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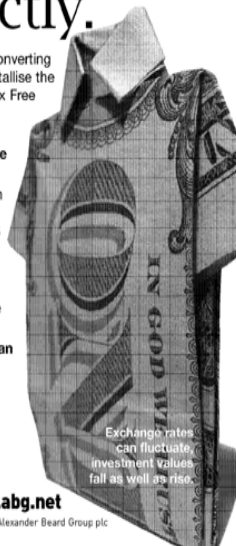
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Coming Events

Board Meeting July 9 – 6:30 p.m. at the home of Kathy Curtin, 1557 Oak View Dr., Sarasota, at 6:30 p.m. MEMBERS WELCOME, BUT PHONE AHEAD AS SPACE IS LIMITED!

Coffee Morning July 14 – 10:30 a.m. at the home of Sue Ford, 6706 Oak Hammock Dr., Bradenton. Contact Sue at sueford47@yahoo.com or 941-751-3811.

Word of Mouth July 18 – On Saturday, 6:30 p.m., Brit Club Member Jeremy Adams has offered to close his restaurant at 711 South Osprey Avenue for the evening so that we club members may enjoy a special “carvery” buffet dinner. Dinner will include mixed green salad with rolls and butter, choice of carved roast beef, roast turkey or pork loin served with mashed and boiled red skin potatoes, vegetables, dessert (cheesecake or carrot cake), and choice of beverage.

The cost for the full dinner to include tax and tip is \$16 per person. Alcoholic beverages may be purchased separately. If anyone would like to attend but cannot eat meat, please let me know ASAP and I will arrange something vegetarian. As well as having the restaurant to ourselves for the evening, we will have the pleasure of hearing Kevin McGuire play his guitar and sing for us. He is great fun and has a wide repertoire of music. As always, there will also be some nice raffle prizes for you to win! Please RSVP no later than Sunday, July 12 to Shona Burtner at skburtner@hotmail.com or telephone 925-0462 (leave a message).

High Tea July 25 – Come and enjoy High Tea Saturday July 25th, 12 noon, at The Londoner Inn, Bradenton, owned by member Jennifer Taylor, who is offering the Brit Club a discount. The \$20 total per person cost includes tax and gratuity, and will include sandwiches, sausage rolls, quiche, pastries and, of course, tea – everything is the genuine thing, made from scratch on the premises. Seating is limited to 32, and paid reservations need to be made in advance. Please call Sandra Cherry at 374-9760, or email at Yourcupatea1@yahoo.com for reservations and information. Cheques to be sent to PO Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276, attention Sandra. Please be sure to contact before sending cheque to see if there is still room, and for directions. Deadline for reservation is Tuesday 21st July.

Cocktail Party August 15 – Come to the home of Doreen and Peter Wilson in Osprey for a cocktail party on Saturday, August 15 from 5-7 p.m. Members should bring an appetizer to share and BYOD. The club will provide punch and sodas. Space will be limited for this popular event and reservations will be taken by Doreen Wilson (941) 966-9330 or at pedrowil@comcast.net after July 20. Directions will be printed in the August newsletter.

Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

From Our President

The club is growing fast! Each month more people are checking out our webpage and want to join the club. The new car plates advertising our club are also helping our numbers to grow. I have had people stop me and ask about the British club. These car plates can be purchased for \$14.99 and orders can be placed by contacting Shona Burtner.

Congratulations to Kathleen and David Michell who won \$160.00 in the 50/50 raffle at Beckhams on May 30th. We had an enormous turnout by members and guests for the evening and I know everyone enjoyed the evening as much as I did. Many thanks to Terry and Audrey Sweeney who were our greeters and made us all feel so welcome. Thanks also to Ken Jukes who provided the quiz for us all to ponder over during our meal. The winning table of Ed Williams, Avril Young, Harry Hornagold and Denna Masterson received \$10 in Lotto tickets. Well done to you all.

The monthly coffee morning is my favorite time of the month; the two hours are filled with fun, laughter and fabulous food. If you haven't joined us yet, please come next month. You will be made most welcome and meet some new friends.

Our next night together is Miguel's on the 27th June. Last year, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the food and service provided and I have no doubt this year will be as good. Please email or phone Nairn' with your reservations.

Any member coming on the cruise in October wanting to dine at second sitting with other Brit club members, please send your booking reference number to Douglas Schuler ebentley@pad-printing.com by August; he is willing to organize this.

A reminder that we are always interested in hearing from members. If you would like to share something with other members via the newsletter, please send an email to Rose, our newsletter editor, who does such a wonderful job every month.

Thank you for making my term as President such fun.

Sue Ford

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 the newsletter editor, Rose Gillet, at 3219 24th Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34235 or email them to her at rosegillet@yahoo.com.

Rose's Corner

Sorry Nairn' and I couldn't make Miguel's – I had some brutal dental surgery and looked like a beaten-up chipmunk. 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 items is the 15th of each month.

Rose Gillet, Newsletter Editor

June Board Meeting Précis:

The meeting was held on Thursday, June 4, 2009. There is a balance of \$5,092.76, including one new family membership, 4 family and 2 single renewals. The Treasurer's report was distributed to the Board by Shona Burtner. Ken Jukes, Membership Secretary, reported that he will remind those who have not renewed their membership before they are taken off the newsletter list.

The board has been asked if we have a handbook, but it was considered that because of reasons of privacy, there will not be one.

Regarding our website, the database was synchronized in May and the newsletter will be on the web with photos of recent events.

Reservations for Miguel's on June 27 are being accepted by Nairn' Gillet. On July 18th there will be a buffet dinner at Word of Mouth, 711 Osprey Avenue, Sarasota. A high tea, organized by Sandra Cherry, is to be held at the Londoner Tea Rooms at a cost of \$20 per person. Send your cheques to the Sarasota British Club P.O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276. There will be a cocktail party at the home of Doreen and Peter Wilson on Saturday, August 15 from 5-7 p.m. Members should bring an appetizer to share, and hard liquor if desired, with punch and sodas being provided by the club. A golf tournament was suggested for a future date as well as a possible rummage sale in the fall

Next board meeting at the home of Kathy Curtin at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, July 9.

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) _____

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

Pavlova

A traditional Australian dessert, named after the famous ballerina, Anna Pavlova. So light and easy, and always well received. I deplore what the Yanks call meringue here – soft, gooey mess. Yuk! And it took me ages to get this right here in Florida. Do remember to use a spotlessly clean glass or metal bowl, and leave it in the switched off oven until just before serving. You can use any fruits and, for sheer indulgence, use Devon Cream!!

6 egg whites at room temperature
¼ tsp cream of tartar
¼ tsp salt
2 cups granulated sugar (if you can get it, caster is great, but I also use regular sugar with good results)
Cream
Any fresh fruit, strawberries are traditional, but a mix of any will be good, too

Line a cookie sheet with waxed or parchment paper...do not grease. Preheat oven to 275°F (low). Put egg whites and cream of tartar in mixing bowl and whip on high speed until whites begin to mound. Add sugar, gradually beating well after each addition until sugar is completely dissolved and egg whites stand up stiffly. Spoon onto the prepared pan and spread to desired shape; I usually lift up the edges a bit. Bake for 1-2 hours or until golden and firm to gentle touch. Turn off oven, but leave in the oven until ready to serve. (*Here in Florida, if you take it out too soon, it will soften too much.*) Spread cream over and top with fruit. Makes 8-10 servings.

(Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Union Jack Food Columnist. Queries, comments and recipes are welcome, and I can be reached at Yourcuppatea1@yahoo.com.)

Membership News

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Sunshine Corner

If a member has any news they would like to share, a special occasion, anniversary, illness or recovering etc., please contact Sandra Cherry at Yourcuppatea1@yahoo.com, or 374-9760. We are pleased to hear of Jim Smith's progress, do keep Jim and Tina in your thoughts.



Thank You

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Florida Gardening by Nicholas Davis



Hello, each month I'm going to write a short column on lawns and landscape maintenance. Please feel free to contact me lawnjockey@live.com. I will try to help with any questions that you have.

Now rainy season is here and your lawn should be getting plenty of water, but still check that your irrigation is working and all areas of your lawn are getting soaked, not your driveway! Adjust or replace broken sprinklers. Your lawn should get one good soaking a week, too much water creates a weak lawn. Water once a week, the roots will get stronger as they have to dig deep to find moisture. Make sure your rain sensor works, and keep the grass from growing over your sprinkler heads.

Mow regularly and keep the blades sharp. Do not cut more than a third off the grass blade. Mulched up grass clippings are good to leave on your lawn, it's free fertilizer, but always rake up any clumps of grass. Change your mowing pattern each time you mow to avoid ruts in the lawn. If you have bare patches in your lawn, weeds will soon be growing in them, so fill these areas with grass plugs. Just follow these instructions and you will have a great looking lawn. And as this is the beginning of hurricane season, if you have any palms that need trimming or loose branches on trees this is the time to remove them, before any problems happen.



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A Well-Planned Retirement – From The London Times:



Outside the Bristol Zoo, in England, there is a parking lot for 150 cars and 8 coaches, or buses. It was manned by a very pleasant attendant with a ticket machine charging cars £1 (about \$1.40) and coaches £5 (about \$7). This parking attendant worked there solid for all of 25 years. Then, one day, he just didn't turn up for work.

"Oh well", said Bristol Zoo Management - "We'd better phone up the City Council and get them to send a new parking attendant . . ."

"Err . . . no", said the Council, "that parking lot is your responsibility."

"Err . . . no", said Bristol Zoo Management, "the attendant was employed by the City Council, wasn't he?"

"Err . . . no!" insisted the Council.

Sitting in his villa somewhere on the coast of Spain (presumably) is a man who had been taking the parking lot fees, estimated at £400 (about \$560) per day at Bristol Zoo for the last 25 years. Assuming 7 days a week, this amounts to just over £3.6 million (\$7 million - or \$280,000 every year for 25 years)!

And no one even knows his name!!!!!!