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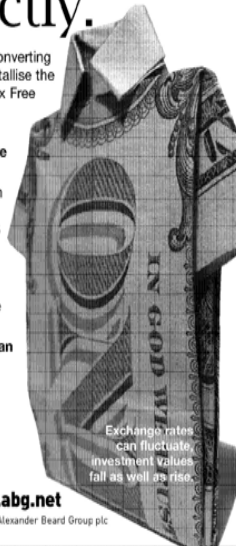
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Coming Events

Board Meeting April 2 – 6:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Anglican Church Parish Hall, 5333 N. Tamiami Trail on April 2 at 6:30 p.m. MEMBERS WELCOME, BUT PHONE AHEAD AS SPACE IS LIMITED! Nairn' Gillet at 941-321-9631 or ngillet@yahoo.com.

Coffee Morning April 6 – 10:30 a.m. at the home of Sue Ford, 6706 Oak Hammock Dr., Bradenton. Contact Sue at sueford47@yahoo.com or 941-751-3811.

Queen's Birthday/St. George's Day Celebration April 25 – Join us for a Royal Toast to the celebrate our Sovereign's Birthday and St. George's Day. The festivities will be held at the Lake Shore Village Club House beginning at 7:00 p.m. There will be live music by Carol & Davis. Food and drinks will be provided by the club. While there will be a \$10 charge for guests, **members will be admitted FREE!**

We look forward to seeing you there. Please R.S.V.P. to Sue Ford at 941-751-3811 or email her at sueford47@yahoo.com by no later than April 21st, to help us get an idea for catering. If you can help set up the room during the day, or donate a raffle prize, please let Sue know.



Beckham's May 30 – IT'S BECKHAM'S TIME AGAIN !!!! Always a fun and convivial evening with lively conversation, good food and drink in pleasant surroundings. Annie, one of the co-owners, has again offered to add her terrific Steak and Ale Pie and Cottage Pie to the mostly American menu. Prices are reasonable and their fish and chips and hamburgers are excellent. We will meet and mingle in the bar area at 6:00 p.m. with dinner to follow around 6:45 to 7:00 p.m. This will be a "Quiz Night" and promises to be lots of fun. Beckham's is in the Southbay Shopping Plaza, corner of U.S.41 and Blackburn Point Road in Osprey. We have promised to give our head count to our friends at Beckham's on Tuesday, May 26th, so please RSVP Terry Sweeney at 918-0550 or email tsweeneyau@aol.com. And.....if you want Annie to cook her Steak and Ale Pie or Cottage Pie for you please let Terry know.

Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

From Our President

Bon Voyage! Ann, Doreen and I have booked the Cruise for the 18th October and we hope many of you will join us. It should be fun!

The monthly coffee morning again was wonderful; we all sat outside in the shade and chatted. Strangers became friends and that is what the coffee morning is all about, friendship. If you have not joined us before at my house, please think about stopping by in April, we would love to see you.

Friday the 13th – what a date to arrange an event? It's a sure sign we're not superstitious. You all turned out in force, and what a brilliant night it was. The ladies looked beautiful and the men so handsome!! We might well have been on a Cruise ship attending the Captain's cocktail party. Thank you to all our members that took the time to say good-night and thank the board for their hard work.

A question was asked about the cost of \$10 entrance as well as supplying a dish. Let me give you a break down on the evening that might give you some idea of the costs involved in such an event. There is a rental charge for the use of the Clubhouse, the meat the club provided, door prizes, plates/utensils/table covers and arrangements, sodas, water and lotto tickets (for the winning table of the Murder Mystery). We had over 70 people in attendance, which paid for the evening, and any money over and above the costs will go towards the Queen's birthday celebration on April 25th, 2009 (please note the date on your calendars). This is a FREE event for members. If you could volunteer your help or bring along a raffle prizes for the evening, please contact me

Our club is growing monthly and you are all such a jolly lot. Is it any wonder that more Brits want to join us? I am having a wonderful time being your President and working along with such an enthusiastic board. Should you have any ideas, questions or just want to chat, my phone number and email address are on the back page of this newsletter. Just one more thing, those members not wishing to receive the newsletter through the mail, please let our Membership Secretary, Ken Jukes, know. Everyone can find our newsletter on the web throughout the year by clicking onto www.SarasotaBritishClub.com.

Here's looking forward to another fun packed month. Take care of yourselves until we meet up in April.

Your President,
Sue Ford

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Rose's Corner

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, email me at rosegillet@yahoo.com or call 366-9984. Closing date for the newsletter is the 15th of each month.

Rose Gillet, Newsletter Editor

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March Board Meeting Précis:

Meeting was held on Thursday, March 5, 2009, at the home of Kathy Curtin (Vice President). Treasurer's balance \$3,392.60 including new membership dues. James Croshaw has started a page on the Website, "How to Get Connected when Arriving in Sarasota." The website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com. Ken Jukes has sent welcoming e-mails to the seven new members who have joined asking for their information for the newsletter. The newest members will be invited to tea at Ken's home on April 4, 2009. We are accepting members' ads for the newsletter. Contact Shona Burtner (Treasurer) for fees. A Facebook page is to be set up for the Sarasota British Club on the web. Sue Ford (President) will hold a coffee morning on the second Tuesday of each month. Mr. Chatterbox will accompany Cliff Roles to the Murder Mystery on March 13. A motion was carried to co-opt Sandra Cherry onto the board as the second Director at Large. There will be a British tent at the Highland Games at the Venice Airport on March 21. The Queen's Birthday event, at Lakeshore Village Clubhouse on April 25, at 7:00 p.m. is given free to all members who will each receive 3 tickets for free drinks. The cost for guests is \$10 plus the cost of their drinks. If any member would like to receive their newsletter by e-mail or does not want the newsletter please inform Kathy Curtin who will pull their addresses. Those members wishing to go on the October 18 cruise should book through their travel agent. Suggestions were taken for future events and we shall be at Beckhams for dinner and a quiz on May 30. Next meeting: Holy Trinity Anglican Church Parish Hall, 5333 N. Tamiami Trail on April 2 at 6:30 p.m. (members welcome).

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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Canadian Butter Tarts

I was reviewing some of my recipes to feature and was reminded of this one which was a favourite in the tea room. Also, visiting a Canadian friend recently, she was reminiscing about these tarts, so thought I would make some of for her. It's a very popular Canadian recipe and although the pastry is different, it works well. Hope you enjoy it, eh!

Canadian Butter Tarts

2 ½ cups all purpose flour	2 Tbsp melted butter
¼ tsp salt	1 beaten egg
¼ cup lard	½ cup brown sugar
1 egg yolk	¼ cup corn syrup
½ cup sour cream	½ Tbsp white vinegar
1 cup raisins	½ tsp vanilla

Place flour and salt in food processor, add lard and pulse to consistency of breadcrumbs. Add egg yolk and sour cream and knead in. Turn onto lightly floured board, roll out evenly and cut into rounds. Place in greased tart tin. Pour boiling water over the raisins to cover and let sit for a bit. Mix butter, egg, brown sugar, corn syrup, vinegar and vanilla. Drain raisins, and add to mixture, mix well. Fill pastry tarts 2/3 full, and bake in a 350° F oven for 15-20 minutes. Yield 2 dozen.

(Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Your Cup of Tea. I welcome comments and suggestions and can be reached at Yourcupatea1@yahoo.com)

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British Dates to Remember

April 1 – April Fools Day
April 5 – Palm Sunday
April 9 – Maundy Thursday
April 10 – Good Friday
April 12 – Easter Sunday
April 21 – Queen Elizabeth's Birthday
April 23 – St. George's Day

Mark Your Calendars Now!

On Saturday, June 27th, we will return to the scene of one of last year's most popular events: Miguel's Restaurant on Siesta Key. If you were among the 60 or so who attended last year, you'll recall that we had a special "early bird" deal that provided appetizer, salad, entrée AND dessert for between \$15 and \$18. That same opportunity will be afforded us this time, plus we will also have the ability to order off their regular menu as well. Some of their specialties not on the early bird menu includes filet of Dover sole (filleted tableside), Caesar salad and bananas foster (both prepared tableside), rack of lamb, and more. Details will be forthcoming in the May and June newsletters, and advance reservations will be a *must*, so mark your calendars now, before you forget and get left out.

"March's Horoscope" by Susan Moonstar



As we approach April there are two energies operating simultaneously. We all will feel the need to indulge in deep reflections of the past and present.

This coming month offers you a time to define your values, to find out what is important in your life and what is worth pursuing? Venus continues in retrograde until the 17th of April. You would be wise to settle down emotionally until Venus goes direct on the 17th, or you could find you have placed yourself in deep waters. Just use this recipe and you won't go far wrong: a cupful of patience along with a cup full of love, add two cups of understanding with a dash of humor, add plenty of faith, mix well and spread over a period of time and serve it to everyone you meet.

Here is the Horoscope for each sign:

Aries: You are out to create an impression on others, your drive and leadership leads you to new projects. By putting your best foot forward and following through with your plans, you adopt an efficient system that takes you forward.

Taurus: Correcting past mistakes and going ahead with necessary changes helps you to come to terms with personal limitations. Lending a hand when called upon helps you win others over.

Gemini: By strengthening your social connections with friends and acquaintances, you improve your general health and awareness. Cooperating with others on a humanitarian level lets those around you understand your objectives.

Cancer: Maintaining self-confidence and developing new business tactics help's your professional and career interests. Don't be surprised to be associating with important people that have the gift to put you in the right place at the right time.

Leo: Now is the time of expanding your horizons and going along with changes to your religious and philosophical interests. You need you to remain calm and optimistic over family responsibilities.

Virgo: By revising your schedule and working on your resourcefulness, you put together a plan that brings many expenses under one umbrella. This will allow you to bring under control depleting monetary reserves.

Libra: By establishing a tranquil marital atmosphere your mate, allies and competitors all want to share time and ideas with you. There are many positive signals working in your favor this month.

Scorpio: This is a time for thinking about having fun, not just always working. Think up something to perk up your home environment. Now is the time to test your ability to adapt.

Sagittarius: If you find you have a lot to do, don't waste your time or procrastinate or it'll seem that you'll never be able to get out from behind your personal burdens.

Capricorn: People watching can be fun. What's more, an intriguing person you encounter could be the first step towards romance or maybe just a lot of fantasizing. Allow yourself for once to dream

Aquarius: Everyday business transactions are calling for an advancement in your thought patterns. Deepening ties of affection and working for the brotherhood of man seems to be your focus this month.

Pisces: Financial connections and investments in your 2nd house have you looking towards buying and selling. Safeguard important papers and review your budget. This is not a time for negative thoughts.

Quotes Sent in by a Man (of course)

"When a man steals your wife, there is no better revenge than to let him keep her." – David Bissonette

"After marriage, husband and wife become two sides of a coin; they just can't face each other, but still they stay together." – Sacha Guitry

"By all means marry. If you get a good wife, you'll be happy. If you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher." – Socrates

"Woman inspires us to great things, and prevents us from achieving them." – Anonymous

"The great question... which I have not been able to answer... is, "What does a woman want?" – Dumas

"I had some words with my wife, and she had some paragraphs with me." – Sigmund Freud

"Some people ask the secret of our long marriage. We take time to go to a restaurant two times a week. A little candlelight, dinner, soft music and dancing. She goes Tuesdays, I go Fridays." – Anonymous

"There's a way of transferring funds that is even faster than electronic banking. It's called marriage." – Sam Kinison

"I've had bad luck with both my wives. The first one left me, and the second one didn't." – James Holt McGavra

"There are two secrets to keep your marriage brimming. 1. Whenever you're wrong, admit it, and, 2. Whenever you're right, shut up." – Patrick Murra

"The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once." – Nash

"You know what I did before I married? Anything I wanted to." – Anonymous

"My wife and I were happy for twenty years. Then we met." – Henny Youngman

"A good wife always forgives her husband when she's wrong." – Rodney Dangerfield

A man inserted an ad in the classifieds: 'Wife wanted.' Next day he received a hundred letters. They all said the same thing: 'You can have mine.' – Anonymous

First Guy (proudly): 'My wife's an angel!' Second Guy: 'You're lucky, mine's still alive.' – Anonymous