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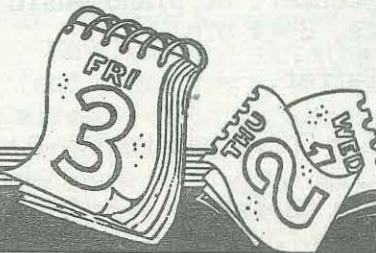
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### DIARY



#### DECEMBER DIARY

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- Dec. 2 - BWG Outing to Fatima Centre - Members please contact Pat Garvey or Sue Baker.
- 3 - New Members' Committee Night.  
Opening of Exhibition at Neilson Hays Library, 5.30 - 8.30 p.m.
- 4 - St. George's Society A.G.M. and Year-End Dinner.  
Performance of "Messiah" by Bangkok Combined Choir, accompanied by The Siam Philharmonia, conducted by Hans Guenter Mommer - Wattana, Soi 19 Sukhumvit, 8 p.m.
- 5 - "Messiah" at Holy Redeemer, Ruam Rudee, 8 p.m.
- 7 - Children's Christmas Show at Neilson Hays Library, 10 - 11 a.m.  
"Messiah" at Saphan Luang, Rama IV, 8 p.m.  
Graham Collier Six-Piece Ensemble playing Jazz at the Hilton Hotel - organised by the British Council.  
Dinner Video.
- 8 - Graham Collier's Jazz Ensemble at Hilton.  
Dinner Buffet.
- 13 - Snakepit Party!! (Black Friday at the Pit)

- 14 - Proficiency Tests, 9 a.m. at B.C.  
Hilltribe Sale at International School.  
Ballet by Khun Nuadavadi Bavabhat, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.  
at Bhirasri Institute.  
Dinner Video.
- 15 - Swimming Gala, 11.45 a.m.  
Student concert of piano music at Bhirasri  
Institute, 2-4 p.m.  
Dinner Buffet.
- 16 - Children's Christmas Party, 0-5 years.
- 17 - Children's Christmas Party, 6-9 years.  
Committee Night.
- Dec. 19 - BWG Christmas Family Lunch at Hilton Hotel -  
Members please contact Pat Garvey or Sue Baker.  
Children's Christmas Party at B.C. 10-14 years.
- 20 - BWG Mothers' and Children's Christmas Tea Party  
at the Hilton Hotel - Members please contact Pat  
Garvey or Sue Baker.  
Christmas Ball
- 21 - Dinner Video
- 22 - Dinner Buffet
- 23 - BWG Young People's Party at Bubbles Disco in the  
Dusit Thani Hotel - Members please contact Pat  
Garvey or Sue Baker.
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - Christmas Day
- 26 - Boxing Day
- 28 - Dinner Video
- 29 - Dinner Buffet
- 31 - New Year's Eve Disco
- Dec. 9 - Jan. 9 - Exhibition of water colours and acrylic  
painting by Jirapat Pitpreecha at the  
British Council.
- Dec. 19 - 30 - Exhibition of graphic art by Chavalit  
Soemprungsuk.

## SCRATCHINGS



Did we all manage to survive November? What an exhausting month in Bangkok. Guy Fawkes, Octathalons, Music Halls, St. Andrew's Ball (and practices), Ploenchit Fair all had to be fitted into an already bursting sports and social calendar. And just as we are beginning to feel jaded and in need of a holiday, the Festive Season is upon us - Christmas Balls, Christmas parties, Children's parties, Office parties etc, etc.

For those of you with any spare moments left after that lot, we've plenty of suggestions for you, in this month's Outpost. How about lunch at Bang Poo? Want a good video, or just need something for the kids to do - it's all here.

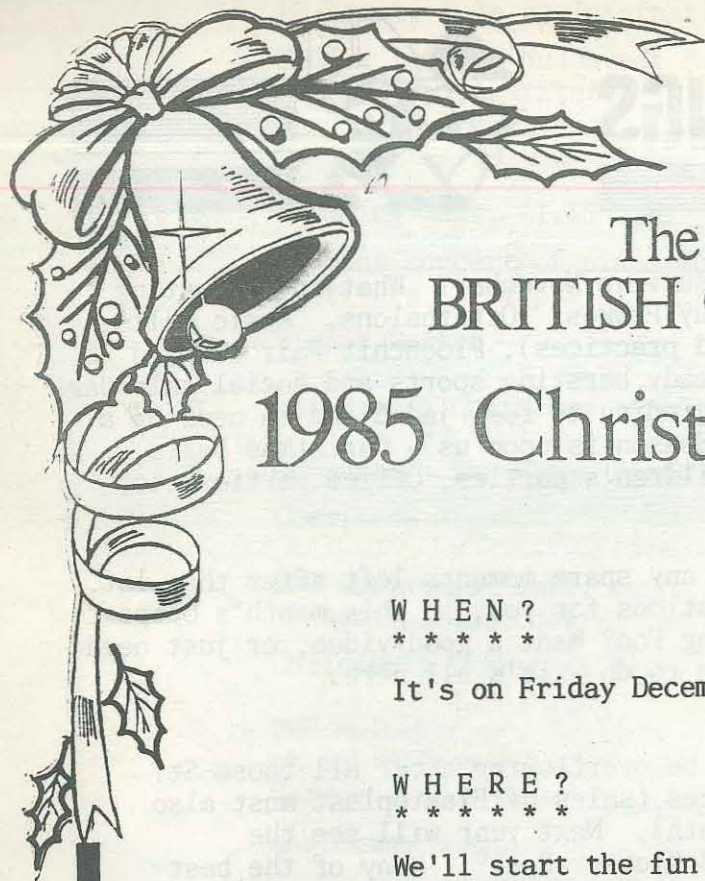
The Club coffers must be overflowing after all those St. Andrew's Dance Practices (sales of Elastoplast must also have rocketed last month). Next year will see the inauguration of the "8 Kloster Reel". Many of the best reels were spotted in the car park as participants tried to find their cars. What a great way to keep-fit - beats aerobics hands down. Even some hardened rugby players were struggling by the end of the evening. Non-slip footwear is essential, as most of us found out coming out of the hairpin bends.

The Music Hall evening was very well attended and congratulations to the BCT for their very amusing performance. Club members were soon in great voice - good old Kloster. Several solos were offered from the audience including some extremely RUDE limericks and "Ilk 1' moor bar tat" (apologies for the spelling) from a genuine Yorkshireman. Well done everybody! This could easily become a regular feature if enough interest is generated.

Please note that all articles for Outpost must be submitted by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the next issue.

All of us at Outpost wish you a very Merry Christmas and we'll be back in 1986.

ANNE STUART



The  
**BRITISH CLUB**  
1985 Christmas Ball

**WHEN?**  
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It's on Friday December 20th.

**WHERE?**  
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We'll start the fun on the front lawn of the club with free cocktails from 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 9.00 p.m. approx on the back lawn. After dinner you can dance the night away till 2 a.m.

**HOW MUCH?**  
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Price of tickets is  $\text{฿}575$  per head. There is no corkage and special wines will be on sale at super-market prices.

**MUSIC**  
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This will be provided by the superb Chulalongkorn University Band. This is the real big band sound with 30 musicians and 7-8 vocalists. Traditional or Disco the C.U. band plays it all.

**MENU**  
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This is a blue chip Christmas Dinner right down to the last morsel of Christmas pudding. A word of thanks is due here to the efforts of British Airways in obtaining some of these festive goodies.

**PLUS**  
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Door prizes, spot prizes and a grand raffle which has as its star prize 2 return tickets to Manchester courtesy of British Airways.

**BOOKING**  
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The booking sheets are available now in Reception together with a table plan. Numbers are restricted to 350, so make your reservations now to avoid disappointment.

**DRESS**  
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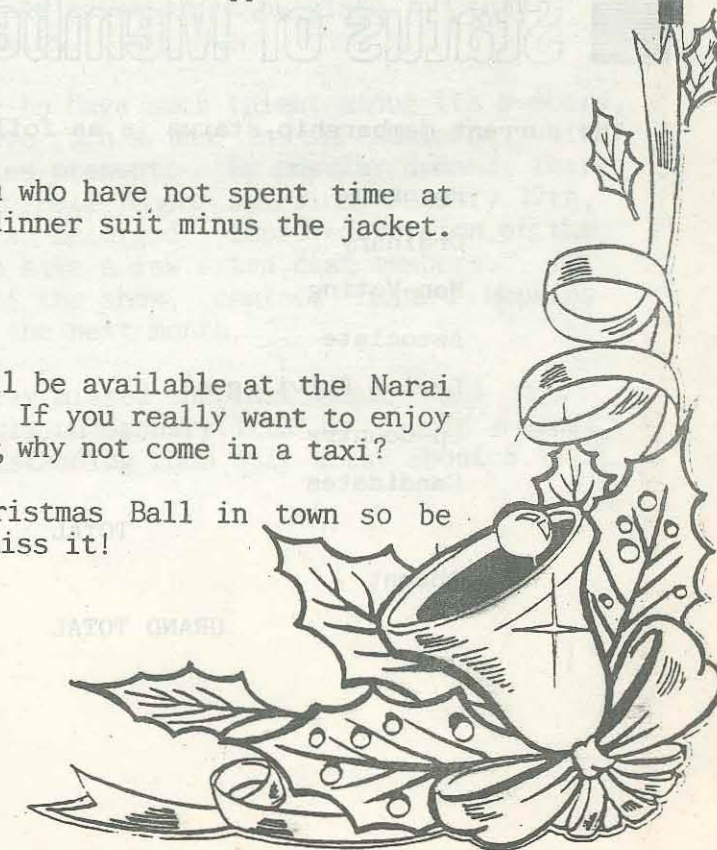
Red Sea Rig.

For those of you who have not spent time at sea that means dinner suit minus the jacket.

**PARKING**  
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Free parking will be available at the Narai Hotel Car Park. If you really want to enjoy yourself however, why not come in a taxi?

Its the best Christmas Ball in town so be sure you don't miss it!



# Membership Matters

## NEW MEMBERS

The following were elected to Membership of the British Club in November 1985

### ORDINARY:

Mr. E.H. Batchelor	East Asiatic (Thailand) Ltd.
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Mr. C.G. Cowper	May & Baker Ltd.
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### ASSOCIATE:

Mr. G.H. Thompson	Bank of America
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# Status of Membership

The current membership status is as follows:

Honorary	10
Ordinary	335
Non-Voting	5
Associate	51
Ladies Privileges	34
Up-Country	20
Candidates	36
	<u>TOTAL</u>
	491
Absent	<u>818</u>
	<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>
	1309

# CLUB ROUNDUP



## I SAY! I SAY! I SAY!

The "sampler" Music Hall night on Friday November 8th reached and surpassed expectations. About 70 people were in the Churchill Bar to join in the rousing choruses and to appreciate the performances of Richard Wells, Graham Granville-Smith, Eric & Margaret Miller, Cheryl Sinsabaugh, Eric Phillips and Kara, led by the irrepressible Geoff Thompson as Chairman and accompanied on piano by the authentic Richard Hopkins.

The club is fortunate to have such talent among its members, and it was good to have such a mix in the audience, with many couples and ladies present. By popular demand, there will be another Music Hall Night on Friday January 17th, 1986. This will be an enlarged, improved version of the last, and we hope to have a few extra cast members. If you want to be part of the show, contact Richard Hopkins or Geoff Thompson in the next month.

And if you accidentally missed the last Music Hall Night, you'd better come early on January 17th to ensure a seat, as it promises to be standing room only after about 8.15 pm.

## AYUDHYA TOUR

September 21st was a beautiful day for our outing + everyone gathered at the Club for eight o'clock and the bus left promptly with our guide Leonie Vejjajiva sitting at the front beside her friend Khun Yupin, an historian who had offered to come and answer our questions.

Our first stop in Ayudhya was to be the Japanese settlement. However, we found, unfortunately, when the bus turned on to the track leading there, the recent rains had damaged the surface and the road was impassable. When the bus stopped, clusters of motor-cyclists and pedlars of tourist paraphernalia were already outside ready to buzz us with their wares. We climbed down from the bus and, despite the heat, walked to the settlement where the same vendors were awaiting us - this time with iced drinks.

The Japanese Settlement itself was rather bare with only a stone monument explaining the origin of the community in Thailand. But the shady trees provided a welcome resting point and we had time to look at the display of pottery dishes dredged up from the river.

From there we took a long-tail boat across the river to the Portuguese Settlement. This was an interesting place to visit as the Portuguese Government has funded excavations there and a small sala has been constructed where one can read about and view pictures of the small community of the sixteenth century. Most fascinating, especially for the children, was the excavation of the graveyard in which about sixty victims were buried at the time of a smallpox epidemic in the mid-sixteenth century. Their bones are on view under the shade of a sala from which hangs a hammock - where the watchman spends his nights sleeping over the skeletal remains!

We sailed back across the river and walked along the road to the bus where we all had a welcome cool drink and enjoyed the air-conditioning. A slight drizzle had begun to fall so, when the bus stopped at the ruins of the Royal Palace I did not dismount. However, most people gallantly went off led by Leonie and Khun Yupin.

Next was lunch in the park - the mayor of Ayudhya had arranged that we could eat in a terrazzo summer-house next to a small lake. A packed lunch was provided by the British Club, whose staff helped serve and pour drinks. It was good to have them along.

After lunch, the bus took us to the main temple Wat Raj Borpit where there is also a market. The front stalls sell many types of dry foods, small knick-knacks, face masks, musical instruments and knives (local speciality), while behind there are several antique shops. Leonie was inside and able to offer helpful advice about dates and prices.

We then went to the old fort at Pompot - this is rather overgrown, so a snake warning was given. There were heaps of dishes and bottles that the divers had brought up from the river bed and were selling cheaply.

By this time the weather had become dull and wet so we decided to return to Bangkok.

This outing was a first for the British Club and was the idea of Harold Mercer - the trip was oversubscribed so another one will probably be arranged in the new year. Many thanks to Leonie for organising the trip and Khun Yupin for her help. Hopefully other tours Leonie has suggested will also take place in 1986 - it would be good to know that Harold's idea of Club outings was a winner.

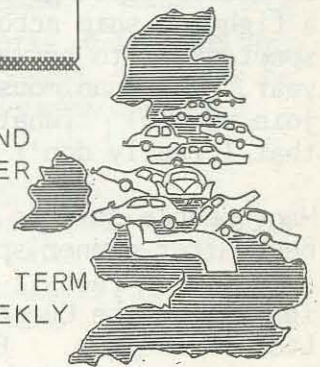
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A good crowd collected on the back lawn at 3 p.m. for the start of the races and the "guy" competition. By this time, there were already a few guys sitting in the place of honour overseeing the proceedings. The children were given balloons kindly donated by Perrier as were most of the prizes.

The afternoon's races started off with the sack race for children followed by one for mums and dads. After these came a variety of other races including running and three-legged races.

The egg-throwing competitions for children then for mums and dads were lots of fun and ended up with eggs everywhere. The participants in the donut eating competition had sugar from hair to chin, and the girls soundly trounced the boys in the tug-o-war.

Eighteen super guys each supported by several helpers to hold on shoes, hats and even heads and legs, were paraded amongst the children. Mr. & Mrs. Phillips must have had a hard job choosing the best three who were:

1. Anne & Kit Fordham
2. Sally & George Dunford
3. Taras Panichpakdee

Congratulations to everyone who put such great effort into making the guys. The MC for the day, Eric Turner, did a wonderful job and was kept busy sorting everything out and keeping us all in order. After the best Guy competition we all moved over to the pool-side for a delicious barbecue and the children enjoyed playing with sparklers. It was a pity that all the large sparklers were sold out so quickly - perhaps we could have more next year.

The 3 winning Guys were wheeled twice around the swimming pool collecting coins. Baht 431 was collected for The Pattaya Orphanage.

The highlight of the evening was the fantastic fireworks show which was beautifully done, with no loud bangs to frighten the smaller children. Afterwards the guys were burned on a large and impressive bonfire on the tennis courts. A most enjoyable afternoon and evening came to an end at about 8 p.m. and we are all looking forward to enjoying ourselves in the same way next year.

Many thanks to the organisers for taking so much time and trouble to put together such a successful affair.

# Regent Fantasia '85

Here's what we have in store for your Christmas and New Year entertainment at the Regent of Bangkok

## Children's Party "Fantasia'85" Sunday, December 22, from 4 pm.

Our traditional treat for the younger set at the Rimsra Terrace. A special Christmas buffet, plus lots of games with prizes to be won, shows and a timely appearance by Father Christmas himself. Bht. 350 net per adult and Bht. 250 net for children  
**Christmas Eve.**

## Tuesday, December 24

Celebrate in style at a choice of superb restaurants. In La Brasserie we're serving a special à la carte menu featuring Norwegian salmon, roast Turkey and Christmas Log Cake. Le Cristal's Christmas Eve dinner includes roast Turkey, Venison and a selection of delicious sweets, at Bht. 950 net per person/Bht. 500 net for children. At the same time, enjoy the lovely sounds of Christmas by our choir.

## Christmas Day.

## Wednesday, December 25

Your day to relax in the cosy surroundings of our restaurants. Lunch or dine on seasonal favourites and soak up the atmosphere of our special Christmas decorations.

## New Year's Eve.

## Tuesday, December 31.

Say farewell to 1985 at our New Year's Eve party in Le Cristal and Rommance Lounge. A special dinner followed by dancing until the small hours. Bht. 1,600 net per person/Bht. 800 per child. Or dance the night away at our 'Regent Fantasia'85 Grand Ball' in the Lobby. From 7.30 pm. til dawn. Bht. 1,050 per person/Bht. 600 per child.

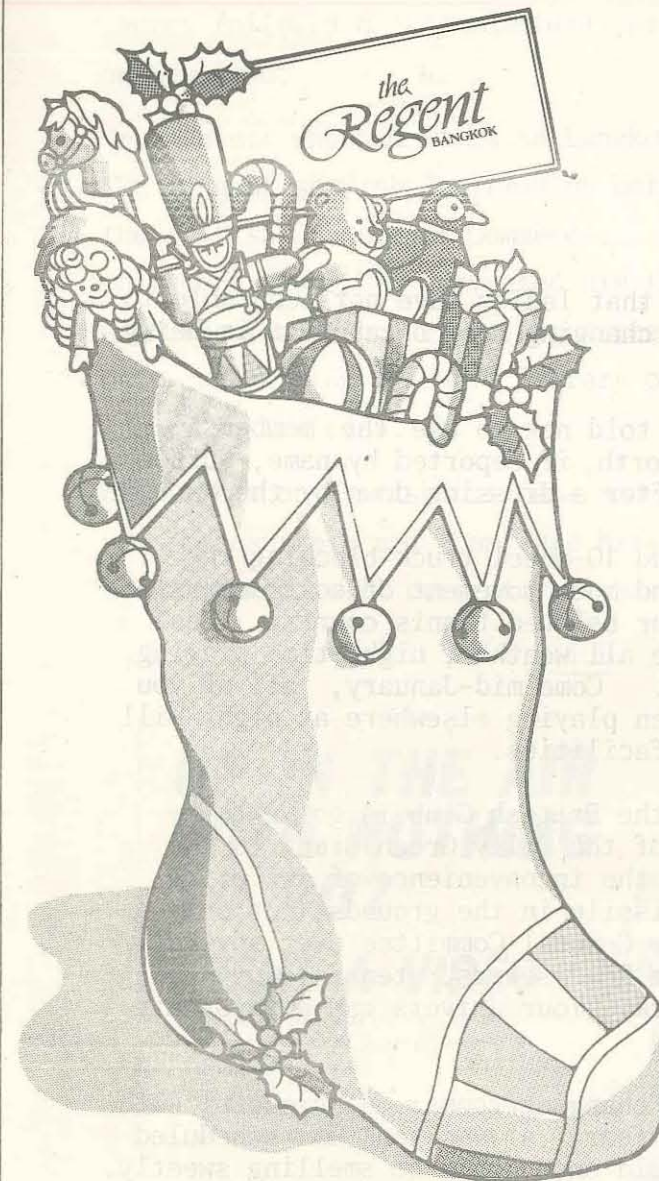
## New Year's Day.

## Wednesday, January 1.

The first day of 1986 begins at our traditional Eggnog Party in the Lobby, with music by the Royal Navy brass band. From 11 am. Then enjoy a special New Year's Day buffet luncheon in La Brasserie.

## Fantasia Funland

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There have been complaints that ladies have not been able to use the shower in the club changing room because it is being used by staff.

Staff have been repeatedly told not to use the members' facilities and will, henceforth, if reported by name, suffer the ultimate consequence after a dressing down by the Manager.

You may have noticed the odd 10-wheel truck blocking the Suriwongse Road entrance and much movement of contractors' personnel in the area of our beloved tennis courts. Yes, after only five months, the all weather, night-time playing tennis courts are underway. Come mid-January, all of you tennis players who have been playing elsewhere at night will be able to enjoy your own facilities.

It has been reported that the British Club is going to be compensated by the owners of the Jolly Green Giant to the tune of a new Car Park for the inconvenience of suffering all the dust and the odd missile in the grounds, but only after dogged efforts by the General Committee over several months. What fun! Silom Road sewers, tennis court construction and a new car park. Your drivers can always wait at the Dusit Thani for you.

No hot water in the squash changing rooms; disgraceful with winter coming on. Never fear, a new tank is scheduled immediately so the bar should once again be smelling sweetly.

How do you like the new piano and sound system? Good eh!!

Plans are afoot to renovate the old Sala in the near future, but more about that next month.

There was a rumour that the Committee member for finance had left the country without telling anyone, but rest easy, he was seen last week at a hotel cocktail party and doesn't leave until February. Phew! What a relief, Committee members are hard to find you know.

IN MEMORIAM  
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Mr. Charles S.I. Mabbatt C.B.E. passed away peacefully on 9th November 1985. A memorial service was held at Christ Church followed by an interment at the Protestant Cemetery on New Road.

Mr. Mabbatt who had lived in Bangkok since 1927 had been the longest serving Chairman of both the British Club and the British Chamber of Commerce. Although his ill-health in recent years had prevented him from visiting the British Club regularly, he never forgot the time he spent here and only recently donated his library of books and a new snooker trophy to the club.

His impact on British business and social life in Bangkok was immeasurable and I am sure his friends and business acquaintances will never forget him.

R.I.P.

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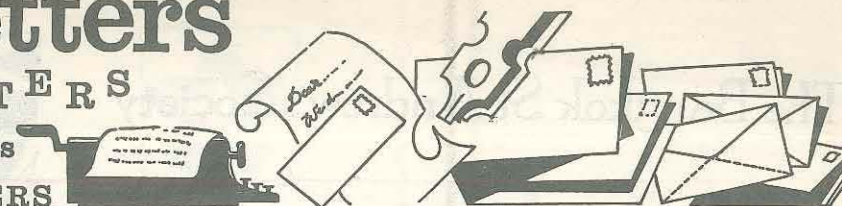
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# Letters

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27 Fork Lane  
Southampton  
Bermuda

17 October 1985

Dear Gary,

A belated thank you to you, and all of the British Club, for everything you did to make our Renegades tour such a great success. For some reason I did not have the address of the club, and I wrote to Decho to pass on our thanks to you all. Anyway, I heard back from him last week-end, and he did enclose the address - hence this letter!

Our trip could not have gone much better, and probably only Tony and I know how much that depended upon your personal help. As for the British Club, and the hospitality in Bangkok, well, we'll never forget it. We would love to see you in Bermuda, as a team or individually, and try to be able to match your great welcome.

Believe it or not the boys are once again in training for the new season, which begins in two weeks' time. Being an old man I'm leaving my personal effort for a few more weeks - I still have to recover from the Far East!!

Anyway, once again from a very grateful bunch of rugby players many, many thanks, and please DO YOUR BEST TO COME AND VISIT US.

Best wishes,

*Roy*

The Bangkok St. Andrew's Society



November 20, 1985

Mr. David Williamson  
Manager  
British Club  
Suriwongse Road  
Bangkok

Dear David,

The dance practices for the Annual Celebration of the Festival of Saint Andrew have once again gone off extremely well and have been thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The success of these events owes much to the excellent organisation and hard work of the staff of the British Club. The Committee of the Saint Andrew's Society would like to thank you and your staff for your good efforts and we look forward to the same again in 1986.

Yours Aye,

IAN I. STUART  
Hon. Secretary



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SIAM STAR

November 5, 1985

Mr. David Williamson  
British Club  
189 Surawongse  
Bangkok.

Dear Mr. Williamson,

We wish to express our genuine thanks to you and your staff for your assistance during our filming there last Saturday.

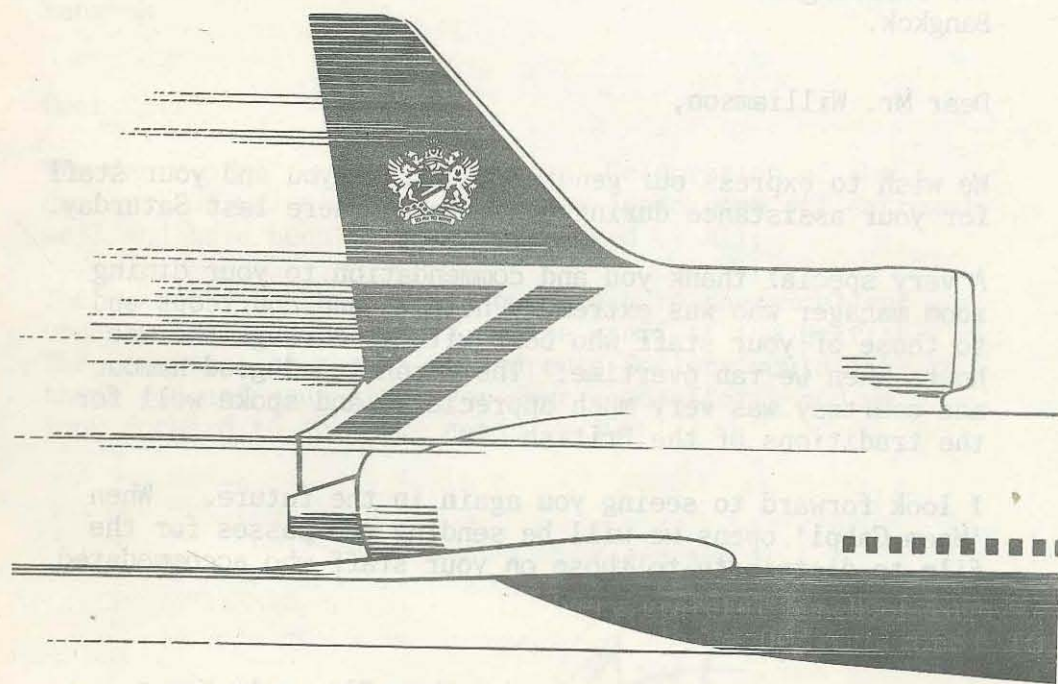
A very special thank you and commendation to your dining room manager who was extremely helpful and courteous and to those of your staff who bore with us through the wee hours when we ran overtime. Their continued good humour and courtesy was very much appreciated and spoke well for the traditions of the British Club.

I look forward to seeing you again in the future. When 'Maem Gabpi' opens we will be sending you passes for the film to distribute to those on your staff who accommodated us so pleasantly.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Khun Kamthorn Tupcullai  
Director

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## LUNCH IN THE COUNTRY

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To reach Bang-Poo, go out of Bangkok on Sukhumvit Road. Keep straight on for about 20 kilometres (i.e., do not turn left on to the Bangna-Pattaya highway) and you will come to the town of Paknam. Here, bear to the left and continue for a little over 12 kilometres until, on your right, you see a large blue gate and a sign in English saying "Sea Food Everyday". Drive through the gate and on to Bang-Poo Pier where a soldier will assist you in parking your car.

The restaurant at Bang-Poo Pier is simple, with ordinary tables and chairs, but the ambience and food are excellent. It is open every day and is especially crowded for lunch on weekends and holidays. To ensure a seat at the edge of the pier with an uninterrupted view of the sea, you should get there early (about 11.30 a.m.). On Sunday, there is sometimes a band playing old-fashioned songs to which you can dance.

The menu is large but the specialities of the house are all kinds of sea food at most reasonable prices. The service is good and quick and the food fresh. On our last visit, our party of five had steamed mussels, crispy fried Pla Kapong, steamed crab claws, fried whole crab, and giant prawns. The bill, including bottled water and ice, came to Baht 413.

Why you are near Bang-Poo, you may also like to visit the Ancient City (Muang Boran) or walk along the esplanade at the mouth of the river at Paknam and watch the cargo ships sailing past.

LEONIE VEJAJIVA


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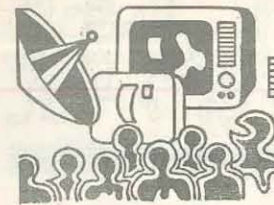
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**WORTH WATCHING**

More gleanings from the depths of the Video Shop drawers with two recommendations this month. The first gem is "Separate Tables". Based on a Terence Rattigan play, this TV adaptation manages to retain much of the original stage feeling. Two separate plays are presented in the shared setting of a very "genteel" hotel whose clientele vary little from year to year. The action centres on the dining room where strict table order is enforced by the rigid custom of the permanent guests. Alan Bates and Julie Christie shine in their portrayals of a dried-up journalist confronted by his fashion model ex-wife in the first play, and of a boring old major befriending a timid, mother-dominated spinster in the second play. Entrancing viewing and such a change from constant blockbusters.

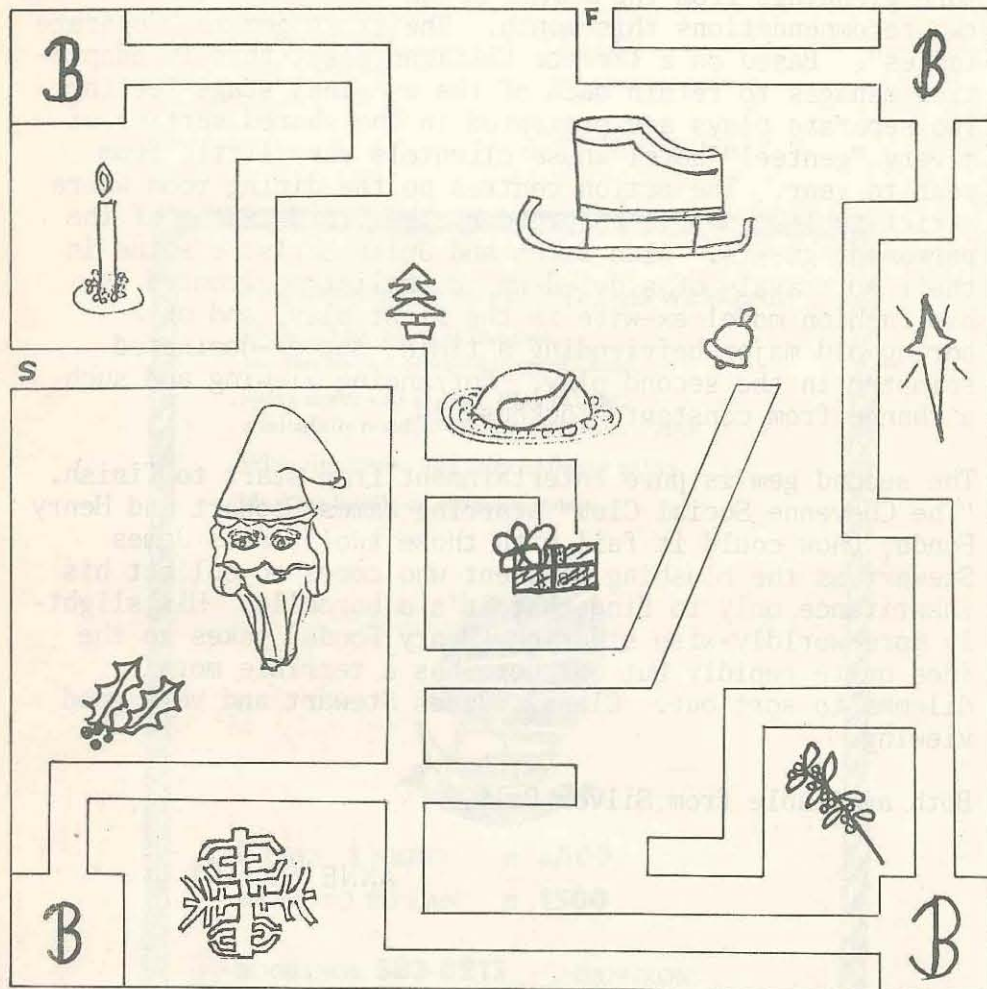
The second gem is pure entertainment from start to finish. "The Cheyenne Social Club" starring James Stewart and Henry Fonda, (how could it fail with those two!) casts James Stewart as the blushing innocent who comes to collect his inheritance only to find that it's a bordello. His slightly more worldly-wise sidekick (Henry Fonda) takes to the idea quite rapidly but our hero has a terrible moral dilemma to sort out. Classic James Stewart and very good viewing.

Both available from Silver Bell.

ANNE STUART



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:::: CHRISTMAS CHEER ::::

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"Jungle bells, Jungle bells".

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What man claps at Christmas?  
Santaplause.

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Who's Santa Claus's wife?  
Mary Christmas.

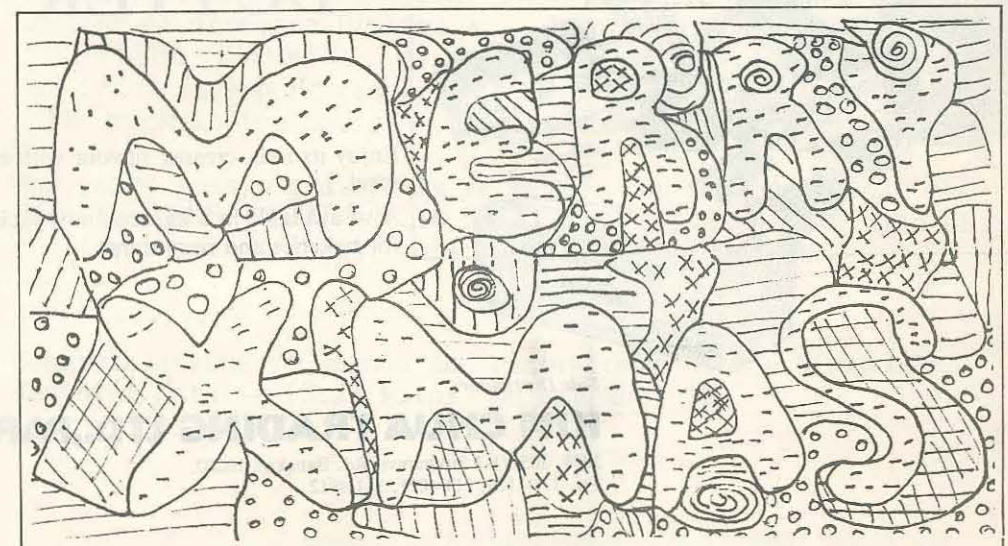
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There was a Scot whose wife wanted some  
diamonds for Christmas.  
So he bought her a pack of cards.

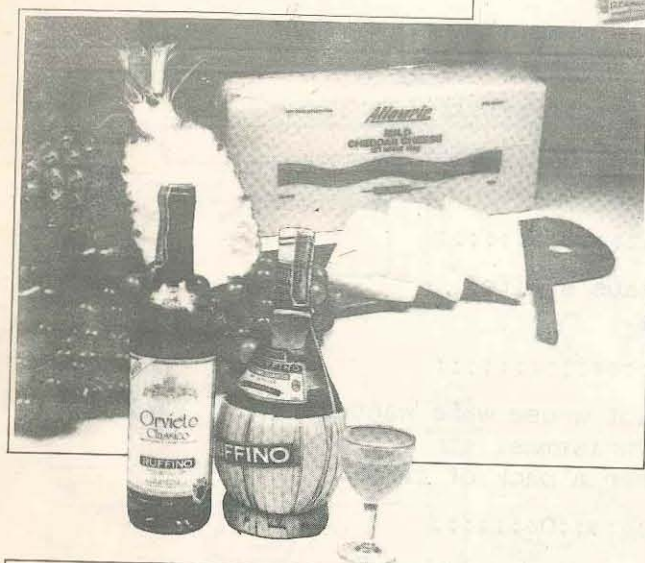
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# Grapevine



## FESTIVE

Belated congratulations to Joan and Serge on the birth of daughter KERSTIN on 25th October. Congratulations also to Bert and Ethel Hobson who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 27th October. (It was Bert who brought darts to the British Club and to Bangkok.)

Some of the younger children were a bit confused by the 'Penny for the Guy' collection round the pool; 5-year old AMY had collected quite a bit of lolly before the meaning of "charity" was hastily explained to her and the loot handed over to Brian Lewis..... Any winners at that event who didn't receive a prize please contact PATRICIA LEWIS.

Latest diet hints - BARBARA FANCY lost 7 lbs in 14 hours after eating raw chicken at the Guy Fawkes Bar-B-Q - ANDREW KEFFORD lost 10 lbs at the first St. Andrew's practice (he also sprained his wrist wringing out his shirt).

Congratulations to the Brainy BARD who just obtained her Chamber of Commerce Diploma..... Anyone interested in SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING, please contact Leonie (258 5560) who has found an expert teacher..... Anyone lost any clothing? - the rack in the Ladies' changing room is overflowing.

Any juicy gossip gratefully received. Just phone in all the dirt to ANNE STUART (258 5832) who will also take note of any forthcoming events, notices, lost and found etc.

Latest .....

Congratulations to Amanda and Peter Young on the birth of daughter Natalie (3.23 kilos) on November 16.



# FESTIVE GREETINGS



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## BRIDGE

Monday night duplicate games have continued despite pairs lost to Scottish dancing, cocktails and Melbourne cup nights. We hope that the numbers will recover from 2 and 2½ tables after the mad season is over! Leading performers have been:

Results	22 Oct.	4 Nov.	11 Nov.	18 Nov.
George & Jennifer Arnott	126 %	122 %	117 %	-
Geoff Slack-Smith, Colin Snow	98	83	88	163
John Sill, Carolyn Tarrant	-	111	92	-
Harry Kurd, Pieter Schumacher	76	93	92	79
George + Catherine Plüs	-	-	100	88

The British Club Pairs Championship has been decided on the best six results of play over the last ten Mondays. Only four pairs managed to complete the six-game minimum, while some achieved ten and were able to discard some weaker results and achieve aggregates scores better than average with more than 600% aggregates.

Next year, the championship should be held over a longer period of, say, 12 weeks or 3 months - possibly before loss of people on summer home leaves or the festive season.

Best wishes for bridge in the new year and farewell from Geoff Slack-Smith.

1985 Champions	757	George and Jennifer Arnott
Runners Up	672	Colin Snow and Geoff Slack-Smith
Finishers	636	Geoff and Lois Crittenden
	625	Harry Kurd - Pieter Schumacher





## CRICKET

It is with trepidation that I write this month. Never before in the annals of Outpost history have the editors read a cricket article but, horror of horrors, last month not only did one of them read it, but she (!) also phoned me up to correct my grammar and spelling mistakes and to demand an explanation for some of the more obscure and intended witty asides. I usually leave my Thai Secretary, dog or budgie to correct my poor spelling and they never ask for any explanations! Anyway good luck girls. You're doing a good job. Sorry this is late. Look forward to your 'phone call!

Actually it is getting a bit difficult to know what to write about with the new season still yet to commence - not that we have not had any pre-season drama. To begin with we have had an unprecedented turn-out for practice nets with 27 cricketers having actually turned up to present their credentials on at least one occasion already. On the first weekend no less than 20 turned up for the two sessions, 15 on each day. An amazing 13 of the 27 are new to Bangkok cricket, and pretty amazing some of them have turned out to be! Some are coaxing muscles back into action after many years (decades) of inaction (decay) and we have witnessed the unedifying spectacle of fully grown men bowling balls on their own toe-caps, bowling wide and high of our 4m x 6m practice net far into the car park behind, and swinging the willow in horizontal arcs less calculated to smite red leather than to dislocate shoulder joints. There's still time and hope yet though and it's great to see the enthusiasm. Some of the new lot are very good cricketers actually and we will start to release details next month when all danger of kidnapping has passed with the beginning of this season proper.

One night over a few beers at the Polo Club a little while back, I was promised by prominent representatives of the Henri Dunant Road mob that they had turned over a new leaf and would enter into this year's TCL competitions with a fresh new fun-loving approach for the benefit of cricket in Thailand overall (e.g. no 2 piece balls for special occasions). Since I wasn't buying the beer at the time I readily promised that on our part we would herald this new dawn with acclaim and that we would only write nice things about them in Outpost in future. In accordance with this policy I would now like everyone to know what

a super bunch of guys they all are down at RBSC. Next month this policy will be reviewed in the light of whether there is a reciprocal response to this unique agreement when the season starts.

No doubt there is another article elsewhere in this prestigious publication applauding the fantastic performances of BC's cricketers in the first ever Club Inter-Section Sports Day. The cricket section team came a commendable 3rd led by Dr. White who provided most of the brawn and Craig Price, John Addis and Nick Pressling who provided the one brain between them. But of course it was the Snooker Team which stole all the glory with help from none other than cricket super-stars David Hall and Jack Dunford. You may hear jealous comments about the Snooker Section's tactics but believe me their tactical skills were brilliant culminating in throwing 3 darts at a time with their eyes shut to take the darts prize ahead of the darts section, putting with one hand behind their backs to take the golf prize ahead of the Golf Section, and of course cueing home easily in the Snooker. What talent! Craig Price won the overall sportsman of the day award with David Hall 4th and Jack Dunford 6th. Well done us!

Less welcome dramatics came in the nets last week when our bionic opening bowler Tom Ryan collapsed in a heap of steel girders, leather straps and Canadian utterances of a rather angry and painful nature. With last year's Husband of the Year flitting back and forth from Malaysia and being anything but a model husband this threatens to leave us once more a bit short of an opening attack. Tom is making a determined recovery and we wish him well in his fight to get back with us as soon as possible.

By the time this flops through your letter-box, on your desk, or into your wastepaper basket, the season will have started and by next month we'll know just how good or bad we are. The fixtures list is finalised as per the Notice Board and we have a tough and hectic start to the season. On December 1 we will play our super friends at RBSC in the Marshall Trophy, on December 7 and 8 we take on the might of Chiang Mai and on December 14 and 15 we play our first league matches with a 50 over game against the strong Indian team and a 30 over game against our very nice friends down at Henri Dunant Road again. Christmas will come as a welcome rest and a time either for happy optimism, or sad reflection.

Team selection is obviously going to be a problem this season. We must of course take talent into account but as always we will try to reward with games those who enthusiastically turn out for practice. This year it just won't be possible to accommodate the casual cricketer who turns up occasionally for a net and makes himself available for a game or two. There is an unavailability list on the Club Notice Board. PLEASE USE IT! We also ask you to make yourselves voluntarily unavailable for at least two matches so that we can share places around. This does not mean that you will definitely not be picked for those matches but gives us extra flexibility. Please cooperate! I will be talking with our fines adjudicator to impose just penalties on those who do not!

Practice will continue but times will vary according to our match schedule. We will carry on with Wednesday evening sessions but there will be no official practices on match days.

Thanks girls! Sorry this is late. Hope you can read my writing!



## DARTS

Regular readers of this darticle will be aware that the 22nd Johnnie Walker Bangkok Darts League is drawing to a close (no pun intended) and that your favourite team, languishing in the middle of division 4 are at least expected to win the trophies for "Nearest the Rope" or "The Greatest Number of Consecutive Throws at Double One".

The Sportsmanship Trophy, which we have won many times for the drunken good humour displayed in constant defeats, has probably slipped from our grasp this time (as so many of those small pointed things with flights on the back have a habit of doing!) because there's been a concentrated effort to improve this year, coupled with an uncharacteristic increase in the consumption of soda water and gunnaha! Hasn't anyone stopped to notice that darts champions like Bristow and Lowe take constant swigs of Watneys Triple X between their throws of 180, 180, 140 etc. I mean, the only British darts throwers you ever see without a beer gut these days are down at Suriwong Road! Not soda guts, mind you, beer guts are what we need!

Before giving the latest results, let me tell you about the sports day. The Darts Section team of Jantje Davison, Keith Davison, Peter Tinson and Bryan Baldwin, who were unlucky enough to be the first (and only) fit (?) darts players to arrive, astounded themselves by winning the squash competition, and were only pushed into second place at their own sport by the last team who craftily cottoned on to Buster Williamson's new world championship technique of throwing all three darts at the same time! Jantje, as the only lady in the whole competition, excelled herself, especially at soccer, cricket and golf which she had never played before. After the soccer, which was a real killer if you're over 25, I felt like a lady myself, but I hadn't got the energy. Anyway to finish fifth out of seven teams we thought was creditable and it was certainly good fun.

I know you've been waiting for the statistics so here they are:-

31.10.85 British Club 6 Green 11

Closes : Dave Ferguson (3), Mike Evans.

Tons : Mike E. (138, 100), Peter (100, 100)  
Mike M. (100, 100), Dave F. (100)  
Keith (120).

Our opponents were from a higher division and, therefore, not all that green. Dave Ferguson is getting so good at closing, we are beginning to suspect he used to own a pub back in the UK.

7.11.85 Expat's Retreat 4 British Club 13

Closes : Dave F. (4), Peter, Terry,  
Bryan (2), Orin.

Tons : Bryan (100, 100, 100)

With a team supposedly weakened by the absence of Keith Davison and the two Mikes, the Lillywhites ran out surprisingly easy winners. Dave Ferguson closed all 4 of his games which is a rare feat, and Bryan scored 3 tons to level his private competition with Peter Tinson. With Linda and Bryan also buying rounds for the whole team for scoring 3 or less, the atmosphere was excellent and we all decided to call Captain Mike Majer at home at 5-minute intervals commencing at 11.30 p.m. to give him the results.

14.11.85 Juggernauts 14 British Club 3

Closes : Roger (2)

Tons : Keith (140), Bryan (100)  
Mike Evans (100), Peter (100)

With Dave Ferguson absent, Roger the lodger did the only closing in a defeat which was much closer than the score suggests. It was a crowded and enjoyable evening at the Toby Jug Pub where Peter and Bryan stayed level on 25 tons with one match to go! (Only Mike M. has more with 42 tons).

We are all looking forward to getting our new shirts which are carefully designed to cover up beer paunches. We've ordered small ones for Orin, the Johnnie Walker Bangkok Darts League's smallest trainer, and extra extra large for Terry Adams who is desperately trying to lose weight by carrying generator sets around.

With one more game to go, we're going to be concentrating on ladder games till the new league starts in 1986. So, if you're interested in joining us for a few BEERS(!) on Thursdays, please join in. You may even like it and decide to register for the next league competition. You don't necessarily have to play darts because we need soccer and tennis players for the next sports day!



## GOLF

The first round of the club championship sponsored by Guardian Insurance was played at Bang Phra last Sunday.

The gross leaders with 83 are Pravit and Ian McLean with Peter Jenkins just one stroke off. Captain David Frost with 87 is a close fourth.

Thirty-two golfers played on a soggy course with many scores much higher than normal.

Day's winners were:

### "A" Group

1st	- Pravit	Net 70
2nd	- P. Jenkins	Net 72
1st Nine	- D. Frost	Net 35
2nd Nine	- I. McLean	Net 36

### "B" Group

1st	- J. Auger	Net 67
2nd	- R. Wingfield	Net 73
1st Nine	- D. Williamson	Net 35
2nd Nine	- M. Baker	Net 36

Long Drives - Ladies : Joan Jurgens  
Men : Mike Baker

Closest Pin - D. Frost, J. Jurgens

### Ladies' Championship Leaders

- Gross : J. Jurgens  
- Net : S. Lamb (81)  
S. Voravarn (81)

B.C. GOLF (NOVEMBER 10)

The final round of club championship play concluded at the Rose Garden with some minor surprises. Ian McLean won the men's low gross while John Auger won the low net. Joan Jurgens won ladies' low gross and Sally Voravarn won the net.

Guardian Assurance continued their sponsorship of the championship rounds.

The Scores were:

"A" Group

1st	- David Frost	Net 68
2nd	- Ian McLean	Net 72
1st Nine	- Ron Armstrong	Net 36
2nd Nine	- Peter Jenkins	Net 36

"B" Group

1st	- Sally Voravarn	Net 63
2nd	- Peter Young	Net 67
1st Nine	- Sally Lamb	Net 36½
2nd Nine	- Alistair Ryder	Net 36

Long Drives - Mo Harris, David Cadwallader

Closest Pin - Pravit, L. Houghton

By the time you read this Outpost, the final round-up at Hua Hin will be upon us.

Just to remind you what is happening on that long golfers' holiday, keep reading.

- Thursday 5th December - Public Holiday  
Travel to Hua Hin
- Friday 6th December - 1 p.m. Tee Off  
British Club vs Australian  
Thai Chamber of Commerce
- Saturday 7th December - 8 a.m. Tee Off  
British Club vs Golfer's  
Cocktail Lounge
- Sunday 8th December - 8 a.m. Tee Off  
British Club Round-up  
Barbecue Party at the Royal  
Garden Hotel

Monday 9th December - 8 a.m. Tee Off  
British Club - Limited Club  
Event

Tuesday 10th December - Public Holiday  
Return to Bangkok.

The vacation promises to be an exciting time for all members.

For those who do not play golf, tennis, swimming and other relaxing activities are available.

For those of you who have not as yet booked hotel accommodation, you should do so immediately to avoid disappointment.

Ben and Muriel Harrold have now moved back to the freezing temperatures in U.K. If you would like to help warm them up in the next few months, their address is:

2 Ashlands  
Ford  
Salisbury  
Wiltshire  
U.K.



# LADIES' GOLF

I apologise for the lapse in regular Newsletters! I was away on leave for longer than expected, and then was away again for 10 days. But I was happy to hear that, during my untimely absence, the golf group was still going strong; and my thanks to all of you who did the scoring, starting and arranging.

It's nice to see everyone back again from holidays and, judging from the recent scores, most have had a good relaxing holiday and returned with renewed strength and vigour!

### Welcome to New Members:

Janice Dahl, Dorothy Hartgerink, Merle Decot, Mariko Shimada and Lynn Prochaska.

### Congratulations to New Mothers:

Koi Armstrong, a son, Donald  
Joan Guthrie, a daughter, Kerstin.

Hope to see you on the fairways soon!!!

### Coming Events:

3 & 4 Dec. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - Thai Army Course

This is a two-day event on successive days,  
stroke play with two divisions:

Silver : handicap 0 - 22

Bronze : " 23 - 40

There are many prizes to be won: overall winner and runner-up in both divisions, 1st and 2nd prizes for best 1st and 2nd day, nearest pins, longest drives, - and much more. We will have the prize-giving at the Club House with snacks and drinks on the Wednesday (4th December). Please sign up in the starters book.

Cost : \$100 for both days.

11 Dec. ANNUAL ROUND-UP - Army Course (Tuesday 10th is a holiday)

(This is a STABLEFORD game and there is a prize for each player!)

17 Dec. CAPTAIN'S DAY - Army Course

This will be the last game of the year and we will vote in a new captain and committee for 1986. After the game, I would like to invite all players to lunch and prize-giving in my house, so that I may have the opportunity to say THANK YOU for a wonderful year of golfing with a wonderful group of ladies!

The Kitchen Sink: (Postponed from 1 December)

Unfortunately, this fun-filled competition, where the ladies of the B.C.L.G. compete against their men, has had to be postponed until sometime in January or February. We will play at the ROSE GARDEN on a Saturday or Sunday. I will keep you posted! I am sorry about this, but I am sure that after the New Year holidays are over, and the kids back at school, there will be more time to play! I would be very grateful for any volunteers to assist in obtaining and buying prizes for this day. Also any good cooks, who would make sandwiches, curry puffs, sausage rolls, sates or other dishes for the lunch, would be highly appreciated. Thank you.

### Results of Games Played

15 October: NOT T's and F's

Flight A: Winner : Wendy Binns 43½  
Runner-up : Prue Pointer 44

Flight B: Winner : Maureen Hyde 40  
Runner-up : Penny Whalley 44½

Near Pin : Prue Pointer

22 October: The day the rains came!

Only four players braved the rains and floods - and played their own game. The brave players were:-

Anne Swankie, Dolores Aaron, Deanne Boucher and Anne Hendrie. Well done, girls!!!

29 October: L.G.U. Medal

Silver Div.	: Winner	: Joan Jurgens	81
Bronze I	: Winner	: Kanda Phillips	74
	: Runner-up	: Dolores Aaron	77
Bronze II	: Winner	: Penny Whalley	65
	: Runner-up	: Anne Hendrie	68
Near Pins		: Anne Hendrie Linda Maxwell	
Long Drive		: Joan Jurgens	
Under Pars		: Penny Whalley	65
		: Anne Hendrie	68
		: Linda Maxwell	70

Congratulations! There were some really good scores that day!

5 November: Stableford

Flight A	: Winner	: Prue Pointer	40
	: Runner-up	: Kanda Phillips	37
Flight B	: Winner	: Penny Whalley	36
	: Runner-up	: Merle Decot	36
Near Pins		: Kanda Phillips	
Under Pars		: Prue Pointer	68
		: Kanda Phillips	71

P.S. The course is playing very well now, it is dry and in very good condition - in fact it was the first day we have seen the sprinklers in action for a long time!

Keep up the good and happy golfing!



## RUGBY

Several years ago an Australian TV sports programme had a theme song which included the words:

"Six foot tall, built like a wall  
Avoid him if you can  
A little bit rough, a little bit tough  
He's a rugby man".

It has become patently obvious that when the song was written, they did not have the British Club in mind.

It was bad enough that the Rugby section came last in the inter-section sports day. It was worse that they ended up behind such he-man sports as snooker, darts and golf. Even wimpy old cricket managed to leave the rugby section behind. But the crowning insult, the final blow, the last devastating chop at the section's ego was to have one of our star players revealed as the lowest individual scorer of the day. I will no doubt be accused of sexism for pointing out that the only female competitor of the day finished four places above the individual concerned. Yes, that Lion of the Line-out, the Ruggedest of Ruckers, your very own Rambo (nee Razor) amassed a grand total of nine points in the competition and is personally responsible for shredding the section's sporting reputation.

Despite the lack of prowess in the sporting arena, the rugby section did demonstrate their traditional skill and stamina in the bar events at the disco in the evening. This proved to be a most enjoyable event during which prizes for the day's winners were presented. The individual winner received a trophy and a bottle of whisky and Rambo collected a T-shirt and a bottle of milk.

The proceeds of the raffle held during the evening went to the rugby section to help offset their operating deficit for the season. Many thanks are due to Dave Williamson for his help with organisation, to all those who supported the event by buying raffle tickets, to the lovely ladies who were coerced into selling them and to all those, especially Jim Howard, who arranged or donated prizes.

Only the British Club could prepare themselves for a sevens tournament by having a sports day and a disco the day before. The result, predictably, was that one or two of the stalwarts who gathered the next day looked as if they had just finished a sevens tournament rather than being about to begin one. Rambo, in particular, didn't look well. He claimed this had nothing to do with alcohol but was the result of getting up early.

Typically we were still recruiting up to the last minute and, in fact, enlisted Jean-Jacques Grettan at the disco and unsuspecting tourist Andrew McDonald on the Sunday morning. Brian Thomson, in town from Kabul for some R and R, found himself roped in too.

The first game was against Wang Parus, a side from the Police Club, and consisted mostly of kick-offs and walks back to the goal line. They scored five tries. Given their superior fitness and speed they would have scored more had it not been for our tactic of messing up the kick-offs so that they would elect for us to retake the kick and thus waste time. We were never really in the game and the score at 0-28, against the eventual winners of the tournament, was probably flattering.

In the break between games, Ian Duncan gave us a few pointers towards improving our performance. (Ian coached the Fiji side which won the Hong Kong sevens a couple of years ago.) Although we were still a little bit short of the Fijian standard, the pep-talk obviously worked as our play improved significantly in the second game which was against a side from RBSC. We won good possession from the scrums and made a couple of penetrating runs. At one point we almost scored! Despite the improvement, however, our general lack of speed around the park meant that each time the opposition got the ball, they scored. This happened five times and they chalked up 26 points to our zero thus ushering us out of the competition.

Players on the day were Nick Pressling, Jean-Jacques Grettan, Gary Crist, Terry Smith, Ted Batchelor, Tony Coffey, Ian Duncan, Keith Davison, Andrew McDonald, Brian Thomson and Vince "Rambo" Swift. Team manager was Jim Howard.

That tournament officially ended the Thai rugby season although we may still manage one more 15-a-side game against RBSC. We now have 3 months to prepare some semblance of a sevens side for the Singapore Sevens in February and for the Hong Kong Football Club's centenary 10-a-side tournament immediately preceding the Hong Kong sevens in March.

Watch this space for progress reports.



# SNOOKER

## BRITISH CLUB vs OLD ENGLAND STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

VENUE : THE BRITISH CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 13TH  
NOVEMBER, 1985

<u>FRAMES</u>	<u>BC PLAYER</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>OESA PLAYER</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
1.	Joe Swankie	49	Satawat	53
2.	Keith Ross	63	Sirirat	49
3.	David Guy	26	Siriyot	76
4.	David Williamson	10	Surapol	64
5.	Brian Lewis	39	Art	49

The absence of Team Captain Ron Armstrong due to illness was keenly felt. Two other regular cueists (Ian McLean and Tom Watson) were unable to play. However, both Joe Swankie and Brian Lewis made very creditable appearances. Joe led the frame throughout and the score stood at 49/34 with two colours remaining. Khun Satawat made an excellent snooker on the Pink, Joe was unable to make it so the score moved to 49/40. Khun Satawat potted the Pink and Joe's answering shot with the Black just failed, leaving the OESA player a relatively easy Black to conclude the frame.

Keith Ross notched up our only win of the evening against a competent opponent, whilst late "recruit", Brian Lewis, showed a standard which makes him more than welcome in future matches. He was in the lead at the last three colours and took the Blue with a nice cut into the middle-pocket. Then in-off the Pink gave his opponent the chance, which he successfully took, to bring the scores to 39/36 in Brian's favour. Khun Art went on to pocket the two remaining colours.

B.C. at R.B.S.C.

ANNUAL INTERCLUB

A team of five spent an enjoyable evening with some very good players. It is always enjoyable playing at the RBSC on their fine tables. Following the games, a delicious buffet was provided with lots of whisky & draft beer.

Results of matches were: RBSC - 4 BC - 2

1. Ian McLean lost to Charnwilt 2-1
2. Keith Ross beat Banchob 2-1
3. Ted lost to Akrut 2-0
4. David Hall lost to Damras 2-1
5. Ron Armstrong lost to Tositi 2-0
6. Ted and David Hall beat Pitchaya & Supachai 48-41

Team Competition

Our Snooker Team goes rolling on - with 9 out of 10 matches finished, we have a record of 9 wins, 41 defeats. We have gained a great education in this competition and, come next year, we will be more prepared.

Team scores were as follows:

Royal Turf Club - 5	B.C. - 0
Silom Club - 3	B.C. - 2
Pharmacy Club - 3	B.C. - 2
RBSC - 4	B.C. - 1
OESA - 4	B.C. - 1
Royal Turf Club - 5	B.C. - 0

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## SPORTS DAY

On Saturday November 9, some 28 club members, representing the cricket, snooker, soccer, rugby, squash and golf sections gathered for the first inter-section sports competition.

The first event - squash - consisted of returning the ball behind the service line. Simple? It would appear so. However, the maximum rally of 46 strokes was enough to win the day and the team event ended as follows:-

<u>Team</u>	<u>Strokes</u>
1. Darts	46
2. Unsquashables	44
3. Soccer	29

In the individual event, Keith Davison came first with 26 strokes followed by Chris Platt with 20 and Peter Young and Craig Rennie with 15 each.

In the second event - tennis - the Tennis Section could forward neither a team nor an organiser. (One would hope that there will be more participation from the Tennis Section when the new all-weather courts are opened!)

The tennis event was won by the Golf Section with a magnificent rally of 239 strokes in 10 minutes of play. They were followed by Snooker with 231 strokes and the Unsquashables with 169.

The pace and temperature were somewhat lowered as the teams moved into the Main Bar for the darts competition. Some unorthodox play by the Snooker Section saw them win the event with 4034 points (i.e. the team score achieved in a fixed period of play). The Darts Team, who were obviously favourites for this event, called foul but still remained second with 3834 points, followed by the Cricket Team with 3585.

The individual event finished as follows:-

1. Jack Dunford	1084
2. Peter Tinson	1055
3. Ron Armstrong	1030

Following the darts competition, the five-a-side soccer competition started with the Soccer Team being knocked out in the first round. Shame on you lads! After a close final, the Squash Section came out eventual winners over the Snooker Section.

The golf competition was a keenly-contested putting event over six holes in which the lowest score for the day, 14 strokes, was shared between Des Smith and Mike Geary. Seven other competitors tied for second place on 15 strokes. The results of the team competition were as follows:-

1. Snooker	59 strokes
2. Golfers Indemnity	65 "
3. Unsquashables	68 "

The cricket section bowlers, who had been practising all morning, were well warmed up to take the stumps of the competitors as they lined up to bat against some of Thailand's most prestigious bowlers. Nick White, who hopefully will be batting for the British Club this year, scored 21 runs to win the individual competition, followed by Craig Price and Peter Young with 16 and 13 runs respectively. The results of the Team Competition were as follows:

1. Cricket	53 runs
2. Snooker )	36 "
Unsquashables )	
3. Soccer	35 "

A mention must be given here to our manager David Williamson who achieved a total of -1 runs.

The organisers of the swimming competition had failed to consider one major point - many of the competitors could not swim. What followed in the pool could best be described as a paddle. "Murphy" even appeared bringing his contribution - the stop watches stopped before any of the swimmers!

The final results for the team competition must be lying at the bottom of the pool, as your scribe cannot produce the final times. However, although the individual times were not recorded the team results were included in the overall ratings.

Showered and changed, the competitors gathered in the snooker room for the final competition of the day. With two red balls balanced over each pocket, the lowest number of strokes to pot, all the reds would win. An exciting competition followed in which Ron Armstrong came out the winner and helped his team, Snooker, to a victory over the Unsquashables.

This victory, in the final competition, was enough to give the Snooker Team the championship trophy, closely followed by the Unsquashables.

The results of the individual competitions were as follows:

	<u>Points</u>
1. C. Price	126
2. R. Armstrong	116.5
3. L. Currie	101
4. D. Hall	97
5. P. Young	95
6. J. Dunford	93
7. R. Bisset	83.5
8. K. Davison	83
9. R. Barrett	81.5
10. P. Tinson	81
11. C. Rennie	80.5
12. J. Auger	79.5
13. D. Smith	79
14. P. Rodgers	77.5
15. J. Addis	76.1
16. C. Platt	69
17. N. White	68
18. M. Geary	64.5
19. G. Crist	63
20. A. McDowell	63
21. B. Baldwin	58.5
22. D. Williamson	57
23. T. Bachelor	52
24. N. Preston	49.5
25. J. Davison	47
26. C. Costello	39
27. I. McCarthy	29.5
28. V. Swift	19.5

Overall the competition appeared to be a success, eagerly contested but taken in good spirit by all. With some improvements and modifications it would be hoped that a similar contest could be held again early next year.

Thanks must be expressed to the following members, who sacrificed their chances of competing to help organise the day:

Amanda Young	- Squash
Jim Howard	- Tennis
M. Majer, L. Tinson	- Darts
David Frost	- Golf
The Cricket Section Bowlers	- Cricket
E. Majer	- Swimming
J. Hyde	- Snooker



# SQUASH

The past month has seen the completion of both the Rod Carter and Harold Mercer competitions.

The Rod Carter Trophy was won by Khun Peerapol Bomsiri who defeated Khun Vipong Taechapooogol 3-1 in the final. Both of these players are foremost in the Thai National rankings and for those spectators who watched the final rounds provided a display of high calibre squash. Mervyn Rattray, currently the British Club's foremost squash player, was the club's most successful entrant in reaching the semi-finals before losing to Khun Vipong.

The format chosen for the Harold Mercer trophy consisted of teams of mixed standards and proved to be a great success. The teams who participated enjoyed the opportunity to mix both on court and afterwards with players of different standards who would not normally meet in the usual course of ladder and league matches.

Following the completion of the first round of the trophy event the eliminated teams formed a plate event which was played out despite being arranged at a late stage.

As a most fitting memorial to Harold Mercer, who served for two years on the squash committee and did much to encourage players of all standards, both the trophy and plate events will become perpetual events using the same format.

Results of the Trophy and Plate events were as follows:-

A B C

A	D. Jezeeph	V	//	3	3
B	C. Rennie	V	//	0	1
F	I. Stuart	V	//	3	
G	A. Stuart	V	//	0	
I	W. Kentwell	V	3	2	3
K	B. Wilcox	V	1	3	0
N	M. Binns	V	//	3	3
M	R. Barrett	V	//	1	2

D. Jezeeph	3	1	3
I. Stuart	2	3	1
W. Kentwell	1	1	2
M. Binns	3	3	3

D. Jezeeph	3	0	1
M. Binns	0	3	3

Dave Ferguson  
Mike Binns  
Ian Scott

..... HAROLD MERCER PLATE .....

1/4'S TO BE COMPLETED BY  
17TH

SEMI'S COMPLETED BY  
19TH

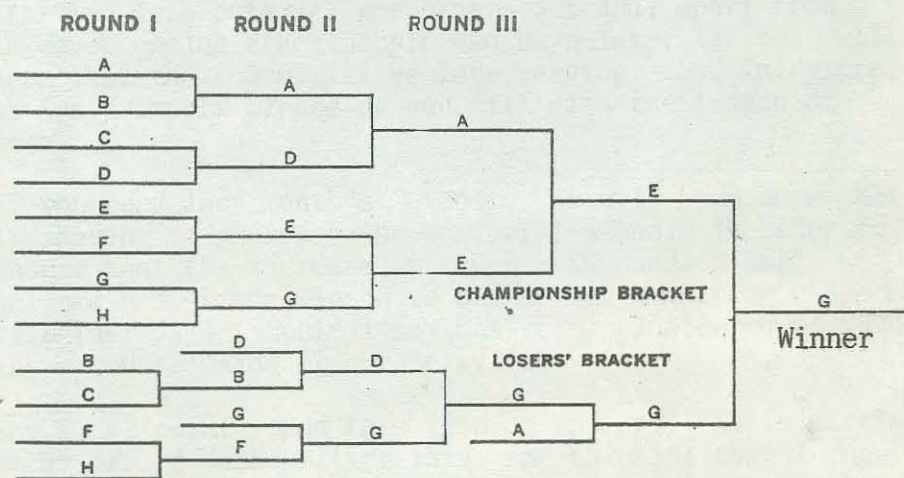
FINAL IS ON 21ST NOV.

Phoebe Mercer presented the trophy and prizes to Chris Platt and David Ferguson's teams in the Churchill Bar following the final, those present joined her in looking forward to the competition being played in future years.

At the time of writing, the ladder co-ordinators have been besieged with enquiries from ladder players whose positions have apparently been dramatically altered. Regrettably, mischievous little fingers have been at work reorganising the ladder boards. Fortunately all ladder positions are recorded at the end of a month and the results slips retained so that the ladder has now been reassembled hopefully with everyone back in the correct slots.

Looking ahead, the handicap competition will be played during December and, as mentioned in the previous edition of Outpost, a repechage system will be used. This will work as illustrated in the following example:-

KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT WITH REPECHAGE



The Repechage tournament requires a much longer period of play than the Single Elimination. Each player must be defeated twice before being eliminated from further competition. As shown above, the championship bracket is carried on in the usual manner, with the defeated players dropping into the losers' bracket. The players that win out in both brackets are matched for the championship.

... TEAM ... A B C

David Jezeph	'Team A	0 1 3		
Nick White	Team B	3 3 0		
Craig Rennie	Team C	3 0 0		
Keith Davison	Team D	1 3 3		
Peter Young	Team E	3 0 3		
Anne Stuart	Team F	1 3 1		
Ian Stuart	Team G	1 3 0		
Richard Wingfield	Team H	3 0 3		
Wendy Kentwell	Team I	0 3 0		
Sam Cohen	Team J	3 0 3		
Bill Wilcox	Team K	X X X		
Jim Johnston	Team L	3 3 3		
Ray Walsh	Team M	3 2 3		
Mike Binns	Team N	0 3 1		
Jack Dunford	Team O	X 3 3		
Roy Barrett	Team P	X 0 2		

... HAROLD MERCER TROPHY ...

Nick White	3 0 1		
Keith Davison	1 3 3		
Peter Young	3 X 3		
Richard Wingfield	0 X 1		
Sam Cohen	3 0 3		
Jim Johnston	0 3 0		
Ray Walsh	3 1 3		
Jack Dunford	1 3 0		
Keith Davison	3 3 3		
Peter Young	1 0 2		
Sam Cohen	3 1 3		
Ray Walsh	0 3 0		
Keith Davison	0 3 0		
Alun Griffiths	0 3 0		
Bryan Baldwin			
Chris Platt	3 0 3		
Sam Cohen	3 0 3		
Sam Cohen	3 0 3		

Entry forms for the January league will soon be circulated and details of the coaching sessions being organised will be put on the squash noticeboard as soon as the dates can be finalised.

Remember, squash is a good way to get your body back into shape after the St. Andrew's Ball and to enter the New Year feeling fit and healthy.



## SWIMMING

This month, no storm clouds washed out the Gala, and all proceeded according to plan. In order to dampen the ardour of those unruly dads who had complained about cancellation last time, a dad's race was organised. In order to avoid invidious comparisons with children's times, this particular event will not be mentioned further!

Before proceeding to the details of tests and Gala, a comment must be made about time-keeping, not with stop watches at Galas, but with clocks at swimming lessons and tests. A certain degree of "slackness" seems to be creeping in and reports are reaching your scribe of children arriving  $\frac{3}{4}$ -hour late for a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -hour lesson or even  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -hours late for tests. The coaches who conduct the lessons and tests are busy people who are paid to work particular hours and who then have commitments elsewhere. A lesson starting late puts all the others out and, apart from inconveniencing other people who have later lessons, will mean that the coach will be late leaving. So, in future, arrive promptly please or you will miss the lesson or test.

If you read last month's Outpost, you will have seen that we are having to increase the cost of lessons. In order to ensure that the increase in revenue is handled well, we welcome Mrs. Linda Tinson to our select committee. She has volunteered, or should I say has been volunteered, to handle the accounts' side of our activities.

One final point - and this time an apology. While sitting at my office desk writing this, and thinking that I ought to be doing something else, I happened to glance at the swimming report in the October Outpost. As those of you who bothered to read it - which I didn't - will have noticed, the pages were included in a rather odd order. I don't think I wrote it quite like that, so congratulations Editorial Team - The Guardian awaits you when you return to Merry England. We did have some nice photos though didn't we!

## Endurance Tests 9th November

Ten children came along for these tests - a rather small number, possibly due to the rather late distribution of the last Outpost (hint hint to the Editorial Team) but they all swam well. The results were:

25 metres	-	Nicholas Cave Rosalind Poole
50 metres	-	Tosha Sanders Tina Sanders
100 metres	-	Tina Sanders Caroline Wingfield
200 metres	-	Jo Jo Barnes
400 metres	-	Zoe O' Connor Sophie Majer
1500 metres	-	Morca McConnell
2000 metres	-	Jack McConnell

Well done all of you!

## Swimming Gala 10th November

A good turnout of 22 swimmers, including three new faces. Welcome to :

Mark and Sarah Freeman and Maia McAlister

Some good improvements were recorded, but star billing must go to :

\* \* \* R E C O R D B R E A K E R \* \* \*

\*\* ZOE BINNS \* \* \* \* \* ZOE BINNS \* \* \* \* \* ZOE BINNS \*\*

She knocked a whole 5 seconds off the IM record which she herself had set earlier in the year.

Well done ZOE!!

David Andrews also deserves a mention for taking 15 seconds off his previous best I.M. time, but the best overall improvers were:

Nicholas Baillie	7 seconds off 3 strokes
Zoe Binns	8 seconds off 3 strokes

and:

\* \* \* IMPROVER OF THE MONTH \* \* \*

\*\* ANGELA RYAN \*\*\*\* ANGELA RYAN \*\*\*\* ANGELA RYAN \*\*

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who knocked 18 seconds from her times in 3 strokes.

Well done all of you.

## Next Month

In December we have public holidays, Christmas, end of term etc., and we have decided to delay the gala etc. by one week. So we have:

\*\* PROFICIENCY TESTS - 9.00 A.M. SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER \*\*

These tests are by invitation only at present - but don't be afraid to discuss with Erica Majer or the coach beforehand. Remember the time - 9.00 a.m. - so be prompt and also be patient, as to complete the tests for everyone will take some time.

The day after, we have:

\*\* SWIMMING GALA - 11.45 A.M. SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER \*\*

Again, be prompt, so that your children can be registered in time for the first event at 12.00.

C = Comparison with Best Personal Time. + = Longer Time.  
 - = An Improvement.  
 x = First Recorded Time.

AGE	SEX	NAME	Breast		Freestyle		I.M.		Tot. C (Stks)
			Time	C	Time	C	Time	C	
UNDES	GIRL	BCB RECORD	27.2		20.4		1.04.4		
		Zoe Binns	30.0	-1	23.0	-2	59.4	-5	-8(3)
	Renee McDonald	38.0	+1	34.0	-2	1.26.0	+1	-2(1)	
	BOYS	BCB RECORD	24.8		19.6		59.5		
		James Rennie	30.0	-4	32.0	-2	1.14.8	+5	-6(2)
		Timothy Johnston	32.8	-1	27.9	-2	-	-	-3(2)
Fraser Currie		37.0	+5	27.3	+1	1.10.7	-3	-3(1)	
UNDES	GIRL	BCB RECORD	50.6		40.7		1.45.9		
		Lucy Johnston	1.04.4	+1	59.2	0	-	-	
		Maia McAlister	-	x	1.02.8	x	2.32.5	x	
		Angela Ryan	1.08.8	-6	50.0	-3	2.23.6	-9	-18(3)
	Andrea Sill	1.05.4	-2	1.08.3	+4	-	-	-2(1)	
	BOYS	BCB RECORD	51.0		38.5		1.42.0		
		Nicholas Baillie	1.01.8	-3	47.8	-1	2.12.9	-3	-7(3)
		C. J. Kefford	1.03.4	+1	48.1	+2	2.06.0	+3	
		Damian McDonald	1.12.4	+1	55.4	-2	2.29.0	-2	-4(2)
		Simeon Thompson	1.27.5	0	1.01.5	+3	-	-	
Morca McConnell		1.01.8	-2	46.8	0	2.03.9	-4	-6(2)	
John Barnes	1.08.3	0	1.01.7	+7	-	-			
Mark Freeman	1.17.1	x	1.39.0	x	-	-			
Gordon Fowles	1.14.1	+2	1.19.0	+29	2.24.0	0			
UNDES	GIRL	BCB RECORD	43.9		35.5		1.30.5		
		Sarah Freeman	1.05.4	x	52.6	x	2.20.0	x	
		Sophie Major	1.02.0	-7	47.4	+1	2.11.6	+4	-7(1)
	Katie Sill	53.6	-3	44.0	+3	2.01.5	0	-3(1)	
	BOYS	BCB RECORD	48.2		35.0		1.30.5		
		Richard Lovell	-		46.5	+1	-	-	
Jack McConnell	53.5	+2	40.8	+1	1.52.0	-3	-3(1)		
UNDES	GIRL	BCB RECORD	1.31.3		1.12.0		2.54.0		
		Natasha Lovell	-		1.24.9	+1	-	-	
	Hannah Thompson	2.20.8	+3	1.56.1	-4	4.38.9	0	-4(1)	
	BOYS	BCB RECORD	1.29.5		1.09.2		2.50.6		
		Neil Baker	2.06.5	+1	1.59.0	+16	4.39.3	+32	
		David Andrews	2.03.6	x	1.51.6	-2	4.32.3	-15	-17(2)
BOYS	BCB RECORD	1.24.9		1.03.0		2.51.8			
	Kris Ersewell	1.34.8	+3	1.28.8	+3	3.47.6	+8		



# TENNIS

## ROUND ROBIN HIDDEN HANDICAP DOUBLES TOURNAMENT HELD SUNDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 1985

A total of ten pairs completed in our first round-robin tournament of the season, each playing nine 24-point matches (6 services each), the equivalent of playing approximately 4 to 5 sets. There were a number of hard-fought sets and everyone had a lot of fun, although it was an unexpectedly warm afternoon.

Two distinguished visitors, well-known tennis coach Mrs. Gina Huntington and her husband Malcolm, Wimbledon and Davies Cup umpire, attended the tournament and remarked on the fine courts and also on the original format of the tournament, which was devised and organised by section Chairman Roy Fordham.

The winners on handicap were:

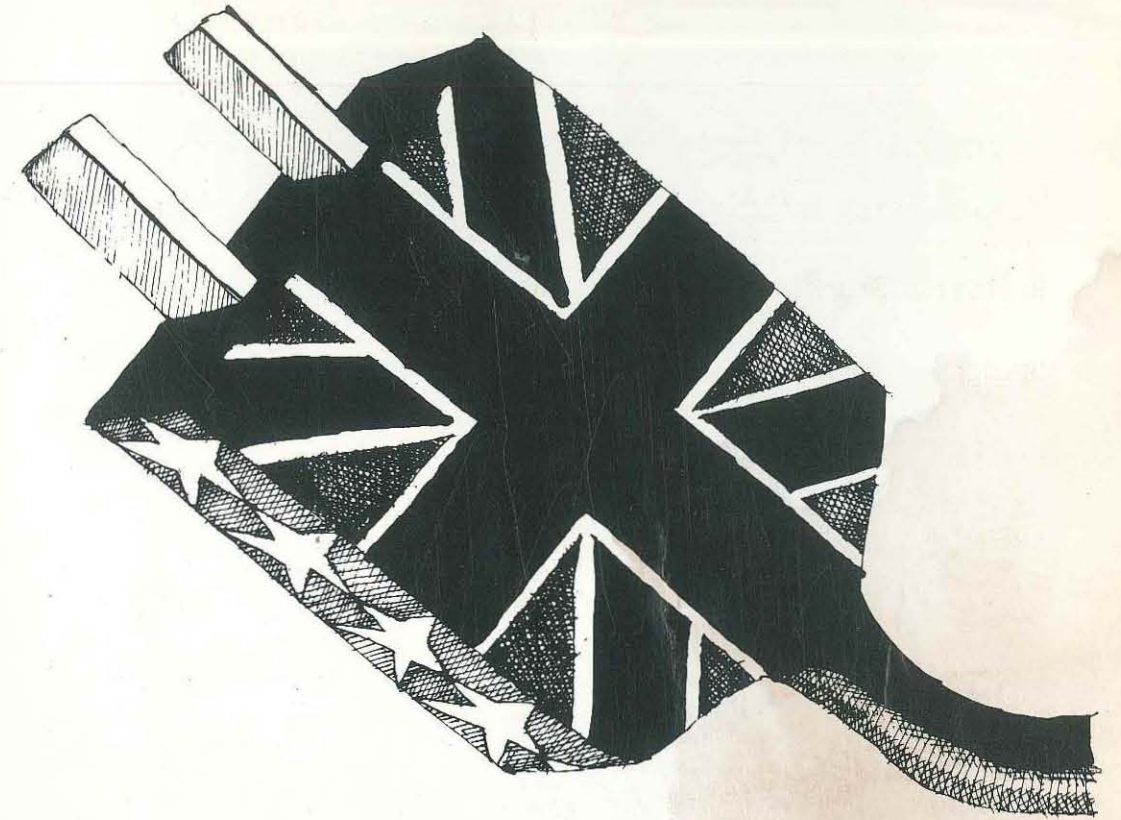
1. Mr. & Mrs. T. Ryan + 24
2. Mr. & Mrs. T. Lovell + 15
3. Mr. G. Martin/  
Mrs. J. Gramond + 10

and received prizes generously donated by the Tawana Sheraton Hotel.

## ACTIVITIES

Anyone who is interested in participating in any aspect of the following activities should contact :

Billiards/Snooker	Ron Armstrong	390 2445
Bridge	Geoff Crittenden	391 4849
Cricket	Jack Dunford	234 0098
Darts	Mike Majer	513 1970
Golf	David Frost	258 5093
Ladies' Golf	Mrs. L. Dencker Nielsen	286 8264
Rugby	Terry Smith	236 9507
Soccer	Steve Castledine	252 8141
Squash	Peter Young/ Tom Annas	252 8216 233 0649
Swimming Practice (Khun Choon)	Mrs. E. Majer	252 7492
Swimming Gala	Mrs. E. Majer	252 7492
Tennis	Bruce Pointer	233 2020



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