



BritClub News

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Coming Events

The January SBC Board Meeting will be held at the home of Gary and Jane Lee, Thursday January 9th, 2014 @ 6:30pm. Members welcome but please call ahead, see Page 3, as space is limited.



Friends of the Sarasota Ballet have extended an invitation to have a tour behind the scenes with the company.. The Brit Club will be going for a backstage tour of the Sarasota Ballet at the FSU Center For The Performing Arts. Observe the dancers in their morning class; visit the amazing costume workshop and meet the people who make it happen and see what life is like for a dancer offstage. This is followed by lunch at Treviso, the great little restaurant inside the theatre. The date is Thursday, January 23rd at 9.45pm. Call or email Steve Adams on [941-524-9410](tel:941-524-9410) or at sha@adamsiac.com. There is a limit of 25 for each tour, so book early to avoid disappointment.



President's Reception Party-- Sunday, January 26th Please join Club members welcoming Gary Lee as SBC President for 2014. The party time is 3:30-5:30 pm at the Clubhouse, Lakeshore

Village, Sarasota. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Club members are asked to bring finger foods to share. You may also bring your own wine/beer. Location/directions to Lake Shore Village Clubhouse: Lake Shore Village, Wilshire Blvd. Enter Lakeshore Village from Clark Road opposite the Paddywagon Irish Pub, some 300 yards east of the intersection of Clark and Beneva Roads. The Clubhouse is 100 yards on the left. Please let Gary Lee know if you plan to attend (glee01@verizon.net or phone 941-706-1172).

Have you looked at our website recently?

www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

On the surface it looks the same, but it has been updated: the latest planned events and newsletters have been added. Please check it out and give your Board some feedback.



Happy New Year!
More Party photos—see Page 4 and via the link supplied on Page 4.

Don't forget that the Sarasota British Club is on Facebook. The Club's logo is the profile picture. Check out the numerous photos from recent events. Why not 'friend' us for another way of keeping in touch with the Club and its members. Why not add your event photos to the 'wall'.

Recent photo additions have been some of the Christmas Party.



Letter from SBC President Gary Lee

The first order of business is wishing each of you happiness, good health and general well-being as we begin 2014. It seems just a few blinks of the eye since we entered the 21st century and here we are another year along. Surely, time escalates ever more rapidly as one moves up the age scale! At any rate, I and each Board member will strive to make this year both interesting and enjoyable for the Club.



Returning to the Board, of course, as Immediate Past President is Steve Adams, whose leadership in 2013 was most admirable and appreciated. We have eight holdovers from the previous Board. The new comers are Diana Bradfield as recording Secretary and Jane Jacobs as a Director at Large. We welcome this infusion of new talent.

As a second order of business, Sandra Cherry, Chair of the Christmas Party Committee and her committee members are to be congratulated on their splendid efforts in organising the SBC annual Christmas Party/Dinner Dance at Heritage Oaks Country Club on December 14th. The tables were lovely and beckoning. The combination of the strains of a bagpiper and the greeting by Father Christmas himself, created an ambiance upon guests' arrival that was immediately inviting. The evening of good food, good fun, good fellowship and some **extremely energetic—shall we say at times, frenetic--** dancing to live music all came together splendidly.

As to future Club events, the new Board heartily encourages suggestions from the membership. Some upcoming events are announced in this newsletter. Others are under consideration and will be announced next month; but your own suggestions are valued and avidly welcomed—please don't hesitate to let us hear from you. You can always contact me with ideas and suggestions by phone (941-706-1172) or by email (glee01@verizon.net). The name, telephone numbers and email addresses of all Board members are published in our monthly newsletter. In this issue, this contact information is on page 3.

I hope to see you at Lakeshore Village Clubhouse on January 26.



SANDRA'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH



Even though we are able to enjoy mild winters here in Florida, I think thoughts still go to comfort foods in the winter months. This version of my rice pudding gets the taste I remember of my Mums puds, even though I don't have an Aga to cook it in!!

Hope you enjoy it, and I wish you all a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Rice Pudding

3/4 cup rice
Water
1/2 tsp salt
1 large can evaporated milk
1/3 cup sugar
1 large egg
1/2 tsp vanilla

Put rice in the top of a double boiler, add 2 cups water and salt. Cook/Steam over a low heat until water is almost gone in the rice. Then add the evaporated milk, and 1 1/2 cup water. Continue to cook until it thickens slightly, stir frequently (also check water level in bottom of boiler; add water there as needed). Add the sugar, beaten egg, and vanilla to the rice, cook 10-15 minutes or until desired consistency.

Yield 4-6- servings

(Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Union Jack Food Columnist. I welcome any recipe requests and comments, and can be reached at Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com)

December Board Meeting Precis

Meeting held at the home of Sue and Roy Ford/ Treasurer's balance currently at \$10,522.83, but reflects money received for Christmas Party bookings/ Currently 175 members/ Brian would like more input from members for articles to place in newsletter/ Steve has composed a flyer about the Club to distribute to local Brit oriented businesses, hope to be ready for January/ \$1,500.00 charity donation to Family Partnership Center to be given before the end of the month/ Web site still being improved/ A trip will be planned to attend Solomons Castle in Ona, Florida in the New Year/ Friends of the Sarasota Ballet invited Club members to a tour, which will be scheduled for January 23rd/ Christmas Party plans coming along well, reservations coming in/ Sue Ford has agreed to continue organising monthly luncheon meetings in the New Year. Next Board meeting will be on January 9th at the home of Gary and Jane Lee.

JOKE

Ole and Lena were out walking and Lena clutched her heart and fell to the sidewalk.
Ole got out his cell phone and called 9-1-1.
The Operator said, "Where are you?"
Ole answered, "Ve vere valking and Lena fell on the sidewalk on Eucalyptus Street."
The operator asked, "How do you spell that?"
The phone seemed to go dead. The operator kept shouting for Ole.
She could hear him panting.
He finally came back on line and said, "I dragged her over to Oak Street, dat's O-A-K."



ANGLO-AMERICAN PINS.

The Club has purchased these attractive pins for the members. They are free! Please ask about them at the next function that you attend.



Sarasota British Club name badges

Please obtain Club badges directly from:
Sarasota Trophy 6601 Superior Ave, Sarasota Fl 34231.
921-4339.

\$8 + tax for badge with magnet = \$8.56

\$6 + tax for badge with pin (without magnet) = \$6.42.

Badges can be collected in person

(M - F 8.30 - 5 or Sat 9 - 12) or shipped to home for \$3.75.

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Newsletter non-delivery—it happens!

Even your Editor can fall foul of the postal system of delivery and my copy of BritNews twice failed to arrive. If your copy has not arrived by the end of the first week of each month, please email me for the PDF version (in colour) lakewood2@gmail.com



Steve Adams presenting the checks from the Sarasota British Club to The Family Partnership Center.

The Brit Club always helps a local charity and this year was particularly special for me. The Family Partnership Center is a Child Abuse Protection agency that serves families in Sarasota, Manatee and De Soto counties. The generous Brits donated two checks, totalling \$1637, which, because of a matching donor in our community, will translate to \$3274. This cash makes a MASSIVE boost to the work that can be done for these families. The picture is of me presenting the checks to Katrina Bellemare, the Executive Director of FPC, at our board meeting. If you'd like to learn more about this extraordinary group, visit www.familypartnership.org.

Thanks to each and every one of you.

Steve Adams, 2013 Club President

Christmas Party Photos.

You can see all of them at <http://tinyurl.com/lwqmyynn>
A few have been put on the Sarasota British Club's Facebook page. If you know of a party guest who is not a member of the Club, then let them know of this link. If you select a photo there is an option to download, at full resolution, onto your own computer.



SUDOKU

Fill in the grid with numbers 1 to 9, numbers should not be repeated in each horizontal and vertical line or highlighted box of 9. Solutions on Page 7

No.1 EASY

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No.2 MEDIUM

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SO TRUE IT HURTS!

Another year has passed
And we're all a little older.
Last summer felt much hotter,
And winter seems much colder.



There was a time not long ago
When life was quite a blast.
Now I fully understand
About 'Living in the Past'



We used to go to weddings,
Football games and lunches.
Now we go to funeral homes
And after-funeral brunches.

We used to have hangovers,
From parties that were crazy.
Now we suffer body aches,
We're sleepy and we're hazy.



We used to go out dining,
And couldn't get our fill.
Now we ask for doggie bags,
Go home and take a pill.

We used to often travel
To places near and far.
Now we get sore behinds
From riding in the car.



We used to go to nightclubs
And drink a little booze.
Now we stay home at night
And fall asleep watching the news.
That, my friend is how life is,
And now my tale is told.
So, enjoy each day and live it up.
Before you're too damn old.



Transportation to Club Events

The Board has recently designated Mark Malkasian as our Transportation Coordinator to assist those in need of rides to Club events. Mark is hoping to create a small pool of member volunteers willing to provide wheels to members. This is a call for volunteers to step forward to help. This also is a call to contact him if you are in need of transport to a particular event. He can be reached by email mark@armeng.com or phone (941-918-8360. Beware! He has a list of all the Club members and their zip codes so he's hoping you won't mind, when necessary, if he calls you to ask if you can assist a nearby member in getting to an event you are planning to attend. Thank you.



On Your Computer

I am a fan of Google's Picasa (a free download) for quick photo manipulation, I use it virtually every day in addition to my more sophisticated software. Recently I found more tricks for photos (and movies), rightly described as 'Auto Awesome' at <http://tinyurl.com/nkok7oa> as part of Google+ for those of you with a gmail account.

One of the coolest tricks is **Eraser**- If you take a sequence of 3 or more photos in front of a structure or landmark with movement in the background, Eraser will give you a photo with all the moving objects removed. It's helpful for those situations when you're trying to get a great shot of a landmark or other crowded place, but want to avoid including all of the people in the background of your photo.

I was also able to add falling snow to one of the photos of the SBC Christmas Party. Check it out with the link to that album on Page 4!

Brian Thompson

JOKES

So I met the bloke who invented crosswords today.
I can't remember his name, it's P something T something R.

I was reading this book today, The History Of Glue .
I couldn't put it down.

I phoned the local ramblers club today, and this bloke just went on and on.

My mate asked me "What do you think of voluntary work??"
I said "I wouldn't do it if you paid me."

So I was in the jungle and there was this monkey with a tin opener. I said, "You don't need a tin opener to peel a banana."
He said, "No, this is for the custard."

This policeman came up to me with a pencil and a piece of very thin paper.
He said, "I want you to trace someone for me."

So this lorry full of tortoises collided with a van full of terrapins.
It was a turtle disaster.

So I told my girlfriend I had a job in a bowling alley.
She said "Tenpin?"
I said, "No, it's a permanent job."

So I told my mum that I'd opened a theatre.
She said, "Are you having me on?"
I said, "Well I'll give you an audition, but I'm not promising you anything."

I phoned the local builders today, I said to them "Can I have a skip outside my house?"
He said, "I'm not stopping you!"

You invented Tipp Ex, correct me if I'm wrong.

I'm so lazy I've got a smoke alarm with a snooze button.

I bought some Armageddon cheese today, it said on the packet 'Best Before End'

So I went to buy a watch, and the man in the shop said "Analogue?"
I said "No, just a watch."

I went into a shop and I said, "Can someone sell me a kettle."
The bloke said "Kenwood"
I said, "Where is he?"

So I went in to a pet shop. I said, "Can I buy a goldfish?"
The guy said, "Do you want an aquarium?"
I said, "I don't care what star sign it is."

I was in this restaurant and I asked for something herby.
They gave me a Volkswagen Beetle with no driver.



My mate is in love with two schoolbags.
He's bisatchel.

I went to the doctor. I said to him "I'm frightened of lapels."
He said, "You've got cholera."

So I met this bloke with a didgeridoo and he was playing Dancing Queen on it. I thought that's Aboriginal.

I visited the offices of the RSPCA today.
It's so tiny you couldn't swing a cat in there.

I was stealing things in the supermarket today while balanced on the shoulders of vampires.
I was charged with shoplifting on three counts.

I bought a train ticket and the driver said "Eurostar"
I said "Well I've been on telly but I'm no Dean Martin."

Inspirational Quotes

"No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin or his background or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite."

"The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."

1994, **Nelson Mandela** from his autobiography, "Long Walk to Freedom"



Resentment is like drinking poison and then hoping it will kill your enemies."

Nelson Mandela

Nobel Peace winner and statesman

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

American essayist



"It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed."

Theodore Roosevelt

26th US President



"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

John Quincy Adams

6th US President



"When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives means the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand."

Henri Jozef Machiel Nouwen 1932-1996

a Dutch-born Catholic priest and writer who authored 39 books about spirituality



"A healthy attitude is contagious but don't wait to catch it from others. Be a carrier."

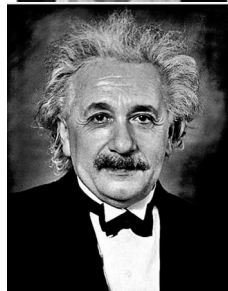
Tom Stoppard

British playwright

"Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value."

Albert Einstein

Nobel prize winning scientist



Answers to puzzles from Page 5

No.1 EASY

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No.2 MEDIUM

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Old Time British Radio—The Goon Show

For fans of this show go to
<http://tinyurl.com/kt9z92t>
There is an enormous archive of shows
and sound clips.

Porridge by Spike Milligan

Why is there no monument
To Porridge in our land?
It it's good enough to eat,
It's good enough to stand!

On a plinth in London
A statue we should see
Of Porridge made in Scotland
Signed, "Oatmeal, O.B.E."
(By a young dog of three)



JOKES

So this cowboy walks in to a German car showroom and he says "Audi!"

So I fancied a game of darts with my mate.
He said, "Nearest the bull goes first"
He went "Baah"
and I went "Moo"
He said "You're closest"

B**USINESS GLIMPSES:** We would like to hear from our members who have found their business niche in and around Sarasota. If you would like to write to us, we'd enjoy catching a glimpse of your business enterprise in our local economy. Your article can be sent to lakewood2@gmail.com, and we will select one 'Business Glimpse' each month.



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