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Coming Events

A Day at the Museum August 4 at 10:30 a.m. – Explore Ringling Museum of Art, the beautiful Ca d'Zan Mansion, the Circus Museum and the new Circus Museum's Tibbals Learning Center (which contains a 3-ring replica of the Ringling Brothers Circus circa 1919-1938). In addition, there are two special exhibits: In Our Time: The World as Seen by Magnum Photographers; and Canaletto Paired: 18th Century Venetian View Painting.

There will be no specially scheduled tours on this day, so please feel free to join any of the docent tours. You may wander around at your own pace or stay in a group with the other club members. We will have a group reservation for lunch at noon at the Banyan Café, or you may eat any time at the Treviso Restaurant, located in the new Visitor's Pavilion. The price for this event is \$13. This price does not include lunch or refreshments. If you are interested in attending, please phone Amy Croshaw at 928-2580 or email at acrowshaw@verizon.net. The deadline has passed, so if you still want to attend, please call Amy as soon as possible. When RSVP-ing, please specify if you do wish to attend lunch at the Banyan Café.



Board Meeting August 6 – 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 Meeting August 21 – The second meeting of the BBC (British Business Connection) will be a wine and cheese get together on August 21st from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at The Four Gees Café, 3615 Webber Street (NE corner of Beneva) in Sarasota. Cost is \$10, reservations are required and can be made by calling Valerie Woodger at 313-5500. Please see the center of the newsletter for information on the club and a form to fill out if you would like to join.

Coming Events – Look for information on coming events here in the newsletter and online. We're planning an outing for September and a combination Guy Fawkes/Annual General Meeting for November.

Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

From Our President

So many kudos this month – where do I begin? First, to Terry and Audrey Sweeney for organizing a bang-up do at Beckham's. Then, to the owners and staff of said restaurant for feeding and pleasing over FIFTY of us...all at the same time. Then to Cliff ("Talk of the Suncoast") Roles for not only plugging the event, but *attending*, as well. And finally, to the 52 of *you*, who made this one of the best attended events of the year. Thank you, one and all!

The BBC had its first luncheon meeting recently, and despite some challenges with the food, the 14 who attended all felt it was good to see this part of the Club reinvented. Thanks to Valerie Woodger, Mike Bentley, James Croshaw, Andy Reeves and Sandra Cherry for spearheading the group. Some worthwhile suggestions for the future came out of this meeting; expect to see them implemented in the near future, beginning at the next meeting on August 21st.

The newsletters we distribute around town and the website are both doing a great job of getting us new members. Recently, we seem to be averaging about one new application every ten days...a VAST improvement over the past! To our newest members, keep your eyes open for news of our next New Member's Tea. It's a good way to get to know your fellow new members, your Board, and to get involved in the activities of your Club.

As you read this, there's still time to reserve your spot for the Ringling Museum event on August 4th; hope to see many of you there. Until next month,

Cheers!
Nairn' B. Gillet, President

June 4th Minutes Précis

Treasurer's balance \$ 2,772.48. Membership count is 119 paid up, with several still to come in. Beckham's evening reservations coming in well so far 44. Amy has made plans for the Ringling museum for our August meeting. Need a new venue for the September meeting. October and November meetings will be combined for November 4th, will be a Guy Fawkes theme and also the AGM. Business groups first meeting will be July 14th at 4Gees for a luncheon meeting. Andy Reeves will be interviewed by Cliff Roles in his radio station. Good response to the smaller newsletter. New members' tea will be August 18th, hosted by Kathy Curtin. Need to think of nominees for the 2008 board and committees. By-Laws will also be updated. Would like a survey for members' input for future events; Terry will coordinate. Next meeting August 6th at Sandra Cherry's house, members welcome but due to space limitations please call ahead.

Thank You

The Club would like to thank the following merchants for their cooperation in spreading the good word about our Club by allowing *The Brit Club News* to be distributed in their shoppes:

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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

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____

Email Address _____

Membership Type: Single \$25 Family \$35 (includes all children under age 18)

Rose's Corner

Nairn' and I had a wonderful time at Beckham's and they made us all feel so welcome and did a wonderful job of serving their delicious meals so efficiently to our large group. I'm looking forward to the tour of the Ringling Museum of Art, Ca d'Zan and the Circus Museum in August. My daughter and I toured last year when she visited, and it's a lovely way to spend a day!

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. Closing date for the newsletter is the 15th of each month.

Rose Gillet, Newsletter Editor

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: ¼ page \$15, ½ page \$25, full page \$40. 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 (jpg file preferred) by the 15th of the month to the newsletter editor, Rose Gillet, at 3219 24th Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34235 or email them to her at rosegillet@yahoo.com.

Membership News from Kathy Curtin

Welcome to new members Matt and Diane Broerman, Bernard and Diana Strong, Arthur and Val Compton and Annie Dickson.

James (from Manchester) and Veronica (from Cardiff) Judge, came to the USA in 1970 after a visit to Veronica's pen pal in Kansas City, Missouri, where James was offered a job as foreman tailor in an exclusive menswear store. They have been in Sarasota since 1978 where James and his bowler hat were quite a fixture on St Armands Circle for 24 years. They own "Sew Right for You", an alterations business on Webber St. They also own "James's Delightful Holiday Villa" in Sarasota which they have rented to holidaymakers for the past 8 years. They have two daughters, two fabulous and fun sons-in-law and four grandchildren all residing in Brandon. Veronica and James love living in Paradise.

Celery Soup

During the summer, none of us want to cook heavy dishes, and Jack and I often will just have a soup and salad supper. Celery is not often served cooked in the States, as it is in England. This is one of our popular soups when we had our tea room, and it is a light and delicious soup.

2 heads of celery hearts chopped	1 cup chicken broth
1 potato, peeled and cut into chunks	½ tsp celery seeds
1 leek, cleaned and sliced	¼ tsp nutmeg
1 small onion, peeled and chopped	Milk as needed
2 Tbsp butter	½ cup cream

Sauté vegetables in melted butter until soft, add the stock, celery seeds and nutmeg, and simmer 20-30 minutes or until vegetables are cooked. Allow to cool, puree in a blender, add milk to smooth consistency and cream last. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serves 4-6

Recipe by Sandra Cherry, *Your Cup of Tea Inc.* Comments, queries and suggestions are welcome and can be sent to Yourcupoftea1@yahoo.com or www.Yourcupoftea.info

Sudoku Puzzle Answer

8	7	2	5	3	6	4	1	9
6	9	1	7	4	2	8	3	5
5	3	4	1	8	9	7	6	2
2	8	6	4	5	1	3	9	7
3	1	5	2	9	7	6	4	8
9	4	7	3	6	8	5	2	1
7	6	9	8	2	3	1	5	4
1	5	3	9	7	4	2	8	6
4	2	8	6	1	5	9	7	3

If you would like to see a special feature each month, like a puzzle, joke, horoscope, or anything in particular, please send your friendly editor, Rose Gillet, an email at rosegillet@yahoo.com or drop me a line at 3219 24th Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34235 and let me know. If you have something special you'd like to share with the rest of the membership, that's the place to send it also. The newsletter is only as good as its contributing members!

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How to play: All numbers, 1 through 9, must be represented only once in each of the nine "blocks" that make up the grid, and also in all the vertical and horizontal rows. Try your luck!

	7	2		3	6	4		
	9		7				3	5
			1	8				2
2		6					9	
3		5		9		6		8
	4					5		1
7				2	3			
1	5				4		8	
		8	6	1		9	7	

British Business Connection (BBC) Meeting

The Sarasota British Club is proud to announce the first meeting of the BRITISH BUSINESS CONNECTION (BBC).

Event: Wine & Cheese Get Together

Where: Four Gees Cafe
3615 Webber Street (NE corner of Beneva)
Sarasota 34232

Date/Time: Tuesday, August 21, 2007
5:30 – 7:00 PM

Fee: \$10

Reply to: Valerie Woodger/Cell: 313-5500, reservations required

At its February meeting, the Board voted to promote and actively support a new business-oriented arm of the Club – British Business Connections (BBC). The Mission Statement of BBC is:

Focused on and dedicated to providing a forum to meet, exchange ideas, and make contacts, to promote and develop business support and great relationships within the British business community. Guiding principles are: Integrity, Professionalism, Superior Client Service, Member Support, Mutual Profitability.

Ideas and suggestions from members for promoting BBC are solicited and will be most welcome. We are favoring breakfasts, lunches and early evening events (wine and snacks) as venues and a great means to interest business people. We will be promoting BBC at upcoming events and look forward to all the support you can offer.

For further information or interest, please contact:

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Andy Reeves 966-1343 (andysunkey@comcast.net)
Jim Croshaw 928-2769 (jcroshaw@standoutsolutions.com) or
Valerie Woodger 922-1070 (valeriewoodger@yahoo.com)

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN TO ADDRESS BELOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THIS EXCITING NEW ADDITION TO THE BRITISH CLUB!!

British Business Connection (BBC)

The BBC will meet once a month in various interesting venues around town with the object of networking and showcasing individuals and businesses with specific British interests, connections or affiliations.

Businesses or individuals who are interested in this kind of activity and look forward to the fun of meeting new and exciting British oriented people with new products and ideas as well as established goods and services are encouraged to join by completing the form below. (There will be a small service charge for non-club members.)

Name:

Street Address:

City: State: Zip:

Business:

Products Handled/Services Offered:

Email: Phone:

Comments or Areas of Interest:

Please return to:
Sarasota British Club, P.O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276 or fax to 941-752-3293