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Coming Events

Board Meeting June 5 – 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!

Mini Golf June 21 – Join us for a fun evening of mini golf followed by dinner out. We will be meeting at 6:00PM at Smugglers Cove Adventure Golf on N. Tamiami Trail in Sarasota, followed by dinner at Barnacle Bill's Seafood. Cost for mini golf is \$8 per person. When you RSVP, please mention if you do wish to go to Barnacle Bill's for dinner afterwards.

When heading north, Smuggler's Cove is located on the left hand side of Tamiami Trail, just north of Myrtle Street. The address is 3815 N. Tamiami Trail in Sarasota. Barnacle Bill's is also located on Tamiami Trail, just a little north of Smuggler's Cove, on the opposite side of the road.

Space is limited, so please book early. Upon booking, please send your check in to the PO Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276. To RSVP, please phone Amy Croshaw at 751-6194 (or 928-2580 if you live south of Osprey) or e-mail at acrowshaw@verizon.net. Cut off date to RSVP is June 13th. Please submit payment by June 16th.



Beckham's July 12 – **IT'S BECKHAM'S TIME AGAIN!!!** One of the most successful events of last year was our gathering at Beckham's Osprey Grill. The folks at the restaurant loved having us and will pull out all the stops to assure that we have another successful evening on **Saturday July 12th**. 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.

The menu is reasonably priced, mostly American. Their fish and chips are excellent. Beckham's is in the Southbay Shopping Plaza, corner of U.S. 41 & Blackburn Point Rd. in Osprey.

We have promised to give David (oops, George) Beckham a head count by **Tuesday July 8th, so please RSVP Terry Sweeney at 918-0550 or Amy Croshaw at acrowshaw@verizon.net or 928-2580.**

Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

From Our President

Dear Friends:

It is always a pleasure to welcome new members to the Brit Club and, in recent months, we have had a dramatic increase in membership. On May 3rd Kathy and Richard Curtin graciously hosted a tea party for new members at their home. It provided a wonderful opportunity for everyone present to get to know each other. Sincere thanks to Kathy and Richard and also Sandra and Penny who did much of the catering.

It may not be Holland America's Westerdam but the twenty-nine members and guests who cruised Sarasota Bay on Le Barge all agreed they had a great time. In recognition of our group, the boat's entertainer played a number of Beatles' hits with an island beat, which got many of our members on their feet and wiggling their hips!!!! (Sandra Cherry and Ken Jukes got my vote for the best wigglers.) Thank you, Amy, for organizing this event.

Coming up we have Mini Golf, followed by dinner in June; Beckham's in July and local celebrity, Cliff Roles, in August.

I'll close with these profound questions gleaned from a book: Why is abbreviation such a long word? How is it possible to have a civil war? Is there another word for synonym?

See you on June 21st.

Warm regards,
Terry Sweeney

May Board Meeting Précis:

Current treasurer's balance \$4,335.93. Currently 182 paid up (103 households) members. Still some non-renewals to come. Average monthly expenditure for the newsletter is \$170.00, distribution to local businesses going well. The club is now listed in at the British Consulate in Orlando, and the British American Club in Miami. Queen's birthday/St George's Day event was another great success; as our club membership is growing we are having to find larger venues to accommodate all. May 3rd planned for another new members Tea; LeBarge planned for May 17th; May 26th Memorial Day service in Arcadia, club will provide a wreath, suggested we do silk poppies and plan to use each year instead of fresh flowers; June 21st Mini Golf outing planned with dinner afterwards at Barnacle Bills; July 12th Beckham's; August 23rd, Inside Picnic with Cliff Roles as a speaker; September at Longwood Run Café for a pig roast; Oct/Nov. meeting which will include the AGM; December 13th Christmas Party plans in effect. Suggested we do a joint venture with other Brit Clubs in the area such as Sun City and St Petersburg. Next Board meeting June 5th at Sandra Cherry's home. *(Members welcome but please call ahead due to space limitations.)*

Thank You

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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.

Apologies to new member Sioux Hurley whose name was misspelled in last month's newsletter. Sorry Sioux.

This month welcomes Lena and Larry Young who are from Aberdeen, Scotland. Larry's family emigrated to Boston in the middle 1950s. Lena came over in 1958 and lived in New York and Long Island. They married in 1963 and have two sons. They have lived mostly in the northeast before coming to Sarasota a few years ago to escape hard winters.

Our other new members are Eva Franziska and Avril Young.

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 (for club members only) 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.

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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Rose's Corner

Nairn' and I had a great time on LeBarge last month. We're looking forward to all the upcoming Brit Club events. We have a wonderful Board this year and some great events planned. 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, call at 366-9984 or email me at rosegillet@yahoo.com. Closing date for the newsletter is the 15th of each month.

Rose Gillet, Newsletter Editor



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Lancashire Hot Pot

Even though I know it is summer time (hard to tell in Florida!), I always enjoy a casserole of some sort; it is so easy to make ahead. Originally Lancashire Hot Pot included oysters, as they used to be so cheap and plentiful in Victorian times, and the original method to cook it was by standing up the lamb chops in a deep pot. However, just a regular casserole laying them flat works well, too. Hope you enjoy my version.

Lancashire Hot Pot

- 2 Tbsp butter
- 6 potatoes, peeled and cut into half inch slices
- 2 lb. best lean stewing lamb, or 8 best lamb chops
- Salt and pepper
- 2 onions sliced thin
- 3 lamb kidneys, trimmed and cut small
- 1 cup beef broth
- Melted butter
- 2 Tbsp chopped parsley

Grease a 1-2 quart casserole dish. Place a layer of ¾ of the potatoes, cover with the lamb and season with the salt and pepper. Cover with a layer of ½ the onion slices. Add the kidneys and remaining onion. Pour the beef broth over and brush the potatoes with melted butter. Cover and cook for two hours at 350 degrees. Remove the lid, return to the oven and then cook another 30 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley before serving.

(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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TODAY IN HISTORY – JUNE

- 2 June 1953: Queen Elizabeth takes coronation oath**
- 3 June 1962: 130 die in Paris air crash**
- 4 June 1940: Dunkirk rescue is over - Churchill defiant**
- 5 June 1963: Profumo resigns over sex scandal** – Secretary of State for War, John Profumo, resigns admitting he lied to Parliament about his relationship with a call girl.
- 6 June 1944: D-Day marks start of Europe invasion**
- 7 June 2000: Blair 'handbagged' by the WI** – The UK prime minister is heckled and criticised by Women's Institute members as he gives a speech at their conference.
- 8 June 1963: Ward charged over 'immoral earnings'** – Dr. Stephen Ward, a London osteopath and friend of Christine Keeler, is arrested and charged with living on immoral earnings
- 9 June 1975: First live broadcast of Parliament** – The first live transmission from the House of Commons is broadcast by BBC Radio and commercial stations.
- 9 June 1958: Queen opens revamped Gatwick** – The Queen has opened an extended airport at Gatwick, south of London, modernised at a cost of £7m.
- 10 June 1977: Killer perch outwitted by electric rod** – An elusive goldfish-eating perch with a prodigious appetite is finally netted after two years on the rampage in a Kent pond.
- 11 June 1959: Hovercraft marks new era in transport** – The Hovercraft invented by Christopher Cockerell is officially launched in Southampton.
- 11 June 1987: Thatcher wins record third term** – Margaret Thatcher declares she is "raring to go" as she wins a record third term as prime minister.
- 12 June 1986: Labour expels Militant Hatton** – Derek Hatton, the controversial deputy leader of Liverpool Council, is thrown out of the Labour Party for belonging to the leftwing Militant faction.
- 13 June 1981: Queen shot at by youth** – A 17-year-old man is arrested for shooting a replica gun at the Queen as she rode past crowds in London.
- 14 June 1982: Ceasefire agreed in Falklands** – A ceasefire between British and Argentine forces on the Falkland Islands is agreed, the prime minister announces.
- 15 June 1966: Hovercraft deal opens show** – The world's first hovershow opens in Britain with news of a Ministry of Defence order worth £1m.
- 16 June 1992: Controversial Diana book published** – An explosive new book about the Princess of Wales, including claims she attempted suicide, is published by author Andrew Morton.
- 17 June 1974: IRA bombs parliament** – A bomb explodes at the Houses of Parliament, causing extensive damage and injuring 11 people.
- 18 June 1972: UK's worst air crash kills 118** – A flight from London Heathrow to Brussels crashes minutes after take-off killing all 118 people on board.
- 19 June 1975: Missing earl guilty of murder** – An inquest jury decides Lord Lucan murdered the 29-year-old nanny of his three young children.

- 19 June 1982: 'God's banker' found hanged** – Roberto Calvi, a senior Italian banker, is found dead under Blackfriars Bridge in London more than a week after he went missing from Milan.
- 20 June 1990: Major proposes new Euro currency** – British Chancellor John Major proposes a new European currency which would circulate alongside existing national currencies.
- 20 June 1984: O-Levels to be replaced by GCSEs** – The biggest exam shake-up for over 10 years is announced with O-Level and CSE exams to be replaced by a new exam.
- 21 June 1982: Princess Diana gives birth to boy** – Diana, Princess of Wales, gives birth to a boy sixteen hours after checking in to St Mary's Hospital, in London.
- 22 June 1981: Chapman pleads guilty to Lennon murder** – Mark Chapman changes his plea to guilty and admits he murdered John Lennon in December 1980.
- 22 June 1959: Harrods in £34m merger talks** – Directors of Harrods are urging shareholders to vote for a merger with Debenhams department chain.
- 23 June 1955: Queen Elizabeth sails on schedule** – The Queen Elizabeth ocean liner leaves for New York on schedule despite attempts by striking seamen to delay her departure.
- 23 June 1972: Chancellor orders pound flotation** – The Chancellor, Anthony Barber, announces his decision to temporarily float the pound.
- 24 June 1968: Rail go-slow begins** – The country's rail network is thrown into disarray as the National Union of Railwaymen begins its work-to-rule and ban on overtime.
- 24 June 1993: Minister resigns over business links** – Northern Ireland Minister Michael Mates resigns over his links with fugitive tycoon Asil Nadir.
- 25 June 1953: Christie to hang for wife's murder** – John Christie is sentenced to hang for murdering his wife and then hiding her body under the floorboards of their Notting Hill home in London.
- 26 June 1970: Violence flares as Devlin is arrested** – Riots break out in Londonderry after it is revealed Bernadette Devlin has been arrested.
- 26 June 1959: Queen and Eisenhower open seaway** – The Queen and President Eisenhower inaugurate the St Lawrence Seaway in Canada that connects the Great Lakes to the Atlantic.
- 27 June 1977: Home Secretary jeered on picket line** – Home Secretary Merlyn Rees appeals for calm following two weeks of violent clashes outside the Grunwick factory in north London.
- 28 June 1991: Thatcher to retire from Commons** – Margaret Thatcher is to give up her seat in the House of Commons at the general election.
- 29 June 1960: BBC unveils TV 'factory'** – The BBC's new Television Centre will be the "Hollywood" of the small screen, the corporation's director of TV announces.
- 29 June 2001: Diana fountain given go-ahead** – The government announces a memorial in honour of Diana, Princess of Wales, is to be built in London's Hyde Park.
- 29 June 1986: Branson beats Atlantic speed record** – Millionaire Richard Branson smashes the world record for the fastest powerboat crossing of the Atlantic.
- 30 June 1992: Thatcher takes her place in Lords** – Former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher takes her place in the House of Lords as Baroness Thatcher of Kesteven.

Many thanks to Nairn' Gillet and the BBC for this wonderful look back in time.