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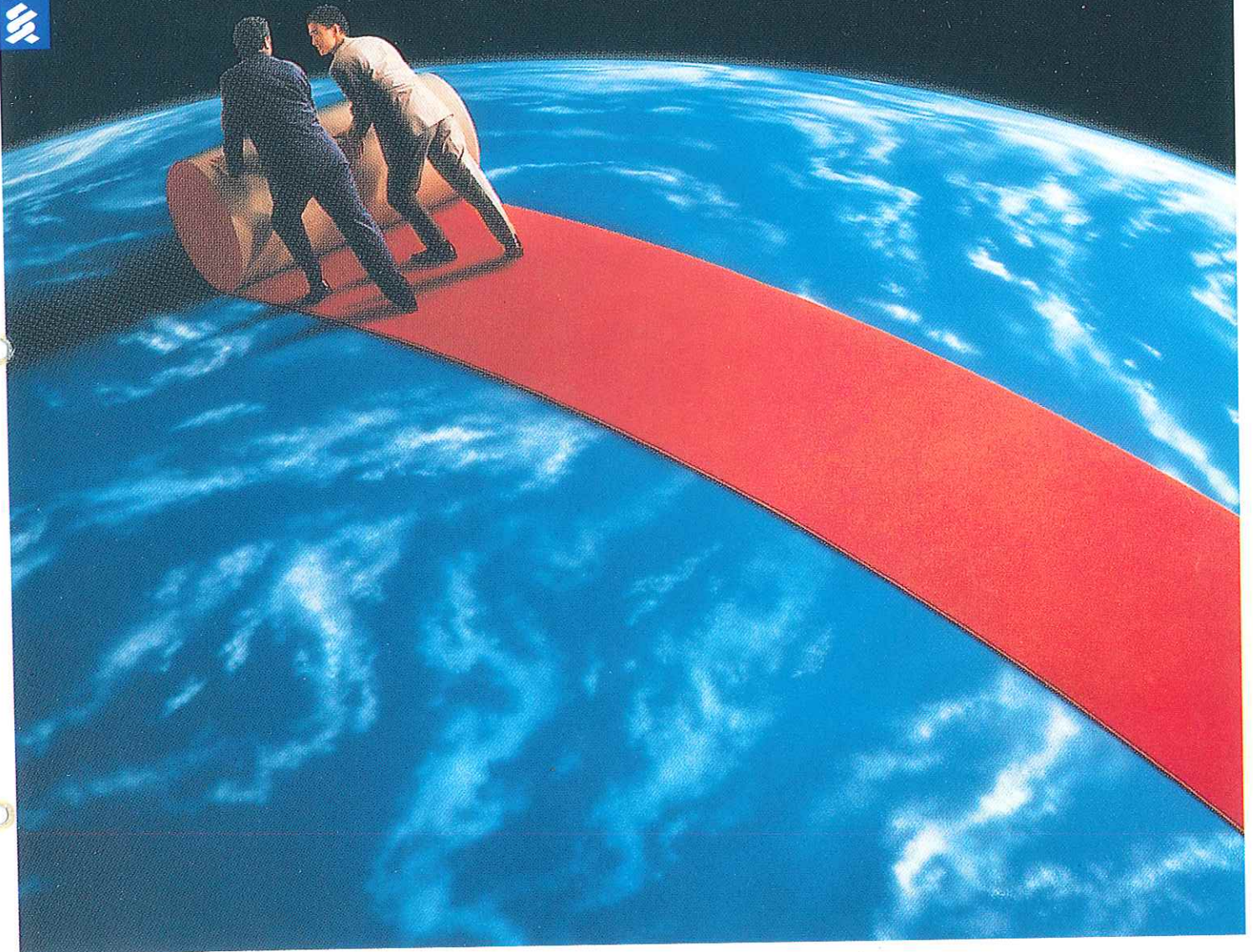
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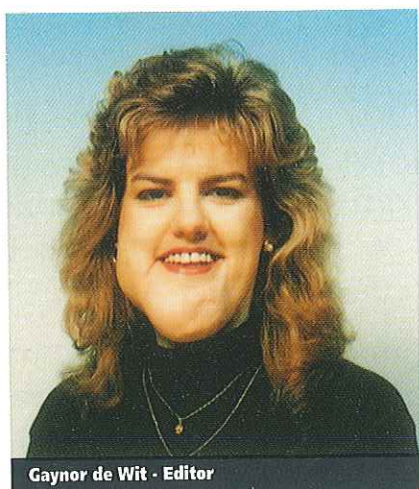
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From the Editor

November's events epitomise the traditions of both British and Thai culture. First there is Loy Kratong on the 4th, one of Thailand's most tranquil and charming festivals, whereby 'kratongs' adorned with candles are floated



Gaynor de Wit - Editor

on water as offerings to the spirits. At the opposite end of the noise and brightness scale, there's Guy Fawkes on the 5th, the explosive, historical British festival. Somewhere in between is Ploenchit Fair - a unique combination of truly British entertainment amidst the bustling Bangkok environment. The Fair, on Saturday 25th, is an essential for those new in Bangkok just as it is a firm favourite with old hands, for not only does it have all the fun of the (very British) fair contained within the beautiful grounds of the British Embassy, but the money you spend enjoying yourself goes towards Thai charities, amounting to millions of baht each year.

Agreeable climate

The end of October is usually accompanied by a season change from hot, humid and wet into blissfully cool and dry. As those sliding around on the back lawn during the Sports Day last month and those rained off from other sporting events this summer will attest, the more agreeable climate will allow for a wider range of outdoor activities to be en-

joyed, and there are certainly plenty of those scheduled for this month. If you want to keep a closer track on what is happening in and around the Club, why don't you stick a photocopy of the centre pages of Outpost to your fridge door - it's a full calendar of all Club events each month.

Thanks

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has approached me in the last couple of months offering suggestions, articles and constructive criticism about the Outpost magazine. I am of course especially grateful to those submitting articles - in this issue, Ron Thompson kicks off a series on the roots of English expressions in frequent use, Karen Albrecht recounts her driver anecdotes, there are two wedding reports and Rachel Elias has composed a beautiful poem. A belated thanks to Rita Dunford, Lynne Mudie and Dave Haworth for their contributions in October's issue.

Finally, a plea to all the sports section contributors: I would be extremely grateful if the previous deadline of the **1st of each month** could be adhered to, as the volume of the sports sections dictates the size of each Outpost, so we need this information as early as possible. If you have any problems achieving this deadline, please let me know.

Gaynor de Wit

Editor

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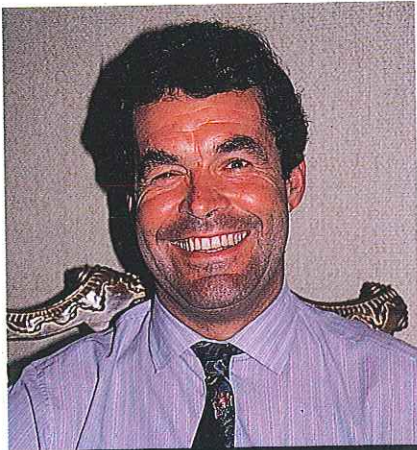
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From the Manager

Remember, remember the 5th of November"; so goes the old nursery rhyme to remind us all of the Gunpowder Plot, when Guy Fawkes so nearly managed to blow up the Houses of Parliament in London way back in



David Viccars - General Manager

the 17th Century. No doubt, were Mr Fawkes alive today, he would be somewhat surprised to learn that 5th November is still commemorated throughout the UK as the day that Parliament and democracy (after a fashion!) triumphed over evil, and would probably be

even more surprised to see that the day is even commemorated in places far removed from London, such as Bangkok! For us the nursery rhyme about the 5th of November serves to remind us of the safety rules which we must enforce at this year's event. The rules will be exactly the same as last year and have been printed in full elsewhere in the magazine, as they were in last month's 'Outpost' as well. Very importantly, if you are coming to the Club on Sunday 5th November, whether to attend the display or just to enjoy the facilities as you do every Sunday, please remember that you will not be able to enter the Club grounds unless you have a Guy Fawkes ticket. This restriction is so that we can have absolute control over the numbers at the event and is a stipulation both of our insurers and our licence. The Club will be closed to all vehicles except safety and

display vehicles; car parking for members will be available in the AIA Tower, and much thanks are due to Club member Mr. Reeder for allowing us to use his car park again this year.

Unique celebration

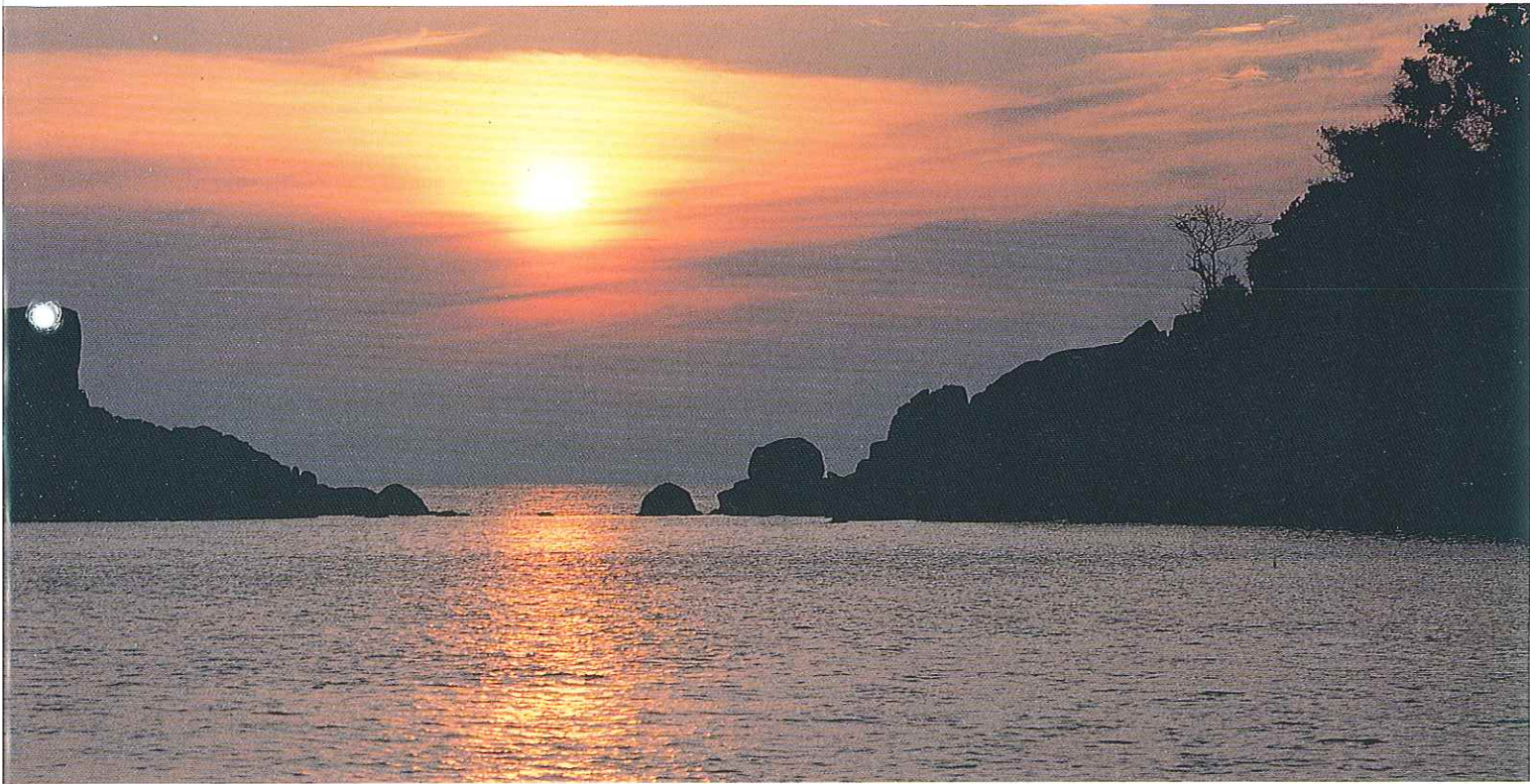
But November at the Club is more than just Guy Fawkes Day! There is the Club's own unique celebration of the Loy Kratong festival, complete with classical Thai dancing and delicious Thai food, on Saturday 4th November when we convert the swimming pool into a Temple lake and float the Kratongs off to a watery end. We then have the Scottish Dances every Monday evening culminating with the Military Music Display on Wednesday 29th November and the St Andrew's Ball on 1st December. There is the trip to Surin for the Elephant Round Up over the weekend 17-19th November, and of course the Ploenchit Fair at the British Embassy on 25th November. On a more sombre note there is the annual wreath-laying ceremony to commemorate those who gave their lives in the two World Wars at the cenotaph in the grounds of the British Embassy on the morning of Sunday 12th November.

November is a pretty taxing month for the staff, and then there is December to look forward to which promises to be even more fraught! Do come to as many of the events at the Club as you can in November, and December, you will not be disappointed!

David Viccars

General Manager

G o l d e n T i m e



*I ran away from a bad mad world
By coming to this unknown golden island
No one else but you and I
Underneath the golden sky
all along we walked, no need to talk
In the land of golden time*



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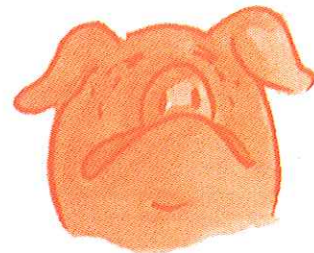
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Management News

New Reciprocal Club

New Zealand: The Hamilton Club in central Hamilton is one of the premier Clubs in New Zealand. The Hamilton Club offers an excellent restaurant and bar with a snooker room and a library and is well located for all the entertainment facilities and hotels in Hamilton.

Member Get Member Scheme

Don't forget that the first draw in the Club's 'Member get Member' scheme will take place at the New Members Night on 6th November in the Churchill Bar. We will be drawing the prize of a holiday in Phuket with air fares and hotel all paid for. If your name is in the hat, in that you have proposed a new member for the Club in the last three months, then why not come along and see if you are the lucky one?

The next prize is even better! In February the winner will enjoy a stay at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Penang with air fares included. Make yourself eligible for this super prize by nominating a New Member now!

Guy Fawkes Day - Sunday 5th November

Please make a note that we will be celebrating Guy Fawkes Day this year quite properly on 5th November, which this year falls on a Sunday. As always it will be a great evening but we must take all due precautions concerning safety. The Club will be **closed** on that day to anyone who does not have a ticket for Guy Fawkes.

The full safety rules are published in this edition so please make yourself aware of them.

New Members of Staff

Khun Pornpan and Khun Savanah - two

delightful ladies - have joined the Club as waitresses for the Bar and Lords. We also now have 10 part-time staff who will come in, when required, to assist over busy periods... providing we can forecast when these busy times are!

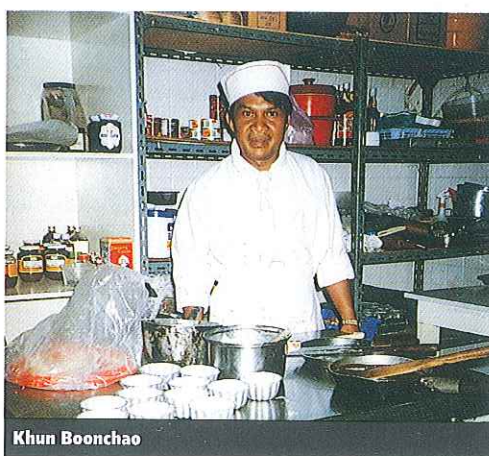
New a la carte Menu in Lords -

Win a Weekend in Manila

On Wednesday 1st November we will be introducing another new menu in Lords. For the first week of this new menu we will be running a promotion: simply dine in Lords any time in the week 1st to 12th November inclusive and leave your business card and at the end of the period we will do a draw for the prize of a 2 day, 3 night stay at the **Holiday Inn** in **Manila!!**

Staff Awards

Khun Boonchao (the baker and pastry chef) deservedly won the staff award for the quar-



Khun Boonchao

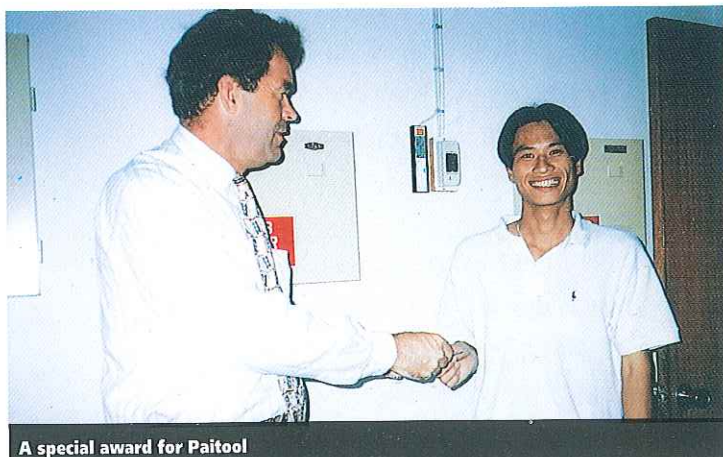
ter ending September 1995. However it was a close run thing with Khun Pradap from the Churchill Bar and Khun Sumol the purchasing clerk each receiving only one less vote. Congratulations to all three.

While mentioning the staff, special words of praise must be directed towards Khun Paitool



The runners-up - Khun Pradap and Khun Sumol

of the poolside staff. On the evening of Friday 22nd September one wing of the Narai Hotel caught fire, Khun Paitool was off duty but hearing the news of the blaze on the radio he returned to work and spent several hours at



A special award for Paitool

the Club helping the fire service and taking perishable goods out of the poolside facilities when the power to the poolside facilities was cut, his efforts were of enormous value and he has received a special award.

JVK Draw

The night of Friday 22nd September may not have been very good for the Narai Hotel but Mr Owen Shannon certainly had a good evening because his name was drawn out of the hat at 9.00pm and he was in the bar to claim the B5,000 JVK Lucky Draw prize. It clearly pays to come to the Club on Friday evenings!

Events at the Club in November

New a la carte Menu in Lords

- Wednesday 1st November

Another new menu in Lords!

Win a long weekend at the Holiday Inn in Manila. Promotion from 1st to 12th November (inclusive)



The new look Lords Restaurant

Loy Kratong

- Saturday 4th November

6.00pm on the back lawn

Adult B500, Children aged 12 to 15 B250,
Under 12's B125

Thai style dress if possible

- prizes for the best!

Thai buffet, dancing and entertainment

Over by about 8.30pm

Guy Fawkes at the BC

- Sunday 5th November

Please note that the Club will be closed on this day to all except Holders of Guy Fawkes tickets

BBQ starts at 5.30pm (not included in ticket price)

Adult B200, Children B100,
under 5's free

Super firework display

Bring a Guy for the competition and bonfire

Car parking in AIA Tower

Please read the safety regulations

Scottish Dance Practice

At the BC on the front lawn at 7.30pm on Mondays
6/13/20/27th November

Remembrance Day Commemoration Service

- Sunday 12th November

At the British Embassy at 12.00
All are very welcome
Short open air service and wreath laying
All nations represented
Refreshments afterwards

BC Trip to Surin

- Friday 17th-Sunday 19th November

Evening train to Surin on Friday 17th
Evening train back on Saturday 18th
Arrive Bangkok about 06.00 on Sunday 19th
80 members going, the trip is full!

Ploenchit Fair

- Saturday 25th November

At the British Embassy
From 10am to 5pm

Adults B50, children B20

All proceeds to charity
Every kind of stall, game, entertainment, fairground, refreshment etc

Not to be missed!

Military Music Display

- Wednesday 29th November

!!Free!!
7.30pm-ish
On the front lawn under floodlight
Flag lowering ceremony - 'Sunset'

St Andrew's Ball

- Friday 1st December

Dusit Thani Hotel
Tickets from the St Andrew's Society
Breakfast at the Club on Saturday 2nd Dec at (about!) 6.30am

BC Christmas Fair

- Saturday 2nd-Sunday 3rd December

Santa's Grotto
2.00pm to 6.00pm
In the Surawong Room

Parents and children - please read

Following the strong suggestion by a couple of the mothers in the Club that the Children's Page is largely redundant in its present form, I am turning to you, parents and children, to ask you what you expect from a children's page, if indeed you feel one is needed at all. Please read the following questions and drop your answers in the Outpost pigeon-hole in the Clubhouse, or approach me when you see me around the Club.

- 1** Does anyone read the Children's Page in your family?
- 2** If you answered 'yes' to question 1, what age are the readers?
- 3** What has been the most popular item on a Children's Page in your family?
- 4** Do you think that the Children's Page should be kept on?
- 5** If you answered 'yes' to question 4, how would you like to see it improved?
- 6** One idea received is for the Children's Page to review all sorts of children's activities during the previous month (not necessarily at the Club), containing lots of photos. Would you support this idea?

Thank you for your help.

Gaynor de Wit



New Members



Rodney with Rita

Mr. Rodney Allen

Rodney expects to be here for a couple of years with SGS, with time off for good behaviour! He met his Khmer wife Moeurn in New Zealand, and her main hobby in life is Rodney. They've named their 7 month old son Plantagenet Lennon and several other names, aka "Tag". Already a spoofer, Rodney is an especially keen hockey player/coach, because he likes wearing skirts...



Natajack

Mr. Natajack Prayurasiddhi

Nat is second-generation Australian by nationality and considers Bangkok to be "an outer suburb of Melbourne"! Nat is into direct and database marketing at Dataconsulting Group; he is married to Suttama and they hope to have children in the Year of the Rabbit or Dragon. Nat and Suttama play squash and tennis, Suttama also likes Thai and Italian cooking while Nat is into chess.

Mr. Philip Telfer

Philip and his wife Valda are from Sydney and will be here for three years. Philip is Group Finance Director at Jardine Matheson, which he claims gives him special dispensation for being less interesting since he's an accountant. He does play squash and golf but admitted being useless at tiddlywinks, while Valda plays tennis, swims and enjoys aerobics. They have two children, Benjamin, 4 and Rachael, 1 1/2 years.



Philip



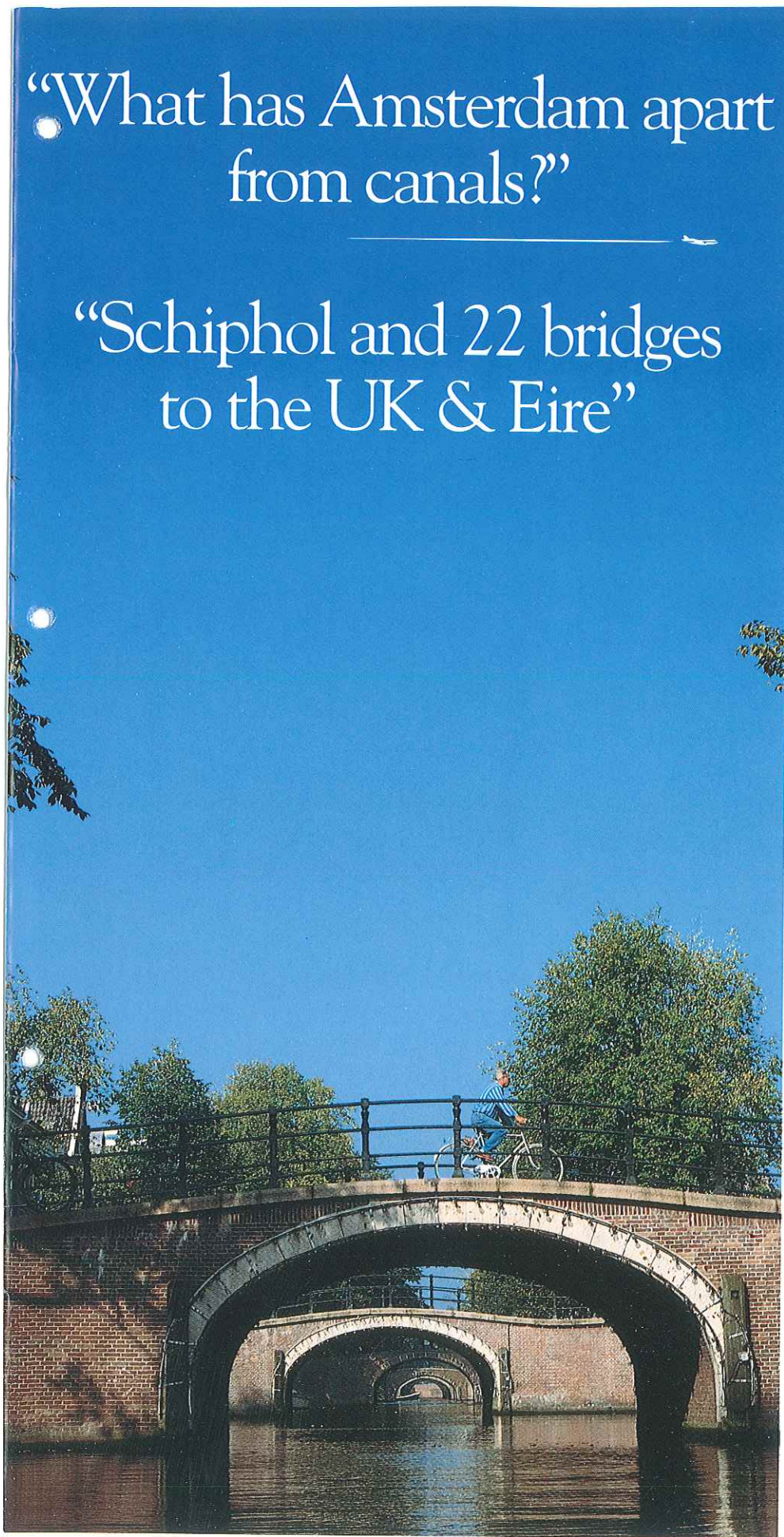
Chaturan and Achara

Mr. and Mrs. Chaturan Thaisangsa-nga

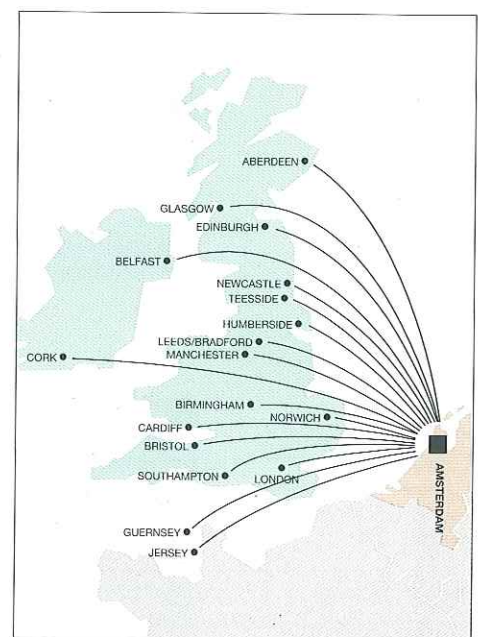
Chaturan and Achara have two sons, Oat, who's 4 and attends the Mary Poppins school, and Mickey, 1. Chaturan imports baby accessories, which takes him around the world regularly, but when he's in town he plays squash, while Achara plays badminton, and both enjoy swimming. Achara used to work at the Nation, but now the boys are her full-time occupation.

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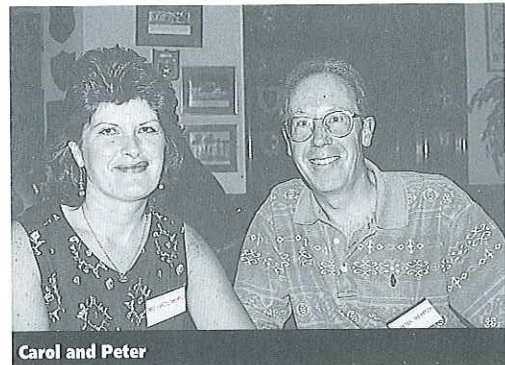
Craig

Mr. Craig Venuti

Craig was in Malaysia before joining Bilfinger and Berger here two months ago, and expects to stay for an "unspecified" time. He and his wife Natalie hail from Sydney and have two children, Stephanie, 9 and Daniel, 6, both of whom go to Patana. Craig swims, scuba dives and shoots while Natalie plays tennis and swims, and is getting into balcony-gardening in a big way.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thompson

Peter is another Siam Techno City bod. He and Carol are from Kent and they hope their first overseas posting will last three years. Their two daughters, Jennifer, 10, and Harriet, 8, are at Patana. Carol helps at Patana, has joined Thaicraft and enjoys Thai cooking, aerobics and swimming. Peter enjoys golf, golf and golf, and used to represent the British Embassy but expects his loyalties to change...



Carol and Peter



Claudia and Mark

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Verheyen

Always an expat, Mark is British but has never lived there. He met Claudia during his 12 years in Munich. Mark is the MD at Osram, the lightbulb people. A sporting character, he plays golf, cricket, tennis, badminton and swimming. Claudia is also well-travelled, having been a stewardess for Lufthansa, and enjoys working out in the gym, swimming and playing tennis. They have a 2 year old daughter, Stephanie.

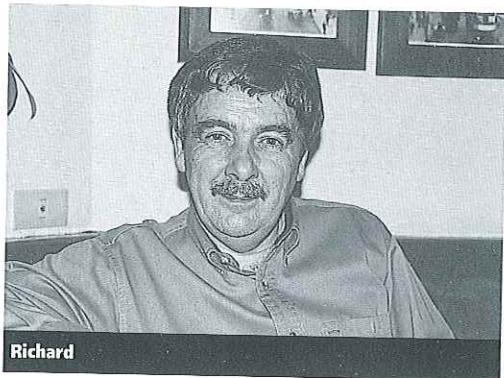


Chris

After the slight misplacement of his photo in the September issue, I managed to nab Chris at October's New Members Night, so here he is again:

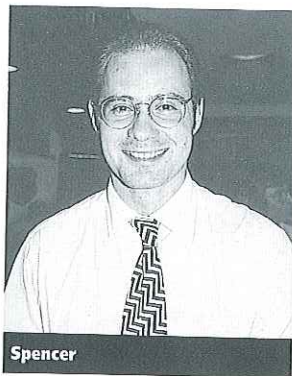
Mr. Christopher Alley

Chris is the son of Michael, a long-time member of the Club. He has set up his own company (Promanser) in personnel placement for the textile industry in the region. He is single and is playing tennis again after a 5-year layoff, so has asked the tennis section to be patient with him!



Mr. Richard Blackmore

Richard is project manager for Siam Unisys, he plays tennis and is an early bird in the gym at 6am to avoid the traffic. His wife Avrel goes to the gym and aerobics and has a keen interest in nutrition, and their 15 year old son David, who attends ISB, also plays tennis. Originally from South Wales, Richard has worked in Singapore, Germany, Canada, Saudi and the US.



Mr. Spencer Roberts

Here for a year and a half already, Spencer's an old Bangkok hand - his mobile 'phone rang during our chat! Spencer is the GM at Richard Ellis, he's single and 30. He goes to the gym or swims in his odd bits of spare time, and plays a "low standard, pathetic" game of squash. He enjoys travelling and has been away with the football section, but hasn't actually kicked a ball yet.

Dr. and Mrs. Ken Airey

'Football crazy' is an apt description of Ken with his hundreds of football biographies and other football trivia. Even their livewire 20 month old son, Alex, has a "useful left foot", and they support Newcastle United (who? - G). Here with Castrol for four years, Ken not surprisingly wants to play football as he has "a couple of good seasons left", and likes classic and sports cars. Judith plays squash and swims and enjoys Indian cooking.



Mr. Jerome Casalta

100% Corsican (like Napoleon), Jerome's main hobby is history - all ages but especially Anglo-French conflicts, ahem. He's into concrete pipes with Humex Bonna and expects to stay for five years. His wife Marie enjoys swimming, aerobics and tennis and they have a son Alexandre, 4. Jerome plays tennis and chess, is a handy swimmer and hopes to take up his former love, rugby.

In Memory of a True Bangkok Veteran

**Eric Morris OBE died on
October 3rd 1995 aged 85.**

One of Thailand's true stalwarts, Eric lived for over 60 years in Asia and all save seven of those in Bangkok. He is probably best known for his sterling efforts towards maintaining and improving the Royal Bangkok Sports Club, particularly the horse racing section, spending over 30 years on the General Committee. Eric was an enthusiastic sportsman himself, playing a keen game of football and cricket as well as participating in the racing scene. Deeply committed to the Sports Club, he was still actively involved up with his work there until very recently, despite his failing health.

A popular local figure, Eric was also a long-term supporter of The British Club, clocking up 60 years of membership in June of this year, for which he was granted Honorary Membership.

The British Club would like express regrets on the passing of this great man, who has contributed so much towards sport and society in Bangkok.

In memory of John Davies

The Committee, members and staff of the British Club would like to express their sadness over the demise of John Richard Davies in a tragic incident on the evening of Tuesday 10th October.

John Davies joined the Club in 1988 and worked for the Continental Overseas Corporation.

We didn't lose ...!

I am so proud of the hardy and determined team of Badmintonians who splashed around in the pool and all over the back lawn on the October 1st on the Intersection Sports Day, as well as demonstrating misspent youths in the snooker room and at the dartboard in the evening. That team broke a mould, dismissing a jinx which has haunted us for two years - yes, we didn't come last!!

All congratulations go to relative newcomers Angela and Charles Harrison for being sporting after Wanna blackmailed them into taking part, and to Katy and Henry Cherdumphai, Peter Griffiths and Anant Leighrahathon, all of whom had individual moments of fame in particular sports. OK, so the collective result didn't quite match the very impressive all-round performance by the tennis section, but at least we beat the footballers!

There was absolutely no cheating by the other teams on the badminton game, as the impressive team of Barry, Peter Tinker and Chris Gething kept a close and experienced eye on things from under their rather grand umbrellas while attempting to remain reasonably mudsplash-free on an increasingly aqueous back lawn.

Being blessed with acute management skills, your beloved Chairperson managed in all her wisdom to organise herself not only out of the team (and therefore serious exercise) but also out of adjudicating the badminton game on the muddy lawn, instead spending the rainy morning snug in the snooker room marking that game and the balmy afternoon up in the suntrap umpire's chair refereeing the tennis

game. And despite several attempts at arm-twisting by one or two of the above-mentioned members of the team and having im-



Peter, Chris and Barry - score guards

bibed copious amounts of the free Martini, remained amazingly unbiased throughout. It was hoped by one of the team, Peter, that if it had taken three years to climb from last to second last, that it wouldn't be another five plus years before we reached the top... however, things are definitely more positive than the last two years, as we now know we are capable of raising our performance!

Lotsaluv

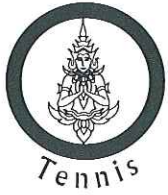
Lek Farang

Anyone interested in swatting a few shuttles, please give one of the following a shout:

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Captain - Wanna 321-4599

Secretary - Barry (work) 260-1210



We won the Sports Day!

Great celebrations were had in the Churchill Bar on Sunday 1st October as the Tennis section clearly excelled themselves to beat last year's champs Rugby firmly into second place in this year's Inter-section Sports Day. It had been a fairly gruelling day, as the backlawn had turned into a mudbath due to the rain earlier on, but "when the going gets tough.." We also need to congratulate two of our number for walking away with the titles of Sports Man and Woman of the Year - Pat Dean and Hannah Morrison, respectively. Hannah, who took over the SWOTY title from the recently-departed Carol Aspden, and Pat were awarded pewter plates and a bottle of Martini each, courtesy of the sponsors. Well done to the tennis team!

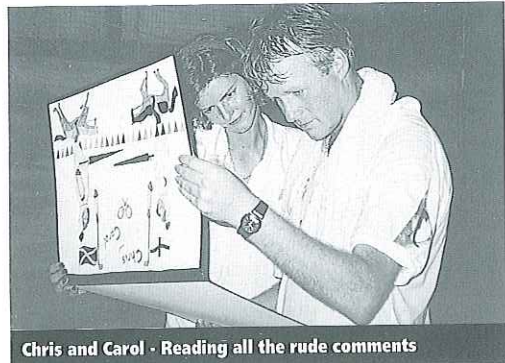
Graded Championships under way

November will be a busy month for the tennis section, with the Graded Championships and November leagues well under way. For those

of you still involved in the championships do please make every effort to play your matches as early as possible. Don't forget the finals will be on Sunday 3rd

December. If you're not taking part, there are always plenty of good matches to watch. The quality of tennis may not quite match that of a Grand Slam final but you're likely to see some highly creative tennis and the atmosphere will be highly charged with excitement.

This is the time of year when many newcomers to Bangkok may have found their way to the British Club. If any of you are interested in playing tennis do come and join us. We're a very friendly and sociable group and make new members very welcome. A large number of activities for all standards are organised: mix-ins on Sundays from 3-6pm and on Wednesdays from 6pm for players of all standards except beginners; coaching every Saturday morning for beginners up; Monday evening tennis for the strongest men and women players, and Monday mornings from 8-10 for stronger ladies and on Fridays from 9-11 for ladies social tennis.



Chris and Carol - Reading all the rude comments



Departing Aspdens with card and present

Throughout the year for competitive tennis there's a ladder, mini-leagues and monthly tournaments as well as regular matches against other clubs. The Graded Championships are in October/November and the Club Championships run from January to March. Also, there are section trips two or three times a year, usually at long weekends, to places outside Bangkok.

Our Junior Section is very active, with regular coaching at weekends, a junior ladder and monthly round robins every first Sunday.

If you're interested in any of these events, do get in touch with:



Diana Howard - ladies captain 285-6923
James Young - men's captain (H) 398-5926,
(O) 254-1342
Shelagh Weekes - juniors convenor 258-5107,
or just come along.

Whatever your standard, you'll find someone to play tennis with.

As well as the hellos, this also seems to be the season of goodbyes. In September, Carol and Chris Aspden departed for London. They arrived in Bangkok as single people, met at the BC Tennis Section, announced their engagement in the Churchill Bar and married last August. Chris was heard to say of the farewell present we gave them that it was the second best thing he'd be taking back from Bangkok, the best of course being his wife! What chivalry! Chris was our vice-chairman and Carol our secretary.

Joy Masood took over from Carol as secretary and six months later is now also leaving Bangkok with husband Mahmood, bound for Singapore. If anyone is finding Bangkok hard going, why not take over as secretary? It's obviously a sure-fire passport out of the country! Our thanks to Carol, Chris and Joy for all their hard work.

Also leaving us in September was Bruno, who has found yet another hotel that hasn't opened! Bruno was one of the stronger players in the Club, frequently reaching the finals of the Club Championships both on his own merit or with Pat, and often represented the Club in team games. Let's hope those in Jakarta are prepared for that infamous first serve that's coming their way!

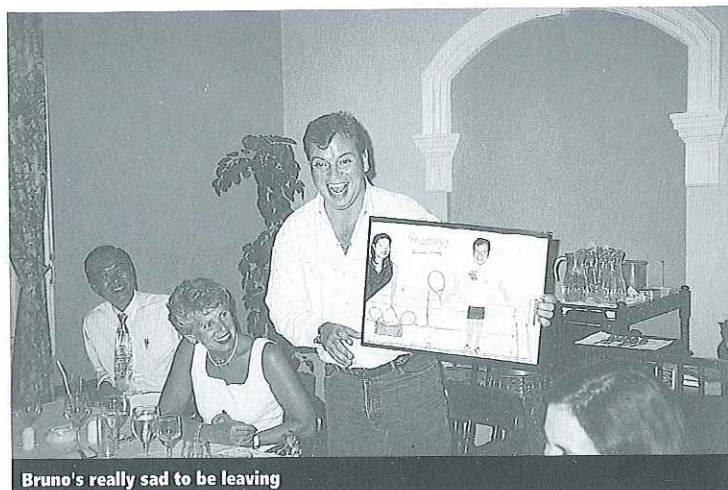
We certainly don't want to say a final goodbye to ex "Chairman Mau" and his wife Christine, but as you read this (dare I say it?), their departure is **probably** imminent. They will be very sadly missed, as Maurice was instru-

mental in building the popularity of the section. Do keep in touch, Maurice and Christine!

Eileen Cook

September's American Tournament

The tournament started promptly at 2pm on Sunday 9th September with Maurice dividing all the players into three groups, ably assisted by Jarce. Each player was allotted a partner, and then play commenced.



The winners of the individual groups were:

Group 1 John and Chris Kelly

Group 2 Dave Henton and Shelagh Weekes

Group 3 Brian Sheehan and Charmaine

The three group winners then played each other and after a long battle the overall winners of the tournament were... Chris and John Kelly - well played, the Kellys.

We were very lucky with the weather - the rain held off all afternoon, and then, just as the finals players walked off court, the heavens opened and it poured.

Don't forget, there is a tournament every month on the second Sunday; just turn up at 2pm with your racquet, they really are fun!

Elaine Kelly



A successful rainy season

The football recently has been a bit like the old stories of British Rail - more off than on! Certainly the players have had no problem in choosing between moulded soles or screw-in studs - at times though flippers might have been more appropriate. At one game we played at Chaeng Wattana a life guard with resuscitation equipment was required at the side of the pitch!



Singapore Vets squad

It is good to see players and their families back from the summer holidays. Notable this year was the wide range of replica football strips on show with the youngsters. Last year stalwarts Manchester United and Nottingham Forest have been joined by Bright Junior sporting a Newcastle United strip and Grogan Junior no. 1 - (there are two now!) in Birmingham City gear. Back in the UK replica strips are big business - with the addition of players' names and numbers on the back the cost can be high - As a result British dads are now encouraging youngsters to support famous players with shorter names and single digit numbers - Bruce, 4 is going through a

renaissance whilst dads are steering offspring away from longer names such as Bart-Williams, 11. I wonder who would find the most followers in the BC team - Could it be Love, 6 - it certainly

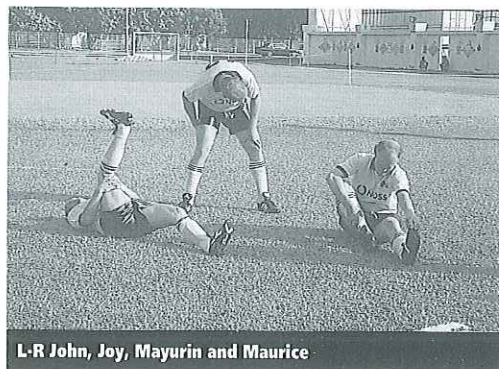
wouldn't be Hagelauer, 11? We welcome some new faces to the squad - Dave Atkinson and 'old boy' returned, John Cochrane. The squad is as large



Dave Atkinson

and enthusiastic as ever with all three sides, First team, Casuals and Veterans looking strong. The secrets of the Veterans and their success was demonstrated in the recent Singapore Vets tournament. The Veterans inform us, according to Nigel Oakins (see below on the right), that their success on the pitch is due entirely to their stretching off the pitch!

Two games were managed during the last month: the first versus Delta Grand Pacific on the Tobacco Monopoly 'pitch' or 'swamp' to be more correct. After a one month lay off



L-R John, Joy, Mayurin and Maurice

the team looked horribly overweight and desperately unfit. In the heavy conditions mobility and a good sense of direction were essential - the former to be able to move at all and the latter to be able to navigate the reeds! By popular consent John Sheehan was voted the worst player on the day being responsible for two Delta goals. He was closely followed by Vaughan Elias, responsible for one goal, and an overweight Tony Green until the latter redeemed himself by scoring twice in the second half.

Paul Gambles managed yet another yellow card for violent behaviour to Thai players 1 metre shorter than him whilst 'Lady Penelope' Christian Parker managed his first yellow card for the club. Dave the Eagle Proctor made history and amusement by twisting his ankle in a sewage dyke!

The result was 4-3 to the Delta but it wasn't that close. 2-0 up at halftime they were 4-0 up with twenty minutes to go. Two from Tony Green and one from Paul Greenhalgh reduced the deficit to a respectable 4-3, but overall it was a result best forgotten.



Paul Greenhaugh

Highlight of the close season must have been the opportunity to play against the Dream Team VIPs on the national team facilities at Kessini Ville. The VIP team is captained by the Thailand National Team Manager and includes a number of football, sports and

show business celebrities. The game was won comfortably 5-2 by the Casuals thanks to goals by Dave Atkinson (2), Tony Green (2) and Adam Caro, with two outstanding blun-



Nat Love inspecting the pitch

ders by stand-in keeper Dave Atkinson reducing the arrears for the Dream Team. Overall this was a highly enjoyable fixture and one we hope to make a regular event.

Another Scottish Football Story

We learn from Scotland that St. Mirren have recently signed an international player from war-torn Bosnia. The story goes that the said player was in the middle of his first training session with the club when he was called to receive an emergency telephone call from his mother.

"Hello mother" said our man

"It's your father" she returned "terrible news, he's been shot and murdered. Not only that", she continued "but your sister's been raped and left for dead. Its touch and go whether she will make it. And its all your fault, son".

"My fault?" gasped our man. "How can it be my fault?"

"Well it's because of your new football job that we moved to Paisley, isn't it?!" came the reply.

Andy Davies



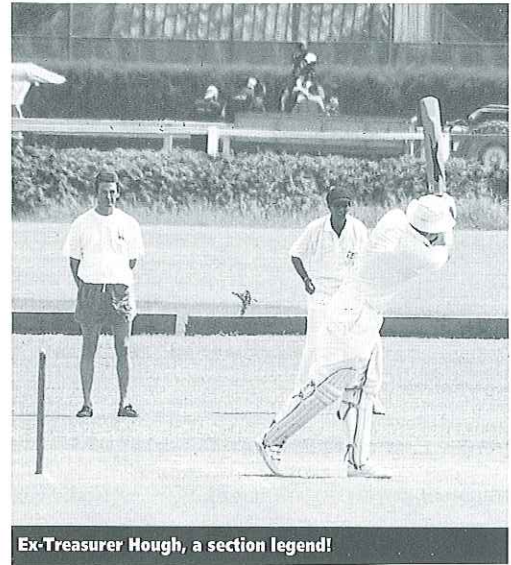
Training starts this month

The cricket season is fast approaching with the hit off set for late November. For now, however, the new committee has been elected at the AGM held on September 29th where even the lure of a free feed and beverages couldn't get more than the usual die-hards to front up for the 1995/96 AGM.

Acceptances had numbered around 20 and with rumours flying that another 4 or 5 newcomers could be attending, the BC cricket section were looking to have a good turnout to an AGM for a change. In recent years we've failed to get past 10 so it was not really surprising when a grand total of 10 showed up.

The AGM did not produce many controversial appointments. However, several section

concentrating on their on-field performances in the coming season (after some of last year's



Ex-Treasurer Hough, a section legend!

efforts this is seen as a wise move!). To cut to the chase, the new committee for 95/96 will be:

Chairman	Peter Young
BC Captain	Brian Diamond
BC Vice Captain	Steve Sloman
Treasurer	Barney Phillips
Secretary	Adam Caro
TCL Rep	Jack Dunford
BC Pavilionaires Captain	To be appointed



Last season's BC six-a-side team, hopes for more success this year

veterans have decided to call it a day as far as committee duties are concerned and maybe wisely leave the off-field planning up to the younger generation.

Farewell

Yes, we bid farewell to Chairman Dr. Nick White and the evergreen Treasurer Frank Hough, who both have given tremendous service to the section. They both will be

Unfortunately there were no Pavs players in attendance, and it's difficult to appoint a skipper when there are no representatives present! Although Barney Phillips is keen to play in the 25 overs league this year and he would be an enthusiastic leader. I'm assured by the likes of Ron Scobie, Colin Hastings and David Lamb that the boys are keen for the 25 league and will soon get their team in order.



Training is set to begin in November so look out for notices around the Club and please contact either:

Peter Young: 679-7644 Mob: 01-498-6006

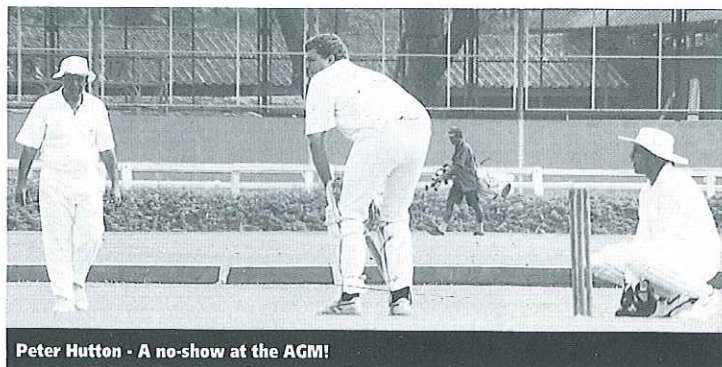
Brian Diamond: 287-2680

On something definitely not cricket, the section performed admirably in the recent inter-section sports day held at the BC. Having lost the title as champions the previous year to the dreaded Rugby section, the Cricket boys and gals were keen to make amends and they closely pursued the Rugby team lead by Graham Carson. Well, while we were concentrating on knocking these tall poppies off, the Tennis section swept past both of us to easily take out the 95 title.

The Cricket section had to be satisfied with 3rd place having just been pipped by the Rugby lot for second - damn!

A very enjoyable day though which was only thrown into confusion by the tennis game

that was all over in a minute, the badminton game combined with mud wrestling and the



Peter Hutton - A no-show at the AGM!

swimming event - would someone please tell me the rules on this event; as per every year there aren't any. A big thanks to Brian Diamond who eventually arrived to officiate at the cricket game, and well done for bowling the ball down the leg side to those rugby louts...

Catch you next month

Peter Young

Ploenchit Fair to be held on Saturday 25th November

Yes, we did say that 1994 was going to be the last Ploenchit Fair... but we didn't really mean it. Anyway, it was so much fun that British Ambassador Christian Adams wants to do it again.

Organised by the United Kingdom Committee for Thai Charities, Ploenchit Fair is the British Community's annual fund-raising event for charity. Hundreds of volunteers run stalls selling goods, playing games and serving food and drink. The peaceful British Embassy compound turns into a bustling fairground for the day, with the foreign and Thai communities making it one big social gathering.

The ever popular Ploenchit Fair will be held in the grounds of the British Embassy on Saturday 25th November 1995 from 10.00am to 5.00pm. Entrance will be 50 Baht for adults and 20 Baht for children. Last year, well over 20,000 people spent 4.8 million Baht, all of which was allocated to 35 Thai charities. This year, UKCTC Chairman Mrs. Carolyn Tarrant MBE is determined to break the 5 million baht barrier, so come along!

Calendar

British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar

<p>Sunday</p> 	<p>Opening Times</p> <p>10am-11pm Churchill Bar 11.30am-2pm Lords Restaurant - Lunch 6-10pm Lords Restaurant - Dinner 7.30am-10pm Poolside Bar 6am-9pm Fitness Centre - Mon-Sat 9am-9pm Fitness Centre - Sun/Hols 9am-5pm Thai Massage - Tue/Sun</p>	<p>5</p> <p>11am-1pm Badminton Mix-In 2-6pm Tennis Tournament 5-7pm Children's Video</p> <p>5.30pm Guy Fawkes at the BC</p>
<p>Monday</p> 	<p>Venues</p> <p>Soi 15 NIST grounds Soi 49 Soi Klang Racquet Club Soi Nares Behind Bangrak Police Station</p> <p>Golf - As advertised</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8am BWG Mahjong 8-10am Ladies Tennis 2pm Aerobics 6-8pm Squash Coaching 7-9pm Badminton - Soi 49 7-9pm Tennis Team Training 7.30pm New Members Night</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> 	<p>New Menu in Lords Win a trip to Manila 1st-12th November 1995 See page 12 for details</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7am Ladies Golf 7-9pm Rugby Training 8-11pm Friendly Bridge 9pm Gentlemen's Spoof</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>6-8am Early Bird Tennis Mix-In 9.30am Aerobics 5-8pm Squash Coaching 6-9pm Tennis Mix-In</p> <p>New a la carte menu in Lords</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6-8am Early Bird Tennis Mix-In 9.30am Aerobics 5-8pm Squash Coaching 6-9pm Tennis Mix-In</p>
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Children's Sports Activities

Tennis Coaching Friday Evening & Saturday Morning
Junior Tennis Tournament Sunday 1st October
Swimming Coaching Saturday Morning

Don't Forget!!!

Annual Ploenchit Fair
British Embassy Grounds
Doors open at 9.00am

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11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In**
 3-7pm **Tennis Mix-In**
 5-7pm **Children's Video**

12.00 Remembrance Day Service**19**

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 9pm **Gentlemen's Spoof**

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Sports - Contact the following:

Badminton	Gaynor de Wit	237-4031
Cricket	Peter Young	679-7644
Golf	Paul Nears	714-9040
Rugby	Joe Grunwell	262-0220
Squash	David Turner	279-1234
Soccer	Peter Rodgers	240-0678
Tennis	John Kelly	264-2100

BC trip to Surin (until Sunday)**18**

8-11am **Tennis Coaching**
 4.30pm **Casuals Soccer - Soi 15**

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8-11am **Tennis Coaching**
 4.30pm **Casuals Soccer - Soi 15**

Sports - Contact the following:

Non-BC Sports		
Ladies Golf		
BCLG	Wil Agerbeek	259-7019
LIGIT	Eileen Cook	295-4596
Hockey	Lois Carson	258-5295

9am Ploenchit Fair - British Embassy



Medal 3

Rain stopped play for the quarterly medal on the 26th August and it was replayed on 10th September at Muang Kaew.

The winners of the three Medal flights were:

Flight A: **Roy Barrett** (16) Net 72

Flight B: **Neil Buttery** (18) Net 76

Flight C: **Des Keane** (26) Net 77

Near Pins were:

M. Corey Holes 4 and 12

G. Lamb Holes 8 and 16

Men's Long Drive: **E. Hudson**

Ladies Long Drive: **Di Lamb**

Sunday 25th September

- Volvo Cup v. Scandinavians

This annual match was played at Lad Krabang for the Volvo Cup. The format was pairs, better-ball match play for the team prize,

with prizes also being awarded to the five pairs carding the lowest net scores. The Scandinavians won by a total of 9 points to 4 for the British Club. However, second prize in the individual pairs went to our own Chris Gething and Peter Talbot, who netted an impressive 60. Congratulations lads!

Here are the date of the remaining fixtures for this year

Sat 4th Nov: Rysome Bowl Muang Kaew 8.00am

Sat 18th Nov: Medal 4 Royal Golf 8.00am

Weekend 9-11th Dec: Hua Hin

Sat 16th Dec: Medal final Royal Golf 8.00am

Hope we shall see you at some, if not all of them.

Judi Leddy

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Dick triumphs!

September League

Celebrating the 65th anniversary of their operation in Thailand, **Christiani & Neilsen** have sponsored this league. Our thanks to them for supporting the squash section. Squash bags and t-shirts are available in the fitness centre for all members who entered this league.

Club Night & Sunday Mix-in

It was decided at the last committee meeting to charge members to play in the club night. Free drinks after the Sunday mix-in have also been discontinued. Without the income of squash court sponsorship, the section cannot afford such costs.

Handicap Tournament

Thirty two members entered this competition which ran for a month. The finals of the tournament and plate were held early in October. The finalists were Dick Anwar, who beat Matthew Overington and David Jewell, who defeated Barry Daniel. The overall winner was Dick, beating David in 4: 21-14, 21-10, 20-21, 21-19. A terrific game which none of the spectators wanted to end.

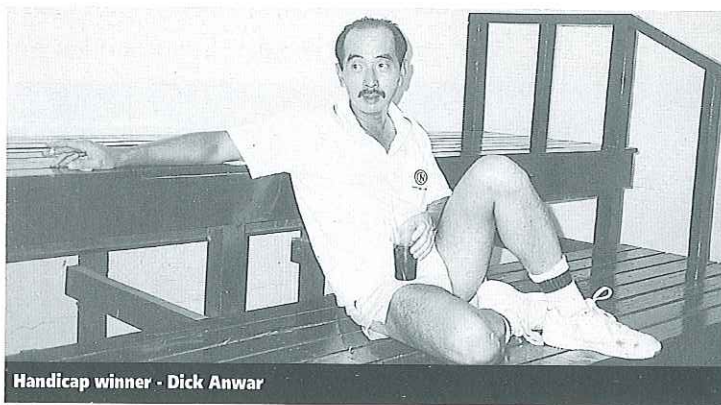


Handicap semifinalists - David Jewell and Barry Daniel

Congratulations to both Dick and David for a very fine match.

The plate semi-finalists were Phil Hall, Kamal Sandarusi and David Overington. David managed to get to the final having played

only one game - he had walkovers straight through; not a satisfactory way to reach a final. Phil proved too strong on the day



Handicap winner - Dick Anwar

beating David in 3: 21-19, 21-17, 21-14.

Thanks to Martin Reed and Paul Taylor for umpiring and scoring the two finals.

Junior Squash

There is a squash mix-in for juniors every Sunday at 2.00pm on court 3. All welcome.

Squash Dates:

November:

- 15th League sponsored by **Carlsberg**
- 5th Sunday Mix-in.
- 11/12th Semis and Final of the Rod Carter Open (B.C.B. open championship)
- 18/19th Semis and Final of the Tony Austin Cup (veterans competition)

December:

- 9/17th SEA Games. Ambassador City, Pattaya.

Two of our members, Phil Hall and Simon Davies, have completed the referees course advertised earlier in the year and may be officiating at the Games. Spectators are welcome.

Happy squashing!

Tom Livingston

The Martini Inter-Section Sports Day

Rugby section dethroned

The annual inter-section sports day saw 6 teams comprising 4 men and 2 ladies from the cricket, tennis, squash, badminton, rugby and football sections competing for the coveted award of champion sports section for

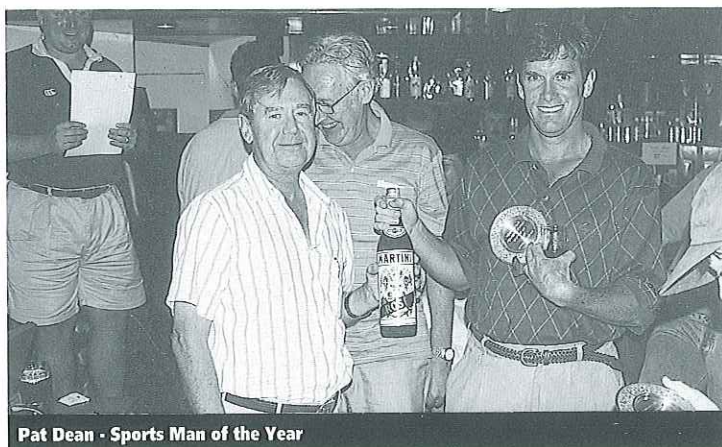
1995. Last year's winners, Rugby, were plainly keen to retain the trophy, reselecting several of their star players. However, as the results came in throughout the day, it was apparent

could drink, competition became intense. There were some notable achievements recorded, for example, the rugby section could only manage to get the ball over the net twice in the tennis game (the winners of this game, squash section, managed it 53 times!), the cricketers found the squash game equally troublesome and the football game held great fears for the stars of the badminton section. After a frenetic day's sport all the players assembled in the bar for the final game, darts, and the prize giving. Eventually, after several checks and recounts, the tennis section were declared the winners with rugby second and cricket third. Pat Dean and Hannah Morrison, both from the tennis team, having scored the



Winning team - Tennis

most individual points were declared the sportsman and sportswoman of the year.

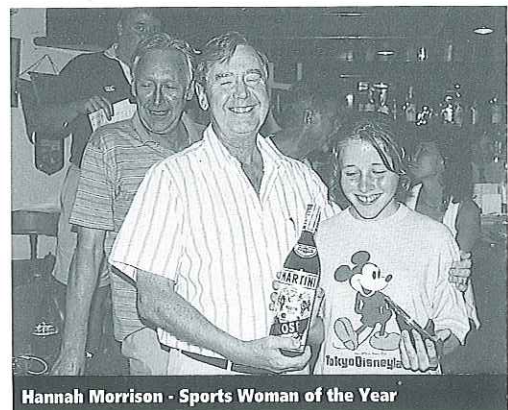


Pat Dean - Sports Man of the Year

that things were not going as they would have wished.

Damp start

After a very damp start to the day the weather quickly improved and, fortified by as much free Martini as the players (and organisers)



Hannah Morrison - Sports Woman of the Year

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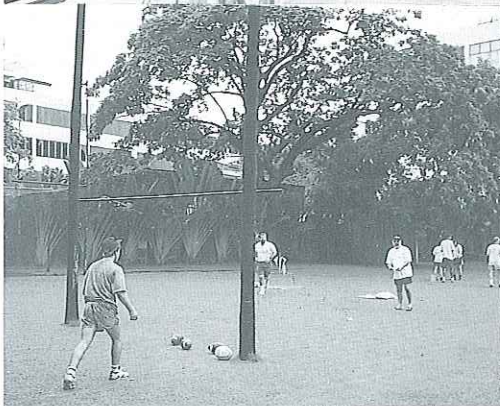
A super day

All in all a super day at the Club, all the facilities were busy from early morning until late in the evening, well done to Mark Partridge and David Turner for running the show and many thanks to Martini for so kindly sponsoring the event.

David Viccars



Back lawn bottoms



Sports Day legs



A misspent youth

Weddings

Arriving in Dublin in dazzling sunshine, this was my first trip to Ireland and what an occasion - the marriage of those BC stalwarts former Treasurer Andy Simonds and former Outpost Editor Fiona Mulligan. The venue was the pretty village of Malahide on a picturesque part of the coast. Having been thoroughly briefed by my taxi driver on the best drinking spots in the village - and there seemed to be no shortage - I checked into the Grand Hotel, which was to be besieged by various ex-Bangkokians, all eager to witness Andy's long-awaited capitulation.

The party was gathering strength in the bar, where Roy (Best Man) and family McGregor were sampling the local F&B, along with the bride- and groom-to-be... the latter looking remarkably cool and resigned to his fate! The



Mr. and Mrs. at last!

other party due that day were Keith and Alexis Welsh - ex-BC, now resident in Atlanta. With no sign of them by early evening, and food looking like a wise move, we decided to investigate the local restaurants. Andy's stepmother, her mother, and Carol's parents joined the large group heading into Malahide. On passing the local Italian, we were

subjected to an all too familiar torrent of abuse - the dulcet tones of Keith Welsh greeting us in his usual understated way. Turns out the Welsh party had checked into the wrong hotel! Without further ado, we all piled into

the restaurant and tucked into pizzas, spaghetti, etc, with yet more alcohol to wash it down.

Retiring to the bar of the Grand again and joined by Fiona and her parents, some lively catching up on old times got underway. Ever mindful of the big day ahead, the ladies retired early, leaving Messrs Welsh, Simonds and McGregor to it. Denied the traditional



Welcome to the family

stag night at some sensible date beforehand, the boys decided to make amends with a trip into a salubrious corner of Dublin's fair city. The best man and the groom returned shortly before daylight, a little under the weather, Carol reporting some strange sounds coming from the car park - not one of our party, surely? Meanwhile, Keith spent the night on a picnic bench outside the other hotel, having been locked out! His early morning call came from a somewhat irate Alexis from the bedroom window.

Friday was again glorious, and the morning was spent sightseeing, catching up with each others' news and, in the case of the best man, downing hefty doses of Resolve - that miracle hangover cure which yours truly had taken the precaution of stocking up on in anticipation. Jane and Brian McFeely arrived after breakfast with their twin sons Charles and

Daniel, aged 17 months. Their first flight had caused great excitement and left Jane somewhat flustered, but Brian was his usual calm, collected self and all parties were soon sorted. When the hour came, Roy and Carol escorted Andy, muttering about there still being time to escape, to the registry office in Dublin. The groom's driver helpfully ensured that the childproof locks were engaged just in case the thought of doing a runner crossed his mind. Arriving early, we spotted a hotel which looked just the spot for a pre-nuptial drink. In view of the previous night, the groom and best man got stuck into heavily Tabasco-laced Bloody Marys, which did bring colour back into their cheeks and calmed the nerves. The ceremony was brief, Andy delivered his vows with great sincerity, and Fiona did not stop beaming for the rest of the day - they were finally man and wife. This proved all too much for Carol and I; our snivelling could be heard throughout the proceedings, to the amazement of the rest of the dry-eyed congregation! We all headed back to Malahide for the reception, a happy occasion with many greetings from friends in Bangkok and other faraway places, and excellent speeches from Andy and Roy. By nightfall, many other friends had arrived and the serious celebrating started. The Mulligan sisters provided a lively cabaret, even tempting (dragging) Andy onto the dance floor. A few traditional Irish dances were managed between boisterous renditions of such favourites as 'Rock the Boat'.

Passing through

Andy and Fiona are shortly moving to Ho Chi Minh and will be passing through Bangkok for a few days. No doubt old friends will catch up with the new Mr. and Mrs. Simonds by the pool, enjoying all-day break-

fasts as was their wont! I am sure you will all join me in wishing them all the best for their new life in Vietnam.

Kathy Haworth



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burleigh

Another Club wedding held during the 'Indian' summer was that of resident Christiani & Nielsen man, Richard Burleigh, and Helen Williams. The ceremony took place in July in Hadleigh, Suffolk, at the Catholic Church of Our Lady Immaculate and St Edmund, King and Martyr (whew!), and the lunch reception was held at the grandly titled Hintlesham Hall. The photo shows a great view of Helen's beautiful dress, which of course was hand-made in Thailand, and the back of Richard's head.

Recipe

Salads with a difference

Two Chinese salads for this month, simple to make, healthy yet extremely tasty and bearing absolutely no resemblance to rabbit food! All the ingredients are easily available in department store supermarkets or in the local food markets. Courtesy of Yung Ching Hsing in her book on wok cooking, an essential for those in a hurry.

Shrimp and Green Asparagus Salad

Ingredients (serves 4):

- 7oz. (200g) shrimps
- 1 teasp salt
- 2-3 tbsps Chinese rice wine or sake
- 10 stalks green asparagus
- 1/2 stalk celery
- 1 medium green pepper
- 1/2 carrot

Dressing:

- Juice of 1/2 lemon
(or 1/2 lime, but may need more sugar)
- 2/3 teasp salt
- 2 teaspns sugar
- 1 teaspn sesame oil
- 1 teaspn oil

Method

- 1 De-vein the shrimps, place in the wok and sprinkle with salt and wine. Cover and boil until the shrimps turn red, stirring occasionally. Let cool in the wok. Shell.
- 2 Remove the tough stem ends from the asparagus. Boil in lightly salted water for 5 minutes until soft. Drain and cut into 1 1/2-inch (4cm) lengths.
- 3 Cut the celery, green peppers and carrot into thin strips. Place in cold water for 5 minutes and then drain.

- 4 Combine the shrimps and the dressing. Add the remaining vegetables and chill.

Scallop and Cucumber Salad

Ingredients (serves 4):

- 3 medium cucumbers
- 10 fresh scallops
- 2 teaspns Chinese rice wine or sake
- Pinch of salt

Dressing:

- 1 teaspn sugar
- 1 tbspn soy sauce
- 2 teaspns lemon juice
- 2 teaspns vegetable oil
- 1 teaspn sesame oil
- 1 teaspn fresh ginger juice
- 1/2 teaspn mustard

Method

- 1 Rub the cucumbers with a little salt, wrap in cling film (J-Wrap, film wrap) and refrigerate for 30 minutes.
- 2 Place the scallops in the wok, add just enough water to cover. Season with salt and the rice wine, bring to the boil and cook for 3 minutes. Drain and let cool in the wok. Skin and de-vein the scallops.
- 3 Combine the dressing ingredients. Add the scallops to the dressing and marinate for 5 minutes.
- 4 Rinse the cucumber, peel and cut into bite-size pieces.
- 5 Combine the cucumbers with the scallops and serve cold.

Special Notice

Guy Fawkes Night

All Members

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SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER AT THE BC

1 The Club will be **closed** to all cars from midnight on Saturday 4th November to midnight on Sunday 5th November. Instead cars may use the AIA car park at 181 Surawong Road.

2 As last year, the Club will be **closed** to all members from midnight on Saturday 4th November until 10.00am on Sunday 5th November. When the Club opens, **only** members with Guy Fawkes tickets will be allowed onto the premises.

Members of the Club will support the security guards at all entrances onto the property so as to ensure compliance with this rule. This restriction is to guarantee that we do not exceed the numbers we are licensed for at this event.

3 Children must be accompanied by their parents, or, if in a group, then the nominated adult in charge of that group must enter the Club and stay with the group at all times.

4 ABSOLUTELY NO FIREWORKS OF ANY DESCRIPTION CAN BE BROUGHT ONTO THE CLUB GROUNDS BY ANYONE OTHER THAN THE CONTRACTORS.

5 There will be an ambulance on site by the Silom Gate and there will be clearly marked first aid posts on the backlawn and in the front car park.

6 There will be a fire engine on site by the temporary workshops with hoses deployed ready for use.

7 There will be a fire post established next to the first aid post. There will also be a fire post close to the point that the fireworks are ignited, with water and sand buckets and fire extinguishers.

8 There will be a fine mesh net up to a height of 15ft above the crowd to collect debris and a rope to stop the crowd approaching the display area.

9 There will be nominated stewards in 'bibs' to help control the crowd.

11 All access points onto the front lawn will be closed off and manned by stewards.

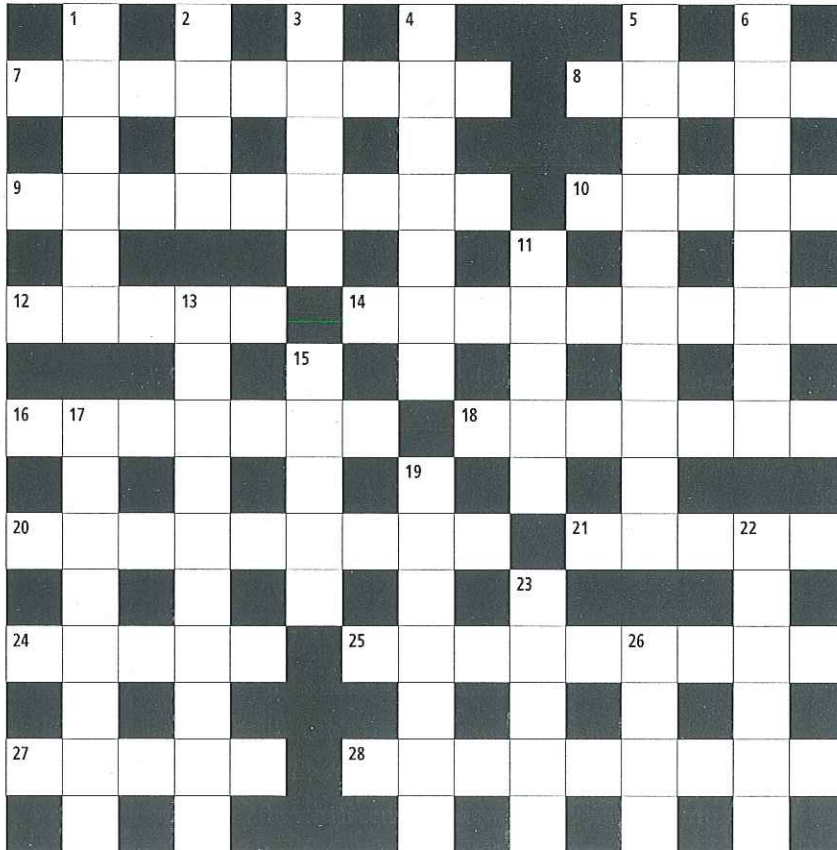
12 All exits from the Club out onto Silom and Surawong Roads will be lit, manned and opened during the display.

13 There will be a 25m gap between the fireworks and the crowd.

14 Spectators will be positioned with their backs to the wind.

Crossword

A simpler crossword with straightforward clues this month, to fill in during your coffee break.



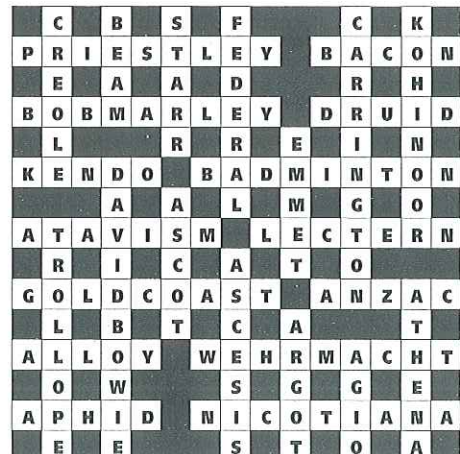
Across

- 7 A sparkling wine
- 8 Cubicle
- 9 Sleepy
- 10 Act cowardly
- 12 Evergreen tree
- 14 Punishing
- 16 Inactive substance given as medicine
- 18 Amusingly strange
- 20 Captivated
- 21 Special ability
- 24 Apportions
- 25 Perceptive
- 27 Ski trail
- 28 Study of the nervous system

Down

- 1 Select
- 2 "So be it"
- 3 Spring over
- 4 Not recognised
- 5 Charlatan
- 6 Sieve
- 11 Gastropod mollusc
- 13 Amass
- 15 Nearby
- 17 Ladies' underwear
- 19 Scolded harshly
- 22 Idly pass time
- 23 Worry
- 26 Ait

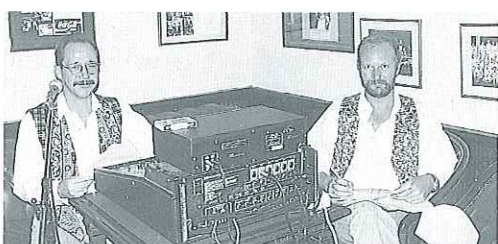
Last month's solution



Music Bar Quiz

Digging the Dancing Queens

There was a full house for the Music Bar Quiz on Friday 6th October, with eight teams of (mostly) four vying for top banana in the rock'n'pop knowledge stakes. Everyone



Ringmaster Dave and his bearded marker Chris

strained to hear each question as Dave Haworth in the hot seat read a lyric, played a clip of music or requested an obscure piece of music trivia.

With no-one getting more than 50% right for the first round and all teams going great guns on the second, no team made their presence felt until the fourth or fifth round, after which the fivesome calling themselves the Dancing Queens (hardened trivia-ites, part of the Nana Knights, I hear) started to pull ahead, hotly pursued by the Spoofers (also a fivesome but big Jim didn't say much) and the all-girl Bananarama team.

Despite a couple of good rounds by the other teams, it remained a three-team race. After the penultimate round, a handicapping exercise took place which put only 6 points between the three with a possible 20 points to play for. Nailbiting stuff. The air was electric and the silence deafening as the final questions echoed around the bar. The bar staff watched the tortured or enlightened faces with utter

bemusement.

A special mention to 'The Floyd', who managed a creditable fourth despite being only a duo. The Sewells are truly remarkable - new members last month, they won the croquet Plate competition in September and now this outstanding performance.

I notice that the winning team, by then called the Prancing Queers, were the only team



Dancing Queens deep in thought

drinking Tetleys - there's a moral there somewhere. Each received a 500 baht gift voucher

IOU for Tower Records, with one given as a booby prize to the NFSs. Many thanks to Dave for raking through his 78's and for managing to find ten completely unanswerable questions about the Sixties and to

The final scores were:

Dancing Queens - 134

Spoofers - 131

Bananarama - 122

The Floyd - 107

Boozers, Winos and Guzzlers (BWG) - 101

The BFs - 92

The Chicken Farmers - 92

Neil's Fat Slags - 89

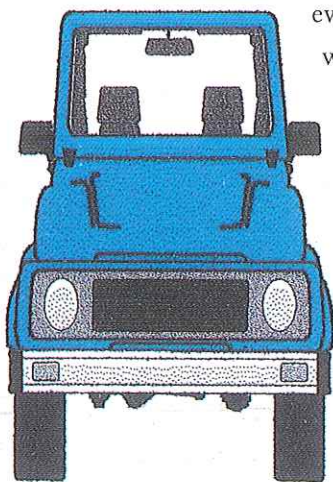
Chris for supplying those waistcoats.

By the way, how **did** Swampy know that Richard Hell was the lead singer of The Voidoids?!

Gaynor de Wit

Travels with the driver

We have been lucky to have had the same driver for our four years in Bangkok. He came with the hire car when we first arrived. "I am Wichien", he said, after the first day of everyone smiling a lot. He called us all "Sir",



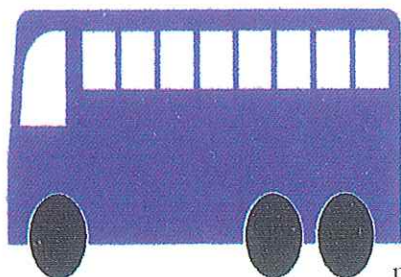
even the baby. None of us were sure who understood what, but there was an air of hope about the car situation, and we quickly adapted to the local ways of making arrangements. "I wai you here twenty one and a half o'clock Olientin Hotow".

The reason I'm writing about Khun Wichien is his mastery of the English language. Our Thai is very poor, so we are ever grate-

ful for Wichien's English, Thai-style. Communication can be haphazard - sometimes he doesn't want to talk (for a week or so) and then he wants to tell everything - the value of new cars on the road,



their mileage, how badly paid he is, how much gasoline our car uses in a week, other drivers' mishaps, accidents and so on and so forth. However, he has got communication



down to a fine art, using the least amount of words possible. The marvellous part is that he is so accurately succinct. The first time he took me over the

newly-completed flyover by Central City, I commented that I thought it was pretty bumpy for a new road. His reply was "Not expensive".

Sometimes he gets too close to other vehicles.

If I seem agitated and he's in a particularly daring, happy mood, he says over his shoulder "Madame, no looking". Once we were creeping ever so carefully around a bus near Lumpini Park. I was viewing the back of this bus from an exceedingly close angle and began to squawk. His reply: "Bus, no rolling". My sentiments exactly.

Many problems

We followed a pick-up along Soi 77 one afternoon. In the pick-up were seated two women, one older and one quite young. For miles the old girl was gesticulating, talking, speaking her mind. Of course we couldn't hear, but after a while I commented on the incessant conversation taking place in front of us. Wichien shook his head and stated firmly "Have many problems".

My husband sometimes teases him about being able to sleep on the job. Wichien always clarifies that if he was in fact asleep, it was only for five, ten minutes maximum. One evening we returned from a restaurant to find the car unlocked, but no sign of Wichien. On further inspection, the boot of the car was open and raised a little. My husband knocked on the boot and out popped the driver: "No sleep, check stereo wires".

A lot of our conversations rest on the estimation that something is "good" or "no good". This quickly and clearly sums up our feelings about a great variety of things and from then on we know where we stand. We have an

ongoing little joke about the route the boss chooses for getting to the office, along Soi Suan Plu. I never go on it because it's a bit



small and often congested.

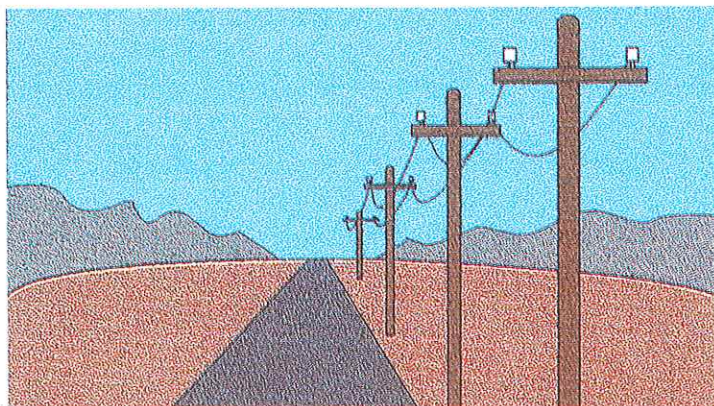
Whenever we pass that soi, one of us always pipes up, "Soi Suan Plu no good". Then he says, "My bo (boss) like". We've had this little conversation almost every week for four years. One quite surprising incident occurred about a year after we arrived. Our maid (and chief personal assistant, Bua) came to report on what she felt was a dangerous situation. Discussions that are prefaced with "Madame, have to talk". are usually quite serious. Pay increases, days off, problems with the other maid are always preceded by "Madame, have to talk". So, it came to pass that Wichien had been taking advantage of our long holidays, taking all the wheels off my Pajero and putting them onto his pick-up truck! When challenged and chastised, he reported that it hadn't been a very good idea anyway, as the pick-up did not run smoothly with my tyres on it! So far my wheels have since remained intact...

Wichien wears a uniform every day, but when we're going up country or to the beach he likes to be in the holiday mode. When the Pajero was first bought, he was thrilled. "Mercedes no good, Pajero good". On our first expedition to Pattaya he drove dressed in beach wear and we cruised down the highway to the music of the Travelling Wilburys

- his favourite choice after the first trip. When we recently went to Hua Hin mid-week, he wore the bank's uniform but donned a grey sports cap to better fit in with the drive to the seaside. And he's as bad as the kids for needing sweets for the trip.

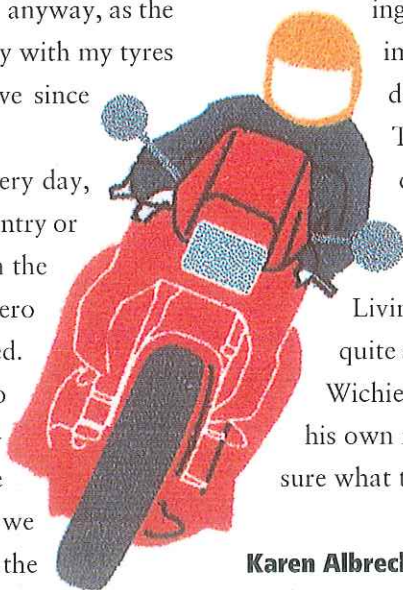
Police escort

The day the boss's boss's boss was in Bangkok was a big one for Wichien. It had been suggested that a police escort be arranged to



make things go as smoothly as possible. Wichien weaved in and out of the traffic with ease while all around others were screeching to a halt - he was king for the day. He told me, "Have bo (boss), big bo and very big bo today. Have poll motor cy. Everybody looking, looking at me, see who so important". For him it was a day to remember.

The months ahead will undoubtedly unfold in an interesting way, probably with plenty of unexpected events. Living in Thailand, we're never quite sure what the day will bring. Wichien's next ambition is to buy his own mobile telephone. We're not sure what to make of that.



Karen Albrecht

Of fire and flood

The week of 18 to 25 September saw the Club pretty badly exposed to two of the three principal elements.



Securing the Surawong riverbank

Firstly, at around lunchtime on 20 September, there was a dramatic cloudburst in the Bangrak area. The storm seemed to hover directly over the Club for about 3 hours and there was a grave danger of the Clubhouse itself flooding, luckily the pumps and the sandbags prepared for just such an eventual-ity that very morning kept the rising tide out. Even when the Surawong 'river' overflowed into the grounds, we survived - just. Bar and Restaurant takings were particularly good at lunchtime on the 20th! We apologise to those members who braved Surawong Road only to find our gates closed with sandbags, but we really had to try to reduce the water flow from the road into the compound.

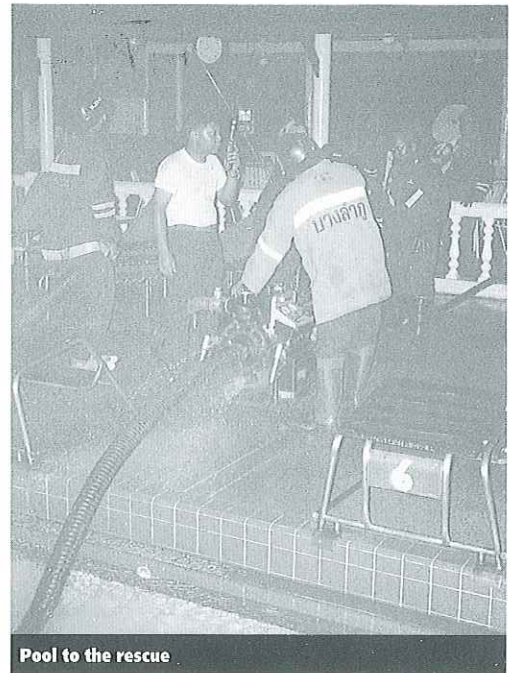
Narai Hotel fire

On the evening of Friday 22 September, as the Allied Walker whisky tasting was in full swing, the function room and associated

kitchen of the Narai Hotel, along Silom Soi 18, caught fire. The Club was soon lost in clouds of smoke as the Fire Service raced to the scene - only to discover that they had insufficient water.

Rescue

The Club came to the rescue of our neighbours by allowing the Fire Service to use the water from the Club swimming pool. After 4 hours or so, at midnight, the fire was extinguished. The Club sustained no damage at all, but some members were inconvenienced as we

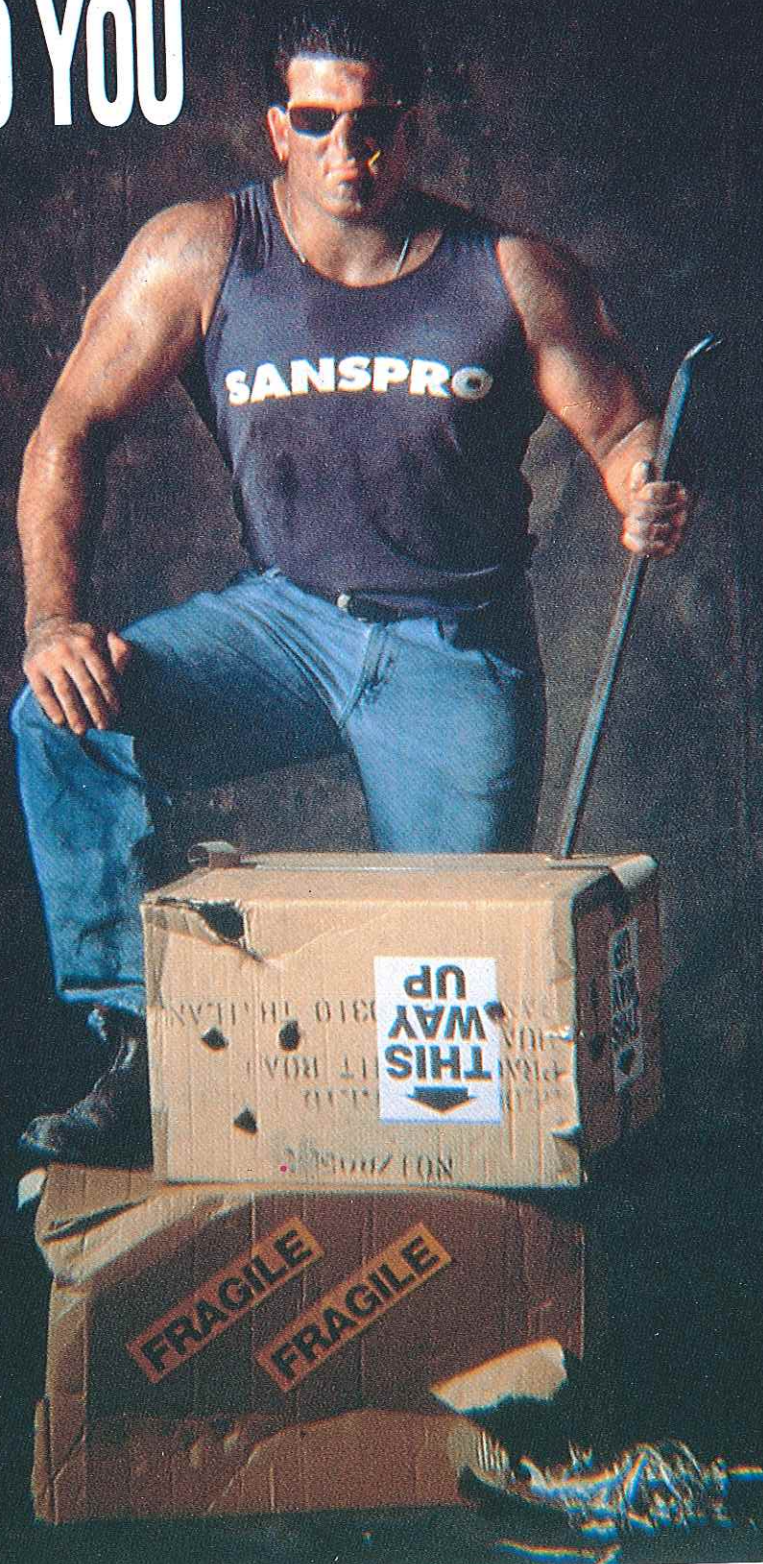


Pool to the rescue

had to close the swimming pool on Saturday 23rd while the new water was cleaned and sterilised for swimming. We apologise to those members but the need to safeguard our property by helping to put out the fire at the Narai as soon as possible was a fairly easy decision to take.

David Viccars

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Thank you

*Saying goodbye is never easy,
Saying goodbye is always hard.
Now that we have been together,
It's hard to believe that soon we'll part.*

*We have shared and we have cared for each other
And now we must throw all that away.
The times we laughed, and the times we cried
can't ever be compared with anything.*

*We would run through the grass, holding hands, laughing uncontrollably,
shared secrets about the boys we like,
we were always together, no matter what.
Noone could come between us, noone ever will.*

*Something is there, something that will never die,
it holds us together like a lock that can never be broken.
You were always there for me, and I was there for you.
If I had a problem, then first I would come to you.*

*Sleep-overs were a special thing,
talking till all hours of the night.
We grew up together, from kiss catch in the sun.*

*Fights, well, there were many,
but each time they brought us closer.
We got through them all... together,
If I was sad, you'd be there, your happy smiling face.*

*Through the good times and the bad,
the good grades and the bad ones,
I couldn't have done it without you.
None of it would have been possible, if you hadn't been there beside me.*

*Thank you for all you've done for me,
you have helped me see the light.
There is no way I can forget about you,
no way in the world.
What you have brought into my life, noone else could do.
You have confided your trust in me... Thank you.*

Rachel Elias (14 years)



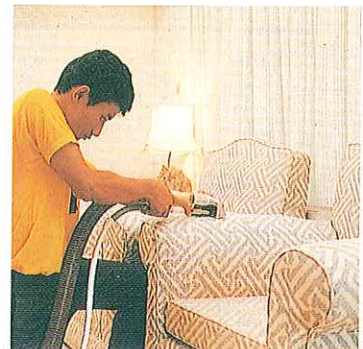
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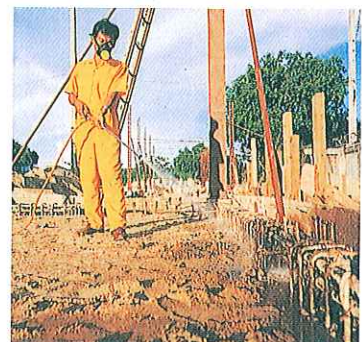
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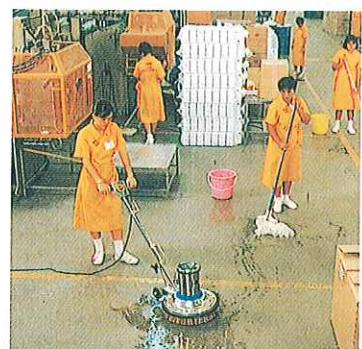
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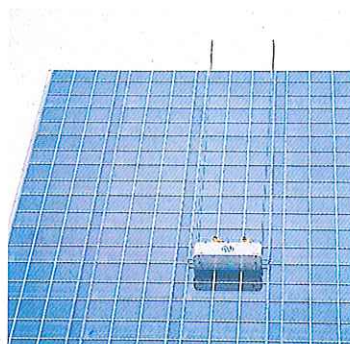
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Adages

Idioms explained

Odd English expressions like "Bob's your uncle" have become a part of everyday speech, yet how many of you have you ever wondered where these phrases came from?

"Bob's your uncle"

Meaning: Everything will work out fine, or everything is taken care of.

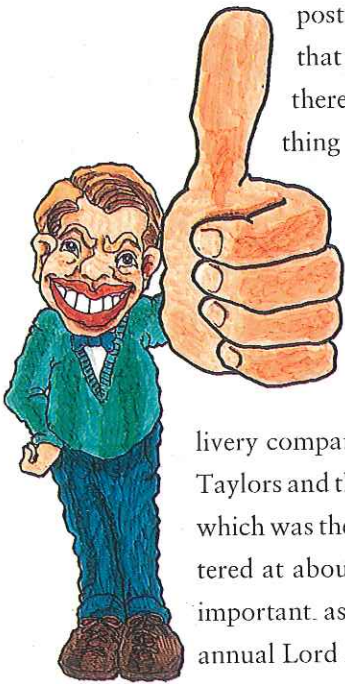
'Bob' was the British Prime Minister, Lord Robert Salisbury, who held sway in the 1880's. He took great care of his nephew, A.J. Balfour, handing him a series of senior government

posts. It was therefore commented that if "Bob's your uncle", then there's no need to worry since everything would be fixed for you.

"At Sixes and Sevens"

Meaning: Unable to agree, or being unsettled.

This expression is said to go back to the fourteenth century, when two well-known livery companies in London - the Merchant Taylors and the Skinners - could not agree on which was the senior, both having been chartered at about the same time. Seniority was important as it dictated your place in the annual Lord Mayor of the City of London's procession, a festival that is still held to this day. In 1484, the two companies concerned submitted the matter to the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Robert Billesden, for judgement. There seemed to be no way of reaching a conclusion, so he decreed that in that year the Skinners would take sixth position in line and the Merchant Taylors seventh, but that the positions would alternate every succeeding year.



"On the Wagon"

Meaning: Drinking no alcohol.

Of the several theories about this expression, the most likely is that it derives from American English in the days when the railroads were being laid. Every construction camp

on the railroads had a water wagon. If a worker decided that he was going to abstain from alcohol for a period, he announced that he was "going on the (water) wagon".

"Morris Dancing"

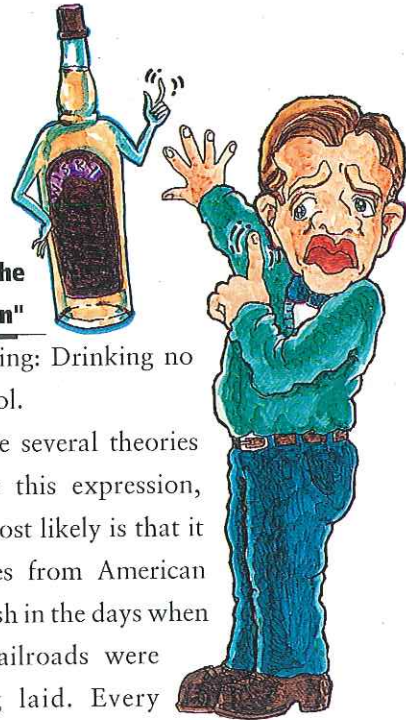
Meaning: Often cited as an old English folk dance usually performed by men adorned with bells (q.v. Oxford Eng. Dic.).

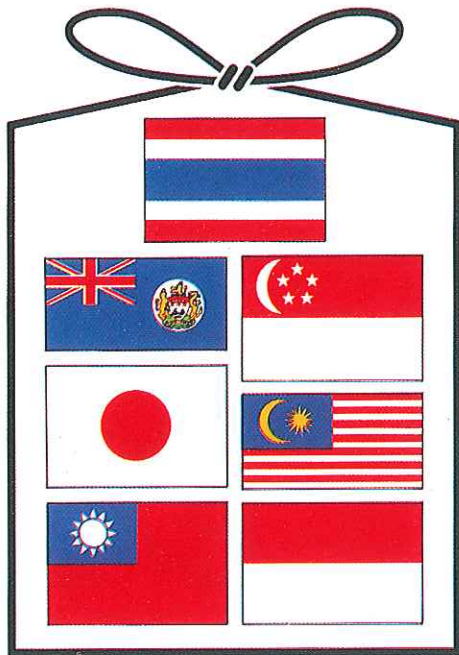
Morris dancing was in fact introduced to England from Spain during the reign of King Edward III. Some of the Moors, who had occupied parts of Spain at that time, were taken prisoner and brought back to England. Those prisoners were noted for this peculiar style of dancing, which eventually caught on in the nation. The Spanish for 'Moors' was 'Moros' or 'Moriscos' hence Morris dancing.

Next in the series we will look at how coins got their names, like the 'tanner', the guinea, the florin and the dollar.

Also, who was 'Peeping Tom'?

Ron Thompson





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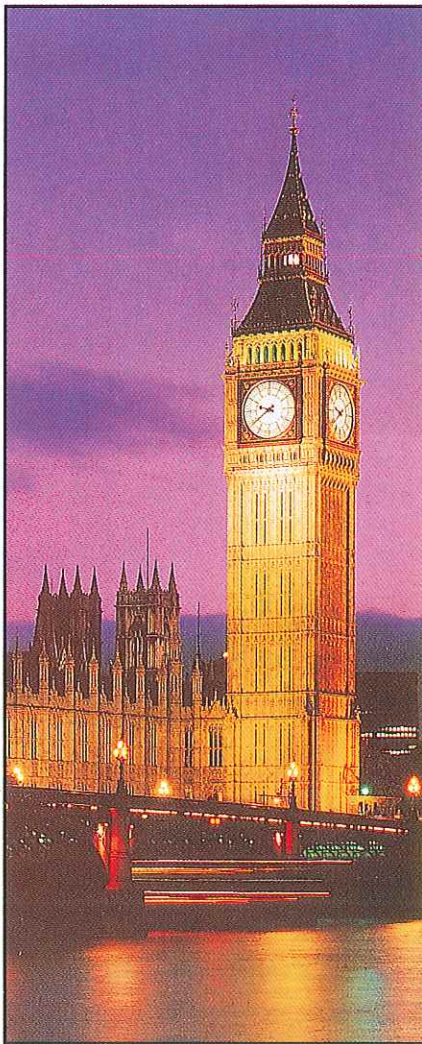


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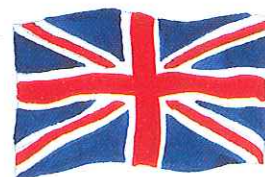
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Farewells and welcome backs

Some well-known sporting figures departed in September, including Allan 'Wacker' Payne and his wife Dora (pic in last month's Rugby section), Chris and Carol Aspden (this month's Tennis) and Bruno and Kathleen Straub (also Tennis). Sorry to say goodbye, but at least we have a new SWOTY now that Carol has gone!

Also leaving were Marion and Cameron Free-Roberts, Bernard and Vanarat Grogan,

Yoram and Pornswan Hirsch, David and Nancy Kennaugh, Chris and Farida King, Eirvin and Josephine Knox, Karim Kurmaly, Francois and Mireille Perrier and Robert and Susan Taylor... good heavens, is there anyone left?

The departure of F&B queen Joy and Mahmoud Masood was imminent at time of writing, but more of them next month.

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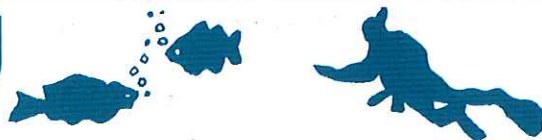
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From the Chairman

I am writing this report after the EGM we held on 10th October and am delighted to say that everything proposed by the General Committee was approved with one or two minor



Dugal Forrest - Chairman

amendments. A total of 32 members attended, just managing to make the required quorum, and I should like to thank them for giving the Club their support. This low turnout was disappointing but I hope reflects contentment amongst the membership rather than apathy towards the affairs of the Club. More details in next

month's Outpost.

Those present on the 22nd September will have witnessed the fire that broke out in the Narai Hotel that evening, causing considerable concern at the Club given the alacrity of the local fire service to respond to such a situation. In the end it was the water in our swimming pool which saved the day and we have received suitable expressions of gratitude from the hotel's manager. The main lesson we have learned is that should a fire break out at the Club we would do well to have some form of emergency equipment available while the fire service get their act together. By the time you read this report, therefore, a pump and emergency hose reel should have appeared near the pool.

This leads me very smoothly to Guy Fawkes Night on Sunday 5th November. It is a great occasion and highly recommended but it is also fraught with danger. For this reason very strict procedures will be brought into effect

and I ask all members to respect and abide by the regulations being introduced so that the event will be remembered as a spectacle and not a tragedy.

I am delighted to report that Doug Mather, the General Committee's House & Grounds man, is showing every sign of mending well after going under the surgeon's knife. Distressingly, the news is not so good on another stalwart member of the Club, Geoff Percival. Geoff suffered a serious accident with a motorcycle recently and is still gravely ill in hospital. To both of them I would like to extend my personal wishes for an uneventful, speedy and complete recovery.

I also reluctantly report that Joy Masood, who has ably carried the F&B portfolio on the General Committee for the last 2 years, has just advised us that she will be leaving Thailand very soon as her husband has been transferred to Singapore. May I, on behalf of all of us, thank you, Joy, for your support and hard work, the results of which are clearly evident in the vastly improved F&B standards achieved during your tenure. Anyone interested in taking over, please let us know. Finally, I want to record my sadness at the recent death of Eric Morris OBE. It was only in June that we presented Eric with a memento to celebrate no less than 60 years as a member of this Club. Eric became a legend here and, without a doubt, led the kind of life that most of us can only dream about. His passing has deprived our community of one of its more colourful and interesting characters. RIP.

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