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Coming Events

Board Meeting March 1th –4047 Wilshire Circle E, at the home of Ken and Ildiko Jukes. Members welcome but please call ahead (see p.8) as space is limited.

Coffee Morning – March 9th 10:30 a.m on Tuesday at the home of Sue Ford, 6706 Oak Hammock Dr., Bradenton. Contact Sue at sueford47@yahoo.com or 941-751-3811.

Polo Club March 14th

What a wonderful way to send an English Mothering Sunday, watching the Sport of Kings in the wonderful setting of Lakewood Ranch. It's the Ritz-Carlton members' club 8 goal tournament...featuring the 'Shamrocks & Leprechauns'. For anyone wishing to join in the fun, we shall have the 'Union Jack' on display for you to find us. This is an independent event...you pay at the entrance \$10 and find your own spot to enjoy your own picnic. Hope to see you here...Gates open at 11am if we all arrive around that time we will be-able to find one another. Email Sueford47@yahoo.com if you are joining us and I will do my best to make sure we are all together.

Queen's Birthday Party—Saturday April 24th See Page 3

Tapas & Wine Evening: Fri. May 28th, 6.30 pm See Page 6

Local Event Postings

Lipizzan Stallions are back for their Winter training sessions, open and free to the public, although a donation is asked for. Is anyone interested in joining me? Training sessions are held at Myakka City, Thurs & Fri @ 3 pm, and Sat at 10 am, until the end of April. I am considering going on Thurs, 4th Mar. E-mail Sueford47@yahoo.com.

Strawberry Festival on 4th-14th Mar at Plant City. www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Tel: 813-754-1996.

Echo Farm Day 2010, Sat 13 Mar in North Fort Myers. A 50-acre 'Global Farm' with diverse agricultural farming. Offering educational tours, workshops, demos, plants & seeds for sale. This is a Non-profit, working to reduce world hunger and poverty. www.echonet.org.

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

First, many thanks for your good wishes during my recent illness and stay at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. The nursing care I received was first class and reminds me how fortunate we are to have such a facility here in Sarasota. On the first day, and being at a very high temperature, I heard a very short, very quiet, piece of heavenly music; it was quite a relief when my wife also heard it two days later. We conjectured if it was played when someone passed away and so had quite a smile when on the final day the nurse informed us that the music was filtering down from the Baby Unit, a few bars from Brahms's Lullaby signaling a new birth!

Our second Board Meeting of the year was kindly hosted by Lyn and Derek Curran during my absence, with Vice President Doreen Wilson stepping in admirably to take the Chair. My thanks are also due to Immediate Past President Sue Ford for helping things go smoothly.

Valentine's Day, February 14th, saw 29 of us taking the lunchboat cruise on Marina Jack II. The weather was very kind, the reserved tables good, the food and champagne good, and we even had five dolphins come alongside the boat to wish us well!

Do join us for our next event, a tailgating party at Sarasota Polo Club, east of I75 on University Parkway, on Sunday March 14th. I am probably like many others, never having seen live Polo, so it should be interesting. Also put in your diaries, the Queen's Birthday Party on Saturday April 24th, which we shall again hold at Lakeshore Village Clubhouse. Members' ideas for future fun events and locations are always very welcome; please email or call me with your ideas.

February Board Meeting Precis

The board meeting was held on Thursday, February 4, 2010. The Treasurer's report was distributed to the board by Gary Lee. There is a balance of \$4,480.25. Derek Curran said we had 7 new family members and 1 single.

There were about 50 members at the Inaugural for Ken Jukes, our new President, at Lakeshore Village Club, and a good time was had by all.

On February 14th, the group that has signed up will meet for lunch on the Marina Jack. Our March 14th event is to be at the Polo Club at a cost of \$10 per person. We are still looking at possible venues for the Queen's Birthday celebration on April 24th. There will be an Antiques Roadshow in May at the Sangria restaurant at a cost of \$15 each. More details on these events in our next Newsletter.

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 11th at the home of Ken and Ildiko Jukes. Members welcome but please call ahead as space is limited.

Feb coffee morning: Thank you Paul and Dee Hathaway for supplying all the members that attended our coffee morning with a bag of home grown grapefruit to take home with them...they were delicious. Being a cold day our members appreciated the fire glowing in the grate and the table decorated for Valentines. There were red roses, and red rose petals scattered over a beautiful lace table cloth. As each member arrived with their goodies the table looked more and more in theme with Valentines. There were heart-shaped biscuits, red iced cupcakes, scones with strawberry homemade jam, and cream finger sandwiches; it truly was a delight. The theme for March will be Mothering Sunday - let's hope it's warm, and we can be outside. I hope you will put the 9th March in your diaries...this date happens to be my son's birthday and a very big "0" for our member Shona Burtner - Happy birthday Shona. Looking forward to seeing you at the next coffee morning. **Mark your calendars: 2nd Tuesday of the month 'Coffee morning' at 10:30 am. ...hope all the board can come.**

Hugs Sue Ford



Come and Join the Club

The Sarasota British Club (SBC) serves the needs of its membership in the spirit of friendship and mutual support. This includes the planning, developing and overseeing of a social setting where members can meet and exchange interests. The SBC assists British newcomers in settling into the community, and provides British businesses with valuable networking and support. 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.

Name(s) _____

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MEMBERSHIP: Single \$25 Family \$35 (includes all children under 18)

How did you hear about us? _____

Crossword Solution from Page 4

Across: 1 patella, 7 raises, 8 remains, 9 kerb, 10 iron, 12 fashion, 14 legpull, 16 weir, 18 fret, 20 imagine, 21 misses, 22 thereby.

Down: 1 partial, 2 tempo, 3 lair, 4 arsenal, 5 rickshaw, 6 nearto, 11 nepotism, 12 florist, 13 nursery, 15 earwig, 17 elite, 19 save.

Tapas & Wine Evening: Fri. May 28th, 6.30 pm:

Mark your diaries for this new event, hosted by Club Member Stan Lee at his restaurant, The Sangria Tapas Bar, 1532 Main Street, Sarasota FL 34236. The cost will be \$11 per person, and includes two tapas plus a glass of wine each. We are hoping to include an Antiques Appraisal at this event (further information later). We shall need, of course, to plan numbers and so please confirm your places by emailing or calling Ken Jukes (kena.jukes@yahoo.com, tel 941-927-6499) by Monday May 24th please. Checks to be sent to Sarasota British Club, PO Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276



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JOKE Two guys are drinking in a bar.
One says: "Did you know that Moose have sex 10 to 15 times a night?"
"Aw ...," says his friend, "and I just joined the Masons!"

Thank You

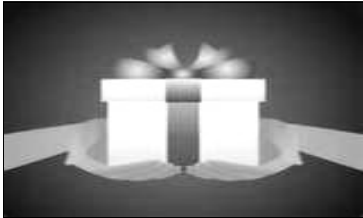
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Queen Elizabeth's Birthday Party: Saturday April 24th 5.00pm

We look forward to members joining us on Saturday April 24th to celebrate the Queen's Birthday. This popular event will be held at Lakeshore Village Clubhouse and starts at 5.00 pm. A small charge of \$5 per person will be made, the Club providing wine/champagne, punch, soft drinks and a Celebration Birthday Cake. Members are asked to bring along a savoury, or dessert dish to share. We aim to have a fun event and plan to include a table quiz, live entertainment, a door prize, and a 50-50 draw. Lakeshore Village is situated on Clark Road, 200 yards east of the junction of Beneva Rd and Clark Rd, opposite Mr Bigs Cocktail Bar. Ample Parking is available.

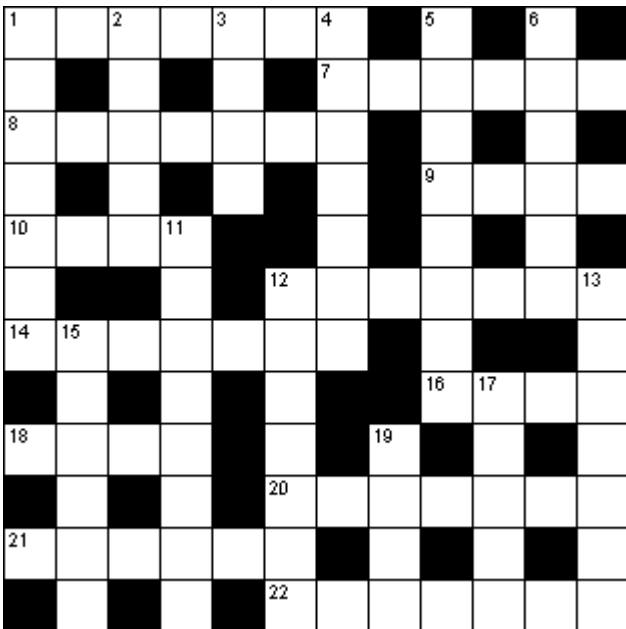
In order to help us plan numbers, please reserve your places by emailing or calling Ken Jukes (kena.jukes@yahoo.com 941-927-6499 and sending your check to Sarasota British Club, PO Box 21063, Sarasota FL 34276.





Win-Win Raffles: The raffles at some of our events are a fun way to provide pleasure to the winners, to support our club, and help lower fees for all members. Please donate any item you think someone would find fabulous, fun, or functional. Thanks ever-so.

Sue Bridgman, suebridg@yahoo.com.



Down

- 1 Incomplete (7)
- 2 Musical speed (5)
- 3 Den (4)
- 4 Arms depot (7)
- 5 Asian vehicle (8)
- 6 Not far from (6)
- 11 Favouritism to relatives (8)
- 12 Flower dealer (7)
- 13 Creche (7)
- 15 Insect (6)
- 17 Exclusive (5)
- 19 Rescue (4)

- Across**
- 1 Kneecap (7)
 - 7 Uplifts (6)
 - 8 Stays (7)
 - 9 Pavement edge (4)
 - 10 Press clothes (4)
 - 12 Trend (7)
 - 14 Practical joke (7)
 - 16 River dam (4)
 - 18 Worry (4)
 - 20 Picture mentally (7)
 - 21 Fails to hit (6)
 - 22 Because of that (7)

If you have a suggestion for a themed crossword (outline shape or clues) for a future newsletter, write to lakewood2@gmail.com.

Solution on Page 6

Creative Corner A Herbal Vinegar — Mint Sauce

A pleasant gift, typically British, and totally tasty on a variety of foods: It can be made for the moment by chopping and stirring mint leaves, sugar and malt vinegar, but the following method makes it a keeper for 2-3 months in cold storage, or 6 months in the refrigerator: Pick a good handful of young, healthy mint leaves from the stems & chop finely. Bring 2 cups of vinegar to a simmer, add 4 table-spoons white sugar, chopped mint & simmer for 15 mins to infuse. Adapt taste as desired. Meanwhile select a few interesting glass jars and sterilize them in a pan of simmering water for 10 mins. Invert them on a towel to dry. Add a sprig of clean mint to each jar. Funnel mint sauce into jars while they are still warm, place waxed paper over mouth of jar and screw the top tight. Tie raffia around jar, and add an attractive tag as a gift. Shake before use and serve with lamb, pork, peas, or potatoes.

Susan Bridgman



Joke

An elderly gentleman in Florida had owned a farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back.. It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts, and some orange, and lime trees. One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond as he hadn't been there for a while, he grabbed a five- gallon bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond.. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end. One of the women shouted to him, " were not getting out until you leave"! The old man frowned, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swimming naked or to make you get out of the pond."! Holding the bucket up he said, "I'm only here to feed the alligator.' Some old men can still think fast.

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.

