



Top: A combined birthday party was held at the Topsy Prawn restaurant in Patong for Peter (left) and John (2nd from left).
Above left, Left and Above: Footrot Flats restaurant opened on Nanai Rd. with a big turnout recently.

Thievery tends to be of an opportunist nature and if you leave valuables out in the open there will be someone out there ready to take them.

We've had a few reports in the past month of bag snatching from motorbike baskets so it is worthwhile to keep this in mind. It seems to happen every low season.

Something seems to be happening with credit cards too. There has been a rash (we've counted at least eight in the past couple of weeks alone) of card copying, not only on Phuket but it seems all over

on to a third country and within days the card companies are ringing their customers here and asking if they had been making any purchases out of the country recently. Amounts ranging from 600 UK pounds to 25,000 UK pounds have disappeared from credit accounts recently. Luckily for the victims, the money can be recovered, but in some cases this takes a bit of time and with the fact that money is not overly flowing at this time it can be a bit inconvenient. It also explains why credit card companies charge

such ridiculously high interest rates.

In one of those 'you can take the barkeep out of the bar, but you can't take the bar out of the barkeep' stories, Bill, now ex-Two Black Sheep in Patong decided to return to the thing he loves doing most, cooking. He set up what has to be Phuket's first fully mobile onsite catering outfit of its kind. But while the work has been flowing in there seemed to be a void that needed to be filled. Hence, the setting up and opening of Footrot Flats Restaurant and bar. A lot of people we've come across since its opening go 'Footrot what?' For the uninitiated Footrot Flats is the name of the farm in the comic strip 'Footrot Flats' that by the sound of it is only known in Australia and New Zealand. The comic strip revolves around life on a