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Coming Events

Board Meeting July 2 – 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sandra Cherry, 2930 Williamsburg St., Sarasota. MEMBERS ARE WELCOME, BUT PLEASE PHONE AHEAD AS SPACE IS LIMITED!

Pub Dinner July 7 (07-07-07) – This intriguing date is significant because this is when we will gather for food, drinks and chit-chat at Osprey's newest restaurant – **Beckham's Osprey Grill**. Sorry, not **the** Beckham, but co-owner George Beckham is possibly, just possibly, related to David. He and his business partner, Annie, offer a reasonably priced, mostly American, menu which includes good fish and chips. However, at our request Annie will cook her outstanding cottage pie and steak and ale pie.

We will gather in the bar area at 6:00 and sit down to eat at 6:30 to 6:45 p.m. We have promised David, oops, George that we will give them a head count by July 1st and seating is limited, so please RSVP Terry Sweeney at 918-0550 or Amy Croshaw at acrowshaw@verizon.net or 928-2580. Beckham's is located in the Southbay Shopping Center, S. Tamiami Trail (Route 41) at the intersection with Blackburn Point Road in Osprey.

BBC (British Business Connection) July 17 – See center of newsletter for complete details!

A Day at the Museum August 4 at 10:30 a.m. – Explore Ringling Museum of Art, the beautiful Ca d'Zan Mansion, the Circus Museum and the new Circus Museum's Tibbals Learning Center (which contains a 3-ring replica of the Ringling Brothers Circus circa 1919-1938). In addition, there are two special exhibits: In Our Time: The World as Seen by Magnum Photographers; and Canaletto Paired: 18th Century Venetian View Painting.

There will be no specially scheduled tours on this day, so please feel free to join any of the docent tours. You may wander around at your own pace or stay in a group with the other club members. We will have a group reservation for lunch at noon at the Banyan Café, or you may eat any time at the Treviso Restaurant, located in the new Visitor's Pavilion. The price for this event is \$13. This price does not include lunch or refreshments. If you are interested in attending, please phone Amy Croshaw at 928-2580 or email at acrowshaw@verizon.net no later than June 25th. When RSVP-ing, please specify if you do wish to attend lunch at the Banyan Café. Payment must also be received by the 25th, so please send payment to Amy Croshaw, Sarasota British Club, P. O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276.

Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

From Our President

Well, I said last month that the dog days of summer were upon us...guess I spoke too soon, as it seems to be getting hotter and hotter. Fortunately, both Beckham's (July) and the Ringling Museum's facilities (August) are air-conditioned. (A special tip-of-the-hat to program chair **Amy Croshaw** for coming up with a replacement event when our previous August venue decided to close for a remodel.)

While I'm thanking people, I'd be remiss in not conveying special thanks to our newsletter circulation manager **Terry Sweeney** (admirably assisted by the **Croshaws**). Every month, they make the rounds of the dozen or so shoppes that distribute the Brit Club News and drop them off. The effort is paying off in new members, and I can't thank them enough.

Lastly, a plea: the Board and the nominating committee will soon be meeting to propose a slate of club leaders for next year, both officers, directors, and committee chairs. We truly would love to see some "new blood" on the Board as several of the current Board members have served continuously since the club was founded and would like a respite. To explore how *you* can help the Club next year, please give me a ring on 321-9631. It's fun, and it's really *not* as much work as you might think!

Hope to see you all at Beckham's on the seventh. Until then,

Cheers!
Nairn' B. Gillet, President

June 4th Minutes Précis

Current membership count is 149, several still to come in. May Picnic was great success, as well as the Winery tour; gained some new members from it! Next event July 7th at Beckham's. Discussed balance of the year. Business group to start with a luncheon on July 17th at 4Gees restaurant, Committee chair Valerie Woodger asked for assistance to approach British owned or affiliated businesses; will try to feature in local media. Plan another new members' tea in October. Need to start considering nominees for the 2008 board. Approved to make BBC chair a member of the board. Next meeting at Sandra Cherry's house July 2nd (members welcome but need to call ahead).

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.

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)

Rose's Corner

Hope to see you all at Beckham's this month and at the Museum in August. Many thanks to those who have phoned or emailed me to say they like the new newsletter format. With postage going up and up, I was just looking for a way to save the club a little money on printing.

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.

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: ¼ page \$15, ½ page \$25, full page \$40. 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 (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.

Membership News from Kathy Curtin

Welcome to new members, Don and Jean Crabb. Both were born in the U.K. and emigrated to the U.S. in 1967. Don followed Jean when she became one of the first groups of stewardesses recruited by Pan Am – when they were still called stewardesses and were forbidden to marry! Their professional careers took them to New York, with Don as a filmmaker and Jean as a lawyer and Vice President of Metropolitan Life. They came to Sarasota in 1994 and got into the swing of things with Jean joining the AAUW and Don as President of the Chorus of the Keys and MC for the Sarasota Pops Orchestra.

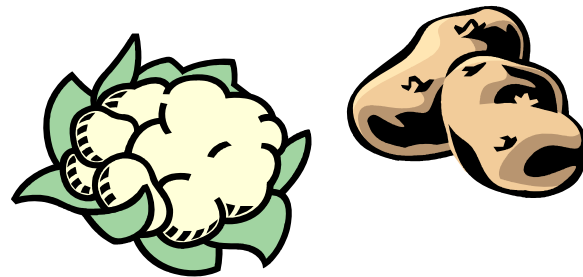
Welcome to Jim and Kate West. Born in Newcastle and South Shields, they have lived in Brussels, Belgium, Hong Kong & Northhamphshire. They started visiting Sarasota seven years ago and decided this was the place to be. They bought land and built a house in University Park and will spend more time in Sarasota when they retire at the end of the month. Jim retires as Deputy Managing Director of the Goldsmiths Group, the largest quality retail jeweler in the UK trading as "Goldsmiths", "Mappin & Webb" and "Watches of Switzerland". Kate retires from her job in the Medical Physics Department at Northhampton General Hospital. They have 2 grown up children, Caroline and Andrew, who have independent, busy lives but love to visit Sarasota. They look forward to meeting everyone at Beckham's Osprey Grill on July 7th.

Welcome also to new members Madeline Humbert-Poole and Janice Solomon.

Cauliflower and Potato Bake

This is a simple meal, similar to Cauliflower cheese and, since it's summer, can be microwaved. It's nice to serve this with meat or chicken.

1 lb potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
Salt and pepper
1 small cauliflower, cut into flowerets
1 garlic clove (peeled and crushed)
1 pinch grated nutmeg
½ cup cream
3 Tbsp. grated Cheddar cheese



Cook potatoes in salted water for five minutes and drain well. Layer alternately, with the cauliflower in a greased ovenproof dish. Stir garlic and nutmeg into the cream, and pour over the vegetables. Sprinkle with cheese, cover and either bake in 350 oven for 40-50 minutes, or microwave 15-20 minutes on high, or until potatoes are cooked. Uncover and brown under grill. Makes 2 servings.

Recipe by Sandra Cherry, Your Cup of Tea Inc. Comments, queries and suggestions are welcome and can be sent to Yourcupoftea1@yahoo.com or www.Yourcuppatea.info

Who Are They?

Can you match the following celebrities with their real (birth) names?

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| 1. Jane Alexander | A. John Sidney Blyth |
| 2. Julie Andrews | B. Reginald Kenneth Dwight |
| 3. John Barrymore | C. Marvin Lee Aday |
| 4. Bono | D. Declan Patrick McManus |
| 5. David Bowie | E. Jane Quigley |
| 6. Richard Burton | F. Vincent Damon Furnier |
| 7. Alice Cooper | G. Julia Elizabeth Wells |
| 8. Elvis Costello | H. Joyce Frankenberg |
| 9. Dame Margot Fonteyn | I. David Jones |
| 10. Laurence Harvey | J. Gordon Matthew Sumner |
| 11. Elton John | K. Richard Jenkins |
| 12. Meat Loaf | L. Margaret Hookham |
| 13. Jane Seymour | M. Laruschka Mischa Skikne |
| 14. Ringo Starr | N. Richard Starkey |
| 15. Sting | O. Paul Hewson |



Answers: 1-E; 2-G; 3-A; 4-O; 5-I; 6-K; 7-F; 8-D; 9-L; 10-M; 11-B; 12-C; 13-H; 14-N; 15-J

British Business Connection (BBC) Meeting

The Sarasota British Club is proud to announce the first meeting of the BRITISH BUSINESS CONNECTION (BBC).

Event: *Let's "work" together*

Where: Four Gees Cafe
3615 Webber Street (NE corner of Beneva)
Sarasota 34232

Date/Time: Tuesday, July 17, 2007
Noon to 1:15PM

Fee: \$15, includes lunch

Reply to: Valerie Woodger/Cell: 313-5500

At its February meeting, the Board voted to promote and actively support a new business-oriented arm of the Club – British Business Connections (BBC). The Mission Statement of BBC is:

Focused on and dedicated to providing a forum to meet, exchange ideas, and make contacts, to promote and develop business support and great relationships within the British business community. Guiding principles are: Integrity, Professionalism, Superior Client Service, Member Support, Mutual Profitability.

Ideas and suggestions from members for promoting BBC are solicited and will be most welcome. We are favoring breakfasts, lunches and early evening events (wine and snacks) as venues and a great means to interest business people. We will be promoting BBC at upcoming events and look forward to all the support you can offer.

For further information or interest, please contact:

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Sandra Cherry 921-3162 (yourcuppatea1@yahoo.com)
Amy Croshaw 751-6194 (acrowshaw@verizon.net)
Jim Croshaw 928-2769 (jcroshaw@standoutsolutions.com) or
Valerie Woodger 922-1070 (valeriewoodger@yahoo.com)

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN TO ADDRESS BELOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THIS EXCITING NEW ADDITION TO THE BRITISH CLUB!!

British Business Connection (BBC)

The BBC will meet once a month in various interesting venues around town with the object of networking and showcasing individuals and businesses with specific British interests, connections or affiliations.

Businesses or individuals who are interested in this kind of activity and look forward to the fun of meeting new and exciting British oriented people with new products and ideas as well as established goods and services are encouraged to join by completing the form below. (There will be a small service charge for non-club members.)

Name:

Street Address:

City: State: Zip:

Business:

Products Handled/Services Offered:

Email: Phone:

Comments or Areas of Interest:

Please return to:
Sarasota British Club, P.O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276 or fax to 941-752-3293

