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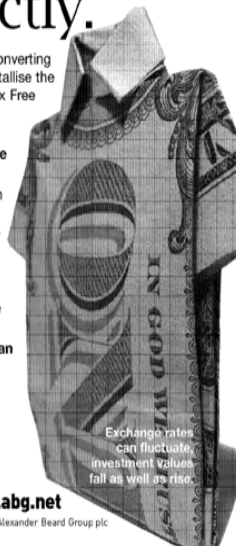
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# BritClub News



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## Coming Events

**Coffee Morning March 2** – 10:30 a.m. at the home of Sue Ford, 6706 Oak Hammock Dr., Bradenton. Contact Sue at [sueford47@yahoo.com](mailto:sueford47@yahoo.com) or 941-751-3811.

**Board Meeting March 5** – 6:30 p.m. at the home of Kathy Curtin, 1557 Oak View Drive, Sarasota (941-379-9861). MEMBERS WELCOME, BUT PHONE AHEAD AS SPACE IS LIMITED!

**Murder Mystery Night March 13** – Murder Mystery Night at Southbay Yacht Club. You are cordially invited to the SS Southbay's maiden voyage. Boarding begins at 7:00 p.m. for a 7:30 departure/dinner. Join the Captain and crew for dinner in the Antigua Ball Room. Cocktail attire requested. This is going to be a fun night where you all get the chance to find the murderer. Cliff Roles will be the quiz master, making sure that the night will be full of fun and audience participation.

Cost for this event is \$10 per member, \$15 for non-member guests. The club will provide meat, soft drinks and a memorable night of "Who Done It" fun. Each "passenger" will receive a raffle ticket upon "boarding" for one of several prizes to be given away that night. We request that you bring something to share – surnames beginning with A-L, please bring a savoury dish; M-Z please bring a dessert. This event is BYOB!! Space is limited, so please book early. RSVP by Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> to either Amy Croshaw at 928-2580 [acrosshaw@verizon.net](mailto:acrosshaw@verizon.net) or Terry Sweeney at 918-9550 [tsweeneyau@aol.com](mailto:tsweeneyau@aol.com). Please note that during the evening, in accordance with the Club's by-laws, you will be asked to vote on a couple of minor changes to that document.

Directions to Southbay Yacht Club, 1400 Southbay Drive in Osprey: From US 41, turn west on Southbay Drive (south of Blackburn Point Rd. and north of Oscar Scherer State Park) and follow it around to the clubhouse.

**Sarasota Ballet March 21** – The centerpiece of the Sarasota Ballet season will be a premiere performance of "Anna Karenina" at 8:00 p.m. at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall. Leo Tolstoy's classic novel has inspired countless films, eight operas and five ballets. As you are aware, the Sarasota Ballet has been receiving rave reviews this season, so this will be a performance to remember. The Ballet has offered us discounted pricing, provided we have a minimum of ten or more in our group. Group tickets are priced at \$28 and are located in Section 3, rows 19-25. It is **essential** that we place our reservations together with payment no later than March 10. Please confirm with Terry Sweeney at 918-0550 or [tsweeneyau@aol.com](mailto:tsweeneyau@aol.com) and send your check, payable to Sarasota British Club, P. O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276.

**Our website is [www.SarasotaBritishClub.com](http://www.SarasotaBritishClub.com)**

## From Our President

It was another active month within the club. The coffee morning held on February 9th was attended by 15 members and enjoyed by everyone; conversation flowed, ideas were exchanged and the world put to right. I hope more of you will be able to join us at the next one which will be held on March 2nd.

Valentine's night at the Golden Apple Theater's production of "Sugar" started with many of us meeting at a new member's restaurant called Sangria where we enjoyed an aperitif before the show. We strolled down to the theater where each lady was given a red rose. We had a lovely buffet meal and all members attending agreed it was a very enjoyable evening and great value for money.

Looking forward now to our Murder Mystery event on March 13<sup>th</sup>, this will be held at the South Bay Yacht Club and promises to be a fun evening with radio personality, Cliff Roles, and our own Amy Croshaw hosting. The club will provide meat and soft drinks for a nominal fee. Amy will be sending out more details of this event via email.

Mark your calendars for the Queen's Birthday celebration on April 25th, FREE to all club members and \$10 to non-members, at Lakeshore Village Clubhouse. More details in the next newsletter.

To all our single members, of which I am one, when you bring along your spouse or partner to an event, there is a non-member's price which will apply to them. It may be worth changing a single membership into a family membership.

A cruise is being planned for the 18<sup>th</sup> October on the "Carnival Legend." It is a 4.5 star ship sailing from Tampa to Grand Cayman. Anyone interested in the cruise, please go to [www.vacationstogo.com](http://www.vacationstogo.com). On the left side of the page you will see Fast Deal; put in 19072. The starting cost is \$429. For further details, please see page 3 or call or email [sueford47@yahoo.com](mailto:sueford47@yahoo.com) or 941-751-3811.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Murder Mystery. If anyone is prepared to donate a raffle prize or offer help in laying up and clearing away for this event, please email Amy Croshaw or Sue Ford.

God bless,  
Sue Ford

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## February Board Meeting Précis:

Meeting was held on Thursday, February 12, 2009. Treasurer's balance \$3,822.30. 21 members will be attending the Golden Apple performance of "Sugar" February 14. The January garden fete was a huge success with approx. 45 people attending and profited the club \$162.13; Terry and Audrey Sweeney won the prize for the best table and Manning Edmonds won the Dundee cake for guessing its weight of 1135 grams. We have 4 new single members, and a new members' welcome afternoon tea is to be held for them at the home of Ken Jukes on Saturday, April 4, 2009. We now have 108 households making 188 members in the club. The March 13 event, a Murder Mystery led by Cliff Roles, will be held at the Southbay Yacht Club at 7:00 p.m.; we expect about 90 members; \$10 members, \$15 non-members. The Christmas party will be held at Heritage Oaks on December 5, 2009. The monthly coffee morning was a success and the 14 attending left as friends. The Highland Games will take place at the Venice Airport on March 21. Queen Elizabeth's birthday will be celebrated on Saturday, April 25th at 7:00 p.m. at Lakeshore Village clubhouse. We are planning to go on a cruise on the Carnival Legend out of Tampa on October 18, 2009. Next meeting at the home of Kathy Curtin on March 5, 2009 (members welcome - please call ahead).

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## Rose's Corner

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](mailto:rosegillet@yahoo.com) or call 366-9984. Closing date for the newsletter is the 15th of each month.

Rose Gillet, Newsletter Editor

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## 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)

## Leek Pie

I thought I would feature a Welsh dish this month in honour of St. David's Day on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Wales is such a pretty spot, with many striking areas and castles. Since the leek is the national emblem, here is my version of Leek Pie, which is traditionally served on St. David's' Day.

2 cups all purpose flour	½ lb lean bacon, Danish or Irish if you can get it
¾ cup shortening	¾ cup whipping cream
1 tsp salt	3 beaten eggs
1/3 cup chilled water	salt and pepper
2/3 cup cleaned and chopped leeks	½ tsp nutmeg

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Make pastry: Cut shortening into flour and salt, mix in water and make into a soft dough. Roll out and fit into a greased pie dish. Mix remaining ingredients and pour into prepared pastry shell. Bake 30-40 minutes. Serves 4-6

*(Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Your Cup of Tea. I welcome comments and suggestions and can be reached at Yourcupatea1@yahoo.com )*

**British dates to remember:** 1<sup>st</sup> March is St. David's Day, 17<sup>th</sup> March is St. Patrick's Day, 22<sup>nd</sup> March is Mothering Sunday, and 29<sup>th</sup> March British Summer time begins.



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## Membership News

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

Our new members this month are Phips Hakes (Sarasota), Malcolm and Jan Pitchford (Sarasota), Harry Hanagold (Sarasota) and Stan Lee (Myakka).

Phips Hakes grew up in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, spending her early adult life touring the UK with a circus, her family going back many generations in English circus. She came to the US in 1967, joining Ringling Bros circus. My husband and I met in 1968, married, and toured with circuses and carnivals until his retirement in the late 1980's. We ran a local party and carnival rental business until he passed away in 2008.

Jan Pitchford was born in Iowa in 1961, moved to Florida when she was seven, and attended Sarasota High School and FSU, receiving her law degree from Rutgers. She and Malcolm are law partners (real estate) and have two children (Allie, 11, attends Pine View and Mathew, age 8, attends Southside). Malcolm was born in Wallasey, Cheshire (now called "Merseyside") in 1945 and emigrated to the US in 1964. Before emigrating, he had worked for Cunard as a steward on a cruise liner. After emigrating (directly to Florida) he worked for a couple of years (first for a surveyor and then for an abstract/title company) before starting at MJC (now MCC). He then moved on to UF where he received his BA degree and then his law degree. Jan has practised law since 1985 and Malcolm has practised since 1974 (all of it in Sarasota County). In 2006, Malcolm was enrolled as a Solicitor by the Law Society of England and Wales in London. Jan and Malcolm are active in the community (she is on the board of Forty Carrots and he is on the board of the Child Protection Center). Jan is also a runner/jogger who participates in various 5k, 10k and half-marathons (she's working her way up to a full marathon). Malcom plays golf (rarely and badly).

## October Cruise

The club is offering a cruise to members at a very special price. It is 7 days, departing October 18, 2009, from Tampa to Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands; Cozumel, Mexico; Belize City, Belize; and Roatan, Honduras. Inside is \$429, Oceanview is \$549, Balcony is \$549 and Suite is \$999, a savings of 62-76% off regular pricing. Go to [www.vacationstogo.com](http://www.vacationstogo.com), type in fast deal #19072 to book this cruise on Carnival's Carnival Legend or call 1-800-338-4962. Prices are US dollars per person, based on double occupancy and subject to availability. They include port charges, but not airfare, fuel surcharges or airport of government taxes/fees.



## "March's Horoscope" by Susan Moonstar



Forty years ago, the intuitive words of a song called "Aquarius" from the show "Hair" brought the dawning of the new age into our awareness. The words of the song are, "When the Moon is in the 7<sup>th</sup> house and Jupiter aligns with Mars, then love will rule the planets and peace will steer the stars." On the 14<sup>th</sup> February, the cosmos embodies this perfect alignment, bringing forward the true "Age of Aquarius."

As we head into the month of March, we had all better be aware that Venus, the planet of love, goes into Retrograde on the 6<sup>th</sup> March and will stay that way until the 11<sup>th</sup> April. During that time many of us will have to re-evaluate what is going on with our personal relationship with our loved ones, e.g., are you involving your partner in your life and on important decisions, and are you being supportive?

Here is your monthly forecast for each sign:

**Aries:** Make a start clearing away life's debts and correcting past mistakes, avoid romantic entanglements, keep positive and look forward. What's behind you has gone; only what is in front of you counts now.

**Taurus:** After a long haul trying to get enough money to meet the bills, a community project presents an opportunity to increase your business income; avoid accepting people at face value; this is not the time to be unpredictable or unproductive.

**Gemini:** You seem to be popular in all fronts this month, so don't upset the apple cart by being hazy about your aims; avoid gossip and criticism; remember, careless words can hurt.

**Cancer:** Now is the right time for you to aim for the stars, attend to the correspondence that will formulate a long-range program. This isn't the time to indulge in wishful thinking and making errors in judgment.

**Leo:** Time to balance the accounts displaying thrift and resourcefulness; you must keep abreast of financial matters. Everything this month is about keeping expenditures down.

**Virgo:** A change in your environment would help you to achieve a good emotional poise; there is great emphasis on partnerships, marriage and team-workers. You need a holiday, so try to take one.

**Libra:** Health and diet are important this month, after all, "we are what we eat." Get off the fence where you may have been sitting for too long and get yourself to the gym or take a long walk on the beach. Be ready to face your responsibilities.

**Scorpio:** Does detail really mean so much? Can you not for once enjoy life's pleasures without becoming involved with detail? Venus going retrograde may bring past lovers to mind.

**Sagittarius:** Home and family seem to be the emphasis this month; maybe an elder, a parent or guardian will call upon your help. There are some outstanding matters to sort through which you do in preparation for the future.

**Capricorn:** Ever thought about writing a book or enhancing your knowledge? If you have, what's stopping you? The pen in your hands is in its natural place, just make sure you don't go using that pen to sign any documents that you have haven't read properly and understood fully.

**Aquarius:** Direct your attention and energies into catching up with unfinished work or neglected obligations. Keep your mind focused because you may find when you are on automatic pilot you put things down and can not remember where you have put them.

**Pisces:** You are loaded with energy, drive and leadership. All your decisions are based on facts; there is no room for letting your feelings rule your head. 2009 is your year to shine, if you are ready.

## WHY GOD MADE MUMS

Answers given by 2nd grade school children to the following questions:

### How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my Mum just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

### What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

### What kind of little girl was your Mum?

1. My Mum has always been my Mum and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

### What did Mum need to know about Dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?
3. Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

### Why did your Mum marry your Dad?

1. My Dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my Mum eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My Grandma says that Mum didn't have her thinking cap on.

### Who's the boss at your house?

1. Mum doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because Dad's such an idiot.
2. Mum. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess Mum is, but only because she has a lot more to do than Dad.

### What's the difference between Mums & Dads?

1. Mums work at work and work at home and Dads just go to work at work.
2. Mums know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Mums have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.

### What does your Mum do in her spare time?

1. Mothers don't have spare time.
2. To hear her talk, she pays bills all day long.

### What would it take to make your Mum perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. You know, her hair. I'd dye it, maybe blue.

### If you could change one thing about your Mum, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my Mum smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. I would like her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.