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# BritClub News



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## Coming Events

**Board Meeting** - Thursday March 10th, @6:30 p.m. at the home of .Brian & Jane Thompson. Members welcome but please call ahead (388-8018 ) as space is limited.

**Coffee Morning** - 10:30-12 noon on Tuesday March 9th , at the home of Sue Ford, contact info see page 8. Mark your calendars for the 2nd Tuesday of each month.



**Women Only Social Evening** - Wednesday March 9 from 6.30 onwards. At the home of Jane Thompson, further details & contact info on page 7.

**Baltimore Orioles Baseball Game** - Sunday, March 13th, 1:05 p.m. Orioles vs. Tigers at the newly-renovated Ed Smith Stadium. Tickets are \$19--a considerable discount from box office prices. Phone Nairn' Gillet, 941-366-9984.



**Horse Racing trip to Tampa Downs** - Saturday March 26th. More details see page 7.



**Supper at the Peppermill Eatery** - Tuesday March 29 A speciality is Fish & Chips, approx. \$10 See [peppermilleatery.com](http://peppermilleatery.com) for menus. Peppermill Eatery is located at 7246 55th Avenue East, Bradenton, near the junction of Tara Blvd & SR70. Call Julie Tomlinson 941 756 2047

**Shopping Trip to Festival Market, Pompano Beach** - Wednesday April 13th, \$25 which includes driver's gratuity & surprises. \$20 is returned to you in Market coupons. Hundreds of vendors of all types. Check out [www.festival.com](http://www.festival.com). . More details see page 7.



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

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

### **Letter from President Gary Lee**

With bright, warm sunshine streaming through my study window, we can, I fervently hope, continue to enjoy the very pleasant weather we all expect in Sarasota at this time of the year. It's time to dig out your togs for leisurely strolls or perhaps brisk walks on our inviting beaches.

On February 13, just ahead of actual Valentine's Day, a band of 25 from the Club attended the Golden Apple Dinner Theatre's production of the romantic musical, "I Do, I Do." This was the closing performance of the show, and it played to a full house of enthusiastic patrons.

If you haven't signed up for the several events as featured in this issue coming up in March and early April, I urge you to give them your consideration. Also, the Board is still looking at possible venues for the Queen's Birthday and Royal Wedding observances at the end of April. Ideally, we're seeking a suitable location that offers a British tea and equipment for playing a HD DVD of the Wedding.

And now, for the "Limerick of the Month"

There once was a maid with such graces,  
That her curves cried aloud for embraces.  
"You look," cried each he,  
"Like a million to me—  
Invested in all the right places!"

### **February Board Meeting Precis**

February Board meeting was held at the home of Derek Curran. Treasurer's report shows balance of \$ 5,608,66 (*Includes deposits for upcoming functions*) Currently 226 members. Web site needs updating. Highland Games went well, several attendees interested in the club. President's reception was well attended.

Upcoming events include; Golden Apple dinner & show, Women's only meeting, Baseball Game, Horse Racing, Fish & Chips supper, Shopping trip to Pompano Beach.

Ideas planned for the year:

*April:* New members tea; A celebration to note the Royal wedding,

*May:* Snookhaven Myakka boat trip,

*June* Fashion show,

*July:* Miguel's restaurant evening,

*August* Cocktail/Book party,

*September;* Beach party,

*October* Garden party,

*November* Guy Fawkes event,

*December 17* Christmas party.

16 members so far booked for Caribbean cruise in November.

Next meeting to be at the home of Brian and Jane Thompson on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Women Only Social Evening**

Please come & join us for an evening of fun, food & fabulous company. This will be a relaxed evening of mixing with other female members, catching up with old friends & making new ones.

**Where:** 11710 Strandhill Court, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202.

**When:** Wednesday March 9 from 6.30 onwards.

**What:** Please bring a bottle & food to share.

Please phone to confirm, & for directions. 388-8018

Hope that you can come - I'm looking forward to seeing you all.

**Jane Thompson** .



### **Horse Racing trip to Tampa**

March 26th - we have rented a 52 seater bus, to keep the price at \$20 ( Non members \$25) which includes entrance/to and from Tampa + drivers gratuity, we need to sell all seats. If you want to be included please respond immediately as this event will be going out to non members via flyers in our drop off points. Please call Eileen Schuler on 941-753-4589 to place your name on the list and Eileen will give you her address to send your checks.



### **Shopping Trip to Festival Market, Pompano Beach**


Pickup points are 7am at University Park, Bradenton, and 7:30 at Oak Plaza, Sarasota and returning at 7pm. A big thank you to Margaret Brading (BritClub member) for offering to include us with the shopping bus trip she has organized for April 13th...if you want to be included in this trip...your \$25 payment must be received by the end of February. It is on a first come basis.

Please phone Margaret on 941-923-0934. She will give you her address to send payment.

Hope to see you on both these trips.

**Sue Ford**





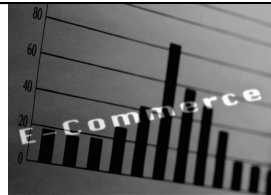
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We put out a call to all members who could offer their clubhouse as a location for a Sarasota British Club (SBC) events, and members have generously responded. So... A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE INDIVIDUALS. The Board will be busily organizing and coordinating events for those locations at our monthly meetings—we'll keep you posted. This keeps our events affordable to all members, and adds diversity for our get-togethers. The SBC will cover overhead charges, and our members generously volunteer to help with the set-up and clean-up. If other members can offer their club house, please contact [glee01@verizon.net](mailto:glee01@verizon.net) with suitable dates and locations. Thank you for your support.



**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](mailto:lakewood2@gmail.com), and we will select one 'Business Glimpse' each month.



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Arthur is 90 years old. He's played golf every day since his retirement 25 years ago. One day he arrives home looking downcast.  
"That's it," he tells his wife. "I'm giving up golf. My eyesight has gotten so bad that once I've hit the ball I couldn't see where it went."  
His wife sympathizes and makes him a cup of tea. As they sit down she says, "Why don't you take my brother with you and give it one more try."  
"That's no good" sighs Arthur, "your brother's a hundred and three. He can't help."  
"He may be a hundred and three", says the wife, "but his eyesight is perfect."  
So the next day Arthur heads off to the golf course with his brother-in-law.  
He tees up, takes an almighty swing and squints down the fairway.  
He turns to the brother-in-law. "Did you see the ball?"  
"Of course I did!" replied the brother-in-law. "I have perfect eyesight".  
"Where did it go?" says Arthur.  
"I don't remember."

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## BUSINESS GLIMPSES

ARTHUR MURRAY - LAKEWOOD RANCH BLVD

A Dance Studio has recently been opened on Lakewood Ranch Blvd. The studio is owned by Brit Dean Abraham who moved to Florida with his wife Sally and children Harry 10, Phoebe 8 and Eva 2, in July 2010.

Dean has quite a background in Dance, represented Denmark with his Danish partner at European and World Championships, he along with seven other top ex-competitors opened a famous studio called Dance Options, based in Cheam, Surrey. The studio attracted top competitive dancers around the World to the UK to for training.

Among the dancers who trained at the studio were the stars of the American show, "Dancing With The Stars". When the dancers heard of Dean's desire to move State side they were fully in support of his visa application, and the search to open a studio here began.

Arthur Murray were excited at the prospect of Dean moving to America and offered him the opportunity to open a studio. After months of searching, Lakewood Ranch was decided upon as an ideal location.

The studio provides a location for everyone to learn to dance from the complete beginner up. Dean says that he hopes that the studio will become a place where the local community will socialize and have fun. Dean and his family have fallen in love with Lakewood Ranch, they hope the locals will love the Dance studio.

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