



BritClub News

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Sarasota British Club, P. O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276

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Coming Events

Board Meeting

June 6 – 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sandra Cherry, 2930 Williamsburg St., Sarasota. This will be a potluck. **MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!**

Celebrate Her Majesty's Birthday

June 17 – The pleasure of your company is requested at a celebration in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's 80th Birthday on Saturday, 17 June at the Coach and Horses Pub, Lockwood Ridge and University Parkway, in Sarasota.

Join British citizens, expatriates and friends as they celebrate The Queen's official birthday. The festivities get under way at 6:30 pm and will end at 10:00 pm. There is no cover charge; your only cost will be your own food and drink.

Pub-master Allan has prepared a special menu from which we can order. There will be a quiz (with an elegant prize), raffles, trivia contests (with more prizes), an authentic pub sing-along and more surprises. Entertainment by Al Bowley, Vera Lynn, Kay Kyser, Deanna Durbin, Sir Winston Churchill and others.



Elizabeth II

Please note: Members of other UK-related organizations have also been invited, and seating IS limited. Therefore, PLEASE call Nairn' Gillet at 941-321-9631 NO LATER THAN 14 June to reserve your seats. We anticipate a big crowd - don't get left out!

Eleven's Chin Wag

June 27 – This is a chance to sit and chat (or wag the chins) with other Brit Club members. We meet the fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:30 to 12 noon at Tastefully British Tea Room, 2236 Gulf Gate Drive. Hostess Debbie Gypp will provide a beverage (at no charge) and optional scone and cream (for a nominal charge). This Eleven's group will be meeting monthly, so if you have a topic that might be of interest, let us know. Please RSVP Maureen Gold at 966-9421.

Membership News

Many thanks to all those who responded to my membership renewal letter along with their dues. For those of you who have mislaid the form, please forward your check payable to Sarasota British Club. For the princely sum of \$25.00 single membership or \$35.00 family membership, you will be rewarded with plenty of social activities to keep you busy throughout the year. So don't delay – PAY UP TODAY. Thanks again.

Kathy Curtin, Membership

May 2nd Minutes Précis

Beach picnic went very well, also the Brunch at the Hilton. Car Boot Sale about 15 cars so far. Scavenger Hunt planned for the 21st May. So far 5 board members plan to attend the Memorial Day service in Arcadia for the fallen RAF pilots – will present a display of flowers from the club. Summer activities to be planned. Need for venues for meetings – ask members if anyone has a condo club house we can use. Andy Reeves and Sandra Cherry will resume networking group in late summer. Club information updated in Sarasota Herald-Tribune's web site club section. Will be placing an ad in newsletter for Tony Olson for all his pro bono help. Plan to put on a Pantomime in January 2007 and will need lots of members' help – need to let Andy Reeves or Sandra Cherry know if interested or have hidden talents. Board member Shona Burtner's nephew from Scotland has had major health issues. There are plans for a fundraiser on May 26th. Board agreed general membership to be notified via email. New Policies discussed.

We're Planning Some Fun

Do you have a horse costume??? Or fancy 'doing a turn'??? We will be needing singers, actors, writers, sewers, scroungers and any other talent as needed, for a pantomime in January! Lots of behind the scenes work. Let us know of you have hidden talents to help us with this fun project. Contact Andy Reeves at andysunkey@comcast.net (966-1343) or Sandra Cherry yourcuppatea1@yahoo.com (921-3162).

We Need Your Help

We would love to have your ideas for events and we need venues for events. If you live in an area that has a club house available, we would love to hear from you. Please contact any member of the Board.

Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

From Our President

A huge THANK YOU to Shona Burtner and Kathy Curtin for all their hard work with the May Scavenger Hunt. It turned out to be a very successful day with 57 individuals taking part. There were 11 teams with names such as The Wanderers and The Hot Babes. Three prizes were handed out: one to the winners, The Wanderers (aka the Cherry family), one to the runners up (Almanac, aka friends of Shona) and one to the stragglers who were the last to arrive at the final destination, The Schulers. It was a tough course, with just over 100 items to be spotted, collected or questions answered. People were tired by the time they reached the final destination, which turned out to be Shakespeare's Pub. There everyone enjoyed libations and some well earned dinner. All-in-all a lot of fun.

Also in May was the Car Boot Sale. We were joined by the Suncoast British Car Club. It was a hot day, with lots of water consumed and the need for shade frequently indulged. In spite of that, most people seemed to sell their items quite well. It was suggested that if we have this event in the future it take place earlier in the year while the snow bunnies are still in Sarasota and the weather is a little cooler.

Coming up on June 17th is a pub night at the Coach and Horses (see Coming Events for details). A special menu is planned by the pub owner. The event is to celebrate the Queen's birthday. Be sure to let Nairn' Gillet know if you plan to attend. We have a ten-pin bowling event being planned for July and other events being checked out for later in the summer.

There are still a few people who have not responded to the membership renewal sent out in April. If you received one and have not responded, please send in your renewal as soon as possible.

Glenys Oldham, President

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Rose's Corner

This is our last regular issue of the newsletter until September. I hope you all will try to make the Queen's birthday celebration at Coach & Horses – it promises to be a lovely evening. Hope to see many of you there!!

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 newsletter is the 15th of each month.

Sarasota British 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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE CLUB? 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 No. _____ Alternate Phone No. _____

E-mail Address _____

Membership Type (please check one): Single \$25 Family \$35 (includes children up to age 18).

Coronation Chicken

We celebrate Her Majesty's official 80th birthday this month, and I thought it would be appropriate to feature Coronation Chicken. My recipe is based on the original recipe for her coronation; because the service was so long, halfway through the ceremony the Queen and her attendants went to the back of Westminster Abby and noshed on this dish!

Coronation Chicken

4 lb. chicken
1 medium onion
2 whole cloves
1 carrot
1 stalk of celery
salt and pepper
1 bay leaf

2 Tbsp. olive oil
1 medium onion
1 Tbsp. curry powder
2 Tbsp. tomato paste
1-½ cup red wine
1 Bay leaf
3 Tbsp. apricot jam
1-¼ cup mayonnaise
½ cup heavy whipping cream

Peel the first onion, cut in half and stick with the whole cloves. Peel and chop carrot and celery roughly. Place in a large heavy pan, top with chicken pieces, salt, pepper and bay leaf; top with water. Cover and bring to a boil, lower heat and simmer gently about 1 hour or until chicken is cooked through. Remove chicken, strain the vegetables and bay leaf, and simmer the remaining stock until it reduces to about half a cup. While this is cooking, remove the skin and bones from the chicken and cut chicken into small pieces. Whip cream and set aside.

To make the sauce, peel and chop the second onion finely, put into a pan with the olive oil and sauté until golden brown. Add curry, tomato puree, apricot jam, second bay leaf, wine, and simmer about 10 minutes. Remove from heat, cool. Remove bay leaf. Mix reduced stock into the mayonnaise, add and mix in the onion sauce, fold in the whipped cream and mix well. Fold in the chicken pieces until well blended. Chill and serve cold. Yield 6-8- servings.

Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Your Cup of Tea, yourcupoftea1@yahoo.com or www.yourcupoftea.info, and 'Union Jack' food columnist. I welcome any requests, recipes or comments.



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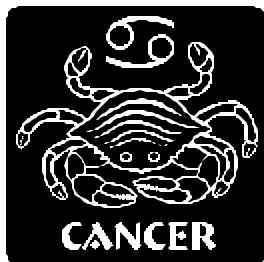
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New people are coming into your life. Some will only be around for a short time, while others will stay a lifetime.

Although you are busy with career thoughts, you still find time to be thoughtful and caring to those you care about.

Many of you feel you have come to a crossroad in your life. If this is the case, just stand still and watch the flow of traffic. Decide whether you want to be in the fast lane traveling at 70 miles an hour with that great big truck pressing down on you to break the law and to go faster, or are you going to take your time getting yourself in the middle lane, being aware of not only what's coming up from behind you, but also what is happening in front and on both sides of you. It is only when our eyes are wide open and our mind is concentrating that we take in all the facts. Then and only then do we make the right turns that will lead us to the road that brings us home safely and successfully.

Good luck to you. May the Angels walk by your side.
 Sue MoonStar

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