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Coming Events

Scottish Games March 29 – If you want a fun day out with lots of activities and entertainment, then sign up for the Highland Games. The tickets cost \$10 in advance and \$12 at the gate on the day of the games. It is money well spent. You will enjoy hearing wonderful Scottish singers and musicians all the way from Scotland and Canada, massed pipe bands, bagpipe competitions, watching highland dancing and traditional Scottish athletics (tossing the caber etc.), eating and tasting Scottish delicacies and much, much more. You can even enter the prestigious shortbread competition!!

The British Club will proudly be manning our own tent on "Clan Row" during the games. Our tent will offer free nibbles and a libation or two for *members only!* This is a great opportunity for the club to attract new members and increase our visibility in the community. If you're interested in helping at the booth, please contact Terry Sweeney at 918-0550. Please stop by and visit!

Board Meeting April 4 – 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!

BBC (British Business Club) April 15 – Please mark your calendar for the next meeting on April 15th. Watch your email for information on where and what time. Any questions please contact Andy Reeves at e-mail andysunkey@comcast.net or phone. 941-350-7272.

St. George's Day/Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday Gala April 19 – Saturday 19 April will find us gathering 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 to 10pm. You will be able to order anything off the menu you desire and pub master Alan just might make both of his fabled Sunday roasts (beef and pork) available to us. There will be a quiz, a raffle and other fun and games. You pay only for what you eat and drink. Reservations ARE absolutely required and seating is limited. Please ring Amy Croshaw at 928-2580 or Terry Sweeney at 918.0550 if you plan on attending.

Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

Mark Your Calendar

May 17 Le Barge Sunset Cruise – What better way to end a day than a breathtaking 2 hour sunset cruise? Enjoy this “island-style” event with live entertainment featuring popular local entertainers. There’s dancing, light food and your favorite cold beverage! During this two-hour cruise, keep your eyes open for dolphins at play and see if you can catch the legendary “green flash” as the sun dips below the horizon. Cost for this event is \$20 per person. The cruise will run from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, but it is suggested that you arrive around 6:00 pm to get a prime spot on the boat. Please note that LeBarge does not accept credit cards, so please bring cash if you are interested in having refreshments. Space is limited, so please book early. Upon booking, please send your check in to the PO Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276. To RSVP, please phone Amy Croshaw at 751-6194 (or 928-2580 if you live south of Osprey) or e-mail at acroshaw@verizon.net. Cut off date for RSVP-ing is May 9th. Please submit payment by May 12th.

May 28 Memorial Day in Arcadia – Each Memorial Day a service, coordinated by the Arcadia Rotary Club, is held to honor 23 R.A.F. trainee pilots and their American instructor killed training at nearby Carlstrom and Riddle flight schools during WWII.

We'll over one hundred people, many of whom bring floral tributes, congregate at the British Plot in the Oak Ridge cemetery beneath the proudly flying Union Jack and R.A.F. flags. The Sarasota British Club is always represented. It would be pleasing to see a strong showing for this year's one hour service.

We'll give more details in next month's issue, but in the meantime we encourage you to mark your calendar and phone Terry Sweeney (ex R.A.F.) at 918-0550 with your questions.

June 21 Mini Golf – Save the date for a fun evening of mini golf followed by dinner out. We will be meeting at 6:00PM at Smugglers Cove Adventure Golf on N Tamiami Trail in Sarasota, followed by dinner at Barnacle Bill's Seafood. Booking details and pricing for this event, along with directions to Smugglers Cove will be in May's newsletter.

'ROYALTY – TRIUMPHS AND TRAGEDIES'

We investigated the possibility of hiring a bus to take us to this exhibition in St. Petersburg. However, because of the prohibitive cost, we suggest you may wish to car pool.

The exhibit is on display at the St. Petersburg Museum of History and runs through September. This spectacular event hosts artifacts from a variety of Royals including Queen Elizabeth II, the Queen Mother, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, Prince Charles and Princess Diana. The exhibit also includes gowns and dresses worn by Princess Grace of Monaco.

All proceeds will be used locally for breast cancer patients and their families. Admission is \$12.00 for adults; \$9.00 for seniors and \$7.00 for children (7-17). Children under age 6, free.

Membership News

EMAIL ADDRESSES: PLEASE email me, Kathy Curtin, at kathrmcurt@msn.com or call me at 941-379-9861 if you have changed your email in the last 6 months.

The club welcomes new members Caroline O'Brien and Linda Peterson.

Caroline O'Brien was born in London in 1966, moved to the US to Denver Colorado in 1968. Her father taught physics for 7 years in Denver, then the family relocated to Springfield Virginia for her father's job with the government. She graduated from George Mason University in 1989 with a BS in Nursing and is currently working for Florida Cancer Specialists off Fruitville as a Chemotherapy infusionist. Caroline moved to Sarasota in August 2007 for her husband's job and for better quality of life. They have 2 boys ages 13 and 10 named Connor and Tyler and a lab mix dog named Shadow.

Linda Peterson (Caroline's mum) was born in England in 1944. She married Dennis Peacock in Dagenham, England and had their first daughter in London in 1966, then immigrated to the US in 1968. She had a second daughter in 1971 in Denver, Colorado. Linda was a stay-at-home mom until 1980 when she returned to work in Washington DC for the Metro Transit Authority. Linda married 2 times. She is presently living in Sun City, Tampa, is single and loves to country line dance and play tennis.

An early reminder that I will be mailing out membership renewal notices this month. The membership dues will remain the same as last year \$35 for family, \$25 for single members.

On another note, I have recently been contacted by a member who has a young family and is disheartened that the club does not hold any functions to include the children. WE WOULD LOVE to have a function for the children and encourage those of you who have young children to give the Board ideas on what would interest them. Please email, or call any of the Board members with your ideas. Remember it is your club and your input is needed.

Would You Like to Join the 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. To join, please fill in the information below and send it with your check to: Sarasota British Club, P.O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276

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Colcannon

We recently had a wonderful evening helping Shona celebrate her sister's and brother in law's 50th wedding anniversary. The mood, spirits, and food were wonderful, with many guests who traveled from Scotland (*with one hand carrying the traditional fruit cake, which was yummy*). One of the featured dishes was Colcannon, and was popular, even though it is an Irish dish, made by a Limey, for a Scottish group using (Welsh) leeks!!

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| 6 large Idaho potatoes | 4 Tbsp butter |
| ½ green cabbage | ¼ cup cream |
| 1 small leek | Salt and pepper |
| 1 bunch spring onions | ½ tsp nutmeg |

Peel potatoes, cut into cubes, put in pan with cold water and boil until cooked. Cut up cabbage into small slices, clean, peel and slice the leek into small slices, chop the green onions. Melt 2 Tbsp of the butter and sauté cabbage about 5 minutes; add the leeks and onions and sauté a further 3-4 minutes. When the potatoes are cooked, drain, and mash with masher. Add the remaining butter, plus salt and pepper to taste, cream and nutmeg; whip until fluffy. Combine with the cabbage and onion mixture in a large pan and gently reheat (can microwave). Before serving, add a dollop of butter to melt into the hot colcannon.

Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Your Cup of Tea, Inc. and Union Jack Food columnist. She can be reached at yourcupatea1@yahoo.com.

From Our President

Dear Friends:

Let me start by congratulating member Don Crabb on his prize-winning musical play "Best Seller" which had its world premiere performed by the Manatee Players at the Bradenton Riverfront Theatre on March 1st. Audrey and I plus nine other club members thoroughly enjoyed the show, Don. We wish Don continued success.

We also saw our honorary club member, the talented Cliff Roles, starring as Dr. Pangloss in Leonard Bernstein's "Candide" at the Players Theatre in Sarasota. A real treat. Congratulations to you, too, Cliff.

Twenty-three club members and guests had a fun night out on March 15th. The Pub Crawl took us by trolley to "Mattison's 41," "The Irish Rover" and then to "The Open" for dinner. Special thanks to Amy and James Croshaw and Annie Dickson for their organizational skills.

Our program for the year continues to take shape. We'll be at the Scottish Games in Venice on March 29th. April will see us celebrate the Queen's Birthday and St. George's Day. Then in May we'll go cruising on Sarasota Bay, not forgetting the Memorial Day Service at the British Plot in Arcadia where we will honor R.A.F. dead from the Second World War.

June, July and August we have lined up respectively – a mini-golf tournament and dinner; brunch at the Heritage Oaks; also a dinner with our celebrity extraordinaire, Cliff Roles, as the guest speaker.

Question: Do you live in a community with a good-sized clubhouse? If so, is it available to an outside group, that is, the Brit Club, for one of our functions? If the answer is "yes", then please let me know. It would be tremendously helpful to have such a facility available, even if it is only once a year. Phone me at **918-0550**.

See you at the Coach and Horses on April 19th.

Best regards,
Terry Sweeney

March Board Meeting Précis:

Treasurer's balance shows \$ 2,700.38. Currently 173 paid up members, renewals are going out for 2008, due in April. Having a problem with members not keeping us current with their email addresses. The Whents have offered to help with the collation of the newsletter. Agreed the February meeting was a great success, have had lots of positive feedback; 11 members attended the performance of 'Best Seller' which featured member Don Crabb; 25 booked for the March 15th Pub crawl, room for 10 more. March 29th the club will have a tent at the Highland Games. Plan to have new members tea April 12th, will need a larger venue, in fact, discussed the problem of finding venues to accommodate future events. April 19th will be St George's Day/Queens Birthday bash at the Coach and Horses. May 17th will be an outing on LaBarge. Summer plans still in discussion. Next board meeting scheduled for Thursday April 3rd, 6:30 pm at Sandra Cherry's home (*members welcome but space is limited, so please call ahead*).



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Rose's Corner

Nairn' and I are looking forward to the Scottish games in Venice at the end of March, where the Brit Club will again have a tent. And to the St. George's Day/Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday bash at Coach and Horses. If you have anything you'd like to see in the newsletter such as member articles, jokes, items of interest, 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. Closing date for the newsletter is the 15th of each month.

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