

Brit Club News

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Coming Events

A SPECIAL THANKS to everyone who donated raffle items for the Halloween Party/ AGM. The party was a great success!!

December 7

Board Meeting – at Tastefully British, 2236 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota, 5:30 p.m. Board meetings have been changed to the first Tuesday of each month. **MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!**

December 15

Annual Christmas Party – Get your tickets soon – they're going fast!! Our annual Christmas party at the Waterside Room is a fabulous start to the Christmas season. Because of the success we've had this year, our funds have enabled us to hire a brilliant DJ who is sure to make this Christmas party one to

remember. So get ready to enjoy a beautiful meal with friends or family and dance the night away!

The fun begins with cocktails from 6:30 to 7:30, followed by dinner at 7:30 and dancing and frivolity from 8:30 to 11:30.



Tickets are available at Tastefully British, and we've been able to keep the price the same as last year – \$35 apiece for members and children; \$40 for non-members. Last year we had 98 people and this year we are hoping for 150. We hear Santa will make an appearance again this year, so we hope you've been good girls and boys!!

January 1



Our new Board of Directors begins the New Year with more great ideas for fun Brit Club events. Welcome to our new Board members and welcome back to some returning members!!

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Brit Business Club – This will be our first meeting, at 5:30 pm, hopefully at Shakespeare's Pub on Osprey Avenue. Please call Sandra at 927-2612 for confirmation of date and time.

New Members

John Allan
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Sarasota, FL 34238

Lisa and Mike Meacock
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Sarasota, FL 34241

Our new website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com – look for changes soon!!

An open letter from the Home Office to the people of America

To the citizens of the United States of America,

In the light of your failure to elect a suitable President of the USA and thus to govern yourselves, we hereby give notice of the revocation of your independence, effective today. Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will resume monarchical duties over all states, commonwealths and other territories, except Utah, which she does not fancy. Your new prime minister (The Right Honourable Tony Blair, MP for the 97.85% of you who have until now been unaware there is a world outside your borders) will appoint a minister for America without the need for further elections. Congress and the Senate will be disbanded. A questionnaire will be circulated next year to determine whether any of you noticed. To aid in the transition to a British Crown Dependency, the following rules are introduced with immediate effect:

1. You should look up "revocation" in the Oxford English Dictionary. Then look up "aluminium". Check the pronunciation guide. You will be amazed at just how wrongly you have been pronouncing it. The letter 'U' will be reinstated in words such as 'favour' and 'neighbour.' Skipping the letter 'U' is nothing more than laziness on your part. Likewise, you will learn to spell 'doughnut' without skipping half the letters. You will end your love affair with the letter 'Z' (pronounced 'zed' not 'zee') and the suffix "ize" will be replaced by the suffix "ise". You will learn that the suffix 'burgh' is pronounced 'burra' e.g. Edinburgh. You are welcome to respell Pittsburgh as 'Pittsberg' if you can't cope with correct pronunciation. Generally, you should raise your vocabulary to acceptable levels. Using the same twenty seven words interspersed with filler noises such as "like" and "you know" is an unacceptable and inefficient form of communication.

2. There is no such thing as "US English". We will let Microsoft know on your behalf. The Microsoft spell-checker will be adjusted to take account of the reinstated letter 'u' and the elimination of "-ize".

3. You should learn to distinguish the English and Australian accents. It really isn't that hard. English accents are not limited to Cockney, upper-class twit or Mancunian (Daphne in Frasier). You will also have to learn how to understand regional accents - Scottish dramas such as "Taggart" will no longer be broadcast with subtitles. You must learn that there is no such place as Devonshire in England. The name of the county is "Devon." If you persist in calling it Devonshire, all American States will become "shires" e.g. Texasshire, Floridashire, Louisianashire.

4. Hollywood will be required occasionally to cast English actors as the good guys. Hollywood will be required to cast English actors to play English characters. British sitcoms such as "Men Behaving Badly" or "Red Dwarf" will not be re-cast and watered down for an American audience who can't cope with the humour of occasional political incorrectness.

5. You should relearn your original national anthem, "God Save The Queen", but only after fully carrying out task 1. We would not want you to get confused and give up half way through.

6. You should stop playing American "football". There is only one kind of football. What you refer to as American "football" is not even a very good game. The 2.15% of you who are aware that there is a world outside your borders may have noticed that no one else plays "American" football. You will no longer be allowed to play it, and should instead play proper football. Initially, it would be best if you played with the girls. It is a difficult game. Those of you brave enough will, in time, be allowed to play rugby (which is similar to American "football", but does not involve stopping for a rest every twenty seconds or wearing full kevlar body armour like Nancies). We are hoping to get together at least a US rugby sevens side by 2005. You should stop playing baseball. It is not reasonable to host an event called the 'World Series' for a game which is not played outside of America. Instead of baseball, you will be allowed to play a girls' game called "rounders" which is baseball without fancy team strip, oversized gloves, collector cards or hotdogs.

8. You will no longer be allowed to own or carry guns. You will no longer be allowed to own or carry anything more dangerous than a vegetable peeler. If you wish to carry a vegetable peeler in public, a permit will be required.

9. July 4th is no longer a public holiday. November 2nd will be a new national holiday, but only in England. It will be called "Indecisive Day".

10. All American cars are hereby banned. They are crap, and it is for your own good. When we show you German cars, you will understand what we mean. All road intersections will be replaced with roundabouts. You will start driving on the left with immediate effect. At the same time, you will go metric with immediate effect and without the benefit of conversion tables. Roundabouts and metrication will help you understand the British sense of humour.

11. You will learn to make real chips. Those things you call French fries are not real chips. Fries aren't even French, they are Belgian, though 97.85% of you (including the guy who discovered fries while in Europe) are not aware of a country called Belgium. Those things you insist on calling potato chips are properly called "crisps". Real chips are thick cut and fried in animal fat. The traditional accompaniment to chips is beer which should be served warm and flat. Waitresses will immediately be trained to be more aggressive with customers.

12. The cold tasteless stuff you insist on calling beer is not actually beer at all, it is lager. From November 1st only proper British Bitter will be referred to as "beer", and European brews of known and accepted provenance will be referred to as "Lager". The substances formerly known as "American Beer" will henceforth be referred to as "Near-Frozen Gnat's Urine", with the exception of the product of the American Budweiser company whose product will be referred to as "Weak Near-Frozen Gnat's Urine".

13. From December 1st the UK will harmonise petrol (or "Gasoline" as you will be permitted to keep calling it until April 1st 2005) prices with the former USA. The UK will harmonise its prices to those of the former USA and the Former USA will, in return, adopt UK petrol prices (roughly \$6/US gallon – get used to it).

Tax collectors from Her Majesty's Government will be with you shortly to ensure the acquisition of all revenues due (backdated to 1776). Thank you for your cooperation.

Stan's Sports Spot



Soccer Chelsea led the Premier after a decisive 4-1 victory over Fulham, another exciting North London derby ended Spurs 4 Arsenal 5. Everyone got their money's worth at White Hart Lane for that match. Everton in third place in the premier, with Westbrom, Blackburn and Norwich propping the division up.

F1 Red Bull set to buy the Jaguar F1 team, while Jordan are hoping to sign an engine deal with Toyota now Ford have officially dropped out of F1. Michael Schumacher has donated £1m to children's charity **Unesco**. Ferrari's seven-time world champion has worked for the United Nations charity since 1995, and his previous donations have helped build schools and clinics.



Golf Still reveling in the Ryder Cup victory, wearing my victory hat all day and night.



Rugby Union Ireland coach Eddie O'Sullivan said his team's "mental preparation" had been the key to Saturday's 17-12 victory over South Africa at Lansdowne Road. "We prepared mentally very hard in the run-up to the game and it was more a mental battle out there than anything else," said a delighted O'Sullivan.

Olympics London will send its final bid dossier to the International Olympic Committee on Monday as the race to host the Games in 2012 enters the be at Heathrow airport to send London's IOC evaluation team will visit London, February and March before producing a



finishing straight. Bid leader Sebastian Coe will plans on their way to the IOC in Lausanne. The Paris, Madrid, New York and Moscow in report on the five rivals.

The answer to the last trivia, "which city hosted last year's World Athletic championships?" was, of course, Paris.

This month's question: Paula Radcliffe narrowly won the New York marathon in November, who was the runner that she piped on the line? A: Susan Chepkemei B: Margaret Okayo C: Lornah Kiplagat

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Horoscope

“Scorpio” – 24th October to 22nd November



Ruling Planet – Jupiter
Element – Fire
Symbol – “The Archer”
Good colors to wear – Deep blue, purple, beige

Fashion is like passion – it comes and goes. At the time, it seems to be of vital importance, then after it is over, you look back and wonder what all the fuss was about.

You may at this moment be facing a drama that seems to be taking over a lot of your time and your thoughts. In a few months time you will be wondering why you wasted so much energy on something that actually would sort itself out. Compromises or adjustments in thinking was all it needed.

This is a good time to invest in real estate.
Rewarding days for you are 7th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and 30th.

God bless you,
Sue Moonstar

Rose’s Corner

If you didn’t attend the Boot Fair, you missed a great sale! I found some treasures I didn’t even know I needed. Looking forward here to seeing old friends and perhaps making new ones at this year’s Christmas party – always a great time with lots of laughs and wonderful music, dancing and always fabulous food.

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