

Brit Club News

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Coming Events

December 31

A New Year's Eve Suggestion – The Coach & Horses Pub at Lockwood Ridge Road and University Parkway has laid on plans for a gala New Year's Eve fete to which all members (and guests) of the Brit Club are invited.

The evening features a six-course feast, including your choice of chicken, roast beef, roast pork or roast duck, with all the trimmings. The dinner is \$29.95 per person. There will be entertainment, karaoke, a quiz, noise-makers, balloons, and hats and, of course, champagne at midnight. The festivities get underway at 9:00 pm.

The pub has set aside the back room for the Brit Club. Advance tickets are *not* necessary, but reservations *are*. Call 358-1353, and be sure to tell them you're with the Brit Club.



January 5

Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m. at Tastefully British, 2236 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota. Board meetings have been changed to the first Wednesday of each month.

MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

January 10

British Business Club (BBC) – This will be our first meeting, at 6:00 pm, at Shakespeare's Pub on Osprey Avenue. Please call Sandra at 927-2612 for confirmation of date and time. Door prize donations cheerfully accepted!

January 16

President's Cocktail Party – Join fellow members at our new President's home from 4:00-7:00 p.m. BYOB & something to pass. See details in the President's message on page two!

Ombudsman

The entire Board would like to apologize to anyone who took offense to the "open letter from the Home Office to the people of America" that appeared in last month's newsletter. We never meant to offend. Please accept our profound apology.

New Members

Carol and Brian Robinson
338 Londonderry Drive
Sarasota, FL 34240

Claire Lockyear & Family
9579 Knightsbridge Circle
Sarasota, FL 34238

From Our Treasurer

I would like to thank everyone involved with the Christmas Party. Sad to say we had a few problems, but it has now been worked out and for all who attended there will be another affair put on by the Waterside Room for us. Look for further information in the newsletter. I am handing over the Treasurer's position to Glenys Oldham, and I hope you will give her the support you have given me over the last three years. As much as I would like to stay on, I will be too busy to hold down such a responsible position, but will still remain active in the club when I am in town. We have had a wonderful year with the club thanks to Sue Ford and her committee, so let us make this coming year just as good. We have a great membership and the committee would like all to be involved and pass on any ideas to help with the social side. Please support the new committee. A lot of hard work goes into the events that are put on for you, and it does not all get done with a little blink of the eye. So anyone who would like to help, please call a member of the committee.

This will be in after Christmas so I hope everybody is now relaxing and on those diets after all the eating and drinking. A **HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL**

Thank you,
Ann Doran

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

Message from the President

Happy new year to everyone and welcome to a New Year and a new Board.

First, may I offer the members' sincere thanks to Peter Richards and his Board for a job well done. They will be a hard act to follow. A special word for Peter who stepped up to the plate when no one else would and then graciously accepted a second year of office at a time when, as many of us know, he was under additional stress due to family health problems. Peter, enjoy a well earned rest!

I wish to offer the Board's apologies for the disgraceful catering at the annual Christmas party and can assure all those who attended that we have only paid the gratuity and room charge and have negotiated with the Waterside Room on your behalf to make restitution. The state of the food was no reflection on the amount of hard work and planning which went into this event by Sue Ford and her team of helpers which I thank on your behalf.

In accordance with the tradition started some years ago, my wife, Maureen, and I would like to invite all MEMBERS to attend a cocktail party at our home 770 Shadowbay Way, Woodlands at Rivendell, Osprey from 4-7 pm on Sunday the 16th of January, 2005. Please call 966-9421 ahead to reserve, as numbers will be limited to 80. BYOB and an appetizer or dessert plate to share. (Directions: US 41 to Blackburn Point, turn into Old Venice Road then first right, Woodlands onto Rivendell Blvd., after 1000 yards right at Rainbow Point Way, then first left onto Shadow Bay Way; house is on the left.)

Peter Gold, President

Stan's Sports Spot



Soccer Chelsea still led the Premier after a crushing 4-0 victory over Norwich. Birmingham heaped more misery on West Brom with the second 4-0 score of the day, leaving them to linger in bottom place over the Christmas holiday. Celtic continues to lead the Scottish Premier with a 1-0 victory over Dundee.

F1 Red Bull bought the Jaguar F1 team, and signed David Coulthard for the next season – his #2 driver yet to be named. Silverstone retains their place in the calendar and Vodafone extends sponsorship of Ferrari for another 2 years.



Cricket England's much discussed tour of South Africa gets underway. Andrew Strauss became only the second Englishman to hit centuries on Test debuts home and away as England reached an imposing 227-1 against South Africa. Strauss was 120 not out after two days in Port Elizabeth as England closed inexorably on the hosts' 337 all out. Second match starts Dec. 26th.

Snooker Ronnie O'Sullivan is complex, erratic and, occasionally, downright belligerent. But at the 2004 World Championship he showed just why he is absolutely vital for the game of snooker. From his fractious start, through his fantastic semi-final against Stephen Hendry, to his ruthless display in lifting the crown, the charismatic Rocket has been utterly compelling. And a second world title was a deserved reward after some unmatchable snooker to light up The Crucible theatre.



Golf Colin Montgomerie has withdrawn his name as a candidate for 2006 Ryder cup captain, saying he is still too young for that job.

The answer to the last trivia: Paula Radcliffe piped Susan Chepkemei to win the New York marathon.

This month's question is more of a brain teaser: In which sport/event is it possible to shoot a snowman in the desert? 1) Skeet shoot 2) Biathlon 3) Golf

Sandra's Recipe of the Month - Colcannon

Thought I would feature a traditional Irish dish, a yummy side dish to any meats. Potatoes are a staple of anyone's diet; by the way in my research I found out that the word 'spuds' for potatoes, is named after the tool once used in the potato patch! Another piece of worthless information you might find of interest!

Colcannon

6 large Idaho potatoes
½ green cabbage
1 small leek
1 bunch spring onions
4 tbsp butter
½ cup cream
Salt and pepper
½ tsp. nutmeg

Peel potatoes, cut into cubes, place in saucepan, cover with water and boil until cooked. Whilst potatoes are cooking, cut up cabbage until finely sliced. Clean leek and finely slice. Peel outer layer of onions, and finely chop. Melt 2 Tbsp butter in large pan and sauté cabbage about 5 minutes. Add leeks and onions, and sauté another 3-4 minutes. Drain cooked potatoes, and mash up, with remaining 2 Tbsp butter, and the cream. Add salt, pepper and nutmeg and whip until fluffy. Combine with cabbage and onion mixture in large pan, and gently reheat.

(I welcome comments or requests, and can be reached at TastefulBrit@aol.com or at 927-2612)

Photos from the boot sale in November...



Jane Reeves keeping busy



Lots of happy shoppers

*Peter
Richards
hawking
hot dogs*

Yum Yum!



Important Christmas Party Info

As those of you who attended the Christmas Party on December 15th at the Waterside Room are no doubt aware, there were several problems. There was miscommunication with our club, in that they didn't serve the proper entrees, and they also didn't prepare enough food for the amount of people present. The Waterside Room's manager has promised the attendees of the Christmas party a cocktail party at the Waterside Room's expense to help make up for the problems with the food and any inconveniences to our members. It is never pleasant when a well-planned and organized event goes awry, and we hope this will make up for any unpleasantness experienced by our members and guests. Those of you who attended the Christmas Party will be contacted with details.

From the email Sue Ford received from Ben McCarthy of the Waterside Room, "Please accept our sincerest and deepest apologies for the mistakes that were made during your event at the Waterside Room the other evening. It is our intention, as an expression of our appreciation for you and your organization, to have a complimentary cocktail party at the Waterside Room some time at your convenience. We do hope that we can continue our relationship and hopefully put this unfortunate incident behind us. Thanks again for your kind understanding."

Sincerely, The Brit Club Board

Rose's Corner

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, and hope to see some of you at the Coach and Horses for New Year's Eve this year. It should be a lot of fun, although you won't catch me doing karaoke (as Martha Stewart would say, "It's a good thing!"). Wishing everyone a happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year!! I've begun working at Comcast (no, I can't get anyone a deal on their cable bill), so I will try to make as many events this year as humanly possible.

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 is the 15th of each month.



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