



(Above) Sheila (right) celebrated her birthday at her guesthouse in Patong with many friends turning up for the occasion

(Top) Angela (left) celebrated her 40th birthday at the Offshore Bar (Above) Liam, Oli, Jerome, Chris and Sunnee were on hand at the Offshore Bar to help Angela celebrate her birthday. (Below and Below Right) Steve from the Aussie Bar celebrated his birthday on New Years Eve. At least you know you will have plenty of people to party with.

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- In the future, if Prince Charles decides to remarry ... please warn the Pope!!



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move as much of the area is outside and unshaded. There is little else to be concerned about, although you may want to watch out for pseudo-monks who pretend to be deeply interested in your visit, and then proceed to pull out a dozen watches from their orange robes. They may want you to buy one but walk away, people impersonating monks are not to be trusted, and you'll

probably get a better deal on Beach Road anyway. Give yourself time to look around the temple as it really is one of the wonders of not just Thailand but of all South-East Asia. Thais return to the place over and over again to marvel at its excellence, and for those staying in the Kingdom just a short time it is justifiably number one on their must-see list.

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History file

The Grand Palace was built in 1782, at the same time as Wat Phra Kaeo. The palace acted as the official home of the King. King Chulalongkorn was the last monarch to reside there, and subsequent kings lived at the more modest Chitralada Palace in Dusit district. The palace is still used for some ceremonial occasions, such as Coronation Day. A handful of government buildings within the compound are also still in operation.