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Coming Events

Event of the Year! Sarasota Brit Club Christmas Party Dec. 5 –

On Saturday, December 5th we shall hold our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY at Heritage Oaks Golf & Country Club. The one hundred plus Brit Club members who attended last December will recall what a fun-filled and enjoyable evening we had. Please see the insert in this newsletter, and return it with your cheque ASAP.

Coffee Morning December 8 – 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.

Auction December 9 – Start your holiday shopping now! The Suncoast chapter of the American Advertising Federation (the Ad Fed) will host a media and merchandise auction, with our own **CLIFF ROLES** serving as celebrity auctioneer. This event is to raise funds for, among other groups, the All Faiths Food Bank and The Food Bank of Manatee, both of whose shelves are sorely depleted, especially during the holiday season.

This is a chance for you to score some great deals on gift certificates (MacAllisters, Coach and Horses, etc.), massages, professional portrait photography services, and more. You can even bid on a TROLLEY CHARTER (normally a \$490 value) and take 35 of your nearest and dearest on a tour of holiday lights, or a pub crawl.

The auction, which is open to the public, is Dec. 9 at the Sahib Shrine Temple, 600 N. Beneva Road, and starts at 5:30. Admission is \$5, and includes a free drink. If you bring one or more non-perishable food items for the food banks, you'll get an extra free drink ticket.

Call Nairn' Gillet at 321-9631 if you have other questions.

Board Meeting Dec. 17 – 6:30 p.m. at the home of Ken Jukes, 4047 Wilshire Circle East, Lakeshore Village, Sarasota, at 6:30 p.m. MEMBERS WELCOME, BUT PHONE AHEAD AS SPACE IS LIMITED!

President's Inauguration Party Jan 23 – Please join club members welcoming Ken Jukes as our new President. The party begins at 4:00 p.m. at Ken and Ildiko's lovely home at 4047 Wilshire Circle East, Lakeshore Village, Sarasota. The club is providing beverages and wine; club members are asked to bring finger foods to share. Tel 941-927-6499.

Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

President's Letter

Good News.....the Christmas party is ready to roll! As you know, Christmas is for sharing and helping others that are not as fortunate as we. This year we are donating to a local charity called "Mothers helping Mothers." It is for mothers and their children who have found themselves on hard times. Now more than ever, children are having to go without because so many parents are out of work. So we are asking our members to donate to this fabulous local charity. All proceeds from our Christmas party raffle will go to the charity.

If you have a business, could you donate a free service or a gift voucher? Your company name will be placed in our news letter and on the Brit club web page. That's free advertising to hundreds of people that surf the web apart from our own members.

For our members that don't have a business but would like to donate raffle items to such a great cause, we are looking for: grocery store gift certificates for \$50 to \$100; restaurant gift certificates; bottle of wine, liquor, champagne; or a donation to the charity directly.

We thank you for your kind support. Anyone willing to donate please email or phone Susan Ford 941-751-3811 or email sueford47@yahoo.com. We are on count down before our Christmas party. We will need to know what our raffle prizes are going to be. For more information <http://www.whatshappeningmanatee.com/MothersHelpingMothers.html>.

Coffee morning in December is with mince pies and sherry, hope you will join us on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am at my home.

As this is my last letter as President, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year. God Bless you all.

See you at the Christmas party,
Sue Ford

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, February 14th. Join us for a romantic St. Valentines Day lunch and cruise around Sarasota Bay to the edge of the Gulf on Marina Jack II. Marina Jack's is located on Sarasota downtown waterfront. The group cost will be approx \$40 per head; space is limited so please let Ken Jukes (941-927-6499) or Sue Ford (941-751-3811) have your booking asap. Ken and Ildiko held their marriage (by the captain in full uniform) and reception on the Marina Jack II three years ago, so please join them on a special occasion.

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: Word of Mouth (3), Champions Pub, Tastefully British, 4 & 20 Pasty Shop, the British Open Pub, The Irish Rovers, The Coach & Horses Pub, The Open, McAllister's, Scot's Corner, Cafe Continental-Patisserie and Beckham's Osprey Grill. Please thank them by patronizing them whenever you can, and let them know you appreciate their support.

Do You Own Your Own Business?

For advertising, our rates are reasonable and 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 (for club members only) are as follows: ¼ page \$15, ½ page \$25, full page \$40 per month. There is a 20% discount if you purchase your advertisements annually. Sale ads for unwanted items is \$10 for up to 3 lines of copy. 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.

For Sale

Oster ExpressBake Breadmaker \$50

Versatile - makes 1 lb., 1.5 lb, or 2 lb. Family-size horizontal loaves. 18 bread settings & 3 crust color selections. Easy to use manual with over 50 recipes included. Come home to fresh baked bread with the 13 hour delay bake timer. Simple and easy to use with 3-step programming, 58 minute Express Bake cycle and 60 minute keep warm feature. Add fruits & nuts with ease with audible add in signal. Modern oval design offers large glass view window, removable lid, non-stick aluminum bread pan, and cool touch exterior. Never used.

Cannon PIXMA iP4500 Photo Printer \$100

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For either of the above items, please call Sioux Hurley at 484-0728 or email teatreeinc@comcast.net.

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)

Leek and Parsnip Mash

I got this recipe from a cookbook magazine in England a few years ago, and started featuring it for our Christmas meals. Although I really like parsnips, I only think to use them at Christmas. My Mum used to roast them with the potatoes and that is still good. However, this is just a bit different. Hope you like it, not hard to do, can be made ahead and makes a change.

Leek and Parsnip Mash

1 ½ lb cleaned and sliced Leeks	1 cup milk
1 ½ lb peeled and quartered parsnips	6 Tbsp chopped parsley
2 garlic cloves, peeled	6 Tbsp grated Parmesan cheese

Put the leeks, parsnips and garlic in a pan of cold salted water, bring to the boil reduce heat and simmer 15-20 minutes, drain, return to the pan and dry off over low heat 3-4 minutes. Heat the milk, and put in a food processor with the leeks, parsnips, chopped parsley, 5 Tbsp of the Parmesan cheese, and whiz until just smooth, don't over do it. Put the mash into an ovenproof dish, and sprinkle with the remaining cheese. Serve hot. Yield 6 servings.

(Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Union Jack Food Columnist. Queries, comments and recipes are welcome, and I can be reached at Yourcupatea1@yahoo.com.)



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Santa's Visit Application

Please Note: You better not pout, you better not cry, you better watch out, I'm telling you why. Santa Claus is coming to town and he hasn't got much time. To assist in the efficient processing of all children's requests, please fill in this form clearly and truthfully because he **does** know.

Applicant Details

What did your parents name you?

Where do you live?

Have you been good?

On the scale below, please tick your level Of behaviour over the past 12 months (remember, he knows)

Angelic Kidding Around Despicable
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

If you ticked between 1 and 4 inclusive:
What would you like for Christmas? (*print*)

If you ticked between 4 and 7 inclusive:
What would you like for Christmas? (*print*)

If you ticked between 7 and 10 inclusive:
What would you like for Christmas? (*print*)

Gift Placement Details

Where would you like your gifts placed?

Stocking (state size) _____

- End of bed
 - Under the Christmas tree
 - Hidden – indicate level of difficulty
- | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| All day
to find | Half day
to find | 10 minutes
to find |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Details

What is the pitch of the roof? _____ degrees

If the pitch is more than 30 degrees, please attach a roofing diagram indicating at least two anchor points (e.g. TV antenna, spire, chimney, etc.)

Does your roof have a minimum load bearing capacity of 1 tonne per square meter? (9 reindeer, a full sleigh, plus a big bloke in a funny suit)

- No On the night, please ensure that your driveway is clear of all objects bigger than a cat.
- Unsure Please attach a certified engineer's report outlining the average load bearing capacity of your roof?

Yes

Do you have a chimney?

Yes

When was it last swept?

Date: _____

Approximate diameter of stack opening:
_____ cms.

Please ensure that on Christmas Eve, the hearth is clear of burning embers and sharp objects.

No
(please leave back door or window ajar)

Refreshment Details

Will refreshments be provided? YES

What type of refreshments will be available? (tick more than one)

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brandy | <input type="checkbox"/> Bourbon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gin | <input type="checkbox"/> Beer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rum | <input type="checkbox"/> Scotch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vodka | <input type="checkbox"/> Wine |

Where will refreshments be found?

- Liquor cabinet (please leave unlocked or the key in an obvious place)
- Bar
- Fridge
- Cupboard (attach house plan indicating which cupboard in which room)
- On the kitchen table (preferred option)

Declaration

mentioned address, declare that the information provided herein is true and correct in every detail. Furthermore, I authorize Santa to contact my parents at the same address to confirm the details set out herein. I understand that in the event that my story does not correspond with that of my parents, especially the bit about my level of behaviour, it could be a lean Christmas. I also promise to be asleep when Santa arrives because he does know.

Your name in running writing: _____ Today's date: _____

Please send this completed application by airmail to arrive no later than Christmas Eve to:

Mr. S. Claus
c/o Mail Service HOHOHO
North Pole

November Board Meeting Précis

Board was unable to consider this a voting meeting due to not having a quorum. Treasurer's report at \$5,525.94, includes deposits for the Holiday party; 212 members currently, Website getting many visitors, Face Book up to date and gathering interest. Car Boot Sale for November 21st, have 7 cars; 21 members signed up for Run for Your Wife. Cricket Six-a-Side will be Thanksgiving weekend at the Sarasota Cricket Ground. Holiday party for December 5th plans discussed, somewhat slow in getting reservations; raffle money from door prizes will go to Mothers Helping Mothers. \$160.00 raised from raffle at the AGM is to go to the All Faiths Food Bank. January 23rd will be Presidents Inauguration meeting, as a Pot Luck, with club providing beverages and wine. Suggested having a Valentines Day luncheon on the Marina Jack, also to have a tent at the Polo Grounds for March; Need to start getting ideas for a grand 10th anniversary celebration of the club in October.

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