



# BritClub News

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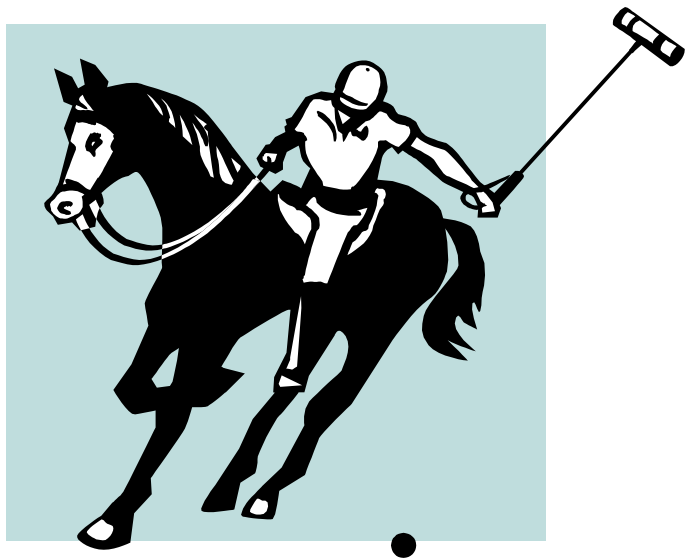
Sarasota British Club, P. O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276

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## Coming Events

### Board Meeting

**Feb. 5** – 6:00 p.m. at the home of Sandra Cherry, 2930 Williamsburg St., Sarasota. **MEMBERS ARE WELCOME, BUT PLEASE PHONE AHEAD AS SPACE IS LIMITED!**



### A Day at the Sarasota Polo Club

**February 18** – Join us for an afternoon at the Sarasota Polo Club. Bring a dish to share, your own beverages, cutlery, tableware, folding table and chairs. Any extra tables you can bring will be greatly appreciated to accommodate our setup of food. Hat Contest: This year we will have a “Spring/Ascot Style” hat contest. Get your thinking caps on and see what you can come up with, whether it is floral and frilly or seriously posh. Prizes will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. The entrance fee is \$12. If you are interested in attending, please contact Amy Croshaw at 928-2580 or email her at [acroshaw@verizon.net](mailto:acroshaw@verizon.net).

### Scottish Games

Those of you who have a wee drop or two of Scottish blood in your veins will be pleased to know that the Brit Club will be participating in the annual Highland Games 24<sup>th</sup> March at the Venice airport.

We will be an exhibitor on “Clan Row” along with other UK social groups. Our tent will offer free nibbles and a libation or two for *members only!* This is a great opportunity for the club to attract new members and increase our visibility in the community. If you’re interested in helping at the booth, please contact Nairn’ Gillet at 366-9984.

### 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, Champions Pub, Tastefully British, Four & Twenty Pasty Shop, both British Open pubs, The Irish Rovers, The Coach & Horses Pub, Shakespeare’s, McAllister’s, Scots Corner and Simon’s Coffee Shoppe. Please thank them by patronizing them whenever you can, and let them know you appreciate their support.

### Condolences

Our deep condolences to long time board member Shona Burtner and family, on the loss of her nephew John H. McLellan Smith, on January 9th. John, with his wife Jackie and their two teenage children, came over 18 months ago from Scotland, and shortly after being here, came down with cancer. He was truly a ‘miracle’ man, facing such adversity and incredible challenges with awesome strength and courage, he was an inspiration. Many of the Brit Club members were able to help commemorate a celebration of his life on January 14th, and hope we can continue to think of this family and wish them the strength to get through these difficult days.

**Our website is [www.SarasotaBritishClub.com](http://www.SarasotaBritishClub.com)**

# From Our President

Those of you who attended the "Mystery Meet" had the opportunity to learn a lot about your fellow members. We especially enjoyed the comments made along the lines of "if I'd known what this program was all about, I probably wouldn't have come – but I am really **glad** I did. It was neat." There was a LOT of good food and good company.

It is extremely gratifying to realize that we are receiving new members at the rate of several per month, many of whom are applying via the website. We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to James Croshaw for the many hours he devotes to updating and maintaining the website.

We are thrilled to report that the Business Group is about to be resuscitated, spearheaded by a couple of new members, supported by some more tenured ones. Details will be forthcoming.

There's been a special invite issued by the Welsh Club to our members to participate in a golf outing on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> February. There is a 12:00 noon registration with a shotgun start at 1:00 pm. It will be a scramble. Fee is \$40, and includes lunch, golf and cart. Call Rich before 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 400-5085 for info or reservations.

We have asked this before, but we **seriously** are seeking an affirmative answer this time. We would very much like to hold some of our events in new and different venues. Variety is the spice of life, as the saying goes. If any of you live in gated or golf course/yacht club communities that have clubhouses, and would be willing to sponsor a Brit Club event at your clubhouse, please drop Programs Chair Amy Croshaw an email at [acroshaw@verizon.net](mailto:acroshaw@verizon.net) and let her know. This doesn't mean you have to do any real work; just that you're willing to serve as liaison between us and your community organization. Thanks in advance.

Hope to see you all at the Polo Grounds on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> February. Until then...

Cheers!

Nairn' B. Gillet,  
President

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## 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:

Business Card size .....	\$10.00	Half Page .....	\$25.00
Quarter Page.....	\$15.00	Full Page.....	\$40.00

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 by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to the newsletter editor, Rose Gillet, at 3219 24<sup>th</sup> Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34235 or email them to her at [rosegillet@yahoo.com](mailto:rosegillet@yahoo.com).

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## Sarasota British 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.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE CLUB?** 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 No. \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type (please check one):     Single \$25     Family \$35 (includes children up to age 18).

# Brit Club on the Air

Some of you may have heard Cliff Roles' radio programme "Talk of the Suncoast" on AM 1220, WIBQ. The show airs each weekday from 2pm to 3pm, and features news about the Suncoast and interviews with prominent local people.

Cliff is a fellow Brit, having completed his schooling in Croydon, and then studied French, German and Russian in Birmingham. For 16 years, he promoted over 130 of the world's most famous rock and roll acts, among them Elton John, Celine Dion, Bon Jovi, Metallica, Robert Plant, Lionel Ritchie, Donna Summer, Def Leppard, Dire Straits and Kiss.

He then became a German/English translator, and moved to Sarasota in 2001. Since arriving here, he has performed with a number of community and professional theatre troupes, served as Ringmaster for Circus Sarasota, as well as hosting the aforementioned radio programme.

On Tuesday, **27<sup>th</sup> February**, our own Sandra Cherry (founder of the Brit Club and current Board secretary) along with VP Terry Sweeney will be interviewed on Cliff's show. The LIVE segment will air from 2:06. Give the show a listen...not just for our folks but also to learn more about what's going on in our town.

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## Her Majesty and St. George

We are pleased to announce that on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, the Brit Club will host a dinner to commemorate both Her Majesty The Queen's birthday as well as St. George's Day. The event will be at the Coach and Horses Pub from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm, and will feature a special menu including both roast beef with Yorkshire pudding and roast loin of pork, among other specialties of the house. There will be entertainment, music and more. Further details will be forthcoming, but please **SAVE THE DATE** on your calendars now.

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## MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

*(being an irregular series of articles about the people that make the club tick.)*

### **Terry Sweeney – Vice-President**

Terry was born in London and lived there during World War II, including the Blitz. From 1950-52 he served as a National Serviceman in the R.A.F.

In 1957, fed up with continued strikes and miserable weather, he and new wife, Audrey, emigrated to Salisbury, S. Rhodesia (now Harare, Zimbabwe). He had already started what was to become a life-time career in the fine paper industry. From Rhodesia he moved to San Francisco, then Toronto and, eventually, to Connecticut, where he worked out of New York City.

The last 13 years saw him in export sales traveling to Australia, South and East Africa, Central and South America and South East Asia.

Terry retired in 1999 and in August 2001 he and Audrey moved to Osprey, a move they have never regretted. Almost immediately upon arrival here, they joined the Brit Club, and he has served on the Board for four years.

He and Audrey have been married almost 51 years, have three grown children, each born in a different country and seven grandchildren. He is a life long fan of Arsenal and a keen follower of Formula 1 racing.

# January Minutes Précis

**January 8, 2007** – Currently have 148 members. Christmas party considered a great success, and enjoyed by all who went. Pleased with the Blue Bayou DJ's, food was good, a visit by Father Christmas, games and fun. Suggested we see if we could hold the 2007 Christmas party there again. Discussed using PayPal for the website for registration, board considered would not be used enough to warrant time and money for it at this time. Nairn' will distribute a new phone tree list. Next event to be the Mystery Meet at the SouthBay Yacht Club, Sandra will help Amy set up. Plan to do a visit to the Polo Club on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Club will have a booth at the Highland Games in March. Newsletters are being distributed to 12 area British businesses, have been getting good response from this. Welsh Club will invite us for a golf outing in February. Next Board meeting will be Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm, at Sandra Cherry's home (*any member welcome but need to call ahead due to space limitations*).

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## British Actresses Dominate Oscar Nominations



Three out of the five nominations for this year's Best Actress Oscar are Brits – Dame Helen Mirren for her portrayal of Elizabeth II in “The Queen,” Dame Judi Dench as a scheming teacher in “Notes on a Scandal,” and Kate Winslet as a woman in an affair with a neighbor in “Little Children.” “I'm in frighteningly good company. It is very nice of the Queen to allow me in,” said Dame Judi, referring to Dame Helen's celebrated role in The Queen. The three Brits face competition from Penelope Cruz and Meryl Streep.

I hear the smart money is on Dame Helen Mirren, who said, “It is one of the hardest roles to play, not just a living person but one who is part of our everyday lives in Britain. I hope that my performance has conveyed a sense of Elizabeth the woman as well as the Queen.”

Upon hearing of her nomination, Kate Winslet said, “I am going to be screaming and whooping all day long. I really thought I wasn't going to get a nomination. I am really going to try to enjoy this moment. I'm speechless.”

# Scotch Eggs

This is a traditional picnic item, but also is a great lunch. Scotch eggs can be served hot or cold with a nice side salad and pickles, and HP sauce.

½ lb. pork sausage meat  
½ lb. ground turkey  
2 Tbsp. chopped parsley  
¼ tsp. thyme  
¼ tsp. sage  
Salt and pepper



8 hard boiled eggs, peeled  
½ cup seasoned flour  
2 lightly beaten eggs  
1 cup fine plain breadcrumbs  
Vegetable oil



Combine the sausage meat, herbs and seasoning. Pat mixture into 8 rounds, wrap around each hard boiled egg, covering completely. Roll eggs in flour, then beaten egg, then the breadcrumbs. Fry in deep hot fat 10-15 minutes until golden brown and the meat is cooked. Drain on paper towels.  
Yield 8 servings.

*Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Your Cup of Tea, Inc.,  
'Union Jack' food columnist, requests/comments to yourcuppatea1@yahoo.com*

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## Rose's Corner

Thanks to everyone who attended our Mystery Meet. I would never have guessed anyone in the club would be familiar with my hometown in Ohio had I not attended. It was a great way to get to know members I'd never sat down to talk with before and get to know those I've known for several years just a little better.

I'm really looking forward to Polo this month. I don't really understand it, but it's great fun to watch and the horses are so beautiful and graceful, and we always have a wonderful time as a group when we attend.

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 news-letter is the 15th of each month.



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