



BritClub News

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Coming Events

The SBC Board Meeting will be held on Thursday **March 12th** at the Village des Pins, 7964 Timberwood Circle Sarasota @ 6:30pm. Members welcome.

HOUSE CONCERT IN LAKEWOOD RANCH on Saturday March 14th. This is not an SBC event but Club members are invited to join Brian and Jane Thompson at their annual Bill and Kate Isles concert in Lakewood Ranch. Numbers are limited. Suggested artist donation \$15/pp, BYOB and appetizers to share.

Contact Brian at lakewood2@gmail.com or 388-8018 for details.

Bill and Kate are the campground hosts at the Oscar Scherer State Park's Folk Festival the following week.

See (and hear) them at billandkateisles.com.



SBC MONTHLY LUNCHES, 3rd Friday of each month, 12:30pm

Gentle reminder: The first monthly lunch is 20th March at **Linger**

Lodge Restaurant on the Braden River, 7205 85th St. Ct. East, Bradenton, FL 34202. Please reserve your place by 17th March. (See Sue's contact information in column 2.)



17th April will find the Lunch Club at **Mattison's Forty-One, 7275 S. Tamiami Trail**, one mile south of Stickney Point Road. The restaurant features comfortable elegance with a Mediterranean flair that is friendly and fun. There is also a splendid room called "The 50's" that seats 30 people. Thirty is around the number we have each month. Please reserve your place as soon as possible. If we have more than 30 persons, we will be seated in the main part of the restaurant. Lunch starter prices: pick any two for \$9 or choose 3 for \$15. Soups and salads are in the \$6 to \$15 range. **Note: There is an extensive gluten-**



free menu available.

Following is a sample list of Mattison's culinary awards: Winner of **Florida Trend Magazine's prestigious Golden Spoon Award**, the **Sarasota Herald Tribune's Readers' Choice Award**, **Sarasota Magazine's Best of the Best**, **SRQ Magazine's Hot List**, **Creative Loafing's Editor's Choice Award** and the **Bradenton Herald's Readers' Choice Award**, among many others. Come experience for yourself what others already recognize and know when it comes to excellent dining in Sarasota.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming lunches. Please telephone or email me to reserve your place as I need to know well ahead of time the numbers to expect for making final seating arrangements with our restaurant hosts. (941-751-3811 or sueford@janbury.com).

Sue Ford

Our ever-popular horse racing day at Tampa Bay Downs will be held on Sunday April 12th. There is the usual 52 seater coach that will pick up in both Sarasota and Bradenton, starting 15 minutes earlier this year, at 9.30am, and we have reserved 50 seats in the Sky Terrace for the brunch buffet and very inviting dessert table. The cost for roundtrip coach fare, brunch and entrance fee is virtually unchanged from last year at \$50. You can reserve your spot by calling Steve Adams on [941-524-9410](tel:941-524-9410), or emailing him at sha@adamsiac.com. Once you have reserved your place, you need to mail a check for \$50 per person, payable to Sarasota British Club, to Sarasota British Club, PO Box 21063, Sarasota FL 34276

Full information on coach pick-up points and times will follow.



President's Letter

Happily, the weather in our part of Florida has returned (as of this writing, anyway) to expected norms; while winter storms in large parts of the US persist, particularly in New England. Too, even the US side of Niagara Falls has been frozen over and there have been photos and a film clip on the internet of a professional climber making his way up one of the massive ice sheaths. (*See web address at the end of this letter.) Again, we are fortunate to be in our lovely part of Florida.



I am looking forward to the Club's upcoming monthly lunches on the 3rd Friday of each month and beginning on March 20 at Linger Lodge Restaurant as detailed on Page 1 of this newsletter. These gatherings, organized by Sue Ford, are an excellent way of staying in touch with other members; greeting newcomers to the Club; making new friends; and perhaps discovering a new favorite restaurant or two as well.

I draw members' attention to the call for a candidate to assume the Board position of Treasurer as outlined on page 3. Members new to the Club will find being on the Board an excellent way of quickly getting to know all aspects of our group and becoming colleagues with other Board members. Our monthly Board Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday at 6:30 pm either at the home of a Board member or a member's clubhouse. Following the business part of the evening we have a social session and enjoy finger food brought by Board members. It's pot luck and succeeds amazingly well. Please do consider letting me know of your interest in the Treasurer position. (gleee01@verizon.net/941-706-1172).

Remember to go the SBC website for up to date Club information and BBC News and sports coverage.

Gary Lee

*<http://tinyurl.com/myrphbf>



Photo of Will Gadd from the USA Today site: Christian Pondella, Red Bull content pool



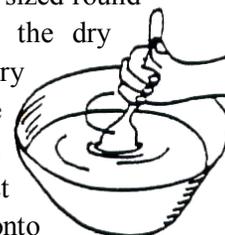
Hard to believe it is March already. And of course the most acknowledged Holiday is St Patrick's Day. (However it is also Mothers Day in the UK, and the Welsh St Davids Day!) Thought I would feature a traditional Irish recipe...and no it isn't green!! Ideal served with soups, corned beef etc. and it is very easy to make. Spread with butter when serving.



Irish Soda Bread

- 4¹/₂ cups all purpose flour
- 3 Tbsp sugar
- 1 Tbsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- ¹/₂ tsp salt
- 6 Tbsp butter
- 2 eggs
- 1¹/₂ cups buttermilk, or soured milk
- 1 beaten egg and a little water for topping

Preheat oven to 350F. Grease a 1¹/₂ quart sized round casserole dish. In large bowl mix all the dry ingredients. Cut in the butter with a pastry blender or finger tips, until mixture resembles coarse breadcrumbs Stir in eggs and buttermilk until flour is just moistened...mixture will be sticky. Turn onto well floured board and with floured hands, lightly knead about 10-15 times, (be careful not to over knead or this will make it tough.). Shape dough into a ball, and put into greased casserole dish. Cut a 4 inch cross in centre of the ball with a sharp knife. Brush top with the beaten egg and water. Bake for 1 hour or until cake tester or toothpick comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes, remove from dish and cool completely on rack.



Yield 1 bread/ approx 8 servings

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



Call for Club Treasurer

The Board is appealing to the membership for someone to step forward and assume the position of Treasurer. Our current Treasurer/Website Liaison Director, Mark Malkasian, will in the near future be shedding his Treasurer duties and concentrate on the increasingly demanding attention to responsibilities of the Website Liaison Director position. A separate Treasurer position will also bring the Board up to the regular ten member count.

The Treasurer's chief duties are to safeguard the Club's financial

assets, maintain financial records, pay Club bills, balance the Club's checking account and insure compliance with applicable tax requirements. Board members also attend relatively short monthly Board meetings which include a very pleasant social session following the meeting.

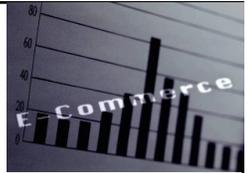
For more information on this position, please contact me (glee01@verizon.net or on 941-706-1172.)

I look forward to hearing from you.

Gary Lee

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.



ANGLO-AMERICAN PINS.

The Club has purchased these attractive pins for members. They are free! Please ask about them at the next function that you attend.

Sarasota British Club name badges

Please obtain Club badges directly from: Sarasota Trophy 6601 Superior Ave, Sarasota FL 34231. 921-4339.

\$8 + tax for badge with magnet = \$8.56

\$6 + tax for badge with pin (without magnet) = \$6.42.

Badges can be collected in person

(M - F 8.30 - 5 or Sat 9 - 12) or shipped to home for \$3.75.



A Welcome to new members

Val and Pete Beckett moved here recently from Birmingham, and are now retired to their new home in Bradenton. They enjoy Soccer, and 60's pop music. (I hope they listen to Tony Blackburn on BBC Radio 2 Saturdays at 8.00 am!)

Sharon and Martin Buckley also live in Bradenton, having moved here 4 years ago from Colorado. They, too, enjoy soccer and watching British comedies (on Netflix I hope – new series of Doc Martin now available).

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. Why not add our event photos to the 'wall' as well.



A REMINDER - we "trumpeted" our announcement of our latest website overhaul

with an email blast to all on August 28th.. Check out the really new site at the same old address <http://sarasotabritishclub.com>

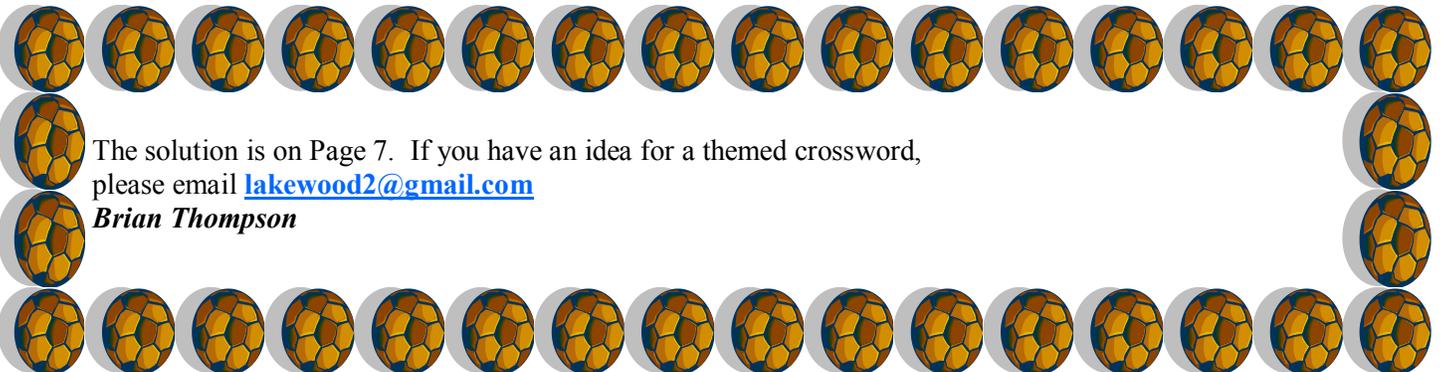
Please share Club insights with those who may be interested in joining.



BritNews Football Crossword.

'Some people believe football is a matter of life and death, I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that.'

Liverpool FC Manager Bill Shankly (1913 – 1981).



BritNews Crossword Clues

Across

- 2 One of the Birmingham area clubs. (5,5)
- 6 Nickname of Derby County (4)
- 9 --- Rush, Anfield legend. (3)
- 10 Nickname of Leicester City (5)
- 12 Home ground of Arsenal (8)
- 17 Home ground of Fulham (6,7)
- 19 'The -----', the book about Spurs by Hunter Davies. (5,4)
- 21 Team nicknamed 'The Railwaymen' (5)
- 22 Nickname of Manchester United (3,6)
- 24 Mark Clattenburg's position (3)
- 25 First name of the 'Preston Plumber' (3)
- 26 ---- Mannone, goalkeeper who played for Italy, Arsenal and Sunderland. (4)
- 27 Nickname of Southend United (9)
- 30 --- Lofthouse, the 'Lion of Vienna' (3)
- 31 Nickname of one of the stands at Chelsea FC (4)
- 34 Chelsea's home ground (8,6)
- 35 Middle name of 'Dixie' Dean (5)
- 38 Club nicknamed 'Pompey' (10)
- 41 Nickname of Blackpool FC (9)
- 42 Home of Wolves (9)
- 44 Currently managed by Steve Bruce. (4)
- 46 Crewe ----- (9)
- 47 ---- Mortenson, first man to score a hat-trick in a Wembley FA Cup Final. (4)
- 49 ---- Babes (5)
- 51 Glasgow team (6)
- 53 Nickname of the stands with the hard-core home fans esp Liverpool (3)
- 54 The 'Potters' (5)
- 55 Nickname of Charlton Athletic (7)
- 57 Former name of Man. United (6,5)
- 58 ----- Ground for the Hammers. (6)



Down

- 1 England star who said "The biggest regret of my whole football career was leaving White Hart Lane in 1970." (5,7)
- 3 Nickname of Hull City (3,6)
- 4 First name of recent Crystal Palace manager Warlock. (4)
- 5 Nickname of Wigan FC (6)
- 6 England captain Wayne ----- (6)
- 7 Fatal plane crash location in 1958 (6)
- 8 --- Greenwood, England and West Ham manager. (3)
- 11 The 'Wizard of Dribble' (7,8)
- 13 Nickname of Brighton and Hove Albion (8)
- 14 Former home ground of Swansea City (5,5)
- 15 Location of Old Trafford (9)
- 16 Club bought by Malcolm Glazer (10,6)
- 18 Nicknamed 'The Toffees' (7)
- 20 Their home ground is 'The Riverside' (14)
- 23 Home ground of Manchester City (6)
- 28 Nickname of Watford FC (7)
- 29 Location of the longest running top-flight derby in England (10)
- 32 Home ground of West Bromwich Albion (9)
- 33 Scotland's national football stadium. (7,4)
- 36 --- Adams, England and Arsenal defender jailed for DUI and author of 'Addicted' about his alcoholism. (4)
- 37 Home of Sheffield United. It is the oldest major stadium in the world still to be hosting professional football matches. (8,4)
- 39 Nickname of Sheffield Wednesday (4)
- 40 Former England and Arsenal goalie David ----- (6)
- 43 Nicknamed 'The Baggies' (3)
- 45 Stadium for Swansea City (7)
- 47 Nickname of Southampton FC (6)
- 48 Nickname of Millwall FC (5)
- 50 Nicknamed the 'Fifth Beatle' (4)
- 52 Nickname of Barnsley FC (5)
- 56 'The ---', Millwall FC's home ground (3)

Another English Eccentric

Robert ('Romeo') Coates (1772–1848) was a West Indian-born heir to significantly profitable, sugar-growing slave plantations. As a young adult, he emigrated to England where, though only an amateur, he became notorious for his fondness for appearing on stage in leading roles. Coates is numbered among the ranks of famous British eccentrics because of his unusual career as an amateur actor. His self-image included a highly mistaken belief in his own thespian prowess. After professional theatrical producers failed to cast Coates in significant roles, he used his family fortune to subsidize his own productions in which he was both the producer and the lead actor. His favourite part was Shakespeare's Romeo, hence his widely used nickname.

He was educated in England, and on returning to Antigua took part in amateur dramatics. When he inherited his father's estate and a large collection of diamonds in 1807, he moved to Bath, England, where he lived as a man of fashion. He eventually drew the attention of the manager of the Theatre Royal, Bath and had begun to appear in plays in 1809, though not as a professional actor.

Later he appeared in *Romeo and Juliet* in the part of Romeo – in a costume of his own design. The costume had a flowing, sky-blue cloak with sequins, red pantaloons, a vest of white muslin, a large cravat, and a plumed "opera hat" – not to mention dozens of diamonds – which was hardly suitable for the part. The too-small garments caused him to move stiffly, and at some point, the seat of his pants split open. The audience roared with laughter.

Despite this ridicule, Coates went on to tour the British Isles. If a theatre manager would hesitate to let him show his talents, he would bribe them. Managers, in turn, often called in the police in case things went seriously wrong.

Coates was convinced he was the best actor in business – or at least that is what he claimed. He forgot his lines all the time and invented new scenes and dialogue on the spot. He loved dramatic death scenes and would repeat them – or any other scenes he happened to take a fancy to – three to four times over.

Coates claimed that he wanted to improve the classics. At the end of his first appearance as Romeo he came back in with a crowbar and tried to pry open Capulet's tomb. In another of his antics he made the actress playing Juliet so embarrassed that she clung to a pillar and refused to leave the stage. Eventually no actress would agree to play the part with him.

The audience usually answered with angered catcalls and embarrassed jeering – and loads of laughter. His fellow actors would try to make him leave the stage. If Coates thought the audience was getting out of hand, he turned to them and answered in kind.

His fame spread and people would flock to see whether he really was as bad as they had heard. For some reason, Baron Ferdinand de Geramb became his foremost supporter. Even the Prince Regent (the future King George IV) would go to see him. In 1811, when he played the part of Lothario in *The Fair*

Penitent in London's Haymarket Theatre, the theatre had to turn thousands of would-be spectators away. In another performance in Richmond, Surrey, several audience members had to be treated for excessive laughter.

Coates went on with his antics. Once, when he dropped a diamond buckle when he was going to exit the stage, he crawled around the stage looking for it. During his first performance of *Romeo & Juliet*, he pulled out his snuff box in the middle of a scene and offered some to the occupants of a box. Then, during Romeo's death scene, Coates carefully placed his hat on the ground for a pillow and used his dirty handkerchief to dust the stage before lying on it. Finally, at the invitation of the audience, he acted out Romeo's death twice—and was about to attempt a third before his Juliet came back to life and interrupted him. The amusement of the audience was enormous. There is some question as to whether Coates believed he was a great actor as he professed to, or if his performances weren't brilliant parody.

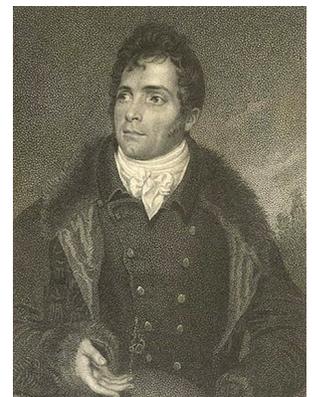
Outside the stage Coates tried to amaze the public with his taste in clothing. He wore furs even in hot weather. He went out in a custom-built carriage with a heraldic device of a crowing cock and the motto *While I live, I'll crow*. In receptions he glittered from head to toe with diamond buttons and buckles. His predilection for diamonds of all kinds gave him the nickname "Diamond Coates".

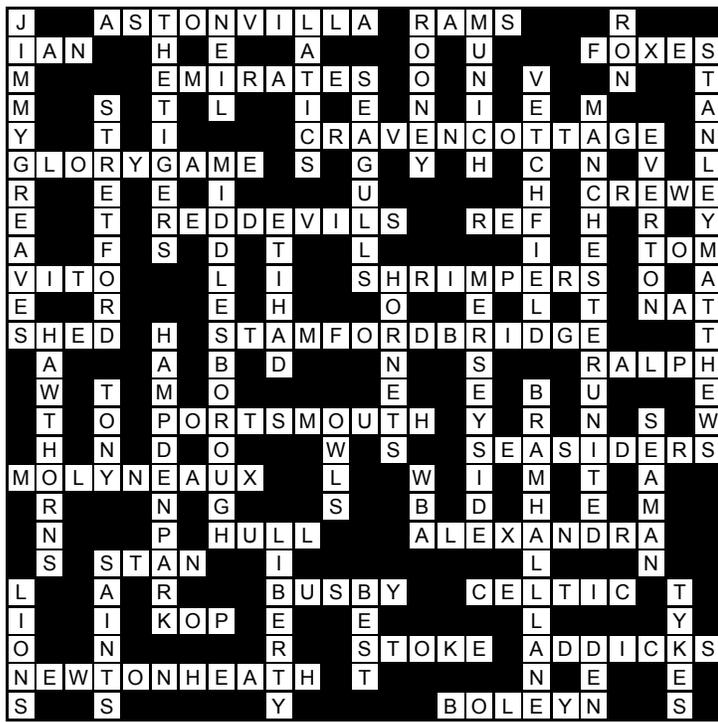
Coates was never a professional actor, and only made his stage appearances in support of charitable causes: his own nickname of choice was 'the Celebrated Philanthropic Amateur'. After 1816 his performances ceased, as audiences had tired of laughing at him and theatrical managers were wary of allowing him use of their premises. Later he fell into financial difficulties and to avoid creditors moved to Boulogne-sur-Mer, where he met Emma Anne Robinson, daughter of a naval lieutenant. After Coates put his finances back into better order they returned to England and were married on 6 September 1823. The two lived quietly in London, living lastly at his residence, 28 Montagu Square.

Robert Coates died in London in 1848 after a street accident. He was caught and crushed between a Hansom cab and a private carriage as he was leaving a performance at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane on 15 February, and died at home six days later. At his inquest the coroner brought in a verdict of manslaughter by person or persons unknown. He was buried in Kensal Green Cemetery.

Source: Wikipedia 2014

From a suggestion
by Maggie Hughes





Modern Nursery Rhymes

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall
 Humpty Dumpty had a great fall
 The structure of the wall was incorrect
 So he won a grand with Claims Direct.



It's Raining, It's Pouring
 Of course...it's Global Warming.



Jack and Jill went into town
 To fetch some chips and sweetsies.
 He can't keep his heart rate down
 And she's got diabetes.



Mary had a little lamb
 Her father shot it dead.
 Now it goes to school with her
 Between two chunks of bread.



Precis of the February Board Meeting.

Board meeting held Feb 12th; Current Bank Balance \$2,489.74; 191 members with 166 families and 25 singles; Annual membership dues reminder will be sent out soon; Nominating Sub-Committee formed to find a replacement for the position of Treasurer by June 2015, as well as identify candidates for the 2016 SBC Board; Appalachian Trail Experience presentation by Steve Adams was well received and there are plans to hold a second presentation in the near future; Reception for New SBC Members scheduled for Feb 15th has been postponed until later in the Spring. Upcoming events include: Rum Distillery Tour on Feb 27th is fully subscribed; Monthly lunches, organized by Sue Ford, start on March 20th at Linger Lodge in Bradenton; Horse Racing/Tampa Downs Trip on Apr 12th; Next Board meeting to be at Village des Pins Clubhouse, Mar 12th. (Submitted by Maggie Hughes, Secretary)

Did you know?

The Club has a "Sunshine Club" which will send a greeting to a member when we hear of a special happy, sad or momentous event in that member's life. Please let us know of such events. Contact Sandra Cherry, her details are below.

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JOKES

Three sisters age 92, 94 and 96 live in a house together. One night the 96 year old draws a bath, puts her foot in and pauses. She yells down the stairs, "Was I getting in or out of the bath?" The 94 year old yells back, "I don't know, I'll come up and see." She starts up the stairs and pauses, then she yells, "Was I going up the stairs or coming down?" The 92 year old was sitting at the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters. She shakes her head and says, "I sure hope I never get that forgetful." She knocks on wood for good measure. She then yells, "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door."



An Arab Sheik was admitted to Hospital for heart surgery, but prior to the surgery, the doctors needed to have some of his blood type stored in case the need arose. As the gentleman had a rare type of blood, it couldn't be found locally, so, the call went out. Finally a Scotsman was located who had the same rare blood type. The Scot willingly donated his blood for the Arab. After the surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman, as appreciation for giving his blood, a new BMW a diamond necklace for his wife and \$100,000 US dollars. A couple of days later, the Arab had to go through a corrective surgery procedure. Once again, his doctor telephoned the Scotsman who was more than happy to donate his blood. After the second surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman a thank-you card and a box of Quality Street chocolates. The Scotsman was shocked that the Arab did not reciprocate his kind gesture as he had an-

ticipated.

He phoned the Arab and asked him: "I thought you would be generous again, that you would give me another BMW, diamonds and money, but this time you only gave me a thank-you card and a box of Quality Street chocolates." To this the Arab replied: "Aye laddie, but I now have Scottish blood in ma veins".



Wife texts her husband on a cold winter's morning:

"Windows frozen, won't open."

Husband texts back:

"Gently pour some lukewarm water over it and gently tap edges with hammer."

Wife texts back 5 minutes later:

"Computer really messed up now."



Quotes

"The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision."

— *Helen Keller*

"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory."

— *Dr. Seuss*

"Keep love in your heart. A life without it is like a sunless garden when the flowers are dead."

— *Oscar Wilde*

"Continuous effort - not strength or intelligence - is the key to unlocking our potential."

— *Winston Churchill*

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