



BritClub News

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

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Coming Events

Board Meeting

March 7 – 6:00 p.m. at Tastefully British, 2236 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota. **MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!**

Beach Picnic

March 19 – Join us at the Gazebo on Siesta Key for a barbecue and picnic beginning at 5 pm. Instead of firing up the BBQs, the club will provide fried chicken, baked chicken and cold ham. Soft drinks and disposable tableware will also be provided. The cost is \$5.00 per adult and \$3 per child which will include a raffle ticket for a special "Sunset at the Beach" basket. We are planning a short "beach theme" quiz with a prize for winners.

Please contact Shona Burtner at 925-0462 (leave a message with your name, phone number and number of people attending if there is no-one home) and let us know whether you would like baked or fried chicken, and what dish you will bring to share. Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, March 15th. The Gazebo is by the volley ball nets on Siesta Beach. Please come out for an evening of fun, good food and a great opportunity to support your club.

Mothering Sunday

March 26 – Calling all Brits! Holy Trinity Anglican Church once again will celebrate Mothering Sunday at the 10:00 AM service. Your first vice president, Nairn' Gillet, and your newsletter editor, Rose Gillet, invite you to attend this beautiful service and stay for a spot of tea and cookies afterward. The Church is at 1900 Meadowood Street in Sarasota, one-half mile north of Stickney Point Road, off U.S. 41. The worship service will be familiar to anyone familiar with the older-style Church of England communion service, or the pre-1979 Episcopal services in the US. Call 924-1101 for additional information.

Eleven's Chin Wag

March 28 – This is a chance to sit and chat (or wag the chins) with other Brit Club members, as we used to do. We will 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 meeting will feature a presentation on tea, its history, customs and health benefits, by Sandra Cherry of Your Cup of Tea. This Eleven's group will be meeting monthly, so if you have a topic that might be of interest, let us know. Please RSVP Debbie at 927-2612.

Board Meeting

April 4 – 6:00 p.m. at the home of Sandra Cherry, 2930 Williamsburg St., Sarasota. **MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!**

Sunday Brunch

April 23 – Back by popular request is Sunday Brunch at the Hilton Hotel on Long Boat Key. Brunch is served on the deck over-looking the beach and swimming pool. Umbrellas are present for shade, or we can sit inside. We plan to make a reservation so that we can all sit together. Lunch is \$12.95. Please call Amy Croshaw at 751-6194 to make your reservation.

Boot Sale

May 7 – Clean out your closets and garages, pack up the Xmas gifts you didn't like, sort through all your books and videos, and head to Tastefully British in Gulf Gate for the Brit Club Car Boot Sale. It will be held from 10 am to 2 pm. Sunday breakfast is served at Tastefully British from 9:30 am for those who want to indulge themselves first (remember to make a reservation by calling 927-2612). Tastefully British will remain open to tempt you with their delicious scones or a good cup of English tea during and after the car boot sale.

We are joining forces again this year with the Car Club of Sarasota. The male members can come and view the beautiful vintage cars while their wives scour the car boot goods for sale. Please contact Sandra Cherry at 927-2612 if you wish to sell from your car.

Future Events

See "From our President" on page two for details on coming events.



Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

From Our President

A huge THANK YOU to member Jeremy Adams of Word of Mouth Restaurant, who allowed us to use his premises for the February wine tasting event. Jeremy provided us with some excellent food. The wine was good, and everyone had a great time. We had a raffle with six bottles of wine, along with \$40, \$20 and \$10 gift certificates donated by Jeremy. We received some nice compliments from the 48 attendees. Those who didn't attend missed a good time!

We have a small group, as expected, of seven signed up for the ballet evening on March 3rd. We plan to have dinner together and then go on to the ballet. Although this is a small group, those attending are all very enthusiastic about the event, so it should be a most enjoyable evening.

One thing I would like to mention is that we are trying to give people dates of events as far in advance as possible. When we actually get down to making serious plans for an event, we review our original ideas and make what we believe are improvements. Please be sure you read the latest information about an event prior to signing up or attending. Plans are seriously underway for the March Siesta Key Beach picnic. Unable to book the shelter, we have managed to book the gazebo. It has been decided to change it from a barbeque to a picnic. Having lots of people trying to use a couple of barbeques may prove to be a bit chaotic. The club will be providing chicken breasts and baked ham, there will be a raffle, and a small charge to members. Check the latest information on the front page.

We plan to have a pub night at the Coach and Horses in June in conjunction with the Queen's birthday. There will be a ten-pin bowling night in July and a pot-luck supper at a member's home in August. Events for September and November are still to be decided. Back by popular request is a Halloween party in October in conjunction with the annual general meeting. Watch the newsletter for details of these events as they draw nearer. Mark your calendars for Friday, December 15th. Our annual Christmas Party has been booked for that date at the Stoneybrook Country Club.

At the February meeting the board agreed upon a budget for 2006. It was agreed to spend some money printing extra newsletters for distribution to British pubs in order to attract some new members. In January the board discussed raising membership dues, but decided to try to keep dues at the same level. Now that we have a budget agreed upon, it is apparent that the current membership dues are not enough to cover expenditures. Because of this, the board has decided to increase the dues a very minor amount of \$5. This is the first time dues have been raised since the inception of the club, so I don't think members will object.

The Bylaw Committee met on February 23 to continue the work on rewriting the club's bylaws. A bit of a daunting task, but the bylaws are very much in need of updating. The proposed changes will be presented to the board for approval at the March 7 meeting, and then to the membership for their approval.

Glenys Oldham, President

Feb Board Meeting Notes

Discussed correct name of the club, will be the same as on the website, Sarasota British Club. Need to increase club funds, suggested need to increase dues by \$5.00. Working on new brochures; membership listings will be removed from web site. Social activities: Eleven's Chin Wag Feb 23rd at Tastefully British 10:30 am, need speakers for future get-togethers; February 24th wine tasting; March, ballet and BBQ. Upcoming May event includes a car boot sale with the Sarasota British Car Club and Sarasota British Club. Andy Reeves volunteered to be chair to plan a pantomime end of the year - we hope all members will participate. Bylaws being amended.

Brit Club Board of Directors

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Rose's Corner

I'm in the process of redesigning the layout for the newsletter to make it look a bit more contemporary. I would appreciate any and all feedback from our members, ie., what you think of my efforts, what suggestions you might have for future improvement, etc.

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.

2006 Budget and Financial Report

At the February board meeting, the following budget for 2006 was agreed upon.

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| Newsletter | \$1,240.00 |
| Advertising Brochure | 290.00 |
| Hosing Website | 215.40 |
| Post Office Box Annual Rental | 38.00 |
| Insurance | 155.00 |
| Non-for-Profit Annual Registration | 61.25 |
| Official Name Change | 40.00 |
| Bank Account Maintenance Charges | 84.00 |
| Envelopes & Stamps | 60.00 |
| President's Cocktail Party | 0.00 |
| Wine Tasting | 0.00 |
| Ballet Evening | 0.00 |
| Siesta Key BBQ/Picnic | 32.96 |
| Brunch at the Long Boat Key Hilton | 0.00 |
| Scavenger Hunt | 50.00 |
| Car Boot Sale | 0.00 |
| Pub Night at Coach & Horses | 0.00 |
| Ten-Pin Bowling | 0.00 |
| Pot Luck Supper at Member's Home | 0.00 |
| September Event – TDB | 0.00 |
| Halloween Party/AGM | 0.00 |
| November Event – TDB | 0.00 |
| Christmas Party | 0.00 |
| Total Expected Expenditure | \$2,266.61 |

Most of our annual running costs do not vary much each year, however, we have included the cost of officially changing the club name this year and doubled the allowance for envelopes and stamps as we plan to send welcome letters to new members, and membership solicitation letters to guests who attend some of the main events. We have increased the cost of the newsletter because we plan to put 30 copies in three different pubs each month in the hope of increasing membership. Many of the planned events show a zero cost. This is because there will be no cost to the club or because we will be charging members a fee and plan to break even.

Our expected income for 2006, if dues and membership remain the same, would be \$2,040. Obviously this is not enough to cover expenses. The board discussed increasing membership dues in January and was hoping to keep them the same, but it appears this cannot be. A small increase of \$5 in dues would solve this problem, and the board believes this would be acceptable to the membership as dues have not been increased since the club began.

SARASOTA BRITISH CLUB FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Balance as of 1/1/06 | \$2,318.65 |
| Income (new members) | + 95.00 |
| Expenses (ins., newsletter, gazebo rental) | - 307.87 |
| Balance as of 1/31/06 | \$2,105.78 |

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Aries

March 21st to
April 20th

What would make an enormous difference to your life? Be careful how you answer. Your needs and desires could be making their presence felt a little too energetically, and those around you are feeling the pressure. You are looking for that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow and, with your exceptional talents, nothing will stop you from going in search of it.

Aries are known for being proud, resourceful and often putting themselves first. You have never underestimated your abilities, but found it hard to rely on others doing things the way you want them done. Remember, compromise is an essential part of a good relationship. Stop trying to do it all. Share the

work load – that is what will make the enormous difference to YOUR life.

2006 will bring about many changes for you, in your career and financial situation. Now is time to go find the pot of GOLD.

Good luck and may the Angel walk at your side, always...

Susan MoonStar



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Hot Drinks for Cool Nights

Hot Wine Punch

- 1 ½ cups boiling water
- 1 small can lemonade concentrate
- 1 sliced orange
- ½ cup sugar
- 6 whole allspice
- 12 whole cloves
- 4 sticks cinnamon
- 3 cups Burgundy wine



Put all ingredients except the wine into a large saucepan, bring to boil and simmer 10 minutes. Add the Burgundy wine, and simmer 10 minutes more. Serves 8-10.

Hot Mulled Cider

- 6 cups apple cider (or apple juice)
- 2 Tbsp honey
- 1 Tbsp brown sugar
- 8 lemon slices
- 2 whole cloves
- 8 cinnamon sticks
- (Golden Rum)



Put all ingredients in a large saucepan and bring to boil, simmer 5 minutes. When ready to serve, put 3 Tbsp golden rum into 1 cup heated mug, and add cider mix. For hot buttered cider, add small pat of butter into each drink, stir until melted. Serves 8

Recipe from Sandra Cherry of "Your Cup of Tea" – Yourcupatea1@yahoo.com and www.yourcupoftea.info

What's in a Name?

A rose by any other name – our club name in this case. The club's official name, i.e., the one registered with the State of Florida, is the British Society of Sarasota, Inc. This name appears on our correspondence, checking account and bylaws. However, our website refers to us as the Sarasota British Club, and our newsletter refers to us as the British Club of Sarasota. The board agreed that we need to be consistent and use only one name. A board in the past had suggested changing the name to The British Club, rather than Society, to make it sound less stuffy, but it was never officially changed. At the February board meeting it was agreed to officially change the name and reflect that on our website. In the future we shall be known as the Sarasota British Club.

Are You Missing Dishes?

There are several dishes that were left at the Oldham household after the President's party in January. Some still remain unclaimed. There is a white, round Corning Ware dish, a 12" plastic platter, a 14" silver platter, a dip set (red basket with crystal bowl) & two serving spoons. Please contact Glenys Oldham at 966-1240 if these items belong to you.

✂ Cut and mail in.

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 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).

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 are as follows:

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| Business Card size | \$10.00 |
| Quarter Page | \$15.00 |
| Half Page | \$25.00 |
| Full Page..... | \$40.00 |

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 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.

British Business Club (BBC)

Sue Burmaster graciously agreed in the past to be the chairman of the British Business Club. We had hoped to get the club up and running again this year. Unfortunately, due to time and health restraints, Sue is no longer in a position to start up or run the club. She is, however, willing to help co-chair it. If we are to get the BBC up and running we need a volunteer to step in as the Chairman. This individual needs to be someone who knows how to put a club together, is willing to canvas British Businesses in the Sarasota area, can suggest speakers for club meetings, is energetic, enthusiastic and has lots of personality. Past experience running a business would be a big plus. If anyone wants to volunteer, please contact Glenys Oldham at 966-1240.

Remember Our Valiant Boys

Mark your calendars now and save the date of Monday, 29th May for the RAF Memorial service at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Arcadia. The service begins at 10 AM. If you've never been to this moving tribute to the 23 RAF men who lost their lives here while training during WWII, you owe it to yourself to attend this year. More details will be forthcoming, but **SAVE THE DATE!**

Congratulations are in Order

Lots of people celebrate St. Patrick's Day in the U.S., but this year **Terry and Audrey Sweeney** are really celebrating on that date – it's their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Terry served as a Director on the Board during 2005 and we were lucky to retain him during 2006. He has had lots of excellent ideas and his contributions are greatly valued. Newcomers to the club will have met Terry and Audrey when they acted as our official greeters at the last Christmas Party. Congratulations Terry and Audrey on 50 years together, and may you enjoy many more in the future.

