



# BritClub News

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Sarasota British Club, P. O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276

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## Coming Events

### Board Meeting

**April 2** – 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sandra Cherry, 2930 Williamsburg St., Sarasota. **MEMBERS ARE WELCOME, BUT PLEASE PHONE AHEAD AS SPACE IS LIMITED!**

### St. George's Day/Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday Gala

**April 21** – Saturday 21 April will find us gathering once again at the Coach and Horses Pub at Lockwood Ridge and University Parkway to honour both our Patron Saint and Her Majesty the Queen with a gala dinner and pub quiz night from 6-10pm. You will be able to order anything off the menu you desire, and pub master Alan has agreed to make both of his fabled Sunday roasts (beef and pork) available to us. There will be two quizzes (with prizes), a raffle and a sing-along. You pay only for what you eat and drink. Reservations ARE absolutely required, and seating is limited. Please ring Nairn' Gillet at 321-9631 if you plan to attend.

### Vineyard Tour & Luncheon

**June 3** – Ciao Amici!! How would you like to travel to Tuscany, spend an afternoon in a rustic vineyard, taste a variety of wines, partake of a delicious luncheon and learn a little about the whole winemaking process in the bargain? Well, Italy might be too far away, but we have found a vineyard where we can do all of the above right in our own backyard.

We have reserved the Rosa Fiorelli Winery in Bradenton for the afternoon of Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. In a special covered pavilion amidst the vineyards, we will sample some 7 to 10 different locally produced wines, eat an Italian meal (buffet style) and learn about the delicate science of making wine. We will also get a chance to see the grapes just before they are harvested (mid-June) and tour the facility where the wine is actually made. This is a small, rustic winery

which is owner operated. If desired, wine can also be purchased to take home.

**Reservations are a must** for this event and the deadline for signing up is Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. The cost is just \$25 per person, which includes the tour, lunch and wine tasting. We also get to keep our wine glass as a souvenir. If you are interested in a fun, interesting afternoon, please RSVP to Amy at 928-2580 or email to [acroschaw@verizon.net](mailto:acroschaw@verizon.net) before May 19<sup>th</sup>. Checks must be mailed in advance to: Sarasota British Club, P.O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276. Upon receiving your check, we will contact you with directions to the vineyard. Arrivederci!!

### Cliff Roles Update

You may recall an article in the February newsletter about fellow Brit, Cliff Roles, and his radio programme, *Talk of the Suncoast*. Shortly after that article went to print, and before the scheduled on-air interview with officers of the Brit Club, Cliff's show moved to WSLR, 96.5 on the FM dial. The show still airs weekdays from 2-3 pm. If you'd like to hear Cliff's recent interview with founder and current secretary, Sandra Cherry, go to <http://www.cliffroles.com>. Once there, scroll just over halfway down the page to the "recent interviews" section and look for Sandra on March 15.

### Heartfelt Condolences

Our first President of the Brit Club, Bill Mason, is in our thoughts and prayers this month on the recent loss of his brother, Pete. Bill and his wife, Jean, have been active members of the club for many years and we send them and Pete's wife, Geri, and their family our sincere condolences.

### Membership News

Many of you will have received your membership renewal notices for 2007. Please complete the renewal slip attached to the letter so we can check addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Thank you for sending in your renewals promptly.

**Our website is [www.SarasotaBritishClub.com](http://www.SarasotaBritishClub.com)**

# From Our President

Wow...what an exciting time we have ahead of us! Our programs chair and committee have planned a number of **new** activities for the rest of the year, with some perennial favourites mixed in. Our first foray as a participant at the Scottish Games hugely increased our visibility in the community, and should net us some new members. Thank you to all who decorated and staffed the tent and made the edible goodies. A special "thank you" to Amy Croshaw, whose Pimm's Cups were the hit of the day and caught the attention of so many passers-by.

Elsewhere in the newsletter you'll see information about our upcoming St. George's Day/Queen's Birthday bash, as well as details on an upcoming tour of a winery. (Yes, we do make wine here in Florida... some of it rather good, actually.)

I hope to see many of you in Arcadia on American Memorial Day (28 May). It no doubt will be hot there, but the service is always uplifting. I have attended for over a decade, representing one UK organization or another, and never tire of it. Please, if you can, come pay tribute to the lads of the RAF interred there for the rest of time. It truly is a touching and memorable experience.

August will bring a totally new venue for an event...one you will NOT want to miss. Details to follow as the date draws nearer. Until then...

Cheers!

Nairn' B. Gillet,  
President

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## Do You Own Your Own Business?

For advertising, our rates are reasonable and such an ad not only supports the club by its revenue, but may bring you more business. Many of our members make a point of trying to support British businesses, especially ones where the owner is a member of the club. Please consider advertising your business in our newsletter. Newsletter advertising rates are as follows:

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There is a 20% discount if you purchase your advertisements annually. All ads must be paid for in advance. Please send your camera-ready advertisements by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to the newsletter editor, Rose Gillet, at 3219 24<sup>th</sup> Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34235 or email them to her at [rosegillet@yahoo.com](mailto:rosegillet@yahoo.com).

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## Sarasota British Club

The primary purpose of the club is to serve the needs of its membership in the spirit of friendship and mutual support, which includes planning, developing and overseeing a social setting for the membership, in addition to assisting British newcomers in settling into the community and to provide networking and support to the British owned businesses in the community.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE CLUB?** Please fill in the information below and send it with your check to:  
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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership Type (please check one):     Single \$25     Family \$35 (includes children up to age 18).

# Summer Pudding

A very easy, simple and delicious traditional English dessert is summer pudding. This can be altered according to whatever fruit is available, but generally the berry family is used. Be sure it is ripe, or if not fresh, I have used frozen fruit also. You need a good quality white bread also, not too light.

3 lbs. fresh ripe fruit, such as strawberries and raspberries  
1-1/2 cups sugar

10-12 slices good firm bread  
Heavy cream

Pick over the fresh fruit, removing any spoilt parts. Wash well and strain in colander. Place in large bowl, sprinkle with sugar and toss gently until sugar is dissolved. (If using frozen fruit, be sure it is well thawed.) Lightly grease a 2-quart size pudding bowl (this is traditionally dome shaped when inverted). Trim crusts off bread, cut in half and line inside of pudding bowl. Save a couple of slices for the top. Ladle the fruit into the lined bowl and cover with the remaining bread. Wrap firmly with plastic wrap. Place a plate on the top and set a 3-4 lb. weight on top of plate (can use heavy cans). Refrigerate overnight (minimum of 12 hours) until the bread is completely saturated with the juices. When ready to serve, remove wrap, place a plate over the top and, holding onto the plate and bowl, invert quickly until the pudding slides out. Serve with heavy cream. Yield 6-8 servings.

*Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Your Cup of Tea, Inc. and Union Jack food columnist,  
Welcome requests/comments to [yourcupoftea1@yahoo.com](mailto:yourcupoftea1@yahoo.com) or [www.yourcupoftea.info](http://www.yourcupoftea.info)*

My computer has been down, so I apologize to anyone who may have contacted me and encourage you to resend.

## **Brits Wanting to Retire in Florida? E2 Renewal Problems? Children Turning 21 Soon?**

If any of these scenarios apply to your family, the relaunched investment visa should be of interest to you. By providing Permanent Residency and Green Cards for the whole family, this route has been flagged up by an embassy spokesman as preferable to the E2 in many cases.

There are a number of options – one specific program has a 100% success rate. The required investment is \$500,000 for a minimum of two years; this program has provided Green Cards for 90 British families to date.

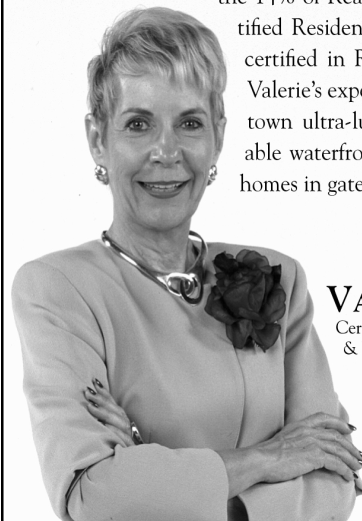
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## Rose's Corner

I do hope a lot of you made your way down to Venice for the Scottish games. I tried, but couldn't stay long – I've been fighting an infection and needed to go back home and lie down. We had lots of people stopping by our tent to see what we're about and to sample a Fimm's Cup (many thanks to Amy Croshaw!!) and pick up a sample newsletter. Thanks to everyone who gave so freely of their time and effort to man the booth!

This year is promising to be a very good one with diverse entertainments, new experiences and, as always, lots of fun!

As always, please mail articles to me at Rose Gillet, 3219 24th Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34235, fax at 366-9248, call at 366-9984 or email me at [rosegillet@yahoo.com](mailto:rosegillet@yahoo.com). Closing date for the newsletter is the 15th of each month.



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