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Lest We Forget

to commemorate British, Commonwealth and
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Veterans' organisations, and representatives from
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SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2026

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Bang Rak, Bangkok 10500

Guests Arrive:	10:20 hrs
Service Commences:	10:50 hrs
Service Concludes:	11:45 hrs

Following the service, refreshments will be served.

AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN
AND IN THE MORNING,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.



ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION

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28 October 2026 via the QR code



DRESS CODE

Military: Service Dress with medals

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Front Cover

"Lest We Forget"

This Month

November celebrates British and Thai traditions, from Guy Fawkes fireworks to the British Embassy's Remembrance Service, honouring "Lest We Forget". Join us under the full moon for Loy Krathong and our Children's Thai Costume Contest, before rounding off the month with our Annual Wine on the Lawn.

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Chairman's Message

Greetings everyone,

Well, what a rainy season this has been! I think even the most seasoned Bangkok residents amongst us would agree that this year's rain has tested everyone's patience. Just when we think the skies are clearing and we can enjoy a few uninterrupted days of sunshine, along comes another downpour! Our tennis players must be wondering whether they should take up swimming instead, although I suspect some have become rather accomplished at the alternative sport of socialising in the bar!



Despite the weather, there has been plenty happening around the Club, and it is encouraging to see so many members and their families making the most of what we have to offer.

One particular highlight has been the success of our recent half-term children's camp. It has been wonderful to see the Club buzzing with younger members enjoying themselves, making new friends and taking part in the activities organised by our team. A big thank you to everyone involved in putting the programme together and making it such an enjoyable experience. Encouraging our younger generation to feel that the British Club is very much their Club too is something I believe is enormously important for our future.

On the subject of bringing more life and energy into the Club, I am delighted that we have started introducing a series of live music evenings. We are initially focusing on Tuesday evenings, with the intention of creating a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere where members can unwind, enjoy a drink or dinner and listen to some good music amongst friends. Do keep an eye out for announcements about forthcoming performers and dates. I would really encourage everyone to come along and support these evenings. As with so many Club initiatives, their success ultimately depends on members getting involved, and I hope these will become a popular fixture in our social calendar.



Another development I am particularly excited about is the forthcoming opening of the Wycombe Abbey Terrace. Unfortunately, our seemingly endless rainy season has delayed the finishing works somewhat, but we are now getting closer to welcoming members into this new space. I believe it will be a wonderful addition to the Club, offering another attractive setting to meet friends, enjoy a drink and make the most of our facilities. I am looking forward to seeing the terrace come to life and, hopefully, enjoying a few evenings there without having to consult the weather forecast every ten minutes!

More broadly, we are now approaching what is traditionally one of the busiest and most enjoyable periods of the Club's calendar. With the festive season not far away, there will be plenty of opportunities to get together, participate in Club activities and enjoy the wonderful community we have here. I would encourage everyone to keep an eye on the Club's announcements and events calendar. There is always something happening, and perhaps something new that you haven't tried before.

One of the things I am particularly keen to encourage is for members to venture beyond their usual routines. We all have our favourite corners of the Club, our regular groups of friends and our preferred activities. But there is a great deal more on offer, and sometimes the most enjoyable experiences come from trying something

different or meeting someone new. Whether it's a live music evening, a sporting event, a family activity or simply a drink in a different part of the Club, I hope you will take advantage of everything that is available.

Finally, a special word of thanks to our Management and staff. The extended rainy season has presented its fair share of operational challenges, from maintaining our grounds and sporting facilities to managing events and keeping everything running smoothly. Some of the staff have been heavily impacted by flooding – one example is Khun Kannikar our Membership Managers house was completely under water but she kept on coming to work! Thank you to everyone who has helped keep the show on the road, often under less-than-ideal conditions.

As we look towards the end of the year, I remain very optimistic about the direction in which our Club is heading. We are continuing to improve our facilities, introduce new experiences and, most importantly, strengthen the sense of community that makes the British Club such a special place.

Now, if someone could just arrange for the rain to stop, I think we'd all be extremely grateful!

See you around the Club,

Dean Thompson
Chairman, General Committee

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Clubhouse Improvements



Keeping the Club welcoming, comfortable and accessible is an important part of caring for our facilities. In early October, work began on two practical improvements to the Clubhouse: upgrading the lift at the side of the building and refurbishing the accessible toilet.

Clubhouse Lift Upgrade

The existing lift was removed for refurbishment to improve its condition, safety and reliability. Particular attention is being given to the entrance and access areas, helping members and guests enter and leave the lift more comfortably.

For those who rely on the lift, it plays an essential role in enjoying the Clubhouse. This upgrade is therefore an important investment in everyday access, supporting members with reduced mobility and helping them move between floors with greater confidence.



Clubhouse WC Refurbishment

The accessible toilet is also being refurbished, with a focus on its overall condition, ease of use and entrance area. A well maintained and practical facility makes a meaningful difference to those who need it, and the work aims to provide a more comfortable experience for members and guests.

These improvements reflect our ongoing commitment to keeping the Club safe, comfortable and accessible, so that members of all ages and abilities can enjoy our facilities with confidence. Maintaining the character of our Clubhouse goes hand in hand with ensuring its facilities continue to meet members' needs.



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We appreciate members' patience while the work is underway and thank our Engineering team for coordinating these improvements. These upgrades will help make everyday visits to the Club more comfortable and convenient for our members and guests.



UK INHERITANCE TAX ON PENSIONS

In the October Autumn Budget, the Chancellor said that UK Inheritance Tax thresholds (the amount you can pass on when you die before UK inheritance tax is due) are staying the same until 2030.

But, from April 2027 pensions will no longer be exempt from Inheritance Tax. This means that Inheritance Tax may have to be paid on your pension when you die.

UK Government Consultation

A consultation on this subject ran for 12 weeks between 30 October 2024 and 22 January 2025 which was designed to seek views on the processes required to implement these changes for UK registered pension schemes. The results were expected early summer although we understand that with significant UK financial services industry lobbying the results have been pushed back by a few months.

Pensions and IHT

Currently, pension death benefits are typically free of IHT - regardless of whichever way the benefits are taken. However, in respect of the possible April 2027 changes, the aim is that on death the pension scheme administrator and the personal representatives of the estate will liaise and the pension scheme administrators will become liable for reporting and paying any Inheritance Tax due on pensions to HMRC.

The personal representatives will use an HMRC calculator to apportion the nil-rate band between the various elements of the estate and they will let the pension scheme know of any IHT charge due on the pensions.

The scheme will then pay the IHT directly to HMRC before paying out the death benefits to the relevant beneficiaries. Any pension death benefits going to the spouse/civil partner will be covered by the spousal exemption.

What can I do now?

For older people who can afford it, the easiest thing is probably to spend more pension cash now. But everyone's circumstances are different, and it is vital for people to ensure that they have enough money to support them through the later years of their retirement. The reasoning for this is simple - why leave behind wealth that could be significantly eroded by tax when it could be enjoyed in the present.

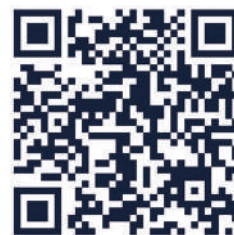
For pension arrangements that allow it, taking the tax-free cash lump sum may be one simple solution prior to the planned changes, although it probably remains sensible to wait for the outcome of the consultation before taking any action. And any tax-free cash taken would need to be spent, or held within UK IHT exempt assets, or passed down to children as a gift to help with things such as buying a first home.

The reality may be that by the time the estate including UK registered pension funds is passed down, children are more likely to be financially independent and have no pressing need for the inheritance.

If you have a lot of money in UK pensions as well as other assets then it might be a good idea to talk to an adviser to work out the most tax-efficient way to spend money in retirement.

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CHANGES TO UK DOMICILE 2025

This is an important, and in many cases favourable, change to a decades old piece of UK legislation. From 6 April 2025, the concept of domicile as a relevant connecting factor in the UK tax system has been replaced by a system based on tax residence, the new long-term UK resident rules.

And from this date, if you are a long-term UK resident, your non-UK (overseas) assets may be subject to Inheritance Tax if you make a transfer of assets or die. This does not affect a transfer of assets, or if the person's death occurred before 6 April 2025.

Check if you are a long-term UK resident

You are a long-term UK resident in a tax year if you are tax resident in the UK for either:

- ◆ the previous 10 years consecutive years
- ◆ a total of 10 years or more within the previous 20 years

When you will not have long-term UK residence

You will not be a long-term UK resident if:

- ◆ on 30 October 2024 you did not have UK domicile or deemed domicile status
- ◆ the tax year 6 April 2025 to 5 April 2026, you are non-resident
- ◆ you do not return to the UK

Leaving the UK as a long-term resident

You can still keep long-term UK residence for up to 10 tax years after you leave the UK. This is shorter if you have not lived in the UK for all the previous 20 years. For example, if you previously lived in the UK for:

- ◆ 10 to 13 years, you'll stop being a long-term UK resident 3 years after you leave

- ◆ 14 years, you stop being a long-term UK resident 4 years after you leave
- ◆ 15 years, you stop being a long-term UK resident 5 years after you leave

If you return to the UK after 10 consecutive years of non-residence, the 10 out of 20 years residence test is reset. Only the year you return and future years of residence count towards UK residence.

Charging Inheritance Tax on overseas assets

Inheritance Tax is charged on transfers of overseas assets you owned outright, or on death, when you are long-term UK resident. Inheritance Tax will also be charged on any overseas assets in a trust you have set-up or added to (even when you were not a long-term UK resident). There will be no Inheritance Tax to pay on your death on trust assets that were placed in the trust while you were non-UK domiciled, overseas on 30 October 2024, overseas on the date of your death or when your rights to the trust ended.

This change is a positive clear outcome for long term UK Expats. However, it is still confusing so we would always suggest you seek professional UK tax Advice to understand your own position.



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Coming Events

November 2026

(more details on the website)

- Quiz Night
- Martell Testing
- Guy Fawkes Night
- Remembrance Day
- Loy Krathong Day
- Thanksgiving Brunch
- Winston Cup Pool Competition
- Ploenchit Fair
- Annual Christmas Wine on The Lawn

December 2026

(more details on the website)

- Carol Night
- Christmas Quiz Night
- Kid Christmas Party
- Thai's Father Day Brunch
- Winston Cup Pool Competition
- Christmas Lunch & Dinner

January 2027

(more details on the website)

- Polar Swim
- Madagascar Pool Party
- Thai Kids Day
- Quiz Night
- An Intimate Wine Night
- Winston Cup Pool Competition
- Back 2 Skool Challenge

Event & Activities 2026 November Highlights



Remembrance Day

The Club is honoured to once again be the venue for the Remembrance Service on Sunday 8th November. Organised by the British Embassy's Defence Section under Col Anna's leadership, with Embassy officers and the new British Ambassador, H.E. Nicola Pollitt, the service offers a moment to pause, reflect and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Lest We Forget.



Guy Fawkes Night

Guy Fawkes Night, or Bonfire Night, is one of the Club's most anticipated November traditions. With fireworks above the Clubhouse, activities, fun games and delicious food, there is plenty for the whole family to enjoy. It promises to be a memorable evening.



Loy Krathong Day

Celebrate Loy Krathong under November's full moon as candlelit krathongs drift across the Club pool. This year, our Children's Thai Costume Contest brings extra colour and excitement, with younger members taking centre stage in traditional Thai dress. Gather the family for a magical evening celebrating Thai culture together.

BC Bee Kid's Club!

November is Bursting with Colour!



Metawee (Natt)

From fireworks to floating krathongs, November brings plenty of inspiration for our young members. This month, BC Bee combines British and Thai celebrations with creative activities, colourful experiments and tasty treats.

Little Bob the Builder: Make a Krathong

Little hands will get busy folding banana leaves and arranging flowers to create their own krathongs. A lovely opportunity to explore Thai traditions while building something to be proud of.



Mini Picasso: Full Moon Magic

Let imaginations shine as children paint moonlit skies and floating krathongs. Using watercolours and sponge printing, each young artist will create their own colourful Loy Krathong scene.



Little Mad Scientist: Fireworks in a Jar

Inspired by Guy Fawkes Night, our young scientists will create colourful swirls using oil, water and food colouring. Watch the colours spread and discover why oil and water behave differently, with no sparks needed!



Mini Chef: Chocolate Sparkler Sticks

Our little chefs will dip breadsticks in melted chocolate and add colourful sprinkles to make edible sparkler sticks. A delicious way to bring a little Guy Fawkes fun into the kitchen.



We look forward to welcoming our young members for a month of discovery, creativity and fun with friends!

GUY FAWKES NIGHT

Sunday, 15th November | 4.00 – 8.00 pm
Front & Back Lawn

Bring family and friends for a night full of
excitement, entertainment, and community spirit!

Spectacular Fireworks
Magic Show
Live Music

Fun Arts & Crafts
Delicious Buffet
Fire Show

Member: 1,300 ฿ | Member Kid: 700 ฿
Guest & Non-Member: 1,600 ฿ | Kid: 800 ฿

Children under 3 are free



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Quiz Night 6th October

Despite the rain, spirits remained high at Quiz Night. Sumbage College emerged victorious, followed by Spoofers in second place. With plenty of brainpower and good humour around the tables, it was another enjoyable evening. Who will claim the title next month?



Quiz Scoresheet	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Handout	Joker	Total
Sumbage College	4.5	9	6.5	7	3.5	2.5	6.5	51
Spoofers	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	48
Drunk and Disorderly	11.5	5	7	8	6	7	7	29.5





Balut Challenge 8th–9th October

The dice were rolling and spirits were high at our Balut Challenge on 8 and 9 October. Khun David Quine and the British Club Balut Section welcomed around 20 visitors from Singapore Khalsa Association, The Sarawak Club and Singapore Cricket Club for a friendly competition. The gathering brought our reciprocal club community closer together, with new friendships and good memories to take home.





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Loy Krathong

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7:00 pm till late | Poolside

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🌸 Children's Thai Costume Contest 🌸

Dress your little ones in beautiful Thai costumes and join the fun!

Members

Adults: ฿690
Children: ฿450

Guests & Non-Members

Adults: ฿790
Children: ฿550

Tickets include a Thai buffet and a krathong.



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Pickleball Friendly Match 11th October

Pickleball brought our reciprocal club community together on Sunday 11 October, as we welcomed Albert Chua and his group from Singapore Swimming Club for friendly games on the Multi Purpose Court. Led by our Sports Manager, Khun Amnat, players from the Tennis and Squash Sections joined in, with our Chairman and Vice Chairman also taking to the court. It was a lively occasion filled with friendly competition and a great opportunity to strengthen friendships through sport.





Half Term Camp 12th-16th October

Our first Half Term Camp brought a week of discovery and fun, with sports, experiments and creative activities keeping the children busy. Thank you to BNH Hospital for sending a doctor to lead our Little Doctor session, and to Puratos Chocolate for a delicious cake pop workshop. We were delighted by the warm response to this new programme!





Thanksgiving Lunch or Dinner

Thursday 26th November 2026

At Veranda

Lunch: 11:00 - 15:00

Dinner: 17:00 - 21:00

Members: ฿ 750 | Guest: ฿ 850 | Children: ฿ 450



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CHRISTMAS LUNCH & DINNER

— Friday 25th December 2026 —

LUNCH

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Outlets:

Veranda | Churchill Bar |
Suriwongse | Back Lawn

DINNER

5:00pm - 9:00pm

Outlets:

Veranda | Back Lawn

Members: ฿1,500 | Kids: ฿800

Guests: ฿1,700 | Kids: ฿1,000



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Music Night with Neil McCartney 14th October

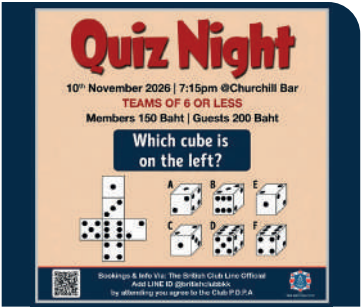
Our Wednesday Music Night series at Jubilee Bar got off to a fantastic start with veteran singer, guitarist and violinist Neil McCartney. With every table booked, the bar was filled with music, laughter and good company. Thank you to everyone who made the opening night such a success. Music Night will continue every Wednesday, so join us for more lively evenings!



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Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm

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Football
7.00pm - 9.00pm

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Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm
Circuit Training
6.00pm - 7.00pm
Balut
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Tennis mixed-In
6.00pm - 10.00pm
Music Night
8pm - 10pm

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Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm

10

Football
7.00pm - 9.00pm
Quiz Night
7.15pm - 9.30pm

11

Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm
Circuit Training
6.00pm - 7.00pm
Balut
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Tennis mixed-In
6.00pm - 10.00pm
Music Night
8pm - 10pm

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Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm

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Football
7.00pm - 9.00pm

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Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm
Circuit Training
6.00pm - 7.00pm
Balut
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Tennis mixed-In
6.00pm - 10.00pm
Music Night
8pm - 10pm

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Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm

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Football
7.00pm - 9.00pm

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Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm
Circuit Training
6.00pm - 7.00pm
Balut
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Tennis mixed-In
6.00pm - 10.00pm
Loy Krathong
7.00pm - late
Music Night
8pm - 10pm

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Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm

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Yoga
6.00pm - 7.00pm
Cricket team practice
6.30pm - 8.00pm

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Tennis mixed-in
8.00am - 11.00am
Friday Junior cricket
5.30 pm - 7.00 pm
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm

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Squash Kids Academy
10.00am - 12.15pm
Squash Mixed-in
1.00pm - 4.00pm
Cricket Team Practice
2.30pm - 6.00pm

8

Tennis Men Doubles
Team practice
10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday Brunch
11.00am - 4.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.00pm

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Yoga
6.00pm - 7.00pm
Cricket team practice
6.30pm - 8.00pm

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Cricket Team Practice
2.30pm - 6.00pm

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Team practice
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11.00am - 4.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.00pm
Guy Fawkes Night
4.00pm - 8.00pm

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Yoga
6.00pm - 7.00pm
Cricket team practice
6.30pm - 8.00pm

20

Tennis mixed-in
8.00am - 11.00am
Friday Junior cricket
5.30 pm - 7.00 pm
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm

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Squash Kids Academy
10.00am - 12.15pm
Squash Mixed-in
1.00pm - 4.45pm
Cricket Team Practice
2.30pm - 6.00pm
The Winston Cup Pool
Competition
6.00pm - 9.00pm

22

Tennis Men Doubles
Team practice
10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday Brunch
11.00am - 4.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.00pm

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Yoga
6.00pm - 7.00pm
Cricket team practice
6.30pm - 8.00pm
Thanksgiving
Lunch or Dinner
11.00am - 9.00pm

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Tennis mixed-in
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EVENT REPORT:

Digital ID: What does it mean for you?

Our October lunch brought a welcome return to the ALS for Fintech Expert Eetu Kuneinen, who last spoke to us in 2024. On Thursday, 5th October 2026, he took us into the world of Digital ID, explaining what it means, where it might help us, and why we should also give some thought to its possible disadvantages. It was certainly a presentation that gave us plenty to discuss!

We had originally considered a talk about digital banking. However, as our discussions developed, it became clear that the wider subject of digital identity would have much greater relevance to our everyday lives. Banking, healthcare, government services and travel all featured, with particular attention to the position of older people and foreign residents in Thailand.

Eetu began with a straightforward explanation. We are used to proving who we are by presenting a passport or identity card. Digital ID provides a means of doing this electronically, allowing a service to check our identity without our having to appear in person with the original document. Many of us already use elements of this when logging into our bank accounts.

The potential benefits are easy to appreciate. Less paperwork, fewer repeated checks and less time spent waiting at counters would be welcomed by most of us. For someone with restricted mobility, being able to complete a transaction from home could make a considerable difference. The difficulty, as Eetu pointed out, is ensuring that convenience for some does not become an obstacle for others.

Healthcare provided a particularly relevant example. With suitable arrangements, digital registration and access to medical records could reduce the forms we complete

and help doctors understand our previous treatment. But who should be allowed to see those records? How much information is really necessary? And how do we retain control over what is shared? These are questions worth asking before simply accepting the convenience offered.

Turning to banking, Eetu drew on his experience in the field to explain the difference between a bank offering online services and a bank designed to operate digitally throughout. He used the comparison of sending an email which is then printed and delivered by a postman. A digital front door does not necessarily mean that everything behind it has also become digital!

There was also a personal example which brought the subject rather closer to home. Eetu described losing access to Finnish government services after his bank account in Finland was closed because he lived overseas. His identification for those services had depended on the banking system. Whatever the merits of the individual arrangements, the lesson was clear: linking services can have consequences beyond the service originally involved.

For our members, some of the most practical questions concerned smartphones, language and the availability of personal assistance. What happens if a fingerprint cannot be recognised, a phone is lost, or the internet fails? What about someone who finds the technology difficult? An alternative may exist on paper, but it is of little help if there is nowhere accessible to use it.

The latter part of the presentation considered how a system introduced for a limited purpose might gradually spread into many other areas. Eetu asked us to consider



the implications if digital identification became essential for an increasing range of daily activities. He also raised concerns about privacy, the concentration of information and the ability to correct an error when access to an important service is refused.

Some of the scenarios he described were deliberately unsettling. I took these as an invitation to think about the safeguards we would want, rather than predictions of what must happen. Who controls the information? Who supervises those responsible? Can we challenge a decision and speak to a person who has the authority to put matters right? Those questions deserve answers alongside the promises of greater efficiency.

Questions from members covered digital storage, security, digital currencies and the possible use of personal information to determine prices. There was certainly no shortage of interest. The discussion

demonstrated how a subject which initially sounds rather technical can touch matters that concern all of us.

Our thanks to Eetu for a stimulating presentation, and to everyone who contributed to the discussion. Several attendees subsequently expressed their appreciation of hearing the possible disadvantages as well as the benefits. That balance was particularly welcome. The discussion also reminded us that asking sensible questions about a new system is part of understanding it and deciding how best to use it.

The central message was that useful technology should make life easier while preserving practical choices and access to help. As we grow older, those considerations become increasingly important. This was another ALS lunch which combined good company with an opportunity to learn, question and reflect. Eetu's return was very much appreciated.



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BRITISH CLUB GOLF

It has been a very quiet time for the British Club Golf Section this past month, with a number of events cancelled due to the flooding. We had hoped to play our annual Juniors & Seniors event and a monthly Stableford, but both events had to be postponed.

September Monthly Medal

The only event we managed to play in September was the monthly medal at Subhapruek on 13th September, before the heavens opened and made golfing an aquatic pastime.

It was a well-attended event, with nearly 20 golfers participating.

It was also very well contested, with Flight A being won on countback by Frank Fawkes, with a net 74, from Teddy Andrews. Third place was also decided on countback, with Captain Peter Clark's 77 edging out Terry Davis.

In Flight B, John Virtue beat Gareth Knight by a single shot with a net 75. Third place went to Neil Davis with a net 79.

Next month, weather permitting, we hope to have more games, including one of our major competitions, the Dunlop Cup, which is due to be played on 24th October at Khao Yai Country Club.



SQUASHY BITS



Children, Pickles, Floods and Other Sporting Disasters

September came and went. So did the rain. Well, most of it. The children returned to the squash courts, several grown men were seen playing with plastic balls, and the 59th Don Johnston Cup finally concluded in October, which is not September but sufficiently close for the purposes of this report.

Quite a lot happened, actually. Some of it even involved squash.

Little Squashies



The Kids' Squash Academy returned in September under the supervision of Coach Terry Cheetham, who has once again accepted the considerable responsibility of teaching young people to play squash.

Unlike their older counterparts, the children generally listen to instructions, make an effort to improve and occasionally admit when they have made a mistake. This behaviour is most unusual at the British Club and is being closely monitored.

The youngsters are divided into groups according to their abilities, ranging from complete beginners to those already showing considerable promise. They practise movement, technique, ball control and match play, while learning the importance of discipline, concentration and good sportsmanship.

All terribly admirable.

Their rackets have also been regripped, providing better control and comfort. Apparently, the condition of one's grip can make a considerable difference to the quality of one's squash. This will come as a revelation to several senior members who have spent the past twenty years blaming everything except themselves.

The academy takes place on Saturday mornings between 10am and 12.15pm, with two or three groups enjoying sessions of approximately 45 minutes to an hour. The monthly fee is 600 baht per child, regardless of attendance.

Coach Terry also offers individual lessons, including a special arrangement for junior members.

The future looks bright. Particularly if the children continue to develop and eventually replace some of us.

The Pickleball Incident

On Sunday 6 September, seven Squashies ventured into the unfamiliar territory of pickleball for a friendly competition against seven members of the Tennis Section.

For those unfamiliar with pickleball, it is a sport played with a plastic ball containing holes, a racket containing no strings and a court containing no walls. Why anyone would deliberately remove all the useful parts of squash is difficult to understand.

Nevertheless, our brave representatives agreed to participate.

The Tennis Section, being accustomed to playing outdoors, appeared perfectly comfortable. The Squashies, meanwhile, wandered around looking for the back wall and complaining about the strange bouncing properties of the ball.

Somebody mentioned the kitchen, which caused further confusion. A search was conducted, but no food was discovered.

After several matches, an extraordinary thing happened.

The Squashies won.

Investigations are ongoing.

The Tennis Section has been gracious in defeat, and the Squashies have been equally gracious in victory, apart from repeatedly reminding everyone of the result.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable occasion, bringing two sections together in the spirit of friendship, sporting endeavour and the opportunity to demonstrate superiority over one's fellow club members.

Our sincere thanks go to the Tennis Section for organising the event. We look forward to the rematch, assuming we are invited back.



The Don Johnston Cup. Eventually.

The 59th Don Johnston Cup began in September with a collection of enthusiastic players, three competitions and the optimistic belief that everything would be finished by Saturday 26 September.

The Don Johnston Cup, Para Handy Plate and Peter Corney Bowl are designed to ensure participants enjoy at least three matches. This is a splendid arrangement, particularly for those who lose their first match and would otherwise be free to go home and enjoy themselves.

The tournament proceeded in the usual manner.



Some people won. Others lost. A few played rather well. Several were convinced they had played better than the score suggested, and at least one person probably blamed the temperature of the ball.

Fixtures were arranged, rearranged and arranged again. Players consulted diaries, wives, husbands, employers and occasionally each other.

Then came the finals.

Or rather, they didn't.

Bangkok was flooded, and the scheduled 26 September finals had to be postponed. For the first time in the history of squash, the excuse that a player couldn't reach the court because of too much water was accepted without further investigation.

Some suggested proceeding with the tournament underwater. The proposal was rejected when it became apparent that nobody had brought suitable goggles.

Eventually, on Saturday 3 October, the finalists assembled and the outstanding business was settled.

The Don Johnston Cup

Steven Bussey faced Chetan Mahendra in the final, with Steven emerging victorious to claim the 59th Don Johnston Cup.

Steven played better than Chetan on the day, which is generally considered a useful strategy when attempting to win a squash competition. Chetan, however, deserves considerable credit for reaching the final and providing the opposition without which Steven would have been left hitting the ball against the wall by himself.

Congratulations, Steven. And very well played, Chetan.

The Para Handy Plate

Ami met Scott Ciener in the Plate final, with Ami taking the title.

Scott finished runner-up, a distinction which means he was better than almost everyone else in the competition, apart from Ami. Rather unfortunate timing, really.

Well done to both.

The Peter Corney Bowl

Peter Carden and Rémi Galland contested the Bowl final, with Peter emerging as champion.

Peter won, Rémi didn't, and both deserve congratulations for making it through the tournament and arriving at the correct court on the correct day. Given the preceding weeks, this was an achievement in itself.

Thus concluded the 59th Don Johnston Cup.

Three competitions. Three champions. Three runners-up. Numerous matches. One flood.

Our congratulations go to Steven Bussey, Ami and Peter Carden, and to their respective runners-up, Chetan Mahendra, Scott Ciener and Rémi Galland.

More importantly, thanks to everyone who entered, helped organise matches, supported the players or simply turned up to watch. Without the participation and enthusiasm of the Squashies, there would be no competition, and considerably fewer opportunities to make fun of one another.

Special thanks also go to Expat Dental and Marcel Petit Tennis Lab for their generous support.



And That's That

September is over, October has begun, the children are back, the pickleball trophy is metaphorically ours, and the Don Johnston Cup has finally found its rightful place in the history books.

The Squash Section remains in excellent shape.

Not necessarily its members, you understand. The Section.

Until next time.



Chris Watt

TENNIS

Tennis Section Annual General Meeting

On Wednesday 23 September the Tennis Section held its AGM on the Terrace of the Jubilee Bar with some 30+ members present. Unfortunately, only one photo of the evening was taken. A brief rundown of the annual activities of the section was given along with thanks to Damian who was stepping down and special thanks to Nattaya who had been on committee for many years and who arranged the Inter-clubs along with other events over the years.

Nominations for the next committee were then invited with three new members standing, Anh Tran, Scott Fergusson and Robert Andrews with Chris, Vick and Arin continuing.



Tennis Section Events

To join in the Tennis Section Events such as Mix-ins, Leagues, Ladder, Annual Championships and Fun Events you need to be a Tennis Section member and the annual subscription is THB600.

Leagues

Congratulations to the winners of the 2nd League of the year

1. Daniel Jacobs
2. Ted Andrews
3. Ed Wong
4. Arnaud
5. Till Morstadt
6. Stefan Gorsler

2026-2027 Committee

Chris Watt
ChairmanScott Fergusson
SecretaryVicky Ong
Treasurer

Anh Tran



Arin Wiriaaporn



Stanley Khaing



Robert Andrews

At the time of writing the Final League of the year had 29 signed up.

Court Bookings

As the British Club only has four courts, these are in great demand, and many find it is hard to get courts particularly in peak times. This is not helped by “No Shows” and last-minute cancellations. Many members get frustrated when they see empty courts and when checked on the App they are shown as booked.

Rules

16. Tennis Courts

(a) Members can book Tennis Courts up to 7 days in advance. Example: From 12am on a Monday courts may be booked through to the next Sunday. Booking must be made through the Club Booking App or via the Club website, or in person at the Poolside Reception.

(k) Cancellation of a court booking may be made, without fee, if made no later than 24 hours before the start of the booked session.

(l) Cancellations of court bookings made less than 24 hours before the start time of the session will be charged 250 Baht.

(n) No Show/No cancellation of a court booking will be charged 500 Baht.

(p) Members who either cancel courts with less than 24 hours' notice or No Show three times in a calendar month, may be temporarily suspended from booking courts.

(q) Members should call to inform the Sport Reception if they are going to arrive late for a court booking. If Members are not on court within ten minutes of the booking start time and have not informed the Poolside Reception staff, the court will be made available for booking by other members.

New Booking App

The club is currently in the process of introducing a new booking app which will be a big improvement to the current app and help resolve some of the current issues. More information to follow shortly.

Upcoming Events

On Sunday 15 November the Mixed Doubles Inter-Club will be held Crystal G, this is an all-day event starting at 8am with the Opening Ceremony after which play gets underway. So, please come along and support the British Club as there will be great matches.

On Saturday 12 December the Tennis Section Christmas Party will be held on the Front Lawn. So, mark this date in your calendars, more details to follow.



Congratulations

A very big congratulations to Sakiko and Stanley on tying the knot and on Saturday 26 September a group from the Tennis Section celebrated with them in the Sala where we presented them with a floral and fruit basket. We wish them all the very best for the future together.





Michael Flowers

HARD BALLS

Annual Awards Night and Season Review

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While the rest of Bangkok was battling with the flooding, the British Club cricketers gathered at the Surawongse room on Saturday the 26th of September to close the book on the 2025/26 season – a night of awards, milestones, a few tall stories and a few refreshing beverages.

DIV A SEASON REVIEW BY OUTGOING CAPTAIN PRAMODH KAMALAKANNAN

"After three seasons in the hot seat, this is my last review as captain – I'm stepping down before the team and committee get round to forcing me out.

As captain I'm more or less obliged to bore you with numbers, but for once they flatter us. Year one,

2023/2024 was a solid start: 12 played, 7 won, 5 lost. Year two delivered mathematical perfection – 6 wins, 6 losses, a masterclass in unpredictability. And year three saved the best for last: 13 games, 8 wins, 4 losses and, for the first time, a tie. That's our best season yet, which means I'm officially retiring at the absolute peak of my captaincy career. Across the three years: 36 league and cup games, 21 wins, a tie, and a win rate north of 59%.



▲ Ryu" was announced as BC's Secret Weapon!

In the latest season, the bowling attack once again did the heavy lifting. Sagar Puthran led the way with 17 wickets at 13.35 – fourth in the whole league – including a five-for in the big win over the Blues. Pramodh (13 @ 16.62, fifth in the league) and Talal (13 @ 17.38, seventh) kept the pressure on from the other end, with Tyrone Bond (6 wickets, economy 5.85) and Avi (5 wickets) chipping in too.

With the bat, Tyrone Bond had a season to remember: 328 runs at 46.9 with four fifties, sixth in the league run-scoring chart. Mak Khan (200 @ 33.3, two fifties) and Avi (196 @ 22.8) provided the support.

A team is nothing without attendance, and special mention goes to our iron-men. Over the last

two league seasons, six players turned out for every single league game. Talal went one better – alongside the captain, he played every league game across all three years – while Benjamin, our ultimate tourist, made every cup and tour game in the same stretch. Whether that's pure love of cricket or a determined effort to avoid weekend chores, thank you for being there for every ball.

Thank you to the lads for putting up with my selections, field placings and optimistic bowling changes; to our sponsors for making us look like a proper cricket team even on days we didn't play like one; and to the families and partners who give up their weekends on the boundary. I'm looking forward to taking zero responsibility, criticising the new captain's field settings, and enjoying the game with a great group of mates."



▲ Joge George picked up the coveted Father of the Year Award.



▲ One of the cricket sections wonderful social outings, this one at Charcoal

PAVILLIONAIRES SEASON REVIEW

The Pavilionaires' led by Rahul Gupte finished the season holding the Plate Trophy to effectively finish the season in 3rd place in the 8 team RBSC T20 League held at the beautiful Polo Ground. Overall it was an record of 5 wins, 5 loses and a tie. A very successful campaign all things considered.

The bowling attack was built around three men. Skipper, Rahul "Chef" Gupte took 15 wickets at 15.4, Dilip Mishra 12 at 19.75, and Sunish Shah 11 at 17.73.

Newcomer Michael Flowers playing in his first Bangkok Cricket season topped the run charts with 244 at 48.8, while Tyrone Bond, dropping down between A Division commitments, made 204 runs at a Bradman like average of 102.

Captain Rahul added 181 runs to his 15 wickets for an excellent all-rounder's season.



▲ Tour tradition continued in Chiang Mai for the first ball



▲ The Chang Mai tour ended with a memorable tie against Gymkhana and a fitting tribute to Sir Nick White



▲ The Penguins were treated to BC hospitality



▲ NEWSFLASH Congratulations to Jonathan George, Selected for Thailand U19!

TOUR AND CUP MATCH HIGHLIGHTS

Away from the leagues, the cricket section kept up its usual round of tour matches including an inaugural inbound tour from the Penguins of Phuket.

Chiang Mai Tour

- Wicket Win vs. Lanna
- A tie in the Dick Wood Cup vs. Gymkhana (Trophy Retained)

Marshall Trophy

- Match Abandoned due to inclement weather

Phuket Inbound Tour

- 38 Run win vs Patong Penguins to regain the Dunford Knome

McClea Dunford Trophy

- Trophy Retained (2 Wins, 1 Loss, 1 Tie)

Pattaya Tour

- 7 wicket loss to Pattaya

Koh Chang Beach Cricket (16 Team, Cup Division)

- Pitch Please, Runners Up (3 Wins, 2 Losses)
- Sons of a Beach (3 Wins, 1 Loss)

LEAGUE AWARD WINNERS

A Division – Best Batsman –
Mak Kahn – 200 runs @ 33.33

A Division – Best Bowler –
Sagar Puthran – 17 wickets @ 13.35

A Division – All Rounder –
Tyrone Bond – 328 Runs & 6 Wickets

Pavilionaires – Best Batsman –
Michael Flowers – 244 runs @ 48.80

Pavilionaires – Best Bowler –
Dilip Mishra – 12 wickets @ 19.75

Pavilionaires – All Rounder –
Rahul Gupte – 181 runs & 15 wickets

Milestone Awards

200 Matches – Ben Eastwell,
Dale Lamb, Dilip Mishra

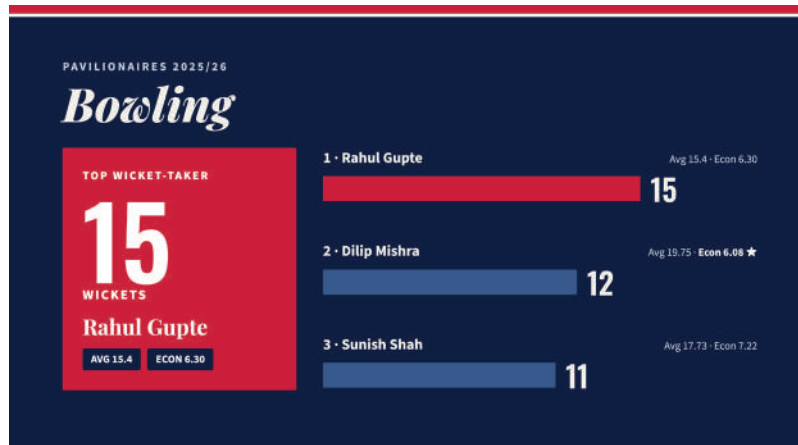
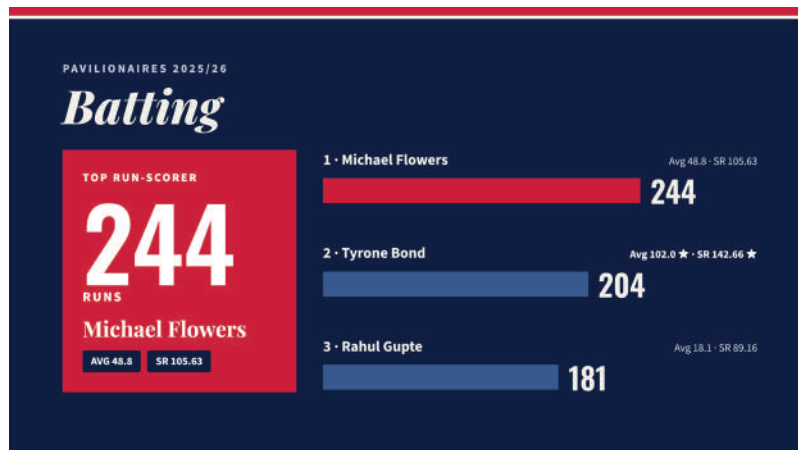
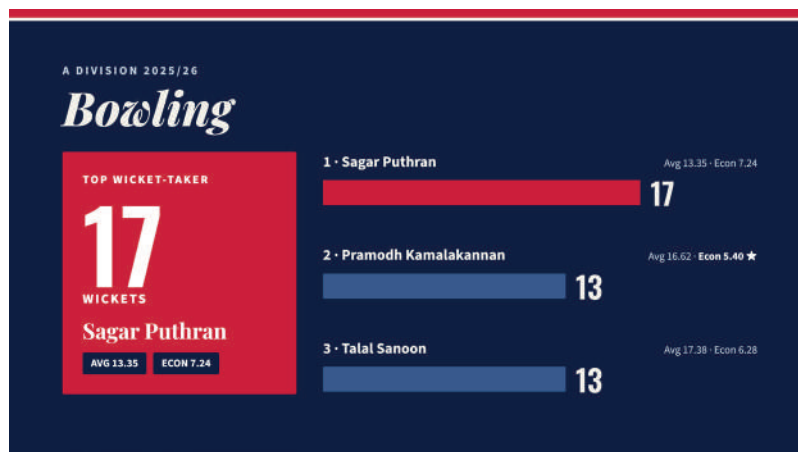
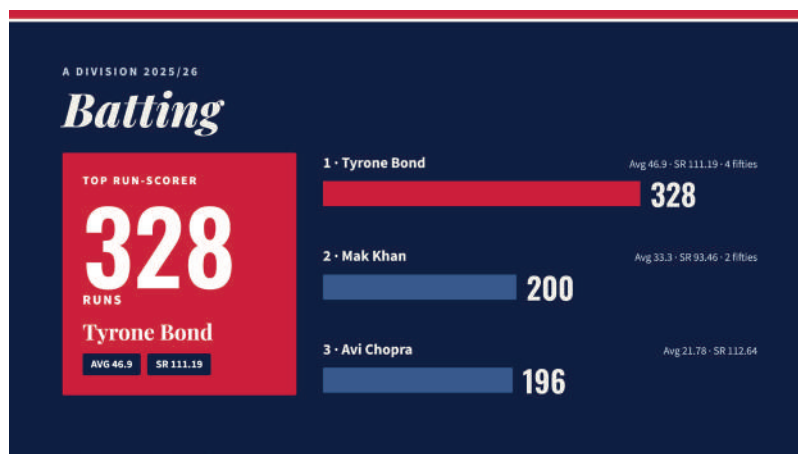
3,000 Runs – Dale Lamb

200 Wickets – Dilip Mishra

The Nick White Trophy

The inaugural Trophy in honor of Sir Nick – a framed bat with plaque, plus a medal – was presented by Jack Dunford to Pramodh, for steering the club's finances behind the scenes while captaining and driving the team forward, a fitting honor for his wonderful effort.

The season is approaching quickly with the first BC League match of the season now scheduled, it will be on the 14th of November at the Polo Ground with the Pavillionaires taking on the Mutants in the now 10-team RBSC T20 (which now includes the Mutants and Agoda). Another Pavs match is also scheduled for the 13th of December, it's time to get the kit sorted and hit the practice nets!



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