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Coming Events

Board Meeting , June 3rd @ 6:30pm– at the home of Sue Ford, Members welcome but please call ahead (see p.8) as space is limited.

Coffee Morning – 10:30-12 noon on Tuesday 8th June, see page 7



England v USA - It has been 60 years since the famous upset England faced when taking on USA in a World Cup. England again face the USA in their opening match of the 2010 World Cup and we think this match is worthy of an impromptu gathering of members at the Lakeshore Village Clubhouse. The game kicks off at 2.30pm on Saturday, June 12th. To help us plan numbers, members who are interested in attending on the day are asked to confirm their places to email Ken Jukes (kena.jukes@yahoo.com)



Restaurant Dining at Beckham's. JUNE 19th see page 7

Happy Hour June 26th, 6.30 to 9pm at the home of Sue Ford. \$6 per person: payment to be sent to our PO Box address. Please bring along your own glass to drink from. Summer is here, let's enjoy it. Directions sent on request—Sue Ford's email and phone number are on the back page of this newsletter.



Casino Night July 17th, see page 7

10th Anniversary Party: Saturday October 16th , Southbay Yacht & Racquet Club

6–Night Cruise—14th November , see page 7

Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

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



Letter from President Ken Jukes

The Queen's Birthday Party event on April 24th was a well-attended big success, with excellent entertainment by guitarist Kevin Maguire and community old-time music hall singing led by Gary and Jane Hersee-Lee. A rolling display on the large screen showed the Queen meeting 11 USA Presidents (which one in her reign did she not meet? - one of the quiz questions on the day). Another highlight was a letter from Buckingham Palace congratulating Sarasota British Club on their 10th Anniversary year. I was the last to eat and agree we have to resolve how to ensure there is more than enough entrée food. We did draw lots for tables to go up in turn but inevitably the selection diminished for the latter tables. The desserts were magnificent and included two wonderful huge trifles! We also had a marvelous cake, wonderfully decorated with our logo and with a happy birthday message to the Queen.

The following is an old chestnut but worth bringing to you to let you scratch your heads. *Three guys went to a very cheap motel and the clerk charged them \$30 for the room. The owner came in and said the charge was too high and that it should only be \$25. He took five singles from the cash drawer and told the clerk to refund their money. The clerk gave each man \$1 and put the other \$2 in his own pocket. Thus each man spent \$9. However, 3 times 9 + 2 = 29. Where is the other dollar?*

MAY BOARD MEETING PRECIS

The meeting was held on Thursday, May 6th. The Treasurer's report was distributed to the Board by Gary Lee. There is a balance of \$4,597.71 as of May 6th. Members that have not yet paid their dues for 2010 will be given a 45-day grace period.

Sioux Hurley has kindly taken forward the purchase of new magnetic badge holders for club members. We hope to use the badges at the next event. The Board wishes to place on record our thanks to Sioux.

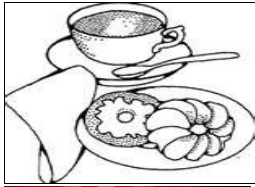
The ad slots have been agreed with WEDU and a further meeting is to be arranged.

The next board meeting will be at the home of Sue and Roy Ford on Thursday, June 3rd.



Two little old ladies were walking through the park one Sunday afternoon. The band was playing a catchy sounding tune, and one of the old ladies said, "I wonder what the name of that tune is". The other one noticed a sign posted near the bandstand and said, "It looks like they post the names of their selections. I'll go down and see". A while later she came back and told her companion, "It's the Refrain from Spitting".

8th June Coffee Morning 10.30 to 12.30: It's my birthday...I'm 32 this year! Anyone that doesn't believe me please keep it to yourself. My grand-daughter did ask how come her mummy was older than her own mum? Kids! Don't you love them. Hope to see you in my hour of need.
Sue Ford



Casino Night: July 17th. At the Lakeshore Village Clubhouse. Keep your calendar free for this exciting evening of throwing the dice, spinning the wheel of fortune, racing the horses, and more. Venue to be confirmed next month, but we need your help and support as 'Dealers' for the fortune-activities, and 'Servers' as this will be a catered event. Please let's hear from you, you lovely volunteers. Contact Ken Jukes..



14th November 6-Night Cruise, 4-Star 'Carnival Freedom': Departing from Ft Lauderdale going to 'Key West' Grand Cayman and Jamaica. Starting price Inside Cabin \$399; Ocean View \$539; Balcony \$629; Suite \$969. Excludes bus cost to Ft Lauderdale. Cabin spaces are available for singles wishing to share a cabin with like-gender. Participants need to **register by June 14th.** Prior to booking, please contact **Sue Ford**, by e-mail or phone to ensure everyone is using the same booking agent, and receiving all the same info.



Restaurant Dining at Beckham's. JUNE 19th

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 the mostly American menu. Prices are reasonable and their fish and chips and hamburgers are 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 on MONDAY, JUNE 14th. so please.....RSVP Terry Sweeney at 918-0550 or tsweeneyau@aol.com And.....if you want Annie to cook her Steak and Ale Pie or Cottage Pie for you please let Terry know.



'Here & Away' Websites: Would you like to mention a website of local or British interest that you feel other members may enjoy? Here is one submitted by member Jane Hersee-Lee.: British Heritage Magazine: Learn of life and travel around England, Scotland and Wales. It is written for those who want to know their way around Britain's history and landscapes **[British Heritage.com](http://BritishHeritage.com)**

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Jokes

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, 'My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50.'

The second boy says, 'That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100.'

The third boy says, 'I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!'

Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, 'What do you think about all this Satan stuff?'

The other boy replied, 'Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your Dad.'



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Nextag.com—price comparison, can show a graph to illustrate how the item's price is changing.

Looking for Locations to Hold Our Events A call to all members who could offer their clubhouse as a location for a Sarasota British Club (SBC) event. In order to keep our events affordable to all members, and add diversity to our meetings, we would be grateful if some members would make their clubhouses available. The SBC would cover overhead charges, and our members generously volunteer to help with the set-up and clean-up. Please contact suebridg@yahoo.com with suitable dates and location. Thank you for your support.



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Introducing Club Members — Norman & Mary Shelley

My wife Mary and myself have recently joined the club...Our first meeting was at Sue Ford's excellent coffee morning where we were introduced to a portion of the membership ...and as I had not given details of ourselves in the most recent newsletters membership news column I was struck with a pang of guilt..this happily did not last..but just in case feelings of remorse return..they never have in the past...not even..er..never mind ..now where was I..Ah yes..the history..I have decided to forward a short history of the Shelleys as recompense (continued on the newsletter insert—postal edition

Back to modern times now..My name is Norman Shelley born in Buxton Derbyshire..more recently before decamping to the sunshine I was living in Exeter working for various church organisations..mainly the Exeter United Reform Church..this may seem unlikely but life takes strange paths..before this I ran a pub restaurant in Cornwall ..which probably does seem likely..before that Engineering..etc..

Mary was born and raised in California and before seeking enlightenment and white wine in Sarasota she was a dental nurse for more teeth than she could count..We first stumbled into one another via the internet in 2002, meeting up for the first time in 2006 and marrying on Siesta Key beach in Febuary '09 ..and so here we are.. *Thats it..as ever..Mary and Norman Shelley*

One of the regular newsletter advertisements is for UK 2 US Wealth run by club member Ian Manwaring

Q: Ian, what is UK 2 US Wealth?

A: It's a specialist independent financial advisory arm of my UK practice (regulated by the UK Financial Services Authority). It offers fee based UK advice to US based Brits but a brief initial assessment is always free.

Q: Why did you set it up?

A: Having visited Florida for nearly 20 years, I find that most Brits in the US receive little or no advice on their UK pensions, ISA's, Bonds and general wealth once they have left the UK. There is also confusion about how US tax residency impacts.

Q: Why do you think this is?

A: Three main reasons; firstly, local US advisers are not regulated to advise on UK products and so steer clear of helping Brits. Second, the vast majority of UK advisers don't possess sufficient cross-border tax knowledge to keep advising on UK financial products. I figure the third reason is good old complacency – out of sight, out of mind!

Q: How can you help on UK pensions & investments?

A: Well, an analysis of what a client has is so crucial. After this, I may advise on whether to change the product, or the investment funds within because of US/UK tax, reduce the level of risk or move offshore for tax efficiency. For clients who left the UK with frozen pensions then there are a variety of options, including flexibility, portability and possible access.

Q: OK, so what about help on the US side of things?

A: I'm not allowed to give specific advice on US products but I've have a number of US financial/tax professional contacts, some British, who understand the cross border issues and would be happy to advise SBC members. They include a financial adviser, CPA and estate planner.

Q: Finally Ian, how do you meet with your clients?

A: I try to be flexible. Telephony, post and e-mail caters for most needs. For those comfortable with internet I can hold web-meetings, and in addition I normally try to visit Florida once a year when I catch up with my business contacts so can meet with new and existing clients.



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Sue Bridgman, suebridg@yahoo.com.

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