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Coming Events

Board Meeting January 14th – 6:30 p.m. at the home of Brian Thompson, 11710 Strandhill Ct, Lakewood Ranch. MEMBERS WELCOME, BUT PLEASE PHONE AHEAD! (388-8018)

Coffee Morning – January 12th 10:30 a.m on Tuesday at the home of Sue Ford, 6706 Oak Hammock Dr., Bradenton. Contact Sue at sueford47@yahoo.com or 941-751-3811.



President's Inauguration Party – Jan 23rd

A SLIGHT CHANGE OF VENUE/TIME Please join club members welcoming Ken Jukes as our new President. The party will be from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Clubhouse, Lakeshore Village, Sarasota. The club is providing beverages and wine; club members are asked to bring finger foods to share. Location/directions to Lakeshore Village Club House, Lake Shore Village, Wilshire Blvd., just off Clark Road, about 300 yards east of Beneva Road. The Clubhouse is 100 yards on the left. *Please let Ken Jukes know if you plan to come along (kena.jukes@yahoo.com or call 941-927-6499). We hope for a good turn-out and a fun event. Aim to bring 9 quarters with you.*

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 , Brian Thompson, at 11710 Strandhill Ct, Lakewood Ranch, 34202 or email to lakewood2@gmail.com.



Letter from President Ken Jukes on a cold and wet December in England:

First, my thanks on behalf of all of our membership to Sue Ford for her tremendous work as President in 2009 and for the many innovations she introduced. Sue will be continuing on the Board as *Immediate Past President*, and has kindly agreed to continue her monthly coffee mornings, with Doreen Wilson and myself providing back-up cover. We all also applaud the splendid work done by retiring members of the Board (*Shona Burtner, Sandra Cherry, Kathy Curtin, Nairn and Rose Gillett, Terry Sweeney*) all of whom have given the Club splendid service for a number of years.

Ildiko and I missed the SBC Christmas Party this year due to a family event in the UK, booked way back in April 2009, but we followed progress by email and the SBC website and were pleased to see the numbers rise. Well done to all who participated and who organised another successful occasion.

By the time this note appears we will, God willing, be back in Sarasota for Xmas. We left on November 23rd to spend five days at a friend's Thanksgiving family reunion at a house on the cliff tops at Plymouth, Mass., with heavy rain and tremendous winds for all but one day. The weather followed us to England with winds, cold rain, and dark grey skies, apart from one day (to date). It's currently 4.15 pm, rainy, and pitch black outside!

Looking to the future, the new Board will be grateful to members for any suggestions for our 2010 diary of events. Ideas on the table at the time of writing include the new *President's party*, a *St Valentine's Day lunch cruise* on the Marina Jack (assuming the cost is reasonable), and an *Antiques Roadshow* event with appraisals by a prominent local specialist. I hope to see a sprinkling of quizzes at events throughout the year and perhaps an occasional replay of "What's My Line".

Our thanks also to Cliff Roles, our Honorary member in 2009, for his continuing support of the Club and its activities.

Finally a UK Black Country joke told today by my aged aunt, demonstrating the local sense of humour.

Jack calls on his neighbours, the Fields.

"Hello Mrs Field, is Norman in?"

"Well, yes Jack, but he had a massive stroke this morning this morning and died".

"Oh" said Jack, "did he mention the can of brown paint I loaned him, before he kicked the bucket?"

From Sue Ford:

Our December coffee morning was enjoyed by many club members...Sherry and mince pies, amongst many other wonderful treats, were brought along by members. We also had Christmas crackers; the jokes inside the crackers caused much laughter and fun.

I have been asked to continue with the coffee morning in 2010, which I am happy to do as long as I have members willing to come. For those of you that have not attended because it's too far out for you, let us know and maybe a member of the board would be willing to hold one near you, or maybe you yourself are willing to hold 'a' coffee morning in your home....any replies on this subject please send to sueford@yahoo.com

Let me take this opportunity of wishing you all a 'Healthy and Fun-Filled 2010'.

See you at our 'new' president's inauguration on the 23 January. (see page 1)

Christmas Party 2009

The Heritage Oaks Golf and Country Club was the setting for our annual Christmas Party and what a fun-filled evening it turned out to be!

Arriving guests were greeted by an impressive Father Christmas, a.k.a. Doug Schuler who set the tone for the evening's festivities.

Club President Sue Ford welcomed everyone and introduced Cliff Roles as Master of Ceremonies. Many thanks, Cliff for helping make our party a big success.

We enjoyed an excellent meal capably served by Heritage Oaks' wait staff, while a little bit of silliness was introduced by that old British favourite game – "Pass the Parcel".

The Velvet Hammer Band provided the music and got the majority of the eighty three guests to the dance floor. Last year's Twist champions, Sioux and Jim Hurley surrendered their crown to Audrey and Terry Sweeney, who wish to refute rumours that they will be "Dancing with the Stars" next season.

The drawing for numerous valuable raffle prizes created excitement and the board wishes to thank the many prize donors for their generosity.

Go to the club's website (sarasotabritishclub.com) to see party pics.

Next year's Christmas Party will be the "Big 10" – the date will be advised soon so that you can mark it on your calendar.

Terry Sweeney

Solution to this month's crossword.



Thank You

We would like to say a huge thank you to our members and business owners of the club who donated so many raffle prizes for the Christmas party. We are also most appreciative of the businesses owners who are not members of the club, but regularly support us and also donated prizes for the raffle. As you know all the money raised will go to the Mother's Helping Mothers and local Food Bank. The businesses are listed below. On behalf of the British Club and its members we send our best wishes for a thriving business through 2010 and beyond. God Bless you and thank you for your generosity. If we have left any business name out, please accept our apologies.

Sheila from 'Scots Corner'
 Clair Smith from 'Coast Laser Center'
 Jane Ebury from 'Murray Homes'
 Roy Ford from 'Breakoutusa.com'
 Rev. Pat from 'The Angel Ministries'
 Richard from '4&20 Pasty Company'

Thank You Too

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 shops: 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.

I have been so pleased to see such an increase in our general membership for the club, and feel very proud to have started it 9 years ago. I look forward to our having a grand 10 year celebration in October 2010. I would like to take this opportunity to comment how privileged I am that I have been made a Lifetime Honorary member and I look forward to our new board bringing new ideas to continue to move forward. Our success has been due to the hard work of all our board members, and I thank all of you for making the club what it is.

Sandra F Cherry

Cookery Corner

Potato dishes are so versatile and we certainly have a huge variety in British cooking. I always liked the name of this dish, which is attributed to the north of England, and it is very easy to make

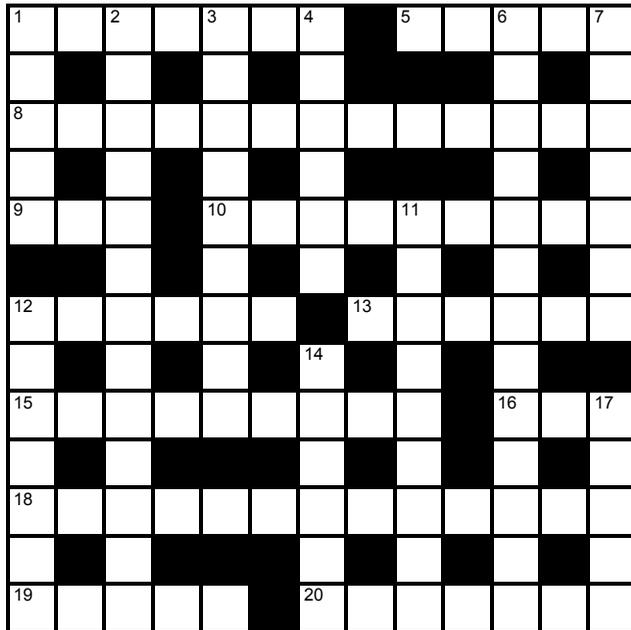
Pan Haggerty

1 Tbsp butter	1 medium onion
1 Tbsp Vegetable Oil	1 cup grated cheddar cheese
1 lb potatoes (Idaho are best)	Salt and Pepper



Peel and slice the potatoes and onions thinly. Heat the butter and oil in a heavy based frying pan. Remove from the heat. Place ingredients in layers, potato, onion and grated cheese, seasoning with salt and pepper between layers, and ending with a top layer of cheese. Cover, and cook gently over medium heat about 30 minutes, or until the potatoes and onions are almost cooked...not too soft. Uncover, and brown the dish under a grill/broiler, and serves straight from the pan. Yield 4 servings.

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



Solution on page 6

Across

- 1 Something resembling a fact (7)
- 5 Summarise briefly (5)
- 8 About (13)
- 9 A share of the profits (3)
- 10 Review (2-7)
- 12 Bank employee (6)
- 13 A person of learning (6)
- 15 Part of the gut (9)
- 16 Container (3)
- 18 Glib (6-7)
- 19 Affirmatives (5)
- 20 Politician (7)

Down

- 1 Monetary unit (5)
- 2 The act of surrendering (13)
- 3 Smell-free (9)
- 4 A worthless message (6)
- 6 Open one at a bank (6,7)
- 7 Defrayment (7)
- 11 King who lead the Greeks against Troy in the Trojan War (9)
- 12 Feeling a need to drink (7)
- 14 An interruption in the intensity or amount of something (6)
- 17 Opposite the zenith (5)

Joke

Two rednecks, Bubba and Earl, were driving down the road drinking a couple of bottles of Bud. The passenger, Bubba, said "lookey thar up ahead, Earl, it's a poll-ice roadblock!! We're gonna get busted fer drinkin' these here beers!!"

Don't worry, Bubba", Earl said. "We'll just pull over and finish drinkin' these beers, peel off the label and stick it on our foreheads, and throw the bottles under the seat".

"What fer?", asked Bubba.

"Just let me do the talkin', OK?", said Earl.

Well, they finished their beers, threw the empty bottles under the seat, and each put a label on their forehead. When they reached the roadblock, the sheriff said, "You boys been drinkin'?"

"No, sir", said Earl. "We're on the patch!"

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Membership News

EMAIL ADDRESSES: PLEASE email Ken Jukes at kena.jukes@yahoo.com or call him at 941-927-6499 if you have changed your email in the last 6 months.

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Creative Corner



New Year brings a sense of new beginnings; a new circle in our lives, like the ring on a tree trunk. Draw a large circle on paper using a plate, or saucer, then for each New Year's resolution create a symbol/color in your mind. From the circle's center on outwards, or however you choose, begin to draw a design using these symbols/colors – it could be circular patterns, colored rays, geometric shapes.

The result will be a personal Mandala to remind you of those resolutions throughout the year. Mandala is from Sanskrit representing full circle or wholeness within the body/mind and beyond, and can be used to tweek our memory, support us in meditation, and as a meaningful reflection of ourselves.

Books

Two books with similarities

"I'm a stranger here myself" by Bill Bryson ISBN 0-7679-0381-1. Hardback \$25

A collection of his humorous musings, written in 1999 for a UK newspaper column when he returned to live in the USA after living in the UK. Readers who have lived in both those places will easily recognise the points he makes, sometimes using a bit of whimsy.

"Queenan Country" by Joe Queenan, ISBN 080506980-1 2004, \$22

Married to an English wife, he visits the UK to try to understand the way of life, history and eccentricities.

The book is not without humour e.g. "From the English I had learned to take pleasure in small things, like a nice cup of tea or twenty minutes of direct sunlight". However it was spoilt by the over-use of less usual words.

The author must have had a dictionary for Christmas (or you might wish you'd received one), for example in three consecutive sentences he uses the words oracular, recondite and insolite!

Both books were available from the Sarasota library service.

Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

From here you will find, with local information, club news, coming events and many past newsletters.

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