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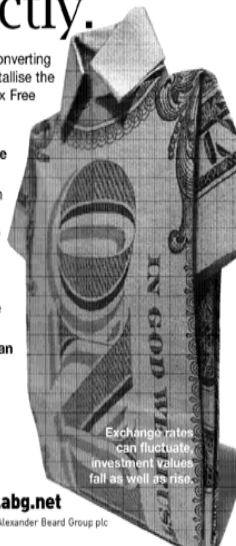
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Coming Events

Coffee Morning June 9 – 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.

Board Meeting June 4 – 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sandra Cherry, 2930 Williamsburg St., Sarasota, at 6:30 p.m. MEMBERS WELCOME, BUT PHONE AHEAD AS SPACE IS LIMITED!

Miguel's June 27 – On Saturday, June 27th, we will return to the scene of one of last year's most popular events: Miguel's Restaurant on Siesta Key. If you were among the 60 or so who attended last year, you'll recall that we had a special "early bird" deal that provided appetizer, salad, entrée AND dessert for between \$15 and \$18. That same opportunity will be afforded us this time, plus we will also have the ability to order off their regular menu. Some of their specialties not on the early bird menu include filet of Dover sole (filleted tableside), Caesar salad and bananas foster (both prepared tableside), rack of lamb, and more. **(Please note: if you will want the bananas foster dessert, please let your server know when you place your dinner order.)** Advance reservations will be a *must*, and may be made by calling Nairn' Gillet on 941.366.9984 or emailing him at ngillet@yahoo.com.

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 Yourcuppatea1@yahoo.com for reservations and information.

Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

From Our President

Are you all enjoying the heat? With many of our friends within the club now back in the UK getting used to the rain, wind and low temperatures, here we are saying, "Oh, it's too hot!" I know which I prefer.

I think you will agree our April's Queens Birthday Party was a great night. We had a 100% turn out. That is so rewarding to us on the board; it makes all our hard work worthwhile. Thank you to the members that donated a raffle prize. The raffle raised over \$200 which helped towards the cost of the evening.

Twenty-three members ordered the British Club of Sarasota car plates. These plates are a fabulous advert for our club. Anyone wanting to place an order can do so through me or Shona. They are \$14.99 each. The 'Curry' was a great success made by Deepa Toomey, and we are looking at holding a Sunday Curry lunch at the "Sangria" restaurant in downtown Sarasota.

We have only 8 members interested and signed up for the Cruise in October. There was such interest when it was suggested; this is a fabulous price leaving from Tampa going to Grand Cayman, Cozumel, Belize and Honduras for 7 days at a starting price of \$429, all entertainment and food included. Email or phone me for more details if you would like to join us. We have a single male and a single female member who are looking for another male and female to share cabins.

Our next event is at Beckham's on the 30th May; Ken is working on a fun quiz. Please email Terry if you are joining us.

Thank you to all our members that have sent in your membership dues; there are still a few outstanding and I ask you to please send them in as soon as possible.

Second Tuesday of the month 'Coffee morning' at my house was, as always, wonderful. You truly are a great group of people, so many delicious things to eat and lots of conversation. If you haven't attended please try to come along to the next coffee morning in June. If any member is willing to hold a coffee morning at their home in Sarasota or Venice for those of you that feel Bradenton is too far to drive, please contact me.

See you at Beckham's!

God bless,
Sue Ford

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Rose's Corner

Naim' and I are looking forward to Miguel's – I'm going to see if I can get him to spring for Dover Sole & Bananas Foster! 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

Thank You

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 shoppes: Word of Mouth (3), Champions Pub, Tastefully British, 4 & 20 Pasty Shop, the British Open Pub, The Irish Rovers, The Coach & Horses Pub, The Open, McAllister's, Scot's Corner, Cafe Continental-Patisserie and Beckham's Osprey Grill. Please thank them by patronizing them whenever you can, and let them know you appreciate their support.

May Board Meeting Précis:

Meeting was held on Thursday, May 15, 2009. There is a balance of \$5,341.05 in which membership renewals of 47 families and 15 single members are included. Details of the Treasurer's report were distributed to the board by Shona Burtner. We have 206 individual members. For those not wishing to receive the newsletter by mail, it can be viewed on our Website. There are 36 booked for Beckham's on May 30th at 6 p.m. Reservations for the June 27th dinner at Miguel's are being taken by Naim' Gillet. In accordance with our bylaws, members will be asked to ratify at a meeting of the membership changes which were approved by the board of directors. These changes are to remove the position of Business Group board member and to add a second Director at Large. We have car plates for the Sarasota British Club which can be purchased for \$15. As a result of the survey, many suggestions have been made for future events and a fish and chips night is being considered for July as well as tea at the Londoner Tea Rooms. On Memorial Day, May 25th, a wreath will be carried by our past presidents and placed on the graves of the British pilots buried in Arcadia. Next meeting on June 4, 2009 at the home of Sandra Cherry.

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

Salmon and Asparagus Flan

Well happy summer all!! I know we don't want to spend ages cooking and using an oven now for a bit, so thought I would feature my Salmon and Asparagus Flan recipe, similar to a quiche for a light supper or lunch. It was adapted from a recipe on a can of Tesco's tinned salmon that dear Pauline Richards brought back from England when she was helping me in the tea room. It is so easy and good, can be made ahead, freezes well, and baked in the microwave if you don't want to use the oven. (*Canned salmon is best for this recipe.*)

Shortcrust Pastry	¾ cup milk
1 - 14 ¾ oz can red salmon	¼ cup cream
¼ lb blanched asparagus tips	Salt and Pepper
4 eggs	¼ cup grated cheddar cheese

Roll out the pastry and line a lightly greased pie pan or quiche dish. Flake salmon with a fork and spread over the prepared pastry shell, arrange asparagus tips over that. Beat eggs, milk and cream, add salt and pepper, pour over and bake 10 minutes at 400 degrees. Lower heat to 325 degrees, sprinkle with the cheese and bake a further 40 minutes or until set. Good hot or cold. (If using a microwave, bake at 75-80 power or until centre sets, about 15 minutes, depending on microwave oven) Serves 6

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



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Membership News

EMAIL ADDRESSES: PLEASE email me, Ken Jukes, at kena.jukes@yahoo.com or call me at 941-927-6499 if you have changed your email in the last 6 months.

Nick & Sharon Davis and kids have been in Florida for just over 3 years. Nick's Mum, Dad, brothers and sisters have been in the US for over 20 years, but he was too old to be put on their visa (being then 21 years old) and waited about 15 years for his own visa, got it, then the US Embassy declined it due to a change in his circumstances (Nick had got married) so he bought a business. On an E2 now, Nick says he has got a few years until his proper visa comes up again. His mum reapplied back in 2004 as a US citizen but Nick was told to expect up to a 10 year wait. Nick knew Peter Gold and a few of our members and ex members, and always meant to join SBC but didn't. He then found that President Sue Ford lived nearby, and that jogged his brain, leading Nick to sign up. Nick runs a lawn biz with accounts through Sarasota and Manatee and he says he tries to keep small and busy. He was born into gardening, his Dad being a passionate English gardener, as were his grandparents, who lived in Brazil and then retired to sunny Clacton on Sea, Essex!! Nick and Sharon's kids have done well here and excel at school. Their son married an American girl and he now works for Nick. Their youngest girl, Savanna, was born in Florida and will be two this year. (Editor's Note: Look for an upcoming gardening and lawn care column from Nick each month in the newsletter. My lawn is hoping I take copious notes!)

Sunshine Corner

If a member is due for surgery, has an illness or recovering, or otherwise 'fallen by the wayside,' please contact Sandra Cherry at Yourcuppatea1@yahoo.com, or ring her on 374-9760.



"June's Horoscope" by Susan Moonstar



This month many relationships are definitely on the front burner. You can be sure that you'll have plenty of energy for manifesting whatever is important to you at this stage in your life. Mercury is now traveling in direct motion (having ended its retrograde on May 30th), so it is now time to move forward and make plans. The first few days of the month Mercury is in its 'shadow state' causing confusion and standing in the way of progress, stopping some of us from moving on. Don't put off doing the things that make you happy, live for the moment and take one day at a time.

Aries: This is a busy time, one that will have you running round like a chicken. There seems to be so much to do and no time to do it all in.

Taurus: Financial commitments have you juggling too many balls in the air. Get-rich-quick schemes could leave you incurring unnecessary expenses.

Gemini: Arguing never proves a thing, positive decision is the only way forward. Look at the whole picture from all angles.

Cancer: It is said that realizing our own limitations stops us from getting hurt. I wonder if any of us really knows our own limitations. This month you will be pushing forward finding out things about yourself you had no idea of.

Leo: Friendships are strong this month; you find out who your real friends are and break away from those so-called friends that need to move on out of your life.

Virgo: For once try to stay out of other people's problems; think about what is good for you and work towards that goal. Only a few more months and Saturn moves out of your sign; it will be like having a heavy weight taken off your shoulders.

Libra: Unlike your usual self this month, you may find it hard to stay patient: you feel irritable over something that an in-law is doing and you can't get your partner to understand your concern.

Scorpio: Jointly held funds and private transactions should be your major concern this month; pay attention to accounts and dot the i's and cross the t's – there is no room for mistakes

Sagittarius: Partnership, marriage and teamwork play a large part of this month's activities. There could be a change of environment too.

Capricorns: Isn't it time you stop being so hard on yourself and allow a little easing off of always needing to be the best in your field? Walk the beach or treat yourself to a trip to the spa. All work and no play only works for a time and then the body says enough!

Aquarius: The sign of fun and ever the optimist, but even you have your moments when you feel under pressure and this could be one of those times – not that you are going to show it. But, your time is around the corner, so just hold on – you are in for a hell of a ride.

Pisces: You have been laying the foundations for your future and security for some time now. Parents may upset you in some way or another; try to see their point of view and work with them.

Adventures in Nyasaland

By Terry Sweeney

THE CASE OF THE NOISY PEUGEOT

"I feel sorry for you, all dressed up like a Christmas tree", said the Government Printer, as he greeted me in his office in Zomba, Nyasaland (now Malawi). He looked comfortably cool in his colonial civil servant's uniform of khaki open-necked shirt, shorts and knee-length socks. By contrast, I was wearing the usual attire of a 1960's era Alex Pirie sales representative: jacket, long trousers, shirt, tie and highly polished black shoes.

It all seemed, and was, a long way from London where I had started what was to become a life-long career in the paper industry. In 1957 my new wife Audrey and I emigrated to Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia (now Harare, Zimbabwe). There I joined Alex Pirie (Rhodesia) Pvt. Ltd., part of a worldwide company.

At that time, mid-1957, Salisbury was the fastest growing city in Southern Africa. The staff consisted of twelve "Europeans" and twelve Africans. Our market was extensive, covering not only S. Rhodesia but also Mozambique, Angola and what was then known as the Belgian Congo. A branch had just been opened in Ndola, Northern Rhodesia.

In 1957, Salisbury, which was settled in 1890, had a population of 70,000 "Europeans" and 175,000 Africans. Interestingly, in 1945, the white population numbered about 11,000. However, from that point on, population growth was fuelled by R.A.F. men who had trained in Rhodesia during World War II and had returned with families and friends to seek a better life and climate.

Harry Pryke, one of our two outside sales representatives, initially covered Nyasaland as part of his territory. When the branch manager asked me to take over this area, little did I know that every trip would involve some sort of minor adventure. Nyasaland is just a little larger than Scotland with nearly a third of its area occupied by Lake Nyasa. In 1957, the population totaled two and a half million, including 56,000 whites and 6,000 Asians (mostly Indians).

to be continued...

Bylaws Update

As noted further along on page seven, in the précis of the May meeting's minutes, the membership will be asked to ratify a minor change to the bylaws at the August meeting. This change is to remove the Business Group director as a Board member, and to replace that position with a second Director-at-large.