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Moving between countries is often exciting but full of challenges. One of which can be making your UK pensions and investments work across both the US and UK tax systems.

The US tax system can be particularly hard on foreign investments like UK ISAs/PEPs & Bonds. Pension funds too are affected and your UK lump sum might be taxable.

I can help you: from reviewing your short and long term Pension options, managing your investments through to tax & estate issues in the UK and US. I can also refer you to US contacts with cross-border experience.

A 30 min call-back or initial email exchange is free for SBC members. Call IAN MANWARING on +44 (0)1952 850359 or you can email me at: [uk2us.wealth@btinternet.com](mailto:uk2us.wealth@btinternet.com)

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## Coming Events

**Board Meeting** —Thursday March 8th @6:30 p.m. at the home of Doug and Eileen Schuler. Members welcome but please call ahead, see Page 16, as space is limited.

**April Charity Jumble Sale** —April 7th  
**This is to raise funds for "Hope in a Backpack"** If you have anything to donate and/or may be willing to help staff the stalls, see Page 8 for contact information.. Further information on Page 11

**Theatre Visit** — Wednesday April 25 to see

"The Full Monty"  
at the Players  
Theatre, Sarasota.  
Come along with  
a group of us to  
enjoy the  
American musical  
version of the  
film on preview  
night .

More details see Page 7. Contact: Jane Thompson  
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**Royal First Anniversary**. It's hard to believe

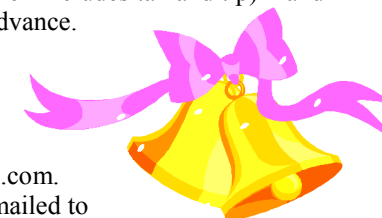
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From here you will find local information, Club news, coming events, photos from past events and many past newsletters .

that the first anniversary of the Royal Wedding is just around the corner. Last year we gathered at the Ritz Carlton to celebrate the wedding and enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea -- the ladies all looking very posh in their hats and fascinators.

**On Saturday, April 28 from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.** we will celebrate the First Wedding Anniversary with an afternoon tea at Tastefully British on Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota. The tearoom has a limited seating capacity of 26, so sign up early if you want to enjoy a scrumptious "Princess Tea" consisting of assorted sandwiches, scones and cakes with your choice of tea. The cost is \$17 per person (which includes tax and tip) and should be paid in advance.

RSVP to Shona Burtner (941)925-0462 or [skburtner@hotmail.com](mailto:skburtner@hotmail.com).  
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**Art Gallery Visit**—Your Board is planning a trip for members to the Raymond James art collection in St.Petersburg. Details to follow.

### Letter from President Sue Ford

**H**ere we are it's March already, nearly a quarter of the way through the year....doesn't time fly when you are enjoying yourself. Many of you snowbirds are planning your trips back home. Rest assured your friends here in the club will miss you and look forward to your return. If you are traveling home this month...we wish you a safe journey. If you have the time, let us know what's going on in your home town. If you are in England...we are all very interested in the run-up to the Jubilee. Brian our newsletter editor is always looking for items of interest from our members, whether here or in other parts of the world, we want to hear from you.



In the last three months there has been an enormous amount of good will and enthusiasm from our 2012 Board. We have also had members offering help and ideas for events, more so than ever before, so we thank you so much for your interest. We know it is hard to please everyone all the time although that is our aim. We as a board will do all we can to promote our Club and give value to each and every member. Again, if you want to play a more active role in the Club we will be very pleased to hear from you.

Concerns have been expressed recently over the amount of advertising in our newsletter and the Board is addressing these concerns. The plan is to phase out the advertising in the newsletter and look at members' advertising on the website. More details to follow on this.

### Under Cruise

One last thing, for the last three years I have run a cruise for Club members & friends in the month of November. Last year we had 35 members enjoy a wonderful week sailing the seas. Eight of those 35 people had been on the 2010 cruise with Carnival. Our

2011 cruise was with N/W line. All agreed Carnival was the better of the two companies. Hence, the 2012 cruise is again with Carnival. I have pre-booked 16 cabins at a set price until 20th March...if you wish to hear more, please call or email me.

Already members have started booking this 7 days cruise for November 10 on the 'Carnival Liberty' leaving from the port of Miami. We have until March 20th to take advantage of the locked-in price...if anyone has any question please email me Sueford47@yahoo.com or call 941-751-3811 for more information. Booking has been made so simple, either on-line or by phone. The ship takes us to Bahamas; St.Thomas; San Juan, Grand Turks with two days at sea before returning back to Miami. Sharing new experiences, seeing new places and sharing those pleasures with friends over a meal or cocktails really makes cruising with us so much better than going alone.

Looking forward to our next event

**Sue Ford**

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### Queens Jubilee June 2nd;

Calling all Brits for this great occasion ...60 years on the throne and still doing duties and looking wonderful. It is our duty as Her Majesty's subjects to come out in force to show our patriotic love to our Queen and Country. On Saturday June 2nd between 4.30pm to 7pm, The Polo Grill Lakewood Ranch is offering us a chance to gather together...bring your friends, family and pass the word to anyone that is British that would like to be with other Brits on this very special day. There is no additional cost to join us in the fun, all drinks will be 'Happy Hour' prices wine \$3.50, lager \$2.50; martinis or cocktails \$4.50. Bar meal at \$5 plus 6 different choices of pizza for \$10 are in on the Happy Hour prices. Come fly the flag for our Sovereign's Diamond Jubilee .

### Précised Minutes of the Sarasota British Club Board Meeting, February 9th, 2012

**M**eeting held at the home of Norman and Mary Shelley. Currently 267 members. Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$7,327.97. Sixty eight people attended the President's Party at the home of Sue Ford in January. A Curry Night took place at the White Horse Pub in January. Fire Chief Mike Tobias and team hosted a 'wonderful' day out, followed by a luncheon at Stoneybrook. Seventy people are coming to the Valentine's dance at Southbay. The horse racing outing at Tampa Downs in March has forty signed up to enjoy the event. Progress on the 'Jumbo Sale' in early April is going well. Plans for the Queen's Jubilee have not been finalized as of yet, but a day of true blue English celebration is promised. Cruise Team Leader Sue Ford has been in close contact with her travel agent and all is progressing. Notification of other upcoming events will be posted in the newsletter.

March Board Meeting will be held at the home of Doug and Eileen Schuler on March 8th, 2012.

**Addendum:** Since the Board meeting, the Board has decided that the Jubilee celebrations will be held at the Polo Grill, Lakewood Ranch on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2012 between 4:30pm and 7:00pm for Happy Hour. More information will follow in the coming months.

*Submitted by Mary L. Shelley, recording secretary*

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### Membership Dues

A friendly reminder that I shall be sending out the membership dues renewal notices in March. Upon receipt of the renewal notice, please note any changes to your contact information on the form that will come with the renewal notice. For those members who joined from January 2012 onwards, your membership renewal will not be due until March 2013.

We welcome the following new and returning members who have recently joined us.

Steve and Diane Adams, Julia Applegate, Paul & Maggie Cassidy, Neil & Glenys Oldham, Lin & Gib Ritenour, Gillian & Tony Bartlett and Martyn Reece.

*Kathy Curtin, Membership Chair*

### Did you know?

**T**he 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 their lives. Please let us know of such events, contact Mary Shelley, her details are on Page 16.

### Help please!

Can anyone help with my quest to find local shoe retailers that sell stylish, all leather, shoes/sandals? I'm thinking that European imports will be what I'm looking for, but please also let me know if there are any American/British manufacturers that will meet my high standards!

*Jane Thompson*

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## Locations to Hold Our Events

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 clubhouse, please contact sueford47@yahoo.com 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, and we will select one 'Business Glimpse' each month.



The Club would like to thank the following merchants for their cooperation in spreading the good word about our Club by allowing the *BritClub News* to be distributed in their premises: **Word of Mouth (3), Champions Pub, Tastefully British, 4 & 20 Pasty Company, The Open Pub & Restaurant, The King George Pub, Beckham's, The White Horse Pub, McAllister's, Scot's Corner, British Open Pub & Restaurant of Venice, Bentley's Resort Hotel, Scrambles, Ezpiez, Yellow Strawberry Salon (LWR), Simon's Coffee House.**

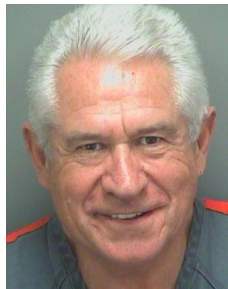
## LOCAL NEWS

On Feb 6th, British fraudster Derick Coles was sentenced to 6½ years, a \$15000 fine and restitution costs of \$4,232,621.30, a forfeiture judgment of \$530,000 and a special assessment of \$200.

His crime? As a failed businessman in the UK he re-invented himself as the owner of New Horizons Group in Sarasota, after other, failed US ventures, and he conned Brits who wanted to migrate using the EB-5 investment Visa. Terry Dunne was one of those who fell victim to the scam in 2007 and created the website derickcoles.com devoted to hunting down Coles and gathering additional evidence against him. Personally, we saw Coles 'in action' at a migration show near London and he came across as knowledgeable and plausible, so we can understand how he could have been trusted.

*Brian Thompson*

Sources: derickcoles.com and the Sarasota Herald-Tribune



## Unlimited Marital Deduction:

The transferring of an unlimited amount of assets from a deceased spouse to the surviving spouse while delaying payment of taxes until the passing of the surviving spouse.

The purpose behind the delay of paying taxes is that such impact of taxes could be potentially disastrous to a surviving spouse. As things stand anything in addition to \$5.12 million would be taxed at 35%!

In 1988, Congress decided to eliminate the unlimited marital deduction for noncitizen spouses. The reason behind this is that such noncitizen spouse could take the assets of a deceased spouse and leave the country (i.e., back to the UK), the IRS are then left empty handed upon the subsequent passing of the surviving spouse.

In the absence of a marital deduction, assuming a significant estate in excess of \$5.12 million, there may be an immediate and large tax bill that can't be deferred until the death of the noncitizen surviving spouse. **To be put bluntly, this means that the surviving noncitizen spouse could have a hefty tax bill that would need to be settled around the time of their spouse's death!**

What kind of estate planning is therefore advisable for individuals with a non US citizen spouse? There are various types of planning available but a common form of planning would be for the noncitizen spouse to become a citizen. If the noncitizen spouse becomes a US citizen prior to his/her death, the ordinary rules that apply to US citizen spouses for establishing the marital deduction would apply.

What if the spouse doesn't acquire citizenship in time? Using a Qualified Domestic Trust (QDOT) is the only way an estate will be allowed to use the unlimited marital deduction if assets are due to pass to a noncitizen spouse. Should such 'QDOT' language be incorporated within the Will or Revocable Trust of the US citizen spouse then there

will be no immediate tax at the death of the spouse and income paid from the QDOT to the noncitizen spouse will not be subject to federal tax.

Okay.. so why should I be concerned when my estate is worth way less than \$5.12million? As mentioned earlier, the federal Unified Gift and Estate Tax Exemption is now \$5.12 million per person. This therefore means that anything above this amount that passes to the surviving noncitizen spouse will be taxed immediately at the rate of 35%. While this makes most people "little fish" who will not get caught in the tax net, in 2013, Uncle Sam's net may be bigger, and today's "little fish" may be "big fish", tax wise. Beginning January 1, 2013, the estate tax exclusion is slated to drop from \$5.13 million to \$1 million per person, unless Congress takes action.

The purpose of this article is to make you aware of a potential tax pitfall to all couples where one of you is a noncitizen. There is some serious tax implications involved if some simple planning is not pursued. In addition, don't also think that because the estate tax exemption is so high today that there is no way in which a surviving noncitizen spouse can be affected.

If you are a couple where one of you is a noncitizen then it always sensible to consider your own position and estate planning documents by seeking professional guidance.

*Antony Eminowicz is the Benefits Coordinator at Boyer & Jackson P.A. and a non-practising elder law solicitor of England/Wales. He works alongside attorney Teresa K. Bowman, an elder law attorney, at Boyer & Jackson P.A.*

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## Currency Update for February 2012

### Free Transfer Fees and a Stronger Pound

The United Kingdom again saw strong retail sales for the second month of 2012. Stronger than expected sales show a 0.9% growth month over month with inflation expected to decrease this year down to just above 2%. Although February has been all but stable for the currency markets, Sterling is trending upward. The pound appears to be on the rebound as it has recovered from its low of 1.555 on January 24<sup>th</sup>, with a high for the month of 1.5878 on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Speculation of further quantitative easing by the Bank of England and uncertainty in the Euro zone, with many feeling Greece is headed into certain default, looks to keep Sterling on a lateral course. For the short term the pound is expected to continue on a sideways track, especially due to the positive news on the US economy with data showing the lowest unemployment numbers since 2008 and growing existing home sales.

As details unfold on the new Bank Secrecy Act

here in the US, sending money to and from the USA may become increasingly difficult. The expatriate community looking to send funds back to the UK or receive their pensions may encounter challenges in the exchange and transfer process. Moneycorp being a licensed Money Service Business is pleased to continue helping with your currency requirements. Having a dedicated office in Florida – in addition to our London headquarters – Moneycorp specializes in currency exchange and international payments. We help you transfer your money at the right time, in the right way, when rates are in your favor. A personal Account Manager will always be on hand to provide expert market guidance – completely free of charge. Our new online platform provides greater convenience to our clients and the ability to deal with your currency needs around the clock, around the world.

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## New Club Members introduce themselves...

### MARTYN REECE

**H**i, I am Martyn Reece and I was born in Birmingham and became a Golf Pro at age 16. My first job was at the Shirley Golf Course and then I went to the Harborne GC in Birmingham as assistant pro and became the Head Pro in 1973.



I left for the USA in 1976 and became the Head Teaching Professional at The Hamlet Country Club in Delray Beach FL. I became a full time Realtor in 1983 and have been since. Came to Sarasota in 1986 and worked at the Meadows (Taylor Woodrow) till 1991 and started at University Park CC from day one and went up to Amelia Island in 1998 and returned to University Park CC in 2010 which is where I currently work and live.

Looking forward to meeting some more Brits!!!

*Martyn Reece*

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### STEVE ADAMS

**I** am originally from sunny Southend-on-Sea, part of the Essex Riviera, but moved 20 miles west each time I got divorced until I reached Wapping in the East End. I've been in the insurance industry for over 40 years, with increasingly senior positions in Lloyd's of London, then a Bermudan company HQ'd in London. In 2005, I was offered the opportunity to come to New York as Managing Director for Aon Re, the world's largest broker, responsible for Marine and Energy business in North America.

While in New York, I maintained my irrational life-long love of Southend United by flying back to the UK on a Friday evening, landing somewhat disheveled on the Saturday morning, then taking a train, a tube, then another train to Southend. I'd watch the game and often race back to the airport to catch the 8.30pm flight back to New York, arriving at 11.30pm, about 27 hours after I left. I did this 10 times one season.

In New York, I met and married my lovely wife, Diane, having been introduced through a mutual friend. She is also an insurance "lifer" and, when



we moved down to Bradenton in 2008, it seemed the obvious thing to do to open our own independent insurance agency. Diane is from a large Puerto Rican family but was born and bred in Brooklyn, New York. She has all the passion of a Puerto Rican, dramatically wedded to a Brooklyn attitude; this is a wonderful combination! She is a very accomplished woman, learning to speak Italian fluently, alongside her native Spanish and English, while also excelling at Argentine Tango.

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*Steve Adams*



### Starting a new career in my late sixties (by Ken Jukes).

**I** was asked by the SBC Board if I would write an entry about my new part-time career, teaching mathematics at the School for the

gifted (Pine View School). Pine View is state funded, takes grades 2 to 12 and so has an elementary, middle and high school, a total of some 2200 students. The campus is university-style, off Old Venice Road, Osprey. Two of my courses ((a) Multivariable and Vector Calculus (b) Differential Equations) give 200 level credit at University, so enabling the high school students to be on the way to qualification for a degree. I started at Pine View in 2010 and was fortunate to come across a particularly outstanding junior, Anthony Grebe, who we entered for the US national competition "Who Wants to be a Mathematician". Anthony reached the finals, won his semi-final (beamed live across the internet from New Orleans) and came a close runner-up, winning several thousand dollars for himself and for the School, together with other prizes. Later that year we put forward a team of five students in the national "Moody Megamath Challenge". There were some 578 teams across the USA competing, our team getting to the finals in Manhattan and, amazingly, we won. The first prize was \$20,000 and the paper by the team has subsequently been published in a learned journal. The challenge involved addressing the drought issue in western states, modeling Lake Powell and Lake Mead over 3 years (given projected rainfall), the impact on hydro-electric generation there, the impact of the legal rights of neighboring states and Mexico to draw off water, and finally the impact on agriculture in the region.

**I have helped Anthony sharpen a math paper he wrote, now submitted to an international journal**

and we also have a joint article in progress. Contact with State College of Florida (SCF) led to me being invited to give the annual lecture in Math at SCF; I was again invited this year to give the Fall holiday lecture and involved both Anthony and another student (Anna Beatty) in the presentation, giving them valuable experience of public speaking. I also accepted a position of Visiting Scholar at New College. With the courses and results going well last year, the student numbers doubled and I was also asked to teach Honors Calculus. Further, Anthony had run out of math courses he could take and so special permission was given by the School, SCF and the Sarasota School Board for me to teach a fourth course, a high level university course in Complex Variable theory. Only Anthony and Anna are taking it and, with just two students, I offered to give this on a voluntary basis. So it is a busy year!!

When I began, I thought about the problem of maintaining the concentration and interest of such young students over a 50 minute period and decided to take a 4 minute break two thirds of the way through, doing card tricks, mathematical puzzles and relating experiences of working in industry, commerce, government and academia. The students did a feature article about me in the 2010 yearbook, coining the word "factoids" for the latter.

In the Spring of 2011, Pine View ran an all-day re-enactment of the 1776 War of Independence and, being a Brit, I was invited to dress up as George III for the day, taking part in a number of events including debates defending the role of the monarchy. Great fun it was. This year I have been fortunate to be named by Pine View as staff member of the week and was named recently by the Intel Corporation as a national "Merit Teacher of 2012". I am doubly fortunate to be paid (modestly of course!) for enjoying myself and for working with young people. I am of course only 21 years old in my mind!

**Following Valentine's Day —**

**The least successful romantic gesture**

**P**erhaps influenced by the balcony scene in Romeo and Juliet, Stephen O'Halloran arrived at his girlfriend Leslie Pook's home in Fleetwood in March 1990 under cover of darkness. Armed with a clothesline and a bargain bucket of Kentucky Fried Chicken, he attempted to pole-vault through her bedroom window as she slept. Propelling himself at speed towards Miss Pook's chamber, his pole snapped and O'Halloran flew into the wall. The dull thud did not awaken his sleeping paramour but it did arouse her neighbour, who called the police. On arrival the officers found Mr O'Halloran wandering in a dazed state around the garden. Challenged on the legality, wisdom, and health and safety aspects of his endeavour, Miss Pook's thwarted admirer became angry. Arrested at the scene, he was led away. Miss Pook remained asleep throughout.

Extracted from *The Ultimate Book of Heroic Failures* by Stephen Pile, published by Faber and Faber at £12.99



**RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

**H**appy St. David's Day to our Welsh friends on the 1st, I expect you all to be wearing your leeks that day!! ( Although it might get a bit smelly by the end of the day! ) This was a popular cake in our Tea room, and is simple and easy to make. Traditionally these would be baked on a griddle, but since few of us have that nowadays, I found using an electric frying pan works well. Hope you enjoy my version.

**Welsh Cakes**

- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp salt

- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 3/4 cup butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup currants
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup milk



Lightly grease griddle/frying pan, and heat to 350 degrees F. In large bowl or food processor, place flour, baking powder, sugar, nutmeg and salt, mix well. Cut in the butter and blend into the dry ingredients until mixture appears like coarse breadcrumbs. Add currants. Add beaten eggs and milk. Mix into a soft dough, turn out on a lightly floured surface, roll out gently ( dough will be soft) to about 1/2 inch thick. Cut out with 2 inch cutter and gently place on hot griddle. Allow to cook couple of minutes or until lightly browned, then flip with spatula and cook other side. Can add a sprinkle of sugar at this point if desired. Cool and enjoy. (Freezes well at this point if they last that long!)

Makes 2-3 dozen

( Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Union Jack Food Columnist; I welcome comments and suggestions and can be reached at [Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com](mailto:Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com))

**Limericks**

There once was a young man from Lyme  
Who scored a goal for the very first time!  
The young man was glad  
But his teammates were sad  
'Cause he hadn't changed sides at half time!

A gentle old lady I knew  
Was dozing one day in her pew;  
When the preacher yelled "Sin!"  
She said, "Count me in!  
As soon as the service is through!"

**OLD FASHIONED  
JUMBLE SALE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 7**

**9 A.M. – 1 P.M.**

**AT SARASOTA CENTER OF**

**LIGHT**

**(CROSSROADS OF TUTTLE AND BROWNING  
STREET)**

**T**HE BRITISH CLUB will be holding a big old-fashioned Jumble Sale on April 7, with all the proceeds going to the local Backpack program. Margaret Brading, one of our members, has written an interesting and informative article about the "Hope in a Backpack" Program which you can read about in this newsletter on Page 8. Below is a list of areas where help is needed with the sale. The choices are many

- DONATE** clean, "pre-loved" (but good quality) clothes, shoes, bags, accessories, books, DVDs, electric and electronic items, kitchenware, toys, home décor, collectibles, knick-knacks, plants and so much more.

Call Sue Ford (751-3811) for information about drop-off points.

- VOLUNTEER TO WORK SATURDAY April 7th**, for people to arrive at 7.30am to be ready for the door to open at 9am, to help set up, sort, organize and price donations (maybe pick up a few bargains while you are there?!?).

Call Kath Curtin (379-9861) if you need to drop off your donations other than the above time.

- VOLUNTEER TO WORK SATURDAY, April 7th** (from 8:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.) selling, cashiering, cleaning up. If we have enough volunteers we can do two shifts (8:30 – 11 a.m. and/or

11 – 1:30 p.m.)

Call Kath Curtin (379-9861) if you are willing to work on the day of the sale.

- BAKE** your favourite cookies, biscuits, cakes, fudge, teabreads or other delicacies -- we are planning on having a "baked goods table!" Call Sue Ford and let her know if you are willing to bake.

- RESERVE TABLE SPACE TO HOLD YOUR OWN MINI YARD SALE** within the jumble sale. If you have a lot of "trash or treasures" (you be the judge!!) and would like to sell, then reserve one or two tables (\$10 per table) and take advantage of this well publicized community event. You would be responsible for setting up, taking the money and then clearing up your space after the sale.

Call Shona Burtner (925-0462) to reserve your table(s). The \$10 fee will also go to the Backpack Program.

- HELP GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT THE SALE.** Tell your friends, family and neighbours ... not to mention your hairdresser, local bartender, Publix cashier, cleaning lady etc.

- SHOP.** Yes, we need shoppers. Knowing our club members I am sure we will have many interesting items for sale and, who knows, you may find some little treasure worthy of a mention on the Antiques Roadshow.





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Sarasota Brit Club Meets Sarasota Counties Fire Chief...

On February 1, the Sarasota Brit Club was invited to join Chief Tobias and his congenial crew for a tour of the "All Green Palmer Ranch Fire House". It was most enjoyable, however, there was one thing missing....no pole to slide down. The tour was

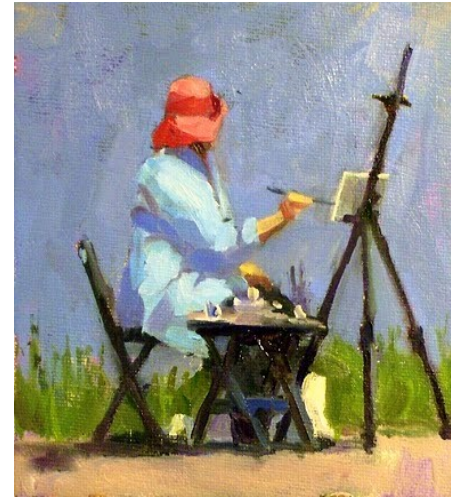
followed by a buffet lunch at Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club.

If anyone missed this tour and would like to join another group, call Margaret Brading. (923-0934). She arranges the tours once a month.



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 your event photos to the 'wall'.



Sarasota event — PLEIN AIR PAINTERS OF THE SUN COAST

Many artists choose to paint outdoors, capturing the light on canvas as the sun and environment interplay over the land. The Gulf Coast painters of our area include many nationally and locally known artists, and 40 will be presenting their art in an Exhibition: "Light Chasers" at The Celery Barn, Towles Court Artist Colony, 266 South Links, Sarasota on Friday, 16 March 2012, 5 - 8:30 pm.

All are invited to this free event with light food and wine. Enjoy this evening of unique art, music, refreshments, and discover the art galleries and restaurants within this unique art colony of Sarasota.



On confirmation of your booking you will be required to mail a check for the full amount to me, payable to "The Players". This is likely to be a popular event so please book early to avoid disappointment. Please note that this is an adult show with nudity & profanity.

Pre-show dinner option.

There is an option of enjoying a meal together at Libby's restaurant (Zagat rated) prior to the show. We can meet in The Player's parking lot at 5.15pm & car share, or convene at 5.30pm in the restaurant, 1971 South Osprey Ave, Sarasota. Meal choices will be from their regular menu, which includes an early dining special - 2 for \$25 from 5 - 6pm, see full details on www.libbyscafebar.com. Payment will be made at the restaurant by individual check. We will aim to be at the Players Theatre by 7 - 7.15pm. Please indicate your interest in this option at the time of booking theatre tickets.

Wednesday April 25.

Theatre visit to see "The Full Monty" at the Players Theatre, 838 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Show starts at 7.30pm.

20 tickets have been pre-booked to enable us to sit together & enjoy the American musical version of the film on preview night. Tickets are \$15 each, which is a reduction on the regular ticket price of \$25. Please phone/email me to reserve your seat - the deadline for making your reservation is Friday March 30, which will be strictly adhered to as I am required to confirm numbers with the theater.

Jane Thompson. Email: lakewood2@gmail.com. Telephone: 388-8018. Address: 11710 Strandhill Court, Lakewood Ranch. Fl 34202.

## 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.

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

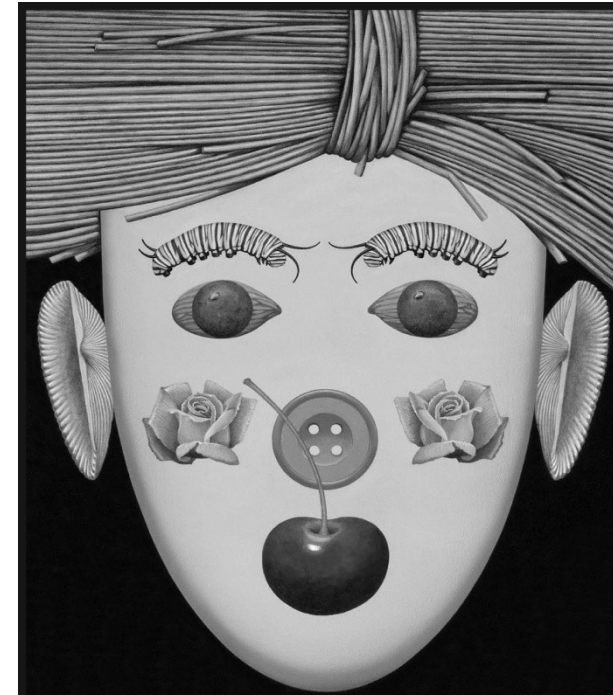
How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

### Hope In A Back Pack

Many of you watched, on TV, the program referring to children whose parents have lost their homes, jobs and pride. Many of these children are living in cars, or sharing motel rooms with other families. Their only source of food is school. However, on weekends, holidays and through the summer, there is no school and then there is no source for food.

Hope in a Back Pack is a non-profit, strictly volunteer group that provides back packed food for these unfortunate children. Money and food is donated and volunteers go to work on packing the food and delivering it to the schools for them to hand out to the children in need for the weekend. Sarasota British Club has selected Hope in a Back

Pack as one of their charities and will be having a Jumble Sale to raise funds for this needy group. See Page 11



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### Valentine's Day

Our Valentine's Day event on February 11<sup>th</sup> at Southbay Yacht and Racquet Club was brilliantly organized by Margaret Brading and the Board. The 72 members and guests enjoyed Cottage Pie and Key Lime Pie; an excellent DJ played 50's and 60's music, handled requests, and the dance floor was a hive of activity. We had a "name that tune" table quiz, a competition to blow the largest bubble (contestants getting their faces covered with gum), a twist competition and a 50-50 raffle. A fun-filled evening! Many thanks to our hosts, Kathleen and David Mitchell, who also sang a duet appropriate to Valentine's Day.



### BOWLS

The Club has had an invitation for members to join the Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club which is located at 809 North Tamiami Trail (Hwy 41), Sarasota, FL 34235

lorrie Pickford writes "We have a wonderful lawn bowling club here near the Van Wezel theater/ auditorium and we are happy to welcome both experienced and new members. We provide lessons for new members and bowls. Please just call or turn up and meet us."

