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Rose's Corner

Like many of you, Nairn' and I missed the mini golf and dinner outing because of tremendous amounts of rain. Six couples did brave the weather and had a lovely evening at Barnacle Bill's. If you already paid for the outing and couldn't attend because of the weather, expect a reimbursement check shortly from our treasurer, Shona, in the mail.

If you have anything you'd like to see in the newsletter such as member articles, jokes, items of interest, please mail articles to me at Rose Gillet, 3219 24th Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34235, fax at 366-9248, email me at rosegillet@yahoo.com or call 366-9984. Closing date for the newsletter is the 15th of each month.

Rose Gillet, Newsletter Editor



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Coming Events

Board Meeting July 3 – 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!

Beckham's July 12 – **IT'S BECKHAM'S TIME AGAIN!!!** Last year more than 60 Brit Club members enjoyed a delightful evening at Beckham's Osprey Grill. Annie, one of the co-owners, has again offered to add her terrific Steak and Ale Pie and Cottage Pie to the evening's mostly American menu. The menu is reasonably priced, and their fish and chips are excellent!

We will meet and mingle in the bar area at 6:00 p.m. with dinner to follow around 6:45 to 7:00 p.m. Beckham's is in the South Bay Shopping Plaza, corner of U.S. 41 and Blackburn Point Road in Osprey.

We have promised to give our head count to our friends at Beckham's on *Tuesday July 9th*, so please RSVP Terry Sweeney at 918-0550 or Amy Croshaw at 928-2580 or acrowshaw@verizon.net. Please let us know if you would like Annie to cook her Steak and Ale Pie or Cottage Pie for you.



Players Theatre July 17-20 – Honorary Brit Club member, Cliff Roles, plays God in a new comedy "If the Devil Could Fall in Love" at the Players Theatre, July 17 – 20. St. Peter and a female Devil, who falls in love with a New Yorker, add spice to the plot. Phone the Box Office at 365-2494 for tickets.

Board Meeting Aug. 7 – 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!

Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

Mark Your Calendar

August 16 [An Evening with Cliff Roles](#) – You will not want to miss what promises to be a major highlight of our year. We are delighted to announce that Brit Club member “extraordinaire,” Cliff Roles, will be our guest speaker.

Cliff, a fellow Brit, is originally from Croydon, just outside London. His career in show business goes back to the mid-1980’s when he joined a German music publishing company. It helped that he is fluent in German. For the next sixteen years he promoted over 130 of the world’s top rock and pop stars including Elton John, Celine Dion, Bon Jovi and Lionel Richie.

In 2000 Cliff quit “the biz” to become a professional English/German translator and, eventually, his travels brought him to Sarasota. Deciding this was the place to be, he sold up in Hamburg, moved here, married the lovely Maria and quickly established himself as an actor, radio host on 1220 AM WSRQ and columnist for *Scene Magazine*, among many other things.

This event is an indoor picnic. The club will provide the meat, plates, napkins, cutlery, sodas, etc. We request that you bring something to share. Those with surnames beginning A - L please bring a savoury dish; M – Z’s please bring a dessert. BYOB !!

Date: Saturday, August 16th. Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Lakeshore Village Clubhouse, Wilshire Blvd., just off Clark Road, about 300 yds. east of Beneva Road (opposite Mr. Big’s). The Clubhouse is 100 yards on the left.

RSVP Amy Croshaw at 928-2580 or acroshaw@verizon.net or Terry Sweeney 918-9550 or tsweeneyau@aol.com

From Our President

Wotcha, me old chinas !!

I was born in central London in the Middlesex Hospital, actually just off Tottenham Court Road. One can’t hear Bow Bells from there so I can’t claim to be a Cockney, yet I have always been intrigued by Cockney Rhyming Slang.

For example “chinas” is short for “china plates” or mates. Or how about “I must go and get me a barnet cut” – Barnet Fair – hair. And there’s “me old Dutch – Duchess of Fife – wife.

Well, that’s my two-pennorth – now how about you sharing local sayings and dialect from your part of the U.K. Just e-mail our editor Rose Gillet at rosegillet@yahoo.com

By the time you receive this Brit. Club News our Mini-Golf Tournament and Barnacle Bill’s night will have been consigned to the history books and now we are looking forward to a big night at Beckham’s Osprey Grill on *July 12th* followed by an exciting evening with local Brit celebrity Cliff Roles on *August 16th*.

Do mark your calendars now!

Cheers!
Terry

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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

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Email Address _____

Membership Type: Single \$25 Family \$35 (includes all children under age 18)

June Board Meeting Précis:

Current membership 170 paid up, still some non renewals, board members will follow up. New members tea went very well, will continue to do. LeBarge event was well enjoyed. A few members attended the Arcadia Memorial Day RAF service, the club now has a wreath of poppies. June 21st will be mini-golf with dinner at Barnacle Bills after; July 12th an evening at Beckham's restaurant; August 16th, an Indoor Picnic with guest speaker Cliff Roles, brunch to be planned for September. Discussed giving out a list of general membership, has been an issue before and board voted not to allow as this was abused in the past. The Club will recognize the accomplishments of its members, but unable to do reviews. Other area Brit Clubs are interested in having joint meetings, board will plan. Next board meeting to be July 3rd at Sandra Cherry's house. (Members welcome but need to call ahead due to limitations of space.)

Membership News

EMAIL ADDRESSES: PLEASE email me, Kathy Curtin, at kathrmcurt@msn.com or call me at 941-379-9861 if you have changed your email in the last 6 months.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their 2008/2009 dues. We still have a few outstanding so if you wish to renew please send in your check as soon as possible, Family \$35 and Single \$25.

Welcome to new members, William and Ann Sim. William was born in Edinburgh and Ann was born in Burton on Trent. William is a 1968 graduate of the University of Glasgow in Scotland. He holds a master's degree in business administration from Loyola College in Maryland. The Sims came to the U.S. in 1970 and are obviously still here. They just closed on a house in Venice on the island the week before Memorial Day and will be spending almost all of the Fall and Winter there once they get a few things squared away up here and after a business/pleasure trip back to Scotland in the Fall.




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Cumberland Chicken

There are many recipes for chicken casseroles, and this is one of my favourites. I like to use bacon in a chicken recipe. You can use a whole chicken cut up for this, or I usually just use chicken breasts.

- 2 ½ lbs. of chicken cut up in small pieces
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 6 slices of bacon fried very crisp (save the drippings)
- 2 finely chopped onions
- 1 clove crushed garlic
- ½ lb. sliced mushrooms
- 3 Tbsp. flour
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 2 Tbsp. tomato paste
- 2 tomatoes, peeled and chopped (Can use canned)
- Salt and pepper

Brown the chicken pieces in the bacon drippings, and transfer to a casserole dish. Sauté onions and garlic in same fat until softened. Drain and add to chicken with the crumbled bacon. Cook the mushrooms in the same fat for five minutes. Lower the heat, stir in the flour, gradually add the chicken stock, stirring until slightly thickened to make a sauce. Add the tomato paste and tomatoes. Mix all together in a casserole dish and season to taste. Cover and cook in a 350 degree oven for one hour. Serve with boiled potatoes. Serves 6

(Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Your Cup of Tea Inc. and Union Jack Food Columnist. I welcome comments, recipes and suggestions, and can be reached at YourCupofTea1@yahoo.com)

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| EGGS | 1 |

And the monthly ration of the following was:

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| PRESERVES | 1-lb. |
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1. **WILL THE REAL DUMMY PLEASE STAND UP?** AT&T fired President John Walter after nine months, saying he lacked intellectual leadership. He received a \$26 million severance package. Perhaps it's not Walter who's lacking intelligence.
2. **WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS:** Police in Oakland , CA spent two hours attempting to subdue a gunman who had barricaded himself inside his home. After firing ten tear gas canisters, officers discovered that the man was standing beside them in the police line, shouting, 'Please come out and give yourself up.'
3. **WHAT WAS PLAN B???** An Illinois man, pretending to have a gun, kidnapped a motorist and forced him to drive to two different automated teller machines, wherein the kidnapper proceeded to withdraw money from his own bank accounts.
4. **THE GETAWAY!** A man walked into a Topeka, Kansas Kwik Stop and asked for all the money in the cash drawer. Apparently, the take was too small, so he tied up the store clerk and worked the counter himself for three hours until police showed up and grabbed him.
5. **DID I SAY THAT???** Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during a lineup. When detectives asked each man in the lineup to repeat the words, 'Give me all your money or I'll shoot', the man shouted, "That's not what I said!"
6. **ARE WE COMMUNICATING???** A man spoke frantically into the phone: 'My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart'. 'Is this her first child?' the doctor asked. 'No!' the man shouted, 'This is her husband!'
7. **NOT THE SHARPEST TOOL IN THE SHED!** In Modesto , CA , Steven Richard King was arrested for trying to hold up a Bank of America branch without a weapon. King used a thumb and a finger to simulate a gun. Unfortunately, he failed to keep his hand in his pocket. (hellooooooo)!
8. **THE GRAND FINALE!!!** Last summer, down on Lake Isabella, located in the high desert, an hour east of Bakersfield, CA, some folks, new to boating, were having a problem. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't get their brand new 22 foot boat, going. It was very sluggish in almost every maneuver, no matter how much power they applied. After about an hour of trying to make it go, they putted into a nearby marina, thinking someone there may be able to tell them what was wrong. A thorough topside check revealed everything in perfect working condition. The engine ran fine, the out-drive went up and down, and the propeller was the correct size and pitch. So, one of the marina guys jumped in the water to check underneath. He came up choking on water, he was laughing so hard. **NOW REMEMBER...THIS IS TRUE.** Under the boat, still strapped securely in place, was the trailer!