

November 1990

# OUTPOST

MONTHLY MAGAZINE OF THE BRITISH CLUB



*5th ~ 30th November*

## *New Zealand Food Festival 1990*

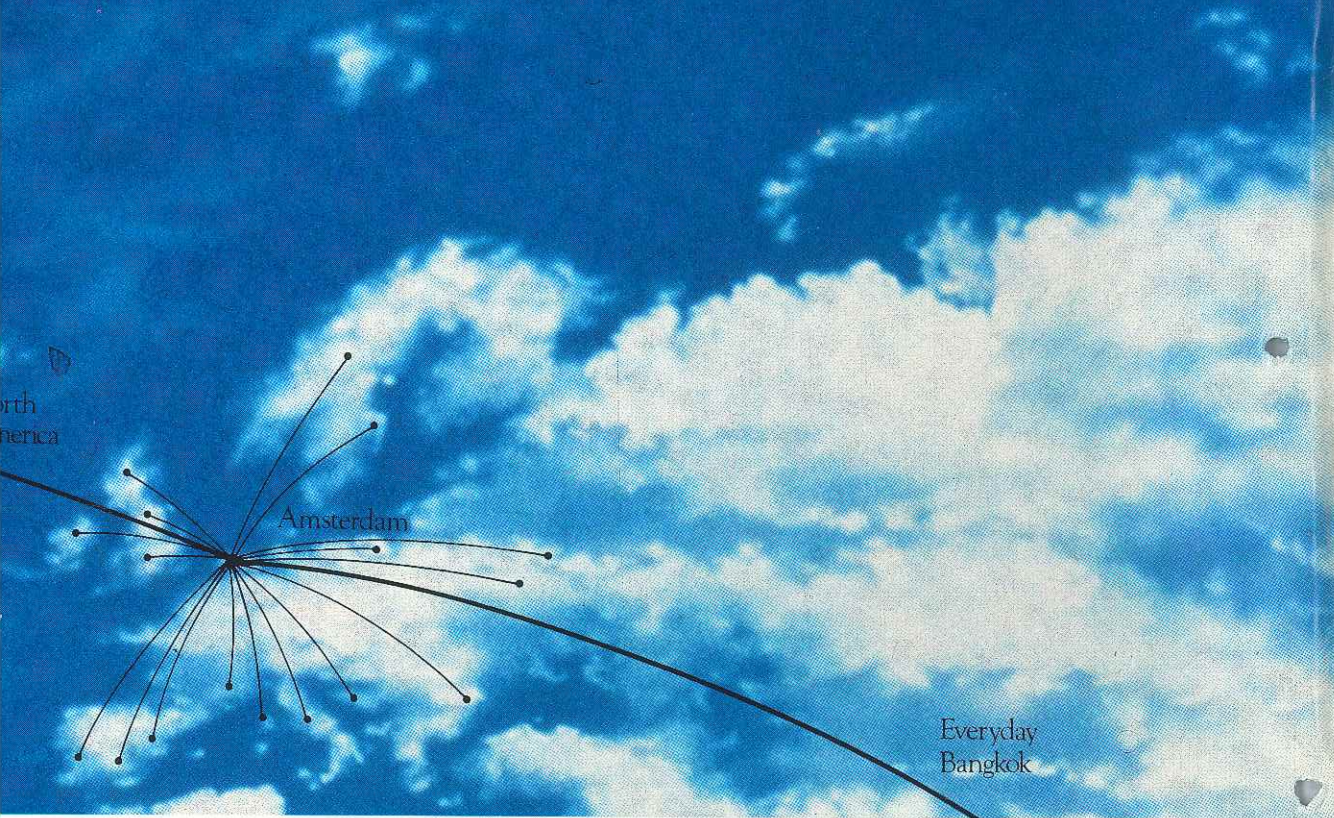


**BRITISH AIRWAYS**

**N.Z. SESQUICENTENNIAL**  
**(1840 ~ 1990)**

“ABCDEFJGHIJ      NOPQRSTUVWXYZ”

“Just add KLM and Fly the Difference!”

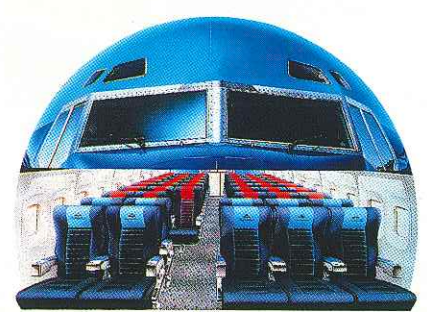


Being first in the air means staying ahead and flying KLM means discovering 148 destinations in 77 different countries.

**New: Destinations to exciting cities** like Baltimore/Washington, Toulouse, Marseilles, Essen, Basel/Mulhouse and Luxembourg.

**New: Business Class Lounge** at Schiphol Amsterdam Airport opening in January offering a comfortable haven between flights.

**Still more news** includes wider seats on our European Business Class, new monitors with the latest movies and ITN news on most of our 747's, and a new selection of recipes to choose from.



In fact, KLM just keeps on adding more destinations and comforts to suit your needs. Test us, try us, fly us everyday to Amsterdam and connect to one of our 147 destinations around the world. For reservations and more information call your travel agent or contact KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, 2 Patpong Rd., Bangkok. Tel. 235-5150-9.

The Reliable Airline **KLM** Royal Dutch Airlines



## THE BRITISH CLUB

189 Surawongse Road, Bangkok 10500 Tel: 234-0247, 234-2592 Fax: (662) 2351560 (via Reception)

# CONTENTS



**Club Roundup:** After dinner speaker Australian Ambassador Richard Butler.



**Travel Log:** Medieval slaughter at Kenilworth Castle.



**Golf:** The committee hard at work.

- 4 FROM THE CLUB MANAGER
- 5 CHING-CHOK
- 6 MEET THE NEW MEMBERS
- 12 FROM THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
- 14 CLUB ROUNDUP
- 15 LETTERS
- 16 TRAVEL LOG  
*Exotic, Eccentric England*
- 21 PLOENCHIT FAIR
- 24 DIARY
- 25 SPECIALS  
*Pudding on the Ritz*
- 28 SCOFFERIES  
*Class 'Kraut Cuisine*
- 29 WELL WORTH WATCHING  
*Another Woman*
- 30 CHILDREN'S CORNER
- 31 SPORTS ROUNDUP
- 45 COMMITTEE
- 46 ACITIVITIES

# FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

THIS November we bring you the New Zealand Food & Drink Promotion Festival from Monday the 5th through to Friday the 30th.

Don't forget each time you dine from the New Zealand Promotion Menu, give your business card to the head waiter to ensure your participation in the lucky draw. The more times you dine the more chances you have to win.

For the benefit of all our new Members – Friday night is accumulator night at the BC.

Briefly if you or your spouse are on the property at around 8.30-9.00 p.m. when I do the draw, you could currently win around Baht 8,000, if you're not here your club number goes back in the draw and the money accumulates until a Member is found to be present. The last big winner was Alex Forbes – Baht 11,750.

Saturday Night Flicks for Kids in Wordsworth Room – 6.00 p.m.

Sunday Night 5 p.m. Sunday (Flicks for Kids)

The Dining Room opening hours have now been extended to 10 p.m. last orders, 10.30 p.m. closed.

The following items will be introduced on a daily basis in the Dining Room and Bar: –

Sunday	Prime Rib of Beef
Monday	Roast Lion of Pork
Tuesday	Roast Leg of Lamb
Wednesday	Roast Chicken
Thursday	Prime Rib of Beef
Friday	Rock Lobster

Newspapers Available in the Churchill Bar: –

- Financial Times
- 2 Daily Telegraphs
- The Sunday Times
- The Sunday Mirror

October staff awards go to the following staff. Congratulations!!



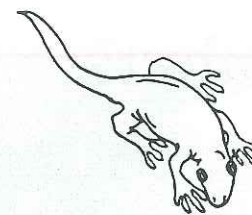
Anisara

Chosen for her pleasant manner and good service to Members. Congratulations!

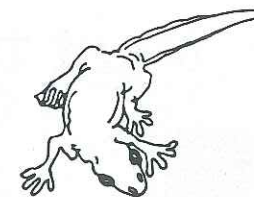


Charoon

For excellent time-keeping.



## Ching-Chok



### 1. CLUB DEVELOPMENT

The response of the recent survey among our predominately male membership into future Club development projects was overwhelmingly in favour of a gym. However, the committee are aware of the desire from mothers for nursery/creche support and, this not necessarily being a either/or situation, are looking at ways of accommodating both developments.

### 2. COMPUTER AID

We would like to improve our financial/accounting systems.

In order to maximise the use of the new computer in the British Club Office, the Committee would like to ask Members with any experience in this area to assist our Office Staff on a short-term, voluntary basis. Obviously, assistance from a Member's spouse would also be welcome.

### 3. VIDEOS FOR KIDS

We have 40 videos for kids. No fewer than 34 have disappeared. Dads, mums, children please return these missing tapes. If possible, please return them with interest: additional tapes are always welcome.

c/o The British Club,  
189 Suriwongse Road,  
Bangkok 10500, Thailand



CYMDEITHAS DEWI SANT  
THE ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY

At the Annual General Meeting of the St. David's Society held on 25th September 1990 at the British Club the following members were elected to office for the year 1990/91:

The Bard Richard Hopkins

Vice Bard	Leighton Fowles	Hon. Treasurer	– Roger Daniel
Hon. Secretary	Mrs. Angela Fowles	Social Secretary	– Mrs. Linda Foo
Committee Member	Mr. Ray Hughes	Committee Member	– Mrs. Liz Shepherd

Correspondence may be sent to:  
Hon. Secretary  
c/o The British Club  
189 Surawongse Road  
Bangkok 10500

Yours sincerely,

*RAB Hopkins*

The Bard

*A. Fowles*

Hon. Secretary

# Meet the New Members



*John Robert of Wales, is with the Wellcome Company managing the medical division. Eleri and the two Roberts minor will be arriving soon. John plays the trumpet and used to live in Singapore.*



*Helen and Philip Poole adopted New Zealand as their homeland six years ago. Philip is the marketing manager of Lever Bros. hair products and likes running and squash, in fact "anything physical" in his spare time. He also enjoys being with his three children who keep Helen very busy; she reads as an antidote.*



*Maggie and Robert Asgill and two children are from Fife but have more recently lived in Oman, Sarawak and Holland; they are with Thai Shell. In their spare time they both play golf and tennis, Maggie also rides and is a Scottish dancer; Robert's half a one.*



*Les and Gill Bater have spent the last two years in beautiful Nassau. Les is also with Thai Shell on the finance side. He is a Rotarian who tries hard at golf; Gill plays badminton, cycles, embroiders and likes swimming. They have two lovely daughters at school in England.*



*Maggie and Bill Malvern, otherwise known as the constructive one and the biscuit maker respectively. Bill works for Imperial Foods, collects stamps and potters in the garden. Maggie is the BWG committee member for welfare, is a voracious reader and plays mahjoing. Since coming here they have been adopted by five dogs.*



*Helen and Terry Weir have been here for a few months and it's growing on them. Helen is learning Thai and Terry is thinking about a return to squash and golf. The Welsh Society is hoping to recruit them to the fold.*



*Nick and Jenny Ferrier are happy to try anything in the leisure stakes. They already play tennis and squash, and windsurf; Jenny used to be a coach. Nick works with Jebson and Jessen in the mobile telephone line. They're from New Zealand and both enjoy food, travel and people.*



*Brian Green is with Thai PTA who make terylene (there was then some reference to knickers). The other Terry in his life is Doherty who's teaching him snooker. Brian awaits the arrival of Hilary in November. He is an old car enthusiast and proud owner of an award winning, 1934 Lagonda M45 which he rebuilt himself.*



*Philip Charlton is a lawyer from London working here with International Legal Councillors. He's frequently single, previously lived in Hong Kong and plays rugby, cricket and a bit of squash.*



*Helen and Paul Rofe are here after two years in Taiwan. Paul is MD of Stanley Tools. They both relish their food and drink, though not necessarily in that order Helen exercises in shops and Paul walks to the car; he is not a rugby player.*

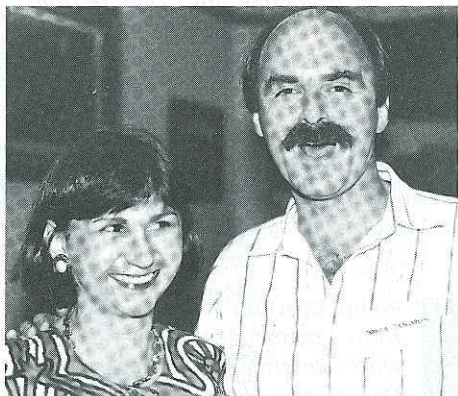


*Justine Butler is a journalist from Australia. She is currently working in the public relations field with Kempinski. Hobbies have taken a dive but when there is time Justine likes reading and listening to jazz, especially the trumpet players.*

Ray McHugh from Ireland, is project manager of the tridhos City Marina Project. He is accompanied by his wife Beryl and likes squash and beer. (sorry photo too blurred to use – Ed)



Deborah and Kevin Murphy have come here from Toronto for the money and adventure. Kevin is a Canadian Bank man on the computer side, working here with Poonpipat Finance and Securities. He gets a kick out of golf, soccer and booze. Deborah used to have a decorating business but is now taking up leisure and power shopping. They lived in Saudi for three years.



Bruce and Joni Benjamin. Bruce, having climbed Everest, circumnavigated the world and spent two years in the Hindu Kush (didn't meet Eric) has decided to do something more exciting and is here to build the new Expressway. The Benjamins are from Australia and have lived in Hong Kong and Singapore. They have no hobbies and are proud of it.



Dennis McNamara is a lawyer from New Zealand on secondment to the UN to deal with Cambodian refugee problems. Here with Joanna and their three children he enjoys tennis, fishing, wild life and is also a cricketer.



Peter Battram (left) last worked in China. He's a chartered surveyor and is here to set up a project management company. Running, cycling, swimming and drinking beer are his hobbies. Karis, his wife is also a runner and hopes to resurrect her squash which died in China due to lack of facilities.

Roger White (right) is a Welsh singer in charge of regional finances for the French Novitel/Sofitel group. This is his first posting in Asia having covered the rest of the world rather well. He plays squash, cycles and is interested in etymology. His son will play rugby for England in 15 years time.



Peter and Patty Neame are Canadians, here from Indonesia. Peter is an ecologist working with CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) on rural development. He used to run with the Hash; Patty likes swimming and the Neilson Hays Library. There are two young Neames, Lisa and Michael.



Murray Brooksbank and Peggy Sinclair are also in Thailand with CIDA. Murray is a natural resources adviser and in his spare time plays squash. They have lived in Papua New Guinea and have two sons. Peggy aims to learn to play tennis and get back to bridge.



Daniel and Lorraine Robson and three sons are living abroad for the first time and finding it a bit of a shock. They're from Canada; Daniel works as a drilling foreman for Unocal. Favourite pastimes include bowling, swimming and volleyball.

Paul and Pat Barber have spent the last eight years in Penang which they loved. Paul is a technical ceramist supplying colours and glazes to the "pot" industry; football, cricket, squash and tennis take up the rest of his time. Pat is a teaching assistant at Patana School and likes bridge. They have four sons. (sorry photo unusable – try the next New Members night – Ed)



Thomaas Keenan (left) is one of the KGBs – Kumagai Gumi Boys – working on the famous expressway. He's single, no kids, likes beer and football and apparently does a great Springsteen impersonation.

Frank "prawncheese" Crocker (right) loves the Irish, sounds Irish but insists that he's from Plymouth! He's with Pickfords and this is his 26th country of abode. Prawncheese (Gaelic for Frank) plays the concertina and mandolin, likes flying, painting and music and hopes to take up Morris Dancing.



**Stephen and Teresa Hooper.** Stephen is Lever Bros.' technical manager for detergents. The Hoopers like all kinds of water sports and tennis; Teresa is also a yogi and Stephen a model aeroplane enthusiast.



**Peter Holt** is single and looking for a millionairess. He spent the last 15 years in Vancouver stockbroking and is here as director of engineering for Sinobrit. He attempts golf, swims, likes motor racing and visiting historical Thai sites.

John Lawler is a technical consultant with Zuellig and I missed him — so did the camera.

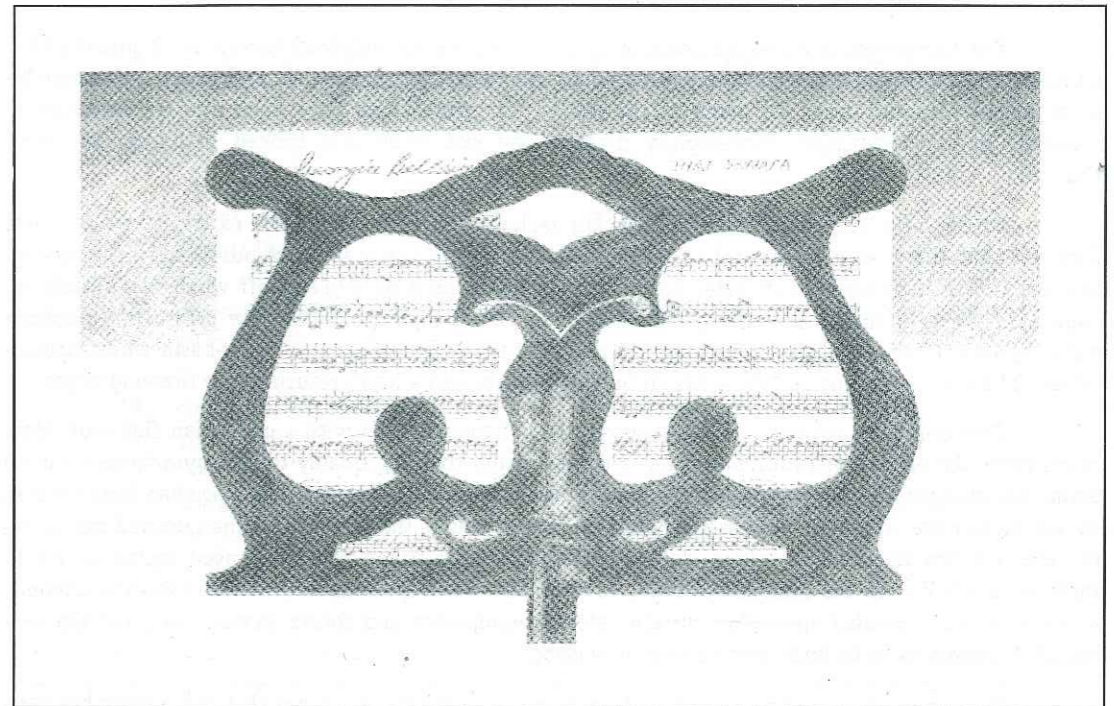


The three cricketers — L > R — Jack Dunford, ex-chairman of the T.C.L.; David Lamb, captain of the B.C. Pavilionaires and Brian Lewis, captain of the B.C. cricket team.



Champagne for Chairman Brian's birthday.

orchestrated movement



..... THAI

**THAI INTERNATIONAL MOVING & STORAGE**

106 Soi Navasri, 21 Ramkhamhaeng Road, Hua Mark, Bangkok 10310, Thailand  
Tel: 314-1517, 314-2520, 314-2521

# From the Development Committee

**W**HEN Messrs. Sawaeng and Sons started banging and hammering on the 16th April it was hoped that the work would be complete by the end of July. We have to apologise therefore for the fact that the banging goes on and the end of November now looks a more realistic date for completion. To be honest the July date always looked optimistic and delays have risen for many reasons not least being constant additions to the contract as work has progressed.

The Contractor is doing his usual quality job and we are indebted for his willingness to take on many trivial assignments when there is abundant 'big' work to be found all over town. To be sure he must accept responsibilities for some of the delays but often these have been due to shortages of materials or sub-contractors mysteriously disappearing just when jobs looked in danger of being finished.

There have also been some interesting technical hitches. Who, for example, would have foreseen that the new kiddies pool could not be linked into the main pool pump and filter system because it is in fact higher and water has an embarrassing habit of levelling off when two vessels are connected! What a shame too that the buried mains water pipe found the new pressurised poolside water system a little too strong to cope with! And have you ever sat in a wash-basin whilst using a urinal? These and many other oversights all heralded delays and a hasty return to the drawing board.

The original drawings had the new toddlers changing room with a utilitarian flat roof. How much nicer the revised sala roof extension. The new utility room (probably to be a gym/fitness centre) under the changing rooms was an afterthought when it was realised how much space had been created by taking out the stair-case. And whilst we were at it of course the poolside kitchen needed extending to cater for the increased workload, and those disgusting old toilets really did need replacing. All of these were add-ons to the original contract, as were the new store-rooms created outside the kitchens to provide much needed space for outside catering equipment and sports section gear, and the new kiddies playground to be built next to their new pool.

But the work is coming to end and we hope all members will agree that the money has been well spent and the disruption has been worth it. We hope too that you will agree that the money has been spread around to the benefit of a wide variety of Club activities and users. For the record the following is a list of improvements carried out during the last two years amounting to close on 8 million baht.

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| 1) Clubhouse refurbishment<br>(฿ 700,000) | : | Complete exterior and interior redecoration and damp proofing. |
| 2) Kitchen<br>(฿ 1,330,000)               | : | Completed refurbishment and installation of new equipment      |
| 3) Restaurant<br>(฿ 180,000)              | : | Remodelling and decoration                                     |
| 4) Churchill Bar Extension<br>(฿ 530,000) | : | New facility utilising old terrace                             |

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| 5) Silom Room<br>(฿ 530,000)                         | : | Conversion to air-conditioned meeting room and Membership Office   |
| 6) Children's Pool Area<br>(฿ 1,750,000 including 7) | : | New facility adjacent to Silom Sala  |
| 7) Toddlers' Changing Room                           | : | New facility to serve Children's Pool Area   |
| 8) Children's Playground<br>(฿ 30,000)               | : | Upgraded facility adjacent to Children's Pool Area   |
| 9) Poolside Changing Rooms<br>(฿ 1,400,000)          | : | Extended and completely refurbished  |
| 10) Gym/Fitness Centre<br>(฿ 700,000 including 11)   | : | New facility under changing rooms  |
| 11) Poolside Toilets                                 | : | Completely reconstructed   |
| 12) Front Lawn<br>(฿ 60,000)                         | : | Raised to path level   |
| 13) Extended Poolside Area<br>(฿ 200,000)            | : | Achieved by filling in old toddlers' pool  |
| 14) Suriwongse Room Rack Stage<br>(฿ 50,000)         | : | Remodelling of back-stage area to facilitate drama productions   |
| 15) Store Rooms<br>(฿ 56,000)                        | : | Store rooms for sports equipment and for outside catering equipment utilising old terrace outside kitchens |

The good news is that most of this work has been paid for from regular income and Club debts at the end of the year will probably be no more than they were when the work started. Such is the good health of the Club that the Committee is about to start reviewing plans for the future. These are likely to be passed on as recommendations for consideration by the next Committee. The Membership survey carried out in August identified many possible new or improved Club facilities. If you missed the survey and feel strongly about Club Development please let the Development Committee have your ideas and views so that these can be taken into consideration.

Meanwhile enjoy the new facilities. Thank you for your patience during the construction.

# CLUB ROUNDUP



After dinner speaker Australian Ambassador Richard Butler.



"Puddings!"



"Terrific pudding gov."



"Pudding for you sir?"



"None left!"

# LETTERS

## RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION



RUGBY  
WORLD CUP

AB/JT



TWICKENHAM  
TW1 1DZ

Telephones: 081-744 3111  
General Enquiries 081-892 8161  
Facsimile: 081-892 9816  
and 081-744 2940 (Secretary)  
Telex: 269619 TWRFLU G

September 1990

*Keith Bell Esq.,  
British Club,  
Bangkok.*

*Dear Keith,*

Thank you very much for your kindness and hospitality during our recent visit to Thailand. We all thoroughly enjoyed the trip which combined the holiday opportunity of a lifetime with Rugby Coaching and Development. Di, Duncan, Katie and David were very well looked after by many people in Bangkok, Chiang Mai and Pattaya and the experience for the children in particular is much appreciated.

We send our thanks to you all and hope to see you again when we can reciprocate your hospitality.

I will be sending a report on the Rugby Coaching Clinics in due course but hopefully new ideas have been transmitted and received, a Coaching Handbook is to be published, new Rugby Video Tapes are in circulation and a Rugby Coaching/Playing Development Plan for the Thai Rugby Union is being constructed. If anyone requires further Rugby information please feel free to contact me at the above address, telephone and fax.

We send our best wishes to you all with renewed thanks for your help and hospitality which we will never forget.

Kind regards

Yours

*Alan Black*

Alan Black

(Di, Duncan, Katie and David too)

*Keith please pass on my  
best wishes to the members*

*of the Rugby  
section.*

Regional Director: D. W. Shuttleworth OBE  
"Nonsuch", Warwick Close, Sheriff Hutton  
York YO6 1GW  
Telephone: 03477 542  
Facsimile: 03477 435



# TRAVEL LOG

## Exotic, Eccentric England

**P**OOR Maren, fading away with anxiety as OUT-POST does its annual slimming act over the months of the wet season! Have you ever thought of a travel article about exotic England? There are, incredibly, members of the British Club who have never been there, so it should perhaps be pointed out that England occupies roughly speaking the southern and eastern parts of a fairly large island off the north-west coast of the main Asian-European land mass. Its relative isolation from the historic centres of world civilisation such as China, India, Egypt and Mesopotamia (one can hardly say Iraq these days, can one?) has led to the growth of various cultural patterns that visitors often find somewhat quaint. Mainly for family reasons, we decided to go to England this year.

The visit began for us as for most visitors, in London, which once you get away from the tourist-infested downtown areas, really has some quite pleasant suburbs. Our chosen one was called Beckenham, though in order to make a routine visit to a dentist, we had to venture to the environs of the controversial and malodorous Churchfields Rubbish Dump, on the very borders of Penge. Perhaps only South London cognoscenti

among your readers will recognise the valour required for such a foray.

England, however, is more than just London, and we soon travelled north to Sheffield in what used to be the country's industrial heartland. It now boasts a most entertaining maze of one-way streets, some at angles of almost 45 degrees. Unlike Bangkok, this keeps traffic on the move even if the drivers have no idea whether it is in the right direction. Our main purpose there was to attend the graduation of our youngest daughter Debbie. This is a picturesque ceremonial in which grown men and women who are otherwise reckoned to be sane and even intelligent, dress up in medieval caps and gowns and hand pieces of paper to endless lines of similarly but less gorgeously attired youthful graduates, to the polite ap-



Plague Cottages, Eyam.

plause of admiring relatives. The climax was not so much the ten seconds in which our own issue occupied centre stage as the presentation of the Chancellor's special prize to the most outstanding student. He picked a blind girl who had qualified as a teacher, and she was led across the platform by her guide dog, who took a lively interest in the Chancellor's robes, which no doubt smelt strongly of mothballs. The ancient ritual achieved a touch of humanity when the Chancellor said wistfully, "I wish I had remembered to bring a bone for the dog." Our daughter was looking after a Russian exchange student named Ludmilla (what else?) and we could not help wondering what she made of the graduation, but perhaps fortunately, she was monolingual, so we did not find out.

The rest of our time in

Sheffield was spent in assisting Debbie to move her digs, an activity student children always seem to reserve for when their parents are around. The temporary lack of a permanent pad meant a lot of eating out, and as usual we were astonished at the huge numbers of friends our kids can summon up whenever their parents are paying for a meal. There was also time to show Ludmilla something of the Derbyshire Dales, in particular Peveril Castle, and the village of Eyam, which was voluntarily isolated because of an outbreak of plague in 1666, but is now reopened to the inspection of non-residents.

From the needs of the younger generation our attention then turned to the claims of the older generation, and from Sheffield we ventured across the Pennines to visit the maternal grandfather in Southport, which nowadays is acclaimed for having one of the most polluted beaches in Europe. In modern times the geriatric English have shown a marked tendency to herd themselves together in coastal areas, the reason for which is not entirely clear. While we stayed with Grandpa in Southport, Debbie and Ludmilla stayed with Uncle John and Auntie Vi in nearby uninspiring Ormskirk. There was something of a translation problem in deciding how Ludmilla should address them. "Uncle John" was rendered easily enough as "Dyadya Ivan," but Debbie did not know the Russian word for violet, so Vi ended up as "Tyotyta Golubaya" or "Auntie Dark Blue."



Market Hall, Ledbury.

Seeing ourselves as others see us is an interesting if not always flattering experience. We learnt something of this from Ludmilla's decisions about what was photogenic in Southport. Her subjects included an undistinguished bridge, a public drinking fountain, a bus shelter which for some reason she thought looked Chinese, and a statue of Queen Victoria. She also made an unintentional conquest of the heart of an Indian ice-cream vendor. In her home town of Donetsk, she had been friendly with an Indian student, and had acquired a few useful phrases in Bengali. Her blond hair and generous proportions, reinforced by her rendition of the Bengali version of "I love you" instantly captured the lonely young man's heart. He even invited

us to a free meal at his (or more likely his relative's) Indian restaurant in Formby. However, we had to move on before the offer could be taken up, so the budding romance withered on the vine.

The next port of call was Bristol, the lair of the paternal grandparents. While the girls explored the delights of Bristol and Bath, and Debbie discovered the hard way that Ludmilla does not share Michael Sergeyevitch's sense of history, it was our privilege to chauffeur the Crumblyes, as the paternal grandparents are affectionately known. (It seems that one has to be over 80 to qualify as a Crumbly: those of us who have only recently made it past the half-century are merely Fogeys.) The weather being consistently fine, a Crumbly

excursion was required every day. The first day we set off for the Brecon Beacons, but since the Severn Bridge was the scene of miles-long tail-backs, we ended up visiting Tewkesbury Abbey, Ledbury and the Malvern Hills instead. The latter are definitely too steep for octogenarians, but at least offered an establishment with "a nice cup of tea" to keep them happy. The following day we went to Lyme Regis, which now tole-



*Snowhill Manor.*

rates topless females on the beach — well, one anyway. Perhaps the most notable event in Lyme Regis since the discovery of an ichthyosaurus there in 1811. What is the old country coming to, one asks oneself.

The next day, while the Crumbles recovered from their exertions the rest of us attended a wedding at Bideford. It turned out to be more up-market than we had expected — not just top hats and tails, but a reception in a marquee in the grounds of a stately home, and the bride and groom finally departing in

a landau drawn by a pair of greys. No doubt Ludmilla will dine out for months on the story of such delicious capitalist excesses. If, that is, there are any restaurants in Donetsk.

On the Sunday, we took the Crumbles out for lunch, and were not entirely surprised to find the children's friends materialising from as far afield as Tanzania to join us. Needless to say, once the meal was over, they all melted back into the bush.



*Olde English ice-cream seller  
— Chipping Campden.*

Stately homes seem to be addictive, so the next Crumbly outing was to Longleat, the prototype of the Stately Home Industry. Not content with a safari park, it now boasts a sort of safari lake inhabited by somnolent hippos and exuberant sealions. The highlight of the day was a sealion riding on the back of a hippo, who didn't seem to take the slightest notice. Our final day with the Crumbles was meant to be more relaxing — just a quiet game of bowls to keep Granddad happy. If you have ever watched bowls and concluded that it was a gentle pastime

entirely suited to the senescent, then be disabused. It left at least one player a lot stiffer than 45 minutes at the British Club, and it wasn't Granddad!

At last the time came for us Fogeys to escape from the tug-of-war between children and parents, and have a few days on our own. The Cotswolds were conveniently near, and although we both regard them as home territory, we were surprised how many

things there were to do that we had never done before. After lunch with friends in Dursley, we decided to visit Newark Park, a rather minor stately home. Gloucestershire has more single track unsign-posted lanes than one had previously realised, and although we did eventually blunder across our intended destination, it was closed. So if you want to go there, the only advice we can give is don't start from Dursley.

We had better luck the following day. After leaving Broadway, where it seems that practically every building is a

kitsch shop, we discovered almost by accident Snowhill Manor. This is a beautiful Cotswold house in a typical stone and slate village. It was restored in the thirties or thereabouts by an eccentric architect with a jackdaw personality. He collected every conceivable thing from obsolete agricultural implements to penny-farthing bicycles, Venetian altars and Burmese betel boxes. When the house was full from floor to ceiling in every room, he moved into the barn, and then proceeded to fill it too with similar miscellaneous impedimenta. By the time he died, his living space including a bed was reduced to a small corner of the barn. You will not be entirely surprised to hear that he was a bachelor for most of his life. The really astonishing thing is that he eventually found a woman tolerant enough (or crazy enough) to marry him! After spending longer than we expected at Snowhill, it was good to see Chipping Campden, probably the best preserved of all the "wool towns," and buy an icecream from a vendor wearing a boater and riding a tricycle.

Another day we went castling to Warwick and Kenilworth, and at the latter found to our amazement a bunch of medieval buffs defying the blazing sunshine by giving demonstration sword-fights in full armour. Pair after manic pair started with a brisk snicker-snack of vorpal blades, which after about 90 seconds degenerated into an agonising lunge-gasp-lunge-gasp routine until one of them received a



*Medieval slaughter at Kenilworth Castle.*

blow of sufficient force to provide an excuse for collapsing thankfully on to the grass (or should it be greensward?) The English certainly have come curious hobbies.

Once our minibreak was over, family obligations required only one more excursion, to visit Uncle Don and Auntie Josie in the improbably named village of Peasmarsch, near Rye. For Ludmilla, the biggest attraction of Peasmarsch was that it is inhabited by a real live ex-Beatle (George McLennon or some such name). If you know the right lane to drive along, you can actually see his chimney-pots in the distance at one point.

By the time we got home from Peasmarsch, the poor car had done 2000 miles in 18 days, and was no doubt as glad to sit in its garage as we were to sit in our own home for a brief spell. We even manged a meal with just us and our

three kids that so far as we could remember was the first such meal for well over two years. It was almost a relief in mid-August to get back to Bangkok and what we have come to regard as normality. In our absence, our maid had been fired by our former maid (an older cousin), who had reappointed herself to the position, an arrangement entirely to our satisfaction. In the bathroom, the shower-tap came off in our hands, and at the British Club, the new men's changing rooms were still not finished. It's good to be back!

David & Glenys Clark



**BRITISH AIRWAYS**

The world's favourite airline.

WE FLY  
MORE  
INTERNATIONAL  
PASSENGERS  
THAN  
ANY OTHER  
AIRLINE.

In 1988 over 22 million people travelled on our worldwide network, which connects some 170 destinations in over 80 countries.

Little wonder British Airways is the world's favourite.

Contact your travel agent or British Airways 2nd Floor Cham Issara Tower, 942/81 Rama 4 Rd., Bangkok Tel. 236-0038, 236-1531, 236-2852.

## PLOENCHIT FAIR

...how it began

### Uniting British Community efforts to help the needy

**F**OR those of you who are relatively new to Thailand, a few words on what is considered to be something of a British institution here in Bangkok – The Ploenchit Fair.

This annual event, organised and run by the United Kingdom Committee for Thai Charities (U.K.C.T.C.) is held every November in the grounds of the British Embassy. Its aim is a pleasurable, fun-filled family day for 'farangs' and Thais with a British fair-ground theme, enabling the British community to make a combined effort, once yearly, to raise money for Thai charities.

Contributions to Thai charities by members of the British community in Thailand reach back to the war years, when in 1941 the British Club staged organised shows and even held monthly fund-raising efforts. British ladies' ran morning markets selling home-made cakes and items, plays were produced and there were regular game sessions and jumble sales.

After the war, the British Club, none the worse after its Japanese occupation, was able to organise a joint charity Fair where U.S., Dutch and Scandinavians joined with the Brits to organise the forerunner of today's Fair.

In 1957 the first British Community Ploenchit Fair was held in the grounds of the British Embassy and 1968 saw the birth of what is today the U.K.C.T.C. who have continued to run the Fair and administer the funds raised.

This Committee is drawn from members of the British community under the Honorary Presidency of the British Ambassador's wife. Its membership consists of representatives from commercial firms, an Honorary Auditor, a medical consultant, a member of the British Women's Group and members from the Standard Chartered Bank, the British Embassy and the British Club.

The Committee meets monthly to discuss all applications for funds and to ensure these

monies are spent on projects giving the maximum usage over the years to the benefit of all Thai people. Committee members personally visit the charities and keep contact with them at all times. The money is always given in goods and materials, never in cash, and only after projects have been approved at a regular meeting.

In 1957 Ploenchit Fair raised Baht 78,000 and last year just over Baht 2 million net. The only expenses are for the hiring of equipment, all other costs are donated by over 150 companies who support U.K.C.T.C. In 1989, 1,200 volunteers manned our stalls and attractions and enabled this magnificent profit to be realised whilst allowing the talents and generosity of the British community to create much happiness and alleviate so much hardship in the disadvantaged in Thailand.

This year the Fair will be held on Saturday 24th November and the Embassy gates will be opened at 10.00 a.m. to the sound of Big Ben's chimes.

By then most of you will have already purchased raffle tickets (and sold hundreds) in the hope of winning our major prize – a dream holiday for two in London. British Airways have donated two Business Class Return Tickets to London and the London Hilton Hotel have added to this with Five Nights Complimentary Accommodation.

All the usual attractions will be at the Fair including the ever popular Treasure Island, Bottle Stall, Bingo and Darts, to name a few of the over 60 stalls. We are hoping to have a special theatre show for the children as well as the Ferris Wheel, Rocket Ship and Rabbit Shooting. Father Christmas will take the first leap on the Jumping Castle as well as supplying his usual bounty. Mums can shop in Petticoat Lane, buy their Christmas cakes, crackers and puddings from the Castle Bakery or try to 'scrum-in' to the crowds around Granny's Attic

where many unwanted household items will be on sale at bargain prices. Dads can play Darts, try their luck at the Coconut Shy and Golf or their skill at the Electric Bell or Fish Pond. All can browse at the British Council's Book Stall whilst having tea in the English Tea Gardens.

The back-lawns of the Embassy will house the Crown & Anchor Bar, which this year is reputed to have several different imported beers on sale. The best-dressed waiters and waitresses in Bangkok will be serving champagne cocktails from 10.00 a.m. from the Wine & Cheese Bar and Bobbie's Arms will be open for anything from Fish and Chips to Kowpat throughout the day. The Jazz Band will lead

the international entertainment from around 2.00 p.m. This is considered to be the 'rest-area' for Mums and Dads after they have shopped and made the family fortunes earlier in the day, leaving the kids with their surplus cash to enjoy hot dogs, ice cream, Pepsi and candy floss whilst trying out Hoopla, Lucky Dip and the Wheels for Fortune.

At 5.00 p.m. when the Fair closes, you will have had an exhausting, happy day, be broke and tired, hot and sticky and have to wend your way through Bangkok traffic loaded down with prizes and purchases. You will have been to Ploenchit Fair and enjoyed the best Saturday of the year.

## Fully integrated services to meet the demands of all businesses



Security services



Carpet cleaning



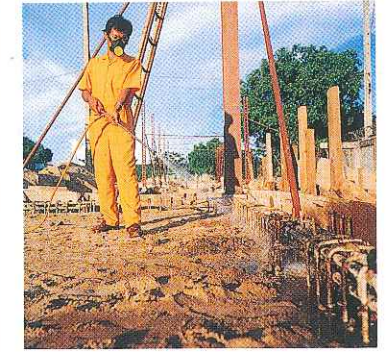
Upholstery care



Eradication of mosquitoes and other insects



Termite control in the house



and on construction sites



Cleaning offices



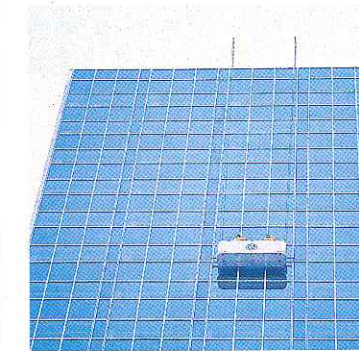
department stores



and factories



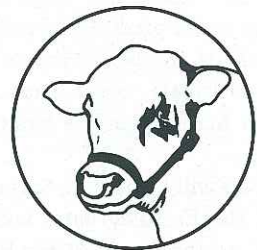
Interior and



Exterior window cleaning



With over 22 years' experience



**ANGUS  
STEAK HOUSES**





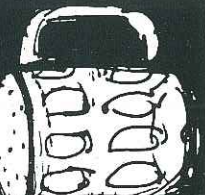
## Now also in Sukhumvit Road

*"The finest imported beef and salmon, charcoal-grilled to perfection; the freshest local produce; and the warmest of welcomes."*

Open daily, lunch and dinner; Sunday dinner only.

Sukhumvit Rd. Soi 33/1 (between Villa and Fuji Supermarkets) Tel. 259-4444  
9/45 Thaniya Rd., Between Silom and Suriwongse Roads. Tel. 234-3590  
Pattaya: 485/2 Pattaya 2 Rd., near the Royal Garden Resort. Tel. 038-426193

For further information see Activities Page for contact names and telephone numbers. If you would like to announce any B.C. related events in the *OUTPOST* Calendar, please contact Maren White on 258-1481. The deadline is the 10th of the preceding month. \*Indicates "to be held in the Wordsworth Room."

	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
						1	2
	3 Guy Fawkes Day Flicks for Kids - 6 p.m.	4 Flicks for Kids - 5 p.m. Sunday Family Buffet - 6 p.m.	5 Aerobics - 9:00 a.m. B.W.G. Mahjong* - 9:00 a.m. New Member's Night/ Happy Hour - 5:30-9:00 p.m. Chess Club - 7:00 p.m. Men's Tennis Mix-In 6:00-8:00 p.m. Scottish Dance Practice	6 Duplicate Bridge* - 7:30 p.m.	7 Ladies's Golf - 7:00 a.m. Aerobics - 9:00 a.m. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6:00 p.m.	8 Ladies' Tennis - 8-11:00 a.m. Ladies' Squash - 9-12 noon Bambi Meeting Darts - 8:00 p.m.	9 Aerobics - 9:00 a.m. Accumulator Night - 8:00 p.m.
	10 Sponsored Distance Swim - 10 a.m. Flicks for Kids - 6:00 p.m. Last Night of the Proms 7:30 p.m.	11 Cracker Jack and Swap Shop - 4 p.m. Flicks for Kids - 5 p.m. Sunday Family Buffet - 6 p.m.	12 Aerobics - 9:00 a.m. B.W.G. Mahjong* - 9:00 a.m. Happy Hour - 5:30-9:00 p.m. Chess Club - 7:00 p.m. Men's Tennis Mix-In 6:00-8:00 p.m. Scottish Dance Practice	13 Duplicate Bridge* - 7:30 p.m.	14 Ladies's Golf - 7:00 a.m. Aerobics - 9:00 a.m. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6:00 p.m. After dinner Speaker	15 Ladies' Tennis - 8-11:00 a.m. Ladies' Squash - 9-12 noon B.W.G. Lunch Darts - 8:00 p.m.	16 Aerobics - 9:00 a.m. Accumulator Night
	17 Surin Elephant Round-Up Flicks for Kids - 6:00 p.m.	18 Surin Elephant Round-Up Flicks for Kids - 5 p.m. Sunday Family Buffet - 6 p.m.	19 Aerobics - 9:00 a.m. B.W.G. Mahjong* - 9:00 a.m. Happy Hour - 5:30-9:00 p.m. Chess Club - 7:00 p.m. Men's Tennis Mix-In 6:00-8:00 p.m. Scottish Dance Practice	20 Duplicate Bridge* - 7:30 p.m. Stamp Collecting - 7:30 p.m.	21 Ladies's Golf - 7:00 a.m. Aerobics - 9:00 a.m. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6:00 p.m.	22 Ladies' Tennis - 8-11:00 a.m. Ladies' Squash - 9-12 noon Darts - 8:00 p.m.	23 Aerobics - 9:00 a.m. Accumulator Night - 8:00 p.m.
	24 Ploenchit Fair Flicks for Kids - 6:00 p.m.	25 Flicks for Kids - 5 p.m. Sunday Family Buffet	26 Aerobics - 9:00 a.m. B.W.G. Mahjong* - 9:00 a.m. Happy Hour - 5:30-9:00 p.m. Chess Club - 7:00 p.m. Men's Tennis Mix-In 6:00-8:00 p.m. Scottish Dance Practice	27 Duplicate Bridge* - 7:30 p.m.	28 Ladies's Golf - 7:00 a.m. Aerobics - 9:00 a.m. Beating the Retreat Scottish Dance Practice	29 Ladies' Tennis - 8-11:00 a.m. Ladies' Squash - 9-12 noon Darts - 8:00 p.m.	30 Aerobics - 9:00 a.m. Accumulator Night - 8:00 p.m. # 6,000 The St. Andrews Ball
							

# SPECIALS

## Pudding on the Ritz

I was in England last month for a family reunion - first one since 1955. Seventy-nine relatives attended, mostly from Curry Mallet and Shepton Mallet, though one came from Zimbabwe, one from Australia, my son, Sasha, from Los Angeles, and yours truly from Bangkok. The Mallet family is one of the three oldest families in Great Britain, and we were at one time the largest landowners. But no longer, and I thought I shouldn't mention to my closest relative there, sprightly 97-year-old Lady Dita de Croix, that I own a condo in California that is about a thousand square feet in size - it would be sort of rubbing it in wouldn't it? Dita was born a Mallet in the Manor House at Curry Mallet but now has only 48 acres left. She has turned them into a nursery with over 350 kinds of maple tree, and lives in a cottage at the bottom of the garden. Somebody called Goldstein lives in the house that had been in the family for centuries. It's so very true, and so very sad, that death duties and taxes, in England, have caused the sale of so many properties that belonged to families for generations.

Unlike most European counterparts, London's grand hotels boast some of the capital's best kitchens. The relationship between hotels and restaurants is long. Since classical times, travellers have had to be fed and watered; for the greater part of human history people have eaten out. There are Medieval 'hotel' guides rating taverns on the quality of their food, drink and accommodation. But it wasn't until the growth of the railways and the development of tourism in the mid-nineteenth century that people went to stay and eat in hotels out of choice rather than necessity. The potent part-

nership of Cesar Ritz and Auguste Escoffier which began at the Grand Hotel in Monte Carlo and moved on to the Savoy in London ensured that forever after, all grand hotels would have grand restaurants.

As grand hotels developed into the most dazzling palaces of conspicuous consumption, restaurants became their greatest set pieces. But it was only in London that grand hotel restaurants were, and remain, a key part of the local scene. With rare exceptions you do not eat in hotels in Paris, New York or Rome. The London experience is the opposite: the dining rooms of the Savoy, the Ritz, the Connaught and the Dorchester, have all been amongst the top kitchens in town.

The restaurant at the Ritz, Piccadilly W1 is the archetype of grand hotel dining rooms and certainly London's most beautiful restaurant of the gilt genre. (Its only serious European competitor is Le Train Bleu at the Gare de Lyon in Paris). The walls are pink and green and creamy marble, there are cherubs and fluted Corinthian columns. You dine beneath rosy-hued clouds drifting serenely across a painted sky. The menu is a blend of Brit-trad (if it's Wednesday there'll be roast beef on the trolley) and new-fangled. One feels awfully pampered amidst the traffic of silver-plated trolleys and the bustle of black-coated staff.

Our Mallet family lunch held on 29th September, 1990, included the following:

### SMOKED TROUT

#### Ingredients:

1 smoked trout - 1 cup water - 1/2 cup



top of pate. Serve with toast.

### CHAMPAGNE SORBET

#### Ingredients:

½ cup sugar – 1 cup water – 200ml bottle  
dry Champagne – 2 egg whites

#### To prepare:

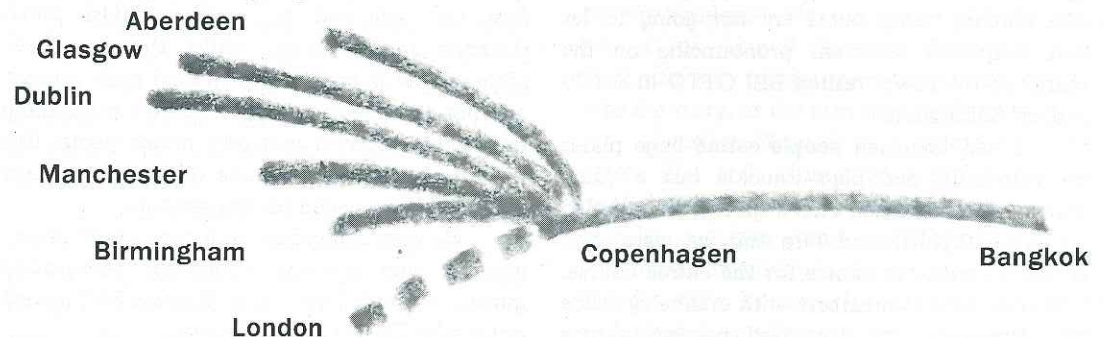
Put ¼ cup sugar and water in saucepan, stir over low heat until dissolved. Put into cake tin and cool. Add Champagne and freeze. Beat egg whites until peaks form, add remaining ¼ cup sugar, beat until dissolved. Fold meringue into frozen champagne mixture. Serve over fresh fruit.

# Fly-by London

When you're flying to Birmingham, Manchester, Aberdeen, Glasgow or Dublin, why transfer at congested Heathrow...Europe's busiest airport?

Connect in Copenhagen...Europe's best airport.\*

SAS EuroClass flies non-stop to Copenhagen everyday, with connections direct to London four times a day. So for daily connections to the six most popular destinations in the UK, it's best to fly by SAS.



ES

## 'Kraut Cuisine


**BEI Otto**

 European Restaurant  
 German Pub Banquet  
 Bakery And Butchery

 FFNER  
 DIRECTOR  
 VE CHEF

 1 SOI 20 SUKHUMVIT RD.  
 OPPOSITE WINDSOR HOTEL  
 BANGKOK 10110  
 TEL. 2581496

al knowledge  
 ily fit on a  
 going to let  
 cing on the  
 TO in Soi 20

huge plates  
 out a quick  
 list revealed  
 e were soon  
 ntree course.  
 bberry sauce  
 sley, a nice  
 delicious was  
 a meal. My  
 little heavy  
 there were  
 mop up the

the German Butcher Plate. This promised and delivered blood, liver and pork sausage and the first two achieved top rating amidst much slavering and drooling, whilst the sauerkraut (funny how it creeps into dishes) pork sausage and potato were just good. If there was anything to quibble about it was very minor points like being presented with a tube of instant mustard when this was needed for the sausages.

We were serenaded by a competent singer/guitarist who provided acceptable background music, "Spanish Eyes" and "Rerease Me" jostled notes with Elvis and John Denver.

A visit to the patisserie aided a decision on a sweet and also furnished a few morsels for the imminent Sunday breakfast. We rounded off the meal with an éclair and applestrudel with vanilla sauce. The total bill including two glasses of wine and three small draught beers came to nine

## WELL WORTH WATCHING

### Another Woman

**W**OODY Allen's style as a director is an undoubtedly personal one. His blend of sensitive introspection and self-deprecating wit, filmed tastefully against the backdrop of New York, is unique. His films range from fantasy ('The Purple Rose of Cairo') to comedy ('Annie Hall') to Bergmannesque gloom ('Interiors') and each one is wrapped in visual and literary charm.

And now, it seems, he is fifty. A neurotic like Allen could hardly let such a milestone in his life go unremarked. Hence 'Another Woman', the story of a middle-aged, middle-class philosophy lecturer and her unexpected voyage of discovery. "If someone had asked me when I reached my fifties to assess my life", admits Marion Post. "I would have said that I had achieved a decent measure of fulfilment, both personally and professionally. Beyond that, I would say, I don't choose to go."

Of course, Allen doesn't give her a choice. Driven out of her own apartment by the noise of builders, she rents a flat downtown in order to start work on a book. There, her concentration is disrupted again, by the intimate revelations pouring through the air vent from the psychiatrist's office next door. Although reluctant to eavesdrop, she is arrested by the anguished voice of a woman complaining that life, for her, has ceased to be real. She cannot resist a

ment. Until, that is, the trauma of hitting fifty combines with a glimmer of self recognition, as she listens through the air vent and opens her mind to the truth.

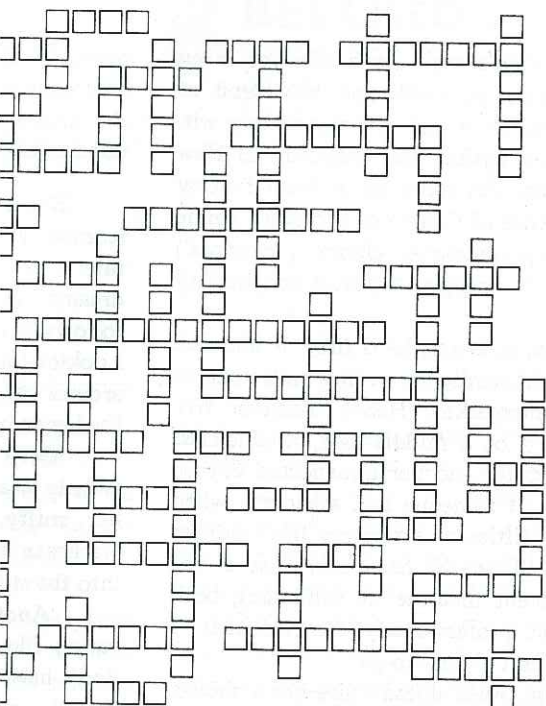
She is led to it by the mysterious lacrymose woman, whose unexpected appearances precipitate a sequence of flashbacks, encounters and dreams. At first, Marion simply listens and follows her, but finally the two women meet. Looking at herself through the eyes of those around her, she realises that she could part with the lies in her past if she wanted to.

Gena Rowlands is very convincing as the tweedy academic. Next to her, Ian Holm plays her stuffy, amoral husband. But it is Gene Hackman who infuses some warmth and passion into the story, as the man who really loves her.

'Another Woman' is a bizarre but captivating film and, ultimately, a happy one. You don't have to be feeling strong to watch it. It is, literally, a brown study - reflective in content and muted in visual tone - leavened by typical Woody Allen humour. Its narrative is balanced and elegant and leaves you with an interesting point to ponder: is a memory something you have or something you have lost?

# S CORNER

The world was set up in Sweden in 1982. It was 1,007 metres  
 and 4,000 people. All the words in this puzzle can precede or follow  
 the word TABLE to make other words and phrases.



- |                  |                  |                   |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Runner           | <b>8 letters</b> | Operating         |
| Supper           | Billiard         | Refectory         |
| Tennis           | Captain's        |                   |
|                  | Dressing         | <b>10 letters</b> |
| <b>7 letters</b> | Mountain         | Conversion        |
| Bedside          | Skittles         | Gate-legged       |
| Kitchen          |                  | Occasional        |
| Manners          | <b>9 letters</b> |                   |
| Snooker          | Breakfast        | <b>14 letters</b> |
| Trestle          | Logarithm        | Multiplication    |

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

# Bridge



# Bridge

### DUPLICATE BRIDGE RESULTS

Tue 4 Sept

(3½ Tables : 21 Boards : Howell Movement)

- = 1st Anita & Anant 60%
- = 1st Sunisa & Pimpraphai 60%
- = 1st Elaine & Darryl 60%

Tue 25 Sept

(2½ Tables : 25 Boards : Howell Movement)

- = 1st Carolyn & Jon 65%
- = 2nd Anurak & Siriwan 60%

Tue 2 Oct

(5 Tables : 18 Boards : Howell Movement)

- = 1st Sunisa & Pimpraphai 63%
- = 2nd Elaine & Darryl 62%
- = 3rd Carolyn & Jon 59%

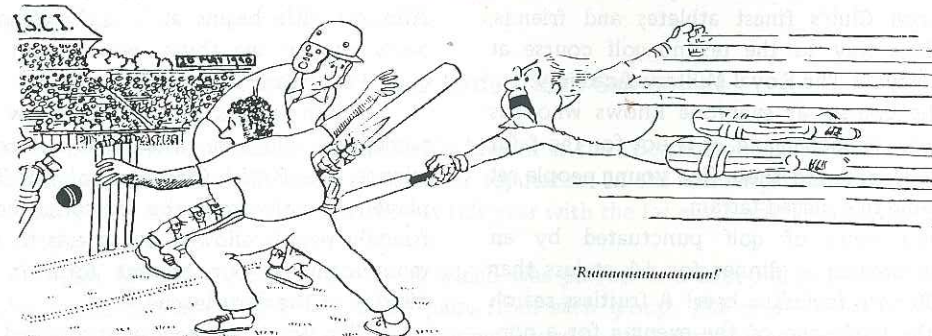
We have been scoring duplicate bridge games for about five years and until Tuesday 4 Sept we have never seen a triple dead-heat for first place.

Eight people come along to the "Introduction to Duplicate Bridge" evening held on the 20 Sept, which has helped to boost attendance to 5 tables on the 2 Oct.

If you enjoy playing bridge and would like to play Duplicate Bridge come along any Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. for an enjoyable game of bridge.

Elaine & Darryl Hennig

# CRICKET



CRICKET is a complex sport with a varied and



m, extended  
4th and 5th  
oscillated in  
spectators.  
any cricket-  
beauty.  
vescent fluid  
ealing, used  
draws .... and  
ndescribable  
nset. Three  
puzzlement,  
nesia. Green  
ritical game):  
e second.  
par retaining  
cricketing

**silly point:** anywhere closer than the boundary when Thailand's leading bowler is in action.

**playing himself in:** he will be out very shortly

**opening attack:** slow straight bowling.

**spin attack:** very slow straight bowling.

**the tail:** the first eleven batsmen.

**bye:** "I'm off".

**swing:** action that follows shortly after a rejected appeal.

**timing:** arriving less than half an hour late.

**tactics:** mayhem.

**century:** bloke on the gate.

The following terms should be used with caution as they induce a characteristic, unpleasant, stereotyped furtive behaviour pattern (cured only by green medicine) – telephone, wife, heaven, bill, Gilson, yourinext, no boxes, fast, fit, spin, fines, EGM, haemorrhoids.

# SPORTS DARTS

## Club Darts Section Golf Weekend

weekend early  
o of some of  
and friends,  
lf course at  
cademy.

ws who has  
for the faint  
ng people set

ted by an  
at less than  
titless search  
g for a non-  
niscient of

no-one can remember, was Alistair McManus. This was all the more appropriate, as it was Alistair's "life begins at ....." birthday. Sunday's winner, we think, was an out of town guest Paul Nears. Congratulations each.

Those readers being in the know and very perceptive, will have noted that not one of the winners is a British Club darts player! The darts players, mainly from the Unicorns, being such friendly people allowed our guests to win. It is reminiscent of our present form in the 4th division of the darts league.

The whole weekend was rounded off with the ever generous donation of prizes by our

# GOLF GOLF



## Events for the Diary:

	Date	Course	Time	Event	Event
Sunday	11th Nov	Ekachai	8.48 a.m.	VS Japanese Assoc.	
Sunday	25th Nov	Railway	10.26 a.m.	VS British Embassy	
Saturday	8th Dec	Hua Hin	9.30 a.m.	Ambassador's Trophy	
Sunday	9th Dec	Hua Hin	9.30 a.m.	Ambassador's Trophy	
Monday	10th Dec	Hua Hin	8.00 a.m.	Ambassador's Trophy	
Sunday	23rd Dec	Rose Garden	12.30 p.m.	Club	

## Recent Results

### British VS Scandinavian Society – Rose Garden 16th September

The Scandinavian team is affectionately known as the "Scandahooligans" within the British Golf Section and they certainly lived up to their reputation in the annual get together at the Rose Garden. Last year's draw was turned into a rout this year with the far northerners whipping the British Team by 8½ to 5½ points.

Swedish Motors sponsored the event which was played as a four-ball-better-ball stableford matchplay event between fourteen selected pairs from each group. The result was never in doubt after the first half dozen results were recorded, but we intend to take our revenge next year.



Winners Sandberg and Johansson.

Photos from Aussies v Brits that didn't make last month's OUTPOST.



Even the "Widows" and Kids enjoy golf section activities.



## Ekachai – Sunday 30th September

Castrol Sponsored this club event and M.D. Bryan Baldwin and his lovely wife. Orin, were on hand to deliver an array of pewter trophies to the winners.

The competition was an individual stableford event and the winners were:

	A Grade		B Grade	
Winner	Richard Green	43 pts	Patrick Windeler	32 pts
R/Up	Lloyd Houghton	38 pts	John Smith	31 pts
5th	Dave Stewart	36 pts	7th Dennis Farmer	34 pts
6th	Roy Barrett	35 pts	8th Keith Collins	33 pts

Long Drives, Gents – Eric Hudson, Ladies – Sriwan Forrest

## Hua Hin – King's Birthday – 8/9/10 December

The annual golf section outing to Hua Hin has been confirmed for the 8th/9th/10th of December and hotel accommodation has been organised at the Royal Beach Hotel at Baht 2,300 a double and Baht 2,100 a single. If you require accommodation please bear this in mind. An accommodation advice will be forwarded in due course, so keep your eye out for it.

### New Members

The Golf Section welcomes Michael Ellis to the group.

### Lighter Moments...

### Lighter Moments...

What is the difference between golf and sex?

In golf the greatest satisfaction is achieved with the least number of strokes-----.

HAPPY GOLFING

# Stamp Collecting

THE summer recess is over and once again we have started our monthly meetings.

Since our last submission to OUTPOST a great many new members have joined the BC. Some may well be stamp collectors, others may wish to be.

Regardless of your level of interest, specialist or beginner, do try and join us. We meet at

# CLUB LADIES' GOLF



(MEDAL) at the ARMY Course on the 3rd October and from now on the 13th/14th NOVEMBER – OUR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD BY THE A.G.M. ON THE SECOND DAY. The move to MUANG AKE. I hope the move will prove to be a success and a happy association with them. We have got off to a good start by being open every Wednesday at 7.00 a.m. and hope to see both old and new members. All comers are most welcome to come along – do give me a ring if you would like to join or have more information about the Group. Please note this month:

13th/14th NOVEMBER – OUR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD BY THE A.G.M. ON THE SECOND DAY.

## MEMBERSHIP – B.C.L.G.'s 21st ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Organized by Lunch at the Club House  
2 FLIGHTS

PRESENT MEMBERS OF B.C.L.G.

Members enjoy drinks, lunch and a commemorative B.C.L.G. Souvenir  
(258-5146) who is the coordinator for this event.

Members who still live in Bangkok include Sally Voravarn, Magda Phillips, all of whom were very active within the Group. It would be a pleasure if they came along. I am sure there are others whom I have not mentioned. If you would like to come. Invitations have been sent to you. Also be coming up for the St. Andrew's Ball. We hope that this will be a success for one and all.

## COMPETITION RESULTS

MEMBER

Magda Phillips	(23)	34 pts
Marie-Marie Hasselquist	(20)	32 pts
Yvonne Neck	(32)	34 pts
Magda Phillips	(27)	30 pts

## 18th SEPTEMBER – 3 THROW-OUTS (MUANG AKE)

Winner : Ruth Kennedy  
R/Up : Penny Whalley

## OCTOBER – L.G.U. MEDAL – ARMY

Silver Division			
Winner	:	Anne Kwong	(11) 81 Nett
Bronze Division I			
Winner	:	Kanda Phillips	(23) 84 Nett
R/Up	:	Ruth Kennedy	(19) 86 Nett
Bronze Division II			
Winner	:	Gill Hough	(36*) 78 Nett

Congratulations to Gill on winning her first MEDAL Competition – I am sure it won't be her last!

## CHILDREN'S PAGE SOLUTION.

T I D E M L  
 P L A N E C H A L L B E D S I D E  
 I A T A L K O T A  
 C E N T R E U O G R G  
 U R T C A P T A I N S U  
 M O U N T A I N H O R C A E  
 O N P I L  
 C O F F E E R E F E C T O R Y T  
 C R D R H B  
 A H I G H S A M P I C N I C  
 S A L E S O U T B O R  
 I A M U L T I P L I C A T I O N N D  
 O M A E P N L V  
 N A P K I N C E G A T E L E G G E D S  
 A I N U R I R T K  
 L T R E S T L E B E D C A R D S I I  
 C R I R R I M A T  
 H S K N I F E C O L D A O E T  
 W E E A W I N E L  
 R O U N D S N O O K E R W A P E

# BY RUGBY



and with a  
Marvel Comic"  
eggison and  
e Grunwell.  
and games –  
nts outside  
g that the  
gby morale.  
of athletes  
JT to train  
ing is every  
o which all  
n. with the  
gel "drum-  
n. It comes  
e excellent  
ment and

n Thailand  
D, the B.C.  
d between  
e Airforce,  
nd several  
D games so  
are best at  
e & Worth-  
cluding the  
alts – won  
ped out on  
ition with  
two occa-  
d for half  
asions we  
hes resem-  
dull mo-  
nter in the  
get landed

tion is that veteran back David Scott who was recently overheard telling an opposition player to "stop being a big baby" – a prime example of the gentlemanly manner in which our games are conducted. It would be unfair not to mention Megabyte and Cptn. Courageous who have also scored this season, the former picking the ball up from the base of a ruck and sprinting 36 inches to the try line and the latter travelling a similar distance – somewhat faster, by tripping over his Adidas 'Bethlehems' and aquaplaning over the line.

Despite witnessing "freak accidents" such as those listed above everyone gets the chance to play and if the numbers seen at training recently are any indication there are plans afoot to run two teams. The B.C. are also fortunate to have the refereeing services of Steve Ellison. As well as this there are refreshments at the game, courtesy of the B.C. and Bob "Steinlager" Coombes of Choice Foods (hope to see you again soon Bob). A contract to hire the Miami Dolphins Cheerleaders is being negotiated but should this fall through we are assured of a vast number of volunteers from members' wives, (see Simon Dakers for interview). Entertainment after the games includes Megabyte's speeches and trying to catch Joe Grunwell for a beer – (nearly as exhausting as a game!). That's not to mention the hospitality always assured at that renowned watering hole Goldfinger's who as well as supplying generous rounds of hallucinogenic 'shooters' also supply the rugby jerseys. Many thanks.

Future developments include; trying to secure a permanent ground and ANY help on this would be greatly appreciated; regular training (Tuesdays & Thursdays next year); increased sponsorship from anyone who would be willing

# SOCCER



# SOCCER

Hi gang! I'm writing this on a wet and windy Sunday morning for a change in the hope some inspiration will come my way but don't bet on it. Weren't those floods bad last month? Terrible thing when they start disrupting the footy and the section wives have their hands full with husbands moping around the house like caged tigers with a hang-over.

## MATCH REPORT

The big event of the month was a four team tournament involving Thammasat University, Bank of Thailand, British Club and the British Club Casuals. Thammasat being one of Thailand's premier universities we were looking forward to playing on a decent pitch after a summer on rutted, ill-maintained cabbage patches. How wrong we were! Whilst the setting was magnificent in the centre of a traditional university quadrangle a la Chariots of Fire the playing surface was quite simply the worst we've played on with both goal areas a sea of mud impossible to keep your feet on (more of this later) and the rest of the pitch hard rutted earth with a patch of swampy ground every so often. *Mai pen rai!* This minor set-back was more than compensated for by the friendly reception of our student hosts. Supporters were also pleasantly surprised at the low prices of the University snack facilities e.g. 2 Baht for a coke.

As luck would have it the big team were drawn against the Casuals for the first match and then had to play without a rest against the Thammasat team. They then had a break of two games before playing the Bank of Thailand in the final game. The Casuals had the opener per above, a one game break and then two straight games against Bank of Thailand and the University. This meant our opponents had an advantage as neither had to play consecutive games.

The day also saw the debut of the new first team strip. Resplendent in the "Bangkok Post" livery courtesy of some generous sponsorship by that august publication (thanks Nige!) we have stuck to our navy blue but with some red and white facing and there is a new cut to the white shorts which again have red and navy inserts down the side. Red socks complete the outfit. Awfy smart!

The strip got off to a winning start as in the opening game we beat the Casuals one goal to nil. Make no bones about it this was a fine performance by the wee team who determinedly raised their game whilst some of the big team players were obviously thinking ahead to the University game. The goal was a gem however. Scoop sent Lewis away down the right and his half hit cross was knocked on by Frankie Hough to Ian Mackenzie, rapidly becoming our 'Mo Johnston'. 'Mo' Mackenzie hit a cracking shot into the top right hand corner of the net from 20 yards that had a large crowd of itinerant students on their feet. The cacophony of noise that greeted the score would have done an East Fife versus Alloa Athletic fixture proud. Unfortunately the balance of the game did not match the calibre of the strike although Hugh Salmon did look dangerous on the break despite having the 'wind' taken out of his sails in a collision with Scoop Forbes which left him gasping for breath.

On then to the students and with an average 17 year age gap and them being fresh we anticipated an uphill struggle. In a fairly uneventful first half we soaked up their attacks and looked the

...ance despite the two games in a row. Thanks lads, for getting me the words to 'Mud Mud Glorious Mud!'

...against the Bank of Thailand and if the first team excelled the... Playing against the team that earlier this year won our own...-0 en route, the Casuals raised their game and a real upset looked...me Hugh Salmon finished an excellent run from deep onto a well...not home to put us 1-0 up. The defence then took over and stood...ast minute (well it seemed like that) when a well-created goal

...k themselves up from this heavy psychological blow and call on... (Hall) to play the dreaded second game in a row against - yes the...e saw them hold out until the final ten minutes and then concede...r performances were very creditable and they will have benefitted...uckle at the sight of big Keith Pearson at 6ft 6" hand on shoulder... 'Little and Large'.

...at therefore hinged on the last game played in failing light. The...the opening game of the tourney and we therefore needed to...ld have meant us finishing second on goal difference. Tired and...e fray again and once more met the challenge with a fine and...any danger of losing but had to wait until well into the second...orked well for the latter to notch the winner. The league table

W	D	L	Goal For	Against	PTS
2	1	0	3	1	5
1	2	0	5	3	4
0	2	1	3	4	2
0	1	2	1	4	1

...of the season maintaining our recent run of success. ...e was again on a real swamp of a pitch thanks to the recently...entertained a visiting team from Kuala Lumpur, the Bankers...ritage Club and again we were giving away a century or two in...lly have outclassed this opposition but the pitch really was a...4-3 victory for us. Brian Lewis opened the scoring with a very...Club equalised. This set the pattern with Wright and Hough...be pegged back with the conditions nightmarish for our stand-in...a hand-ball gave Steve Casteldine the chance to score number...ly accepted.

...Casuals encounter with a very talented Thai side sponsored by...did not really suit our aging squad particularly as, unusually for...utes and they were on the receiving end of a five nil drubbing. ...bright spot was the debut of new member Ron Aston who looks

...sent the B.C. on tour. Watch out next month for the continuing saga. Talking of tours, Manila is also...all booked up and 8 players, one supporter and our friendly referee Augusto Romei will make the trip...for the veterans 6-a-side later this month when we hope to improve on last year's dismal performance.

...We cannot close without thanking Nigel Oakins and the Bangkok Post for their sponsorship...of the First Team. More money is required to operate both the first team and Casuals and sponsors...or non-playing members will be very welcome.

In conclusion:

Where do frogs hang their coats? In the croak room!

Did you hear about the footballer who shot himself - he'd nobody to pass to.

The definition of pauses - cats feet.

A sick joke -

Two vomits were walking along the pavement when one shed a tear. Why are you crying? asked one. Because this is where I was brought up!

...An Irishman, a German and a Frenchman were driving across the country when their car...broke down. They asked a nearby farmer if they could sleep in his barn. The farmer grudgingly agreed, but said, "You'd better be quiet, though. I don't like prowlers, and I'm likely to shoot first and ask questions later." The three men agreed not to make any noise and lay down to sleep but eventually the Frenchman had to get up and take a leak. As he stumbled down the stairs in the dark, he heard the farmer cock his rifle and shout, 'Who's that?'

'Meow', said the Frenchman, and the farmer went back to bed.

...A little while later the German too felt the call of nature, but again a 'Meow' calmed the jumpy farmer.

...When it was the Irishman's turn he got as far as the foot of the stairs before the farmer called out, 'Who the hell's that?'

Said the Irishman, 'It's me, the cat.'

...That wraps it up for this month. Take care and happy Loy Kratong! See you at the Centenary St. Andrew's Ball.

Bye  
'Scoop'

## SQUASH SQUASH

A lot of thrashing and bashing has been going on amongst the squashies in recent weeks.

Towards the end of September we hosted the DAWEE Cup against the Bangkok Sports Club and narrowly lost by 6 matches to 4. It would be unfair to sort out the blame from the

by the time you read this it might have happened, or it might not - watch the notice board, always the best advice.

Singapore Cricket Club are also threatening to visit us, anyone know when? (see notice board for details)

- Roy Dean	Bht.	500		
Third prize	"	"	"	"
- Bill Barr	"	500	"	"

It was pleasing to see Bill Barr get third prize in the Dunlop ladder draw, because that very same gentleman has agreed to sponsor our 85th league this month. So it's the Guardian Assurance Squash League which you should now be enjoying. Thank you Bill. Planning ahead, the January 1991 league will be the ICI league and we are already looking for a sponsor for our 90th league in September next year, just so that you can put it in your promotion budget now!!

Finally, we hope to be going up to Chiang Mai in December to "have a knock" with the mob at the Gymkhana Club - guess what, yes, watch notice board for details.

See you in court



## PATTAYA WEEKEND

And what better way to replace the fluid lost than by a social evening at the Cherry Tree Pub just outside Pattaya. It was here that the players "rested" and sampled the fish and chips (not served up in a Bangkok Post), steak and kidney pie and roast beef not to mention the one or two small jugs of ale.

Those with the appropriate extra skills (and some without) tried their hands at the pool table and the darts board; Bernie was very quick to identify prospective darts team members!!

All in all, an extremely enjoyable weekend. We will be organising more in the future, so please join us; all standards are included and welcomed. Watch the notice board outside Court 1

# SWIMMING SWIMMING

WELCOME back all you young swimmers, we hope you are ready for another eventful swimming season. It's good to see so many of you back to lessons and training already.

For the benefit of all the new families who have joined the British Club in the past few months and haven't been put in the picture, this might be a good time to review what we have on offer in the way of swimming tuition at the British Club.

There are swimming lessons for children from the age of 3 upwards, at the Beginner's, Junior and Intermediate levels at the pool on Sunday mornings and Monday and Tuesday afternoons given by a professional swimming coach. The children are taught in groups of up to six. The next course will be for six weeks only and will terminate on December 11th. There will be a break of a month over the Christmas period and a new course of eight weekly lessons will begin in the New Year. Please contact any member of the swimming committee (see Notice Board) if you require further information. There are also coaching sessions for more advanced swimmers although these are full to capacity at the time of going to press.

If there's anyone out there who could spare a few hours a month and would like to help by co-ordinating the swimming lessons and being on the end of a 'phone to deal with the relevant enquiries, we would be more than glad to hear from you. Please ... also, if there is anyone qualified in swimming instruction who is interested in becoming involved with the swimming activities, please contact Paul Myers on 792 9346 or leave a message in the swimming

## Forthcoming events

By now you are probably aware of the Sponsored Swim which is scheduled to take place at the pool between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 10th. Please encourage and support the children, particularly the little ones. The proceeds will go to the swimming section funds for future activities.

The next gala will be a Fun Gala for teams of mixed ability, so everyone gets a chance to be in the winning team. This is planned for Sunday, December 2nd at 1 p.m., please come and register from 12.30 a.m. onwards.

It is rewarding to see the new Toddler pool being utilised and enjoyed by members and their families. We hope to have any access problems solved satisfactorily by the time this issue is released.

Finally, please remember that the swimming pool at the British Club is not patrolled by lifeguards, so your children are your personal responsibility when in the water or on the poolside - do keep a good eye on them.

Angela Coutts



# TENNIS

## August Mixed Tennis League

completed  
extended  
to allow  
s. However,  
t sufficient  
each box.

games will count as long as the result sheet is properly completed. However, the highest ranked players in each pair must not be more than six places apart.

4. Any player may enter the ladder providing they successfully challenge and beat a player already on the ladder. This will also apply to doubles pairings.

5. If a player is inactive on the ladder for two consecutive months then they will automatically drop down seven places.

6. Club tournaments involving ladder players will all count to ladder positions.

### A Question of Tennis

A can of tennis balls will be given to the person giving a correct answer to the following three questions. In the event of more than one correct entry a draw will be made.

1. In serving, the racket flies from the Server's hand and touches the net before the ball has touched the ground. Is this a fault, or does the player lose the point?

2. Is it allowable in doubles for the Server's partner or the Receiver's partner to stand in a position that obstructs the view of the Receiver?

3. At six all the tie-break is played, although it has been decided and announced in advance of the match that an advantage set will be played. Are the points already played counted?

Answers please, marked "A Question of Tennis" should be handed to reception and

f the above  
ion.

s in OUT-  
nis ladder.  
ulate com-  
constantly

out ladder  
apply:-

will count

berly filled-  
t with the  
c. However,  
more than

# COMMITTEE



**BRIAN HEATH**  
(Chairman)  
Office: 282-9605  
Home : 321-1723  
Fax : 282-9602



**BRIAN LEWIS**  
(Club Development)  
Office: 251-5679



**DAVID LAMB**  
(Vice-Chairman/  
Sport)  
Office: 316-8036-8  
Home : 316-8653-4  
Fax : 316-8312



**KENDA HARRIS**  
(Entertainment)  
Office: 234-4520-1  
Home : 391-8692



**PAUL MYERS**  
(Hon. Treasurer)  
Office: 249-0483  
Home : 392-9346  
Fax : 249-0489



**ANDREW McDOWELL**  
(Entertainment)  
Office: 233-2981-9  
Home : 286-7672  
Fax : 236-8155



**VINCENT SWIFT**  
(Membership)  
Office: 255-2356  
Home : 258-8522  
Fax : 253-9189



**NIGEL OAKINS**  
(Sport)  
Office: 233-8030-9  
Home : 260-1956  
Fax : 238-5340



**HUGH SALMON**  
(Membership)  
Office: 233-8355  
Home : 260-1971  
Fax : 237-1546



**KEITH BELL**  
(Manager)  
Office: 234-0247  
Fax : 235-1560

ATED IN PARTICIPATING IN ANY ASPECT OF THE  
HOULD CONTACT :

- ASHA WIJEYEKOON 213-2134
- RON ARMSTRONG 390-2445
- ELAINE & DARRYL HENNIG 331-5983
- JAMES NICHOLS 236-8834
- BRIAN LEWIS 253-0557
- ANNE DOUGLAS 311-1324
- LLOYD HOUGHTON 252-0435
- PENNY WHALLEY 258-9415
- MAREN WHITE 258-1481
- PETER SNELL 236-7879
- CHRISTIAN BOUTEILLIER 279-5373
- ALEX FORBES 260-1950
- TONY AUSTIN 278-1557
- PATRICK WINDELER 391-8691



## Le Meridien Phuket, Relax Bay. Why say more?

Set your own pace.

As the Andaman Sea laps the sun-kissed beach just feet from the hotel, you reflect on a day spent in or on the water; scuba diving, fishing, sailing, swimming.

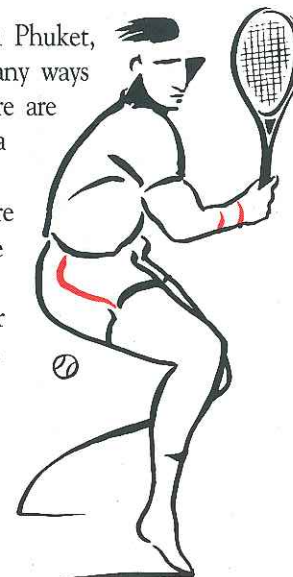
The sun sets behind the swaying palms as you sip long cool drinks on your private balcony overlooking the sea.

Now a gentle breeze carries the soft, sleepy scents of tropical flowers as you dine on Thai-style seafood. Or finest French.

Later you'll stroll barefooted, lulled by the sound of waves on sand. Or dance to the band to set the rhythm of the evening. And the late, late late hours to come.

Le Meridien Phuket, Relax Bay. As many ways to unwind as there are reasons to want a holiday.

Find out more by contacting the hotel direct, any Meridien hotel, or your travel agent.

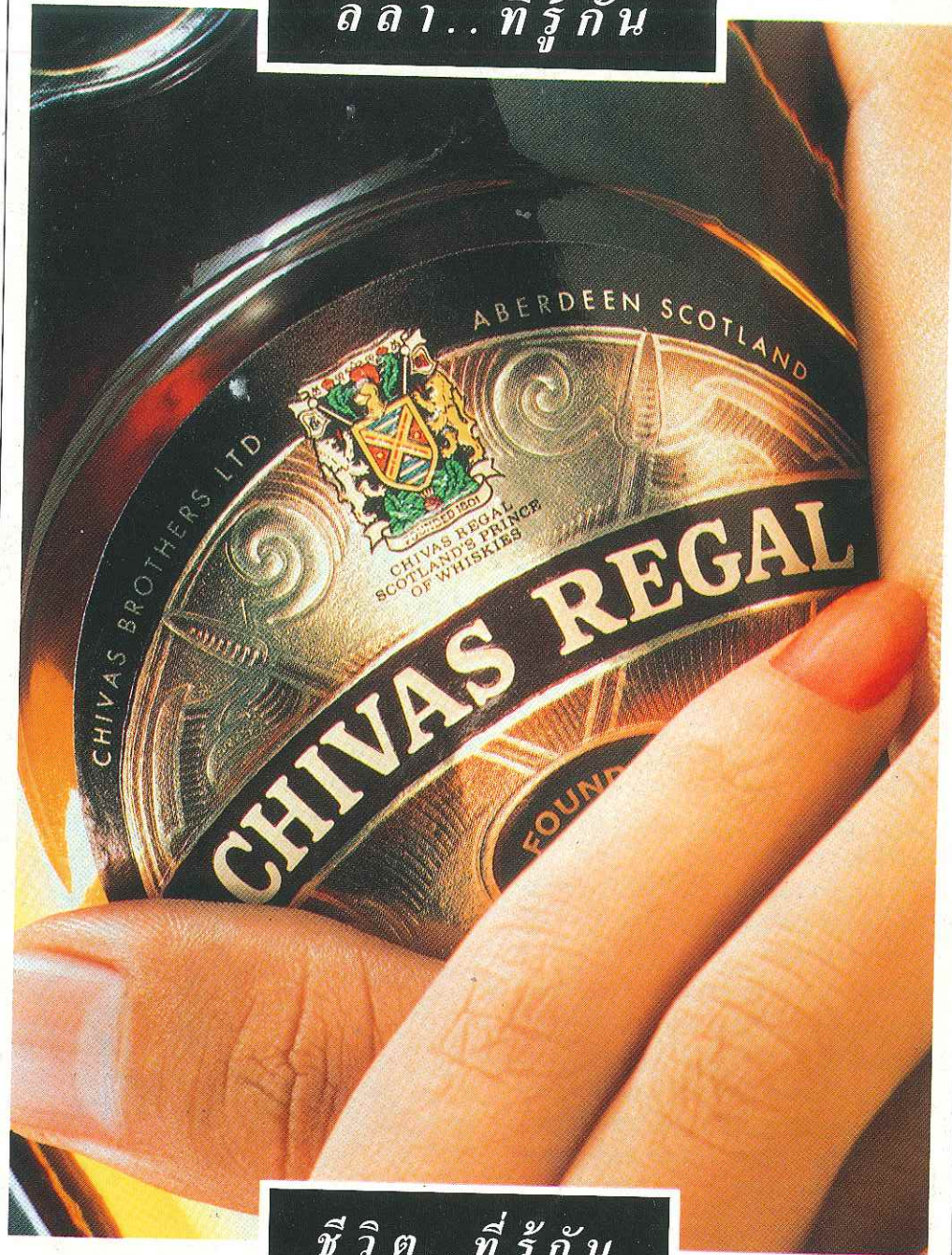


Le  
**MERIDIEN**

PHUKET



ดีตา.. ที่รู้จักกัน



ชีวิต.. ที่รู้จักกัน