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## Coming Events

**Board Meeting April 15th** –11710 Strandhill Ct, Lakewood Ranch, at the home of Brian & Jane Thompson. Members welcome but please call ahead (see p.8) as space is limited.

**Coffee Morning – April 13th** 10:30 a.m on Tuesday at the home of Sue Ford, 6706 Oak Hammock Dr., Bradenton. Contact Sue at [sueford47@yahoo.com](mailto:sueford47@yahoo.com) or 941-751-3811.



**Queen's Birthday Party—Saturday April 24th See Page 3**

**Tapas & Wine Evening: Fri. May 28<sup>th</sup>, 6.30 pm**—Ken Jukes is the contact.

**10th Anniversary Party:** Saturday October 16th , Southbay Yacht & Racquet Club

### Restaurant Dining at Beckham's. JUNE 19th-

**BECKHAM'S BECKONS !!!** 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" – always 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 **MONDAY, JUNE 14th**, so please.....RSVP Terry Sweeney at 918-0550 or [tsweeneyau@aol.com](mailto: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](http://www.SarasotaBritishClub.com)

From here you will find, with local information, club news, coming events, photos from past events and many past newsletters .



### Letter from President Ken Jukes

A number of members spent Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Polo Club. We gathered together in warm sunshine and enjoyed a tailgate party, notwithstanding the strong breeze. The polo had been switched to a large area adjacent to the normal pitch but the grounds in fact had all dried out and so we had a pleasant time.

When attending parties in my 20's I would usually be asked what I did – the reply of “I'm a mathematician” was a killer and abruptly stopped any conversation. Later on I became Professor of Information Technology and now I could not get away from questions about PC's, email, the internet etc. I have, tongue in cheek, suggested to the Board that I might give a talk on “Oddities in Mathematics” a suggestion met with stony silence. So I am resorting to using my column for some fun math from time to time. Here is one to try on your children, nephews, nieces or grandchildren.

*Think of a whole number between 2 and 9. Multiply it by 9. You will have two digits in your answer, so add these. (For example if after multiplying, you get 58, then 5 + 8 =13). Subtract 5 and hold your answer in your mind. That's the math finished! Now I am going to give you a letter. If your answer was 1, then your letter is A; if 2 then B; if 3 then C; if 4 then D; if 5 then E, if 6 then F; if 7 then G, and so on. Now for Geography! Think of a State in the USA beginning with your letter (but the State cannot begin with North or South). Take the second letter of your State and think of a very large animal (not a bird) beginning with that letter. Incidentally, your animal cannot live normally in Canada. Sit on your animal.*

*Now turn to Page 5 to see if I can tell you what you are sitting on and where!*

### MARCH BOARD MEETING PRECIS

The meeting was held on Thursday, March 11, 2010. The treasurer's report was distributed to the Board by Gary Lee. There is a balance of \$3,543.30, including one new family membership. This brings the number of members up to 208.

We are still working on getting an Appraiser for the Tapas and Wine Evening on May 28th. Our original choice will be out of town on that date, but we still have four other possibilities.

There was quite a lot of discussion regarding our Tenth Anniversary and the AGM meeting. The Board decided to hold the Anniversary celebration in October and the AGM Meeting in November. More on this in later Newsletters. Future suggestions included a dinner at Beckhams restaurant, Casino Night at Lakeshore Village Clubhouse, Cocktail Party at the home of Peter and Doreen Wilson, and dinner at The Open restaurant. These will be discussed at our next meeting.– see Page 1.

### March coffee morning:

Our coffee morning this month had 29 members enjoying the first nice sunny day of the season...we sat around the deck sharing stories and enjoying the warmth of being outside...the table filled up with delicious goodies, scones,sausage rolls,finger sandwiches,cakes, donuts, cheese cake and so much more...Although we call the event a coffee morning it really is more like an English tea party. We welcomed three new members and had two birthdays to celebrate Shona Burtner and Dee Hathaway. As always the conversation flowed and the laughter rang out over the neighborhood. Next month, coffee morning will be on the 13th April...so mark your calendar and I look forward to seeing you, my email if you need my address is [sueford47@yahoo.com](mailto:sueford47@yahoo.com).

### Hugs Sue Ford

The garden was alive with the sound of birds and Brits.

Spring had arrived on the March coffee morning at Sue's house as a crowd of around 30 old and new members spilled out onto the deck to bask, at last, in the warmth.

The table, adorned with a beautiful Mothers Day arrangement, was as usual, piled high with goodies. It could have been a wedding buffet there was so much to choose from. If you didn't arrive early you missed Sue's sausage rolls which were whipped up in a flash. No wonder- they were delicious and left everyone with their own special memory of a sausage roll occasion!

### Dee Hathaway

## Cookery Corner

I remember when we were stationed (RAF) in Cambridge in the 50's, I used to go out near the airfield and woods to pick mushrooms, although they were very good I wouldn't dare do that now!!

Safer to stick to store bought nowadays I think! Here is a suggestion for a mushroom dish that can be used as a canapé, or a light supper with a salad. Nice and easy and a different treat. Hope you enjoy it.

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| 2 Tbsp butter                      | 1 oz chopped fresh tarragon or 1 Tbsp dried   |
| 2 Tbsp olive oil                   | Lemon juice   |
| 1/2 lb button mushrooms            | Salt and pepper   |
| 2 cloves peeled and chopped garlic | Four slices of toasted and buttered bread. (Best to use a denser type bread for this) |
| 1/4 cup heavy whipping cream       |   |

Melt butter and olive oil in a frying pan, add the mushrooms and sauté over a medium heat for about 5 minutes. ( Don't overcook them, or they can turn watery.) Add the garlic, stir and cook over medium heat about 3 minutes. Add the cream, tarragon, lemon juice to taste and seasonings to taste. Stir well and serve on the buttered toast  
2 servings

(Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Union Jack's Food columnist. I welcome comments, requests and recipes and can be reached at [Yourcupatea1@yahoo.com](mailto:Yourcupatea1@yahoo.com))



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## **Joke**

The teacher of the school geography class was lecturing on map reading. After explaining about latitude, longitude, degrees and minutes the teacher asked: "Suppose I asked you to meet me for lunch at 23 degrees, 4 minutes north latitude and 45 degrees, 15 minutes east longitude...?"  
After a confused silence, little Johnny volunteered - "I guess you'd be eating alone!"

## **Queen Elizabeth's Birthday Party: Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>**

We look forward to members joining us on Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Queen's Birthday. This popular event will be held at Lakeshore Village Clubhouse and starts at 5.00 pm. A small charge of \$5 per person will be made, the Club providing wine/champagne, punch, soft drinks and a Celebration Birthday Cake. Members are asked to bring along a savoury, or dessert dish to share. We aim to have a fun event and plan to include a table quiz, live entertainment, a door prize, and a 50-50 draw. Lakeshore Village is situated on Clark Road, 200 yards east of the junction of Beneva Rd and Clark Rd, opposite Mr Bigs Cocktail Bar. Ample Parking is available.

In order to help us plan numbers, please reserve your places by emailing or calling Ken Jukes ([kena.jukes@yahoo.com](mailto:kena.jukes@yahoo.com)) 941-927-6499 and sending your check to Sarasota British Club, PO Box 21063, Sarasota FL 34276.



## England my England

*Goodbye to my England, So long my old friend  
Your days are numbered, being brought to an end  
To be Scottish, Irish or Welsh that's fine  
But don't say you're English, that's way out of line.*

*The French and the Germans may call themselves such  
So may Norwegians, the Swedes and the Dutch  
You can say you are Russian or maybe a Dane  
But don't say you're English ever again.*

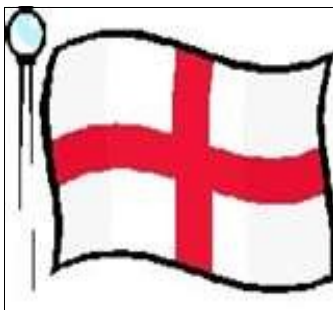
*At Broadcasting House the word is taboo  
In Brussels it's scrapped, in Parliament too  
Even schools are affected. Staff do as they're told  
They must not teach children about England of old.*

*Writers like Shakespeare, Milton and Shaw  
The pupils don't learn about them anymore  
How about Agincourt, Hastings, Arnhem or Mons?  
When England lost hosts of her very brave sons.*

*We are not Europeans, how can we be?  
Europe is miles away, over the sea  
We're the English from England, let's all be proud  
Stand up and be counted - Shout it out loud!*

*Let's tell our Government and Brussels too  
We're proud of our heritage and the Red, White and Blue  
Fly the flag of Saint George or the Union Jack  
Let the world know -*

**WE WANT OUR ENGLAND BACK !!!!**



## **NEW MEMBERS**

We have had a very successful year to date with 3 new single members and 11 new family memberships. We now have 212 individuals as members. The new members are:

Rita & Malcolm Barry	Glen & Samdra Stillwell	Barry & Glenda Crowston
Frank & Coral Patterson	Gaye & Thomas Sicari	William Boyle
Susan & Jason Connelly	Stephen & Joanne Belanger	Jane Jacobs
Anita & Ellis Woolf	Lorraine & Terry Williams	Valerie Landquist
Phillip Nash	Gayle Dorricot	

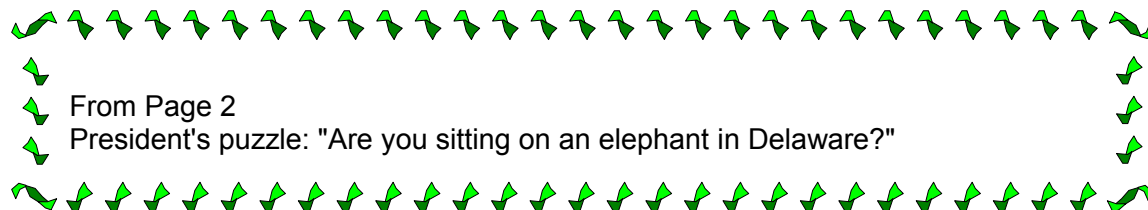
We like to give new members an opportunity to tell us a little bit about themselves for inclusion in the news letter when space allows it. Three examples are:

**Gaye Sicari** tells us that : I was born in a small village near Bristol and came to the US way back in 1976. We have 3 adult children and a Basset Hound named Louie. Now semi-retired, we own an internet business selling wholesale leather goods.

We enjoy flying across the pond to visit family and friends, golf, gardening and walks with Louie.

**Joanna Belanger** tells us that: I was born in Chester. In 1991, after meeting my husband Steve, we moved to Clearwater where Steve was in the Coast Guard. In 1997 we transferred to Sacramento where I worked for the city of Auburn. We continued to vacation in Florida since we have so many good friends here. We decided to return to Florida in 2009 and I am planning to work with Hillsborough County while Steve will begin working with the Department of VA.

**Gayle Dorricott** tells us that: I arrived in Bradenton in September 2005 from San Francisco, California where I had lived and worked for the past 30 years as an Office Administrator/ Manager in various fields, (Banking, Energy, Commercial RE Development, etc,). Before settling in San Francisco, I was living in New York City and London. My volunteer work is helping families and youth deal with the problems of hunger, homelessness and crime in the city. My plan for retirement was to return to N.W. England where my large family of three sisters and their families still reside, primarily Liverpool, Chester and Southport. The decline of the U.S. Dollar put my retirement plan "out the window". The Gulf Coast of Florida appealed to me on my first visit, and I decided to stay. Some of my interests are art, music, dance, theatre and film. Recently I have discovered the practice of Tai



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President's puzzle: "Are you sitting on an elephant in Delaware?"