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BritClub News

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Coming Events

Board Meeting – Thursday July 7th @6:30 p.m. at the home of Brian & Jane Thompson. Members welcome but please call ahead, see Page 12, as space is limited.



Coffee Morning – Sue Ford is taking a well-deserved break from hosting the Coffee Morning socials on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Watch this space for the re-start date of this very popular SBC social.



Dinner and Silent Auction – Saturday, July 16th Lakeshore Villas Clubhouse. More details see Page 6



Beckham's Osprey Grill – Saturday August 20th More details see Page 4



Cocktail party – Saturday, September 17, from 6 – 8pm at Brian & Jane Thompson's home in Lakewood Ranch. More details next month.

Annual General Meeting – Autumn 2011 . More details in the August issue of *BritClub News*.

Cruise: - November 6th

The cruise ship, "Norwegian Star," leaves from Tampa on November 6th for 7 nights with port calls in Honduras, Belize, Costa Maya & Cozumel Mexico. There are 20 members already signed up. We have a gentleman who is looking for someone to share a cabin with...if you are interested, or otherwise wish to book the cruise, please phone Sioux Hurley; our travel agent, on 941-484-0728. Prices start at \$399. Hope to see you on board.

Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

From here you will find local information, Club news, coming events, photos from past events and many past newsletters .

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Letter from President Gary Lee

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Summer Solstice will have been checked-off on the calendar and summer will be "official." I hope yours will be a pleasant one and that you'll fit into your schedules the upcoming Club events outlined in these pages. At our most recent social, the group dinner on June 13 at Miguel's on lovely Siesta Key, 70 Club members and guests gathered for a convivial evening of food and conversation. Hearty thanks to Shona Burtner for making all the arrangements for the event. Shona also secured from Miguel's a \$40 dining certificate that will be one of the items up for bid in our Silent Auction and meal set for Saturday evening, July 16, at Lakeshore Village Clubhouse . Details on that social event are included in this issue.

Although it's only mid-year, the Club has to start the cogs turning for filling slots for the 2012 SBC Board. Ken Jukes has kindly agreed to be Chairman of the Nomination Committee. If you are interested in standing for the Board or want more information, do let Ken know (941-927-6499 or kena.jukes@yahoo.com) . For more details on Board position functions and/or to share your ideas for the Club, you are also invited to join members of the Board at Tastefully British, 2236 Gulf Gate Drive, on Wednesday, July 13 at 2:30 p.m. As numbers are limited, do let me know (941-706-1172) or Sue Ford (941-751-3811) if you plan to attend.

Now for this month's limerick that was sent to me by Terry Sweeney--

There once was a lady from Tottenham,
Who'd no manners or else she'd forgotten 'em.
At tea at the vicar's, she tore off her knickers
Because, she explained, she felt hot in 'em.



June Board Meeting Precis

Meeting held at home of Sue & Roy Ford. Treasurer's report shows balance of \$ 7,221.90. Approximate count of 200+, still several not renewed, will be contacted for further information. Myakka Boat cruise, and Arcadia Memorial service was well attended. 63 signed up for dinner at Miguel's on June 11th. Silent Auction party with entertainment to be July 16th. Need to contact members for auction donations, to let Gary or Sandra know what they will be before the event. Evening at Beckham's in Osprey for August 20th. Cocktail party planned for September 17th, at Brian & Jane Thompson's home. Plan to invite members from the British-American Club of Charlotte county to our Christmas party. Plan to have the AGM with a Guy Fawkes theme for November 4th or 5th. Ken Jukes will be chairing nomination committee for 2012 Board, 6 attending members agreed to be nominated again. May not be serving alcohol at future events due to liability concerns, plan to make them BYOB. A donation will be made to the Moffit Center in remembrance of long standing member Rosalyn Whent. 2 members have offered suggestions for future events, will be asked to get further information, these include Bowling, Bingo, Sarasota Dog races, and Curry night. Suggested obtaining T or Polo shirts with Brit Club logo for purchase. 20 members signed up for November cruise.

Next Board meeting to be Thursday July 7th, at the home of Brian and Jane Thompson

Submitted by Sandra Cherry, Secretary

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides PG-13

Johnny Depp returns as Captain Jack Sparrow in #4 , with him, just a couple of returning pirates, Geoffrey Rush as Barbosa and the first mate, apart from them we have brand new characters and story lines. Penelope Cruz sparkles as the love interest and possible daughter of BlackBeard, ably played by Ian McShane (anyone remember him as the loveable rogue antique dealer "Lovejoy" when he started on BBC TV many years ago ?). I missed the swashbuckling, cannon firing pirate scenes as we travelled though some beautiful scenery in search of The Fountain of Youth, climaxing with an Indiana Jones and the Holy Grail-type ending, after scary mermaids and an innocent young preacher are added to the story. This is a great vehicle for Depp, he and Cruz carry the movie , the story finishes on the beach with a lead in for the next..."Arrrgh, It's a pirate's life for me" You must see this Disney classic.

Big question ? Watch this movie on the regular screen or digital 3D or Imax 3D, we saw it on the Imax at AMC, screen was not big enough even though the sound was excellent, just not worth the extra \$\$'s.

OzKer



A Parody

Mary had a little bear
To which she was so kind
That everywhere dear Mary went
You saw her bear running along beside her.

Thanks to Terry Sweeney



On the Web
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.



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 premises: **Word of Mouth (3), Champions Pub, Tastefully British, 4 & 20 Pasty Company, The Open Pub & Restaurant, The Irish Rovers, The Coach & Horses Pub, McAllister's, Scot's Corner, British Open Pub & Restaurant of Venice, Cafe Continental-Patisserie, Bentley's Resort Hotel, Scrambles, Beckham's Osprey Grill, Ezpiez and Simon's Coffee House**. Please thank them by patronizing them whenever you can, and let them know you appreciate their support.

Locations to Hold Our Events

We put out a call to all members who could offer their clubhouse as a location for a Sarasota British Club (SBC) events, and members have generously responded. So... A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE INDIVIDUALS. The Board will be busily organizing and coordinating events for those locations at our monthly meetings—we'll keep you posted. This keeps our events affordable to all members, and adds diversity for our get-togethers. The SBC will cover overhead charges, and our members generously volunteer to help with the set-up and clean-up. If other members can offer their clubhouse, please contact glee01@verizon.net with suitable dates and locations. Thank you for your support.



BUSINESS 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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ROYAL AIR FORCE Service, Arcadia

The Memorial Day Service was, as always, attended by well over one hundred people, including sixteen from our Club.

The son of one of the pilots killed during training in 1944 gave a short and touching speech. Four single-engined training planes flying circuits overhead added to the occasion.

I spoke briefly with an elderly gentleman wearing a blazer with a Royal Corps of Signals badge on the breast pocket. Turned out he was a survivor from the evacuation of Dunkirk in May 1940! All in all, a memorable morning.

Terry Sweeney



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Armadillos can be house broken.

Armadillos have four babies known as pups, at a time. The fertilized cell splits into quarters, resulting in four identical armadillos. They share the same placenta during development, and are all the same sex. This regular production of genetically identical offspring is known as "polyembryony". The identical quadruplets make armadillos valuable to medical researchers as an animal model for multiple births.

Armadillos get an average of 18.5 hours of sleep per day.

Armadillos can walk underwater.

Armadillos are the only animal besides humans that can get leprosy.(Hansen's disease)

The shell is made up of thin bone plates, known as scutes. The armadillo is the only mammal that has bone plates in its skin.

On Your PC

Do you ever use the 'Windows' key?

On most keyboards there are 2 of them in the front row printed with the Microsoft Windows logo.

This key can be used to provide useful shortcuts . Try these out. The first 3 of these are my favourites.

[Window Key] + [D] = shows the Desktop. This acts as a toggle to return to your previous task.

This is an alternative to clicking on the tiny icon that is often bottom left of the screen

[Window Key] + [E] = shows Explorer (My Computer)

This is an alternative is to clicking on the [My Computer] icon on the desktop, or Click [Start]....My Computer or just Computer on later versions of Windows

[Window Key] + [F] = FIND

This is an alternative to clicking on [Start] ...[Search]

or Click Search when using Windows Explorer

[Window Key] + [U] = Shut PC down then [U] or [Enter] (Alternative to clicking Start>Shut down > Shut down).

On Windows Vista this has changed to bring up the Ease of Access Center

[Window Key] + [L] = Logs you off

[Window Key] + [R] = Brings up the 'Run' entry box for more experienced users.

Do you get frustrated with your PC? If you have a question on word processing, spreadsheets desk top publishing etc., send it to me at lakewood2@gmail.com. If I can answer the problem, it might benefit others.

Brian Thompson



Beckham's Osprey Grill – AUGUST 20th

BECKHAM'S BECKONS !!!! Always a fun and convivial evening with lively conversation, good food and drink in pleasant surroundings. Annie, one of the co-owners has again offered to add her terrific Steak and Ale Pie and Cottage Pie to their varied menu. Prices are reasonable and their fish and chips and hamburgers are truly 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. This will be a "Quiz Night" - always fun.

Beckham's is in the Southbay 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 by AUG.15th

This event is usually a sellout. Don't miss out!

RSVP Terry Sweeney at 918-0550 or tsweeneyau@aol.com

And....if you want Annie to cook her famous Steak and Ale Pie or Cottage Pie for you, please let Terry know as these items are not always on the menu.



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Dinner—Music—Silent Auction

6:00-9:00 pm, July 16, 2011

Join us for an pleasant mid-summer evening that includes dinner, music and a silent auction for a number of desirable items and services, including dining certificates at popular restaurants around town. Our musician for the evening is keyboard artiste, Kevin James. This fun evening will unfold in the Lakeshore Village Clubhouse, just off Clark Road, near Beneva on Saturday evening, July 16 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The main dish will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to share and their own wine/beer.

To assure a mixture of appetizers, salads and desserts, please plan your food contribution according to the beginning letter of your last name as follows: letters A – F—appetizer; letters G – M—salad; letters L – Z—dessert.

Cost of the evening: \$5.00 for members; \$7.50 for non-members. Please let Gary Lee know if you plan to attend (glee01@verizon.net; 941-706-1172). You can pay at door or send checks to Eileen Schuler, SBC Treasurer, 102 Tidewater Drive, Bradenton, FL 34210.

Location/Directions to Lakeshore Village Clubhouse; Lake Shore Village, Wilshire Blvd. just off Clark Road, about 300 yards east of Beneva Road. The Clubhouse is 100 yards on left.

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If you're not familiar with the work of Steven Wright, he's the famous comedian and actor who once said: "I woke up one morning, and all of my stuff had been stolen and replaced by exact duplicates".

His mind sees things differently than most of us do. Here are some of his gems:

- * I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.
 - * Borrow money from pessimists -- they don't expect it back.
 - * Half the people you know are below average.
 - * 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name
 - * 82.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.
 - * A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
 - * A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
 - * If you want the rainbow, you've got to put up with the rain.
 - * All those who believe in psycho kinesis, raise my hand.
 - * The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
 - * I almost had a psychic girlfriend... but she left me before we met.
 - * OK, so what's the speed of dark?
 - * How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
 - * If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
 - * Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
 - * When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
 - * Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.
 - * Hard work pays off in the future; laziness pays off now.
 - * I intend to live forever... so far, so good.
 - * If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
 - * Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
 - * What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
 - * My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."
 - * Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?
 - * If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
 - * A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
 - * Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
 - * The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.
 - * To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.
 - * The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
 - * The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.
 - * The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body is required to be on it.
 - * Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film.
- And an all time favorite:
- * If your car could travel at the speed of light, would your headlights work?

From **Terry Sweeney**

Come and Join the Club

The Sarasota British Club (SBC) serves the needs of its membership in the spirit of friendship and mutual support. This includes the planning, developing and overseeing of a social setting where members can meet and exchange interests. The SBC assists British newcomers in settling into the community, and provides British businesses with valuable networking and support. 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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JOKES

An Englishman, a Scotsman, an Irishman, a Welshman, a Yank, a Latvian, a Greek, a Russian, a Pole, a Japanese, a Mexican, a Swede, a Swiss, a Czech, an Italian, a Spaniard, a Finn, a Serb went into a pub.

The landlord said "I can't let you in without a Thai"

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The Grim Reaper came for me last night, and I beat him off with a vacuum cleaner, talk about Dyson with death.

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An old guy (not in the best of shape) was working out in the gym when he spotted a sweet young thing...

He asked the trainer that was near by "What machine in here should I use to impress that sweet thing over there?"

The trainer looked him up and down and said "I would try the ATM in the lobby".....

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How do you enter a room where one of Henry the VIII's wives is staying?
You amble in.