accepted and one day after he had retired he felt bored so he retrieved his Smartie Christian from the cupboard, unzipped

it, poured out all the Smarties and counted them 10,996, 10,997, 10,998, 10,999 Smarties altogether. A few days later Brutus was again bored so out came the Smartie Christian and he started counting, 10,990, 10,991, 10,992, 10,993, 10,994 5 missing! He grabbed Mrs Brutus and shook her. "Have you been touching my Smartie Christian?" Mortified by fear, she shook her head saying she thought she had seen Caesar slip surreptitiously away from the house only that morning. Brutus, in a rage, jumped into his chariot and flew across Rome to the Senate,

stormed in and on seeing Caesar, drew his knife and stabbed his Emperor. With his dying breath Caesar muttered the immortal words "ET TU BRUTE", to which Brutus angrily replied "You liar, you ate five".

That wraps it up for his month. Take care and remember, you know you're jumping to conclusions when your parachute doesn't open.

Alex "Scoop" Forbes



"Today we'll deal with press and TV interviews."

SQUASH SQUASH

THE two main events during September were the squash leagues and the Tennis v Squash competition.

Squash leagues were extended by one week to compensate for having only two courts in action and the additional pressure caused by the TSRA games.

Congratulations to the winners and don't forget to collect your winners mugs from reception.

Winners were:	Division 1	Rod Dominy
	Division 2	David Bennington
	Division 3	Jon Sill
	Division 4	Chris Taggart
	Division 5	Bob Rayner
	Division 6	Jorgen Toft
	Division 7	Ian Aldridge
	Division 8	Art de Boer
	Division 9	Id Hastings

The other main event was the Tennis v Squash match. With a partner from his own team, each player had to play both squash and tennis. Opponents were again a partnered pair from the opposing team. The scoring system was a formula devised by Messrs. Brazenell and Austin over a

round of golf the previous day. Due to the writer's last minute business commitments, Mr. Brazenell was left to organise and run the competition on his own. I am informed, however, by a reliable source that it all ran as smoothly and sweetly as gulf/air time table (T.B.'s own words).

Unfortunately, what he could not organise was a win for Squash. Tennis won the day, but we all accepted T.B.'s excuse that they were just better than us. Well done Tennis. A rematch will be requested soon.



Members of the Tennis & Squash Team Challenge match after the event. (Ed. Has David Hall done something particularly angelic, or is David Joseph wanted by Interpol?)

TSRA

You will be pleased to hear that British Club teams are doing very well in this competition. The ladies have reached the final, together with the men's B team. The men's A team, whilst still two of three games to play, are confident of reaching the semi finals.

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Wonderful news. Both the ladies' and men's teams have won! Photos and details later.

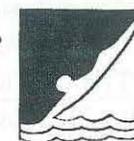
Chiangmai Trip

Along with the BC cricket team, the Squash section will be visiting Chiangmai over the holiday weekend in December. Train leaves Bangkok approx 6.00 p.m. on Friday 2nd December and leaves Chiangmai for return to Bangkok on Monday 5th December again approx 6.00 p.m. Squash games, both team and individual, are being organised with the Chiangmai Gymkhana Club. Wives and girlfriends are welcome. Hotels are being booked. Watch the board for more details.

Tee Shirts

"Designer" squash section tee shirts are now available. Get your exclusive copy before they all go. They are available in 5 sizes Small, Medium, Large, XL and Jon Sill size.

SWIMMING SWIMMING



A Swimming Gala was held on 25th September, the first after a long summer break. 34 children participated, including some new faces, and there were rosettes awarded to the winners in each section. Our thanks go to Hilary Driver and Pamela Rennie who ran the Gala at short notice, and Mark Reid who did the announcing at even shorter notice. Our thanks go also to the parents who were time-keepers.

A special award went to Frederick Deladrier for joining the older boys for the Individual Medley – and winning. Also little Kate Harris, who most of us remember as a baby, was awarded a rosette for such a valiant effort in her first Gala.

The next Gala will be held on 13th November at 12.00 noon.



The valiant Kate Harris receiving her award.



All the troops.

RESULTS OF THE SWIMMING GALA
held on Sunday 25 September 1988

		Freestyle	Breast	I.M.
- 7 Girls	Anna Freeman	25.00	33.86	1.10.88
	Harriet White	27.00	35.00	1.18.96
	Teulla Reid	33.00	41.00	1.22.62
	Aurelie Deladrier	34.00	37.00	1.29.40
	Ayesha Loveridge	36.00	36.00	1.30.50
	Rebecca Wield	42.20	-	1.47.50
	Kate Harris	48.00	-	1.47.50
- 7 Boys	Alex Stamp	22.00	34.00	1.07.00
	Andrew Scott	24.00	37.50	1.16.50
	Robert Rennie	30.00	33.72	1.12.84
	Adrian Harris	35.00	33.53	1.16.27
	Nico Crampton	52.00	44.00	1.27.50
	Michael Coutts			1.57.00
- 9 Girls	Candice Driver	47.23	1.02.40	57.50
	Sarah Myers	48.00	1.02.20	54.50
	Sonia Stewart	56.00	1.30.00	1.13.28
	Cushla Reid	62.50	1.22.13	1.14.36
	Diana Lamb	69.00	1.22.78	1.14.68
	Saartje van Walbeek	1.11.00	1.29.20	1.31.60
- 9 Boys	Frederick Deladrier	47.91	56.00	55.66
	Torky Atkinson	1.00.00	1.08.00	1.03.98
	Jonathan Coutts	-	-	1.24.90
- 11 Girls	Rebecca White	43.20	1.01.90	2.01.20
	Penny Reid	43.30	51.00	1.54.00
	Rebecca Overington	45.00	1.06.50	2.08.33
	Claire Stewart	48.00	1.06.43	
	Victoria Scott	54.50	1.14.00	
	Katherine McDonald	57.00	1.23.40	
- 11 Boys	James Rennie	43.60	55.57	1.59.60
	John Barnes	44.40	1.00.80	
	Mark Freeman	45.61	1.10.65	
	Alexandre Ramaciotti	45.80	59.04	2.12.60
	Matthew Overington	49.45	1.19.60	2.14.75
	Joe Harris	62.50	1.23.00	

Chess

YOU may have noticed when reading the Bangkok Post sport pages that it is possible to read an entire article on a game or a match without knowing what sport is being reported on. This is due to the reporters' insistence on calling a sport by anything other than its proper name. So, for badminton read "shuttling", basketball is "caging", and a new one on me - playing chess is "woodpushing". Not un-descriptive, but it sounds a bit like some new form of illicit activity carried out in the back streets of Amsterdam.

Well, this article is definitely about playing chess. In the chess section's first match this season on 21 September it was decided to start at the top and challenge the Soviet Embassy to a friendly match.



Standing: Left to right - R. Green, M. Twenlow, V. Gousev, J. Nichols, V. Yaroslavov, V. Selivonin, V. Fedortchenko.
Kneeling: Left to right - B. Kirpichev, O. Kravtsov, P. Snell, H. Pease, G. Fedorov.



Mark Pease, G. Fedorov. - "Oh tishki!"

Only five of the B.C. team had sufficient grip on their time management to be able to be in the right place at the right time. Boris Kirpichev from the Soviet team kindly volunteered to become a temporary Brit and play sixth board. This resulted in a diplomatic draw with Vladimir Yaroslavov and a much needed 1/2 point for the B.C. The full results were as follows:

B.C.B.			SOVIET EMBASSY		
1.	MARK TWEMLOW	0	1	V. GUSEV	
2.	JAMES NICHOLS	1	0	V. FEDORTCHENKO	
3.	MARK PEASE	0	1	G. FEDOROV	
4.	RICHARD GREEN	0	1	O. KRAVTSOV	
5.	PETER SNELL	0	1	V. SELIVOHIN	
6.	BORIS KIRPITCHEV	½	½	V. YAROSLAVOV	
		1½	4½		

Not a bad result considering that most people in the Soviet Union can play chess from birth. There were several interesting games including Mark Pease's Russian opening – how thoughtful of him – and Peter Snell's Kloster gambit – that's the one where you try and get your opponent totally missed before the start of the game – nice try Peter – on a bit of a loser here with these Vodka drinkers though weren't we!



Boards 1 + 2.

Peter Snell & V. Selivohin.



Left to right: Mark Pease & Richard Green.



Markovich Twemlov looked good, he even had his own 4s 6d score book which unfortunately, he has forgotten to show me so I can't publish the game. The opponent of Richard Green won so fast that R.G. was heard mumbling something about a test and Ben Johnson and parabolic asteroids, or something. Anyway, we couldn't understand him and all went for eats.

Here's our only win with limited commentary for which the author takes no responsibility; (nor does the Ed. in reproducing it accurately.)

J. NICHOLS
White

1. P-K4
2. N-KB3
3. B-N5

The Ruy Lopez opening – Steinitz defence.

4. P-QB3
5. P-Q3
6. B-K3
7. QN-Q2
8. B x N

The pin on the knight being no longer effective, white decides to simplify things.

9. P-R3

Black should have captured the knight on B3 with his bishop. He is now driven back, ultimately allowing P-KB4.

10. P-KN4
11. N-R4
12. N x B
13. Q-K2
14. O-O
15. P-KB4
16. P x P
17. P-Q4

If B-QB3 then P-K5 and black loses a piece.

18. P-K5

V. FEDORTCHENKO
Black

1. P-K4
2. N-QB3
3. P-Q3

- N-KB3
- B-N5
- B-K2
- O-O
- P x B

- B-R4

- B-KN3
- P-Q4
- BP x N
- P-R4
- Q-Q2
- B-Q3
- B x P
- B-KN6

- N-K1

Black's worst move – better would have been N-R2. On K1 the knight cannot move and blocks the Queen's Rook from supporting the KR which now leads to the loss of the bishop from which he does not recover.



Boris the Brit.

- 19. R x R +
- 20. Q-KB3 +
- 21. Q x B
- 22. R-KB1 +
- 23. N-KB3
- 24. N-R4
- 25. B-B1
- 26. Q-Q3
- 27. R-KB8
- 28. Q-B2

- K x R
- Q-KB2
- Q-K3
- K-N1
- P-QR4
- R-QN1
- P-QB4
- K-R2
- P-QB5
- R-N3

White missed an opportunity here by not playing N-B3 followed by N-N5 and then N-B7 which must win.

- 29. N x P
- 30. Q x Q 3
- 31. R x N
- 32. R-QB8
- 33. R-QR8
- 34. R x P

- Q x N
- K x Q
- K-B2
- R-QN2
- P-QR5
- Resigns.

Black is a piece and pawn down and has little chance of avoiding his pawns being picked off or stopping whites KP from promoting.

The game is typical of a passive defence allowing white, whose moves are by no means precise, to build up a decisive King's side attack.



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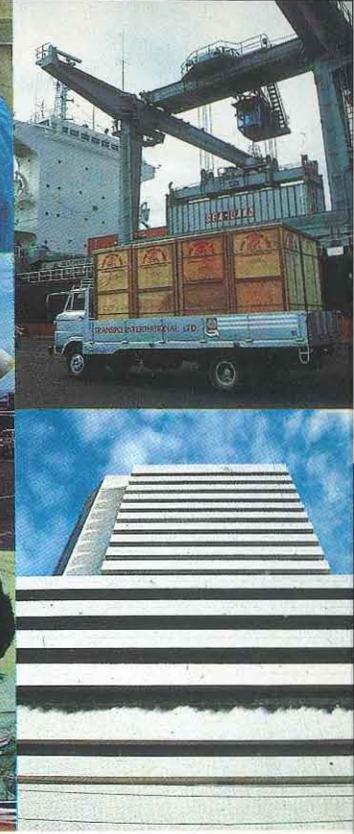
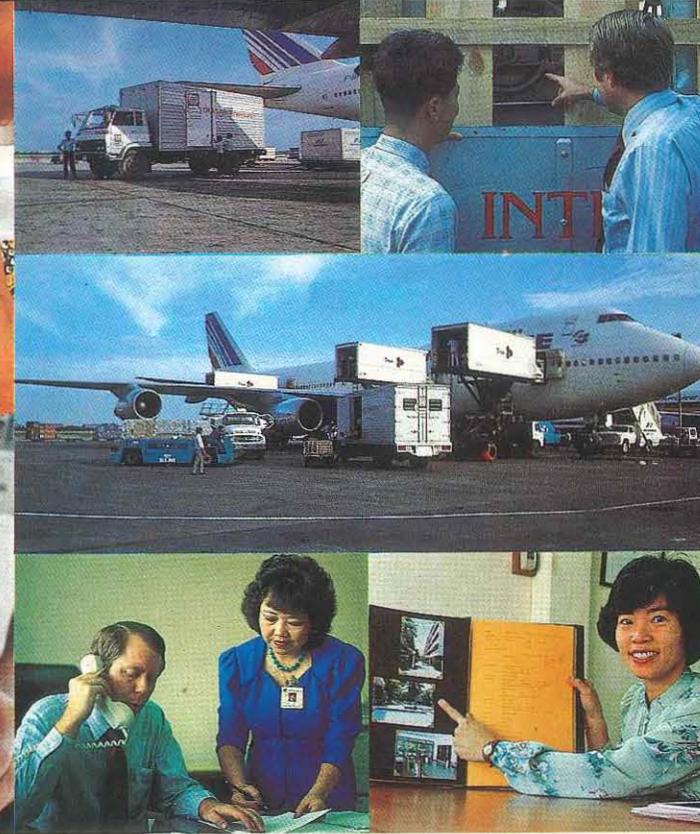


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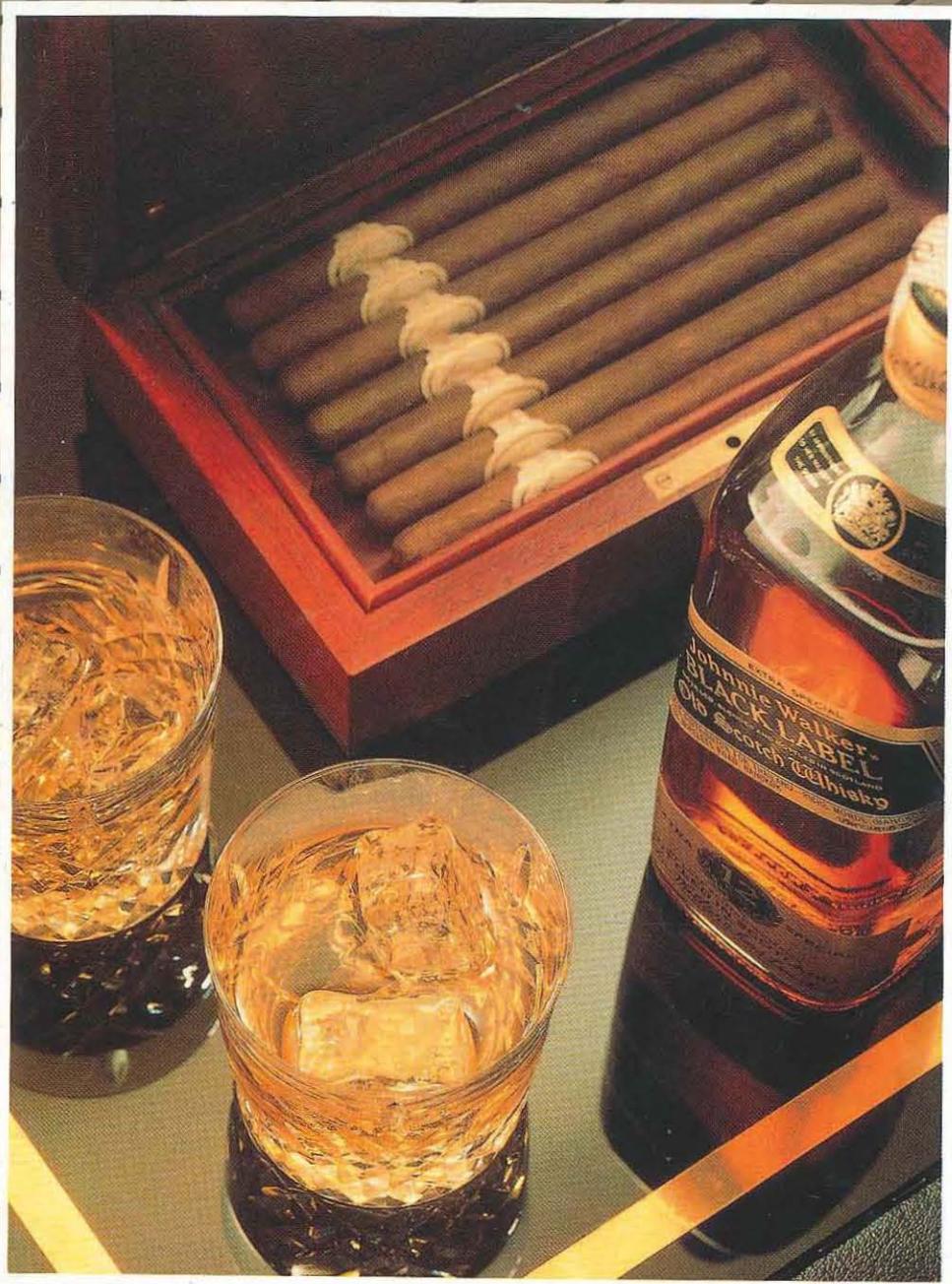
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