



# BritClub News

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

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## Coming Events

**T**he **March SBC Board Meeting** will be held at the home of Brian and Jane Thompson on Thursday March 14th, 2013 @ 6:30pm. Members welcome but please call ahead, see Page 3, as space is limited.

person, which covers the price of the bus, driver's tip, entrance and buffet. There are two pick ups, as last year, one in Sarasota and one in Bradenton, starting from 9am and getting back around 7pm.

**M**ovie Night update—Saturday, March 16th  
As the minimum number was not reached to make this event economical it has been cancelled. It is hoped that a similar event can be arranged in the future. Most members have been individually contacted with this update.



If you are interested in joining us, I would like to hear from you ASAP. If you do not want the brunch and are only interested in the return bus ride, the cost is \$20 per person and you pay your own entrance which I think is \$3.00 per person. ( Tampa Downs only include the entrance price, if you eat in their restaurant )

**P**aws for Patriots  
—SBC check presentation on Monday, April 8th at 11am. Location - Southeastern Guide Dogs Training Center and Dog Boutique, 1618 Main Street, Sarasota FL 34236. (Near the intersection of Main Street and Orange Avenue)  
You are warmly invited to join in this presentation followed by lunch (if you wish and at your own expense). Eileen Schuler is our event coordinator. Eileen's email is [emkbentley@gmail.com](mailto:emkbentley@gmail.com) and phone 753-4589. Please let her know by March 31<sup>st</sup> if you can attend and if you will be joining us for lunch. For more see Page 7



I am looking forward to hearing back from you. Non-members are welcome as your guests at the same prices I have quoted above. Contact Sue Ford, at [sueford@janbury.com](mailto:sueford@janbury.com).



**H**orse Racing Trip — Sunday April 21st . We are running another bus trip to Tampa Bay Downs, the cost we are keeping the same as last year. The cost is \$50 per

## President's Letter

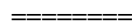
I'm aware that my first introduction to Club members came when I spoke of my love, my complete, illogical and entirely irrational love for Southend United last year. This is not meant to be an explanation or analysis of that love, as every true sports fan understands the basis of it, even if they wouldn't entirely understand Southend being the object of it. No, this is a moment of celebration that I've waited over 50 years for and one that I intend to live to the full.



my lovely wife, but the pull of my youth will give me a moment for my lifetime that I'll always cherish and I'll have to be back in the UK for that special moment.

Cheers,

*Steve Adams*



## SANDRA'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### BoBotie

I started standing on the terraces at Roots Hall, the Theatre of Nightmares, with my Dad in 1959, on what seemed to be a freezing day at some time in the middle of winter. I vaguely recall a 0-0 draw with Lincoln City, though I can't be sure. In the intervening years, my Dad and I moved our position to various locations on the ground to meet not only our growing affluence, but also our need to carefully consider the nuances of football (sic) from an alternative perspective, as it applies to the lower reaches of what were then referred to as Divisions 3 and 4 of the Football League.

We braved the freezing November fog for the first and second rounds of the FA Cup in the distant hope of inclusion in the 3rd round draw, when the big teams were included. I distinctly remember hearing that, after a 1-1 draw at Watford, the winners were paired with mighty Liverpool in 1976. Consequently, we had the anticipation of the Watford replay the following Wednesday, combined with the pot of gold of Liverpool at home in early January. We beat Watford 1-0 with an Andy Polycarpou goal to match up with Liverpool and 31,000 people packed into Roots Hall, many not until half time, as the Mighty Blues (we were the Mighty Blues years before Chelsea) battled to a 0-0 draw with the Champions.

Even when I moved to New York, I flew back for many games, notoriously including the League Cup game against Manchester United, for which I managed to miss the teams coming out, the Freddie Eastwood free kick goal that turned out to be the only goal of the match and the entire first half due to an entirely typical British Rail incident. So, traveling thousands of miles for 45 minutes of a game qualifies me as a fan.

All this nostalgia is leading me to record my joy last night, and still with me as I write, as the Mighty Blues scored a last minute equalizer against Leyton Orient to take a 3-2 aggregate win in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Southern Area Final and qualify for the Final at WEM-BER-LEEE in April. I've been to the final before when it was at Cardiff, but every fan will understand how I'm going to feel when Paul Sturrock leads Southend out at Wembley on April 7th.

I'll be thinking of my dear old Dad and will doubtless shed a tear or two, but I'm going to enjoy every moment of the day with my niece. America has given me a great deal, including

I came to the States in 1966, and at the same time my brother moved to South Africa, and when we visited them a while back we really enjoyed the diversity of foods. BoBotie is a traditional meal, and we have been using my niece's version for a long time. Hope you enjoy it too!

- 1 medium onion
- 4 Tbsp cooking oil
- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 1/4 cup soft breadcrumbs
- 2 tsp curry powder
- 4 tsp sugar
- salt and pepper
- 2 tsp turmeric
- 2 Tbsp vinegar
- 1/2 cup seedless raisins
- 1 cup milk
- 1 lemon
- 2 eggs



Heat oven to 350F. Chop onion finely, heat oil, and sauté onion until golden brown. Remove from stove. Add meat and breadcrumbs and sauté until brown. Add curry, sugar, salt and pepper, turmeric, vinegar and raisins, mix well, and place in a lightly greased baking dish. Grate lemon rind and sprinkle over the meat mixture. Bake for 30 minutes. Beat egg and milk, pour over top of Bobotie, and bake another 15 minutes. Serve with yellow rice and chutney. Serves 4-6.

*(Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Union Jack food columnist, who can be reached at [Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com](mailto:Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com))*



## JOKES

### AN IRISH GHOST STORY...

John Bradford, a Dublin University student, was on the side of the road hitchhiking on a very dark night and in the midst of a big storm.

The night was rolling on and no car went by. The storm was so strong he could hardly see a few feet ahead of him.

Suddenly, he saw a car slowly coming towards him and stopped.

John, desperate for shelter and without thinking about it, got into the car and closed the door... Only to realize there was nobody behind the wheel and the engine wasn't on.. The car started moving slowly. John looked at the road ahead and saw a curve approaching. Scared, he started to pray, begging for his life. Then, just before the car hit the curve, a hand appeared out of nowhere through the window, and turned the wheel. John, paralyzed with terror, watched as the hand came through the window, but never touched or harmed him.

Shortly thereafter, John saw the lights of a pub appear down the road, so, gathering strength; he jumped out of the car and ran to it. Wet and out of breath, he rushed inside and started telling everybody about the horrible experience he had just had.

A silence enveloped the pub when everybody realized he was crying... And wasn't drunk.

Suddenly, the door opened, and two other people walked in from the dark and stormy night. They, like John, were also soaked and out of breath. Looking around, and seeing John Bradford sobbing at the bar, one said to the other...

Look Paddy....there's that idiot that got in the car while we were pushing it!!!

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### UK News

You may have read the recent scandal that burgers sold in Tesco and other UK stores have been found to contain horse meat.

So.....

- Checked my Tesco burgers in the fridge ... and they're off!
- Sat here reading the label on these Tesco burgers and it turns out they are fairly low in fat but surprisingly high in Shergar.
- Traces of zebras found in Tesco bar codes.?
- Just been to Tesco and bought a bottle of Bacardi, a bottle of Lambs and some burgers. So that's white rum, Navy rum and Red Rum.
- Had a Tesco beef burger for lunch today. After I'd finished it, I found I had a bit between my teeth.

### 2013 Board of Directors

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- HMV vouchers are now being accepted at Tesco. Just tell them HMV means horse meat voucher.
- A Tesco burger walks into a bar "Pint please". "I can't hear you" says the barman. "Sorry" replies the burger "I'm a little horse".
- Tesco have just sacked their meat buyer. They are looking for someone to take over the reins. But nobody wants to be saddled with the responsibility.
- Went to a Tesco cafe for my dinner, the waitress said "Do you want anything on your burger?" So I had a Fiver each way.
- I wanted a burger with fries but that would stirrup trouble.
- I'm so hungry, I could eat a horse..... I guess Tesco just listened!
- Anyone want a burger from Tesco? Yay or neigh?
- Not entirely sure how Tesco are going to get over this hurdle.
- Said to the missus, "These Tesco burgers give me the trots."
- "To beef or not to beef, that is equestrian".....(This one is particularly clever)
- A cow walks into a bar. The barman says, "Why the long face?"  
Cow says "Illegal ingredients, coming over here stealing our jobs!"
- I hear the smaller version of those Tesco burgers make great horse d'oeuvres.
- These Tesco burger jokes are going on a bit. Talk about flogging a dead horse!
- The mane course was Filly Mignon.
- Cartchuterie—sausages and cured meats made from a cart-horse.
- Assiette—a plate with the finest cuts of donkey.



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**Précised Minutes of the  
Sarasota British Club Board Meeting of February 7th, 2013**

**M**eeting was held in the home of Sue and Roy Ford. Membership stands at 233 of which 31 are single memberships. An on-line membership application/renewal feature will be considered in the on-going revamp of the club website. It was agreed that a password control measure would be implemented to safeguard the membership list. The treasury balance stands at \$8005 after posting income and expenses for the recent Christmas and President 's Parties and the upcoming Movie Night on March 16 at the Lakewood Ranch Cinema. The 2012 charitable gift check of \$1500 has been cut and is awaiting suitable presentation to the Southeastern Guide Dogs in Bradenton. Forty-one members and guests attended the President's Party that was a lively, dance filled affair at Lakewood Ranch. Fifteen members have signed up for the Spanish Point Museum tour on February 20 and 40 of the 50 available bus seats to Tampa Downs on April 20 are spoken for. A subcommittee of board members will be formed to layout the budget for the coming year and advise the Board by April as to the appropriate reserve funding levels that should be maintained by the club. The four-member subcommittee will also recommend club-subsidized member giveback activities for Board consideration. Preliminary Event Chair assignments were agreed upon to begin the fleshing out of the calendar of events for the remainder of the year. The March SBC Board meeting will be held at Brian and Jane Thompson's home at 11710 Strandhill Court, in Sarasota at 6:30pm..

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**JOKE**

A woman in a supermarket is following a grandfather and his badly behaved 3 year-old grandson. It's obvious to her that he has his hands full with the child screaming for sweets in the sweet aisle, biscuits in the biscuit aisle; and for fruit, cereal and soda in the other aisles.

Meanwhile, Granddad is working his way around, saying in a controlled voice,

"Easy, William, we won't be long, easy, boy."

Another outburst, and she hears the granddad calmly say, "It's okay, William, just a couple more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there, boy."

At the checkout, the little terror is throwing items out of the cart, and Granddad says again in a controlled voice, "William, William, relax buddy, don't get upset. We'll be home in five minutes; stay cool, William."

Very impressed, the woman goes outside where the grandfather is loading his groceries and the boy into the car.

She said to the elderly gentleman, "It's none of my business, but you were amazing in there. I don't know how you did it. That whole time, you kept your composure, and no matter how loud and disruptive he got, you just calmly kept saying things would be okay. William is very lucky to have you as his grandpa."

"Thanks," said the grandfather, "but I'm William -- the little \*\*\*\*'s name is Kevin."

**B****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.



**D**on'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'.

Photos from the February trip to Historic Spanish Point are the latest addition.



**Historic Spanish Point Trip—February 20th**



## JOKES

A Lancashire joke is as follows, "A family from Wigan go on holiday to Benidorm and order some food. The father thinking his pie is lacking in gravy calls the waiter over saying " 'ast tha Bisto fort pah?" and the waiter says in a southern English accent, "I'm sorry, mate, I don't speak Spanish."

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The wife's back on the warpath again. She was up for making a sex movie last night, and all I did was suggest we should hold auditions for her part.

I spent a couple of hours defrosting the fridge last night, or "foreplay" as she likes to call it.

I woke up this morning at 8, and could smell something was wrong. I got downstairs and found the wife face down on the kitchen floor, not breathing! I panicked. I didn't know what to do. Then I remembered McDonald's serves breakfast until 11:30.

Bought the missus a hamster-skin coat last week. Took her to the fair last night, and it took me 3 hours to get her off the Ferris wheel.

The other night, my wife asked me how many women I'd slept with. I told her, "Only you. All the others kept me awake all night!"

My missus packed my bags, and as I walked out the front door, she screamed, "I wish you a slow and painful death, you bastard!" "Oh," I replied, "so now you want me to stay!"

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Lady: Do you drink?

Man: Yes

Lady: How much a day?

Man: 3 six packs

Lady: How much does a six pack cost?

Man: About \$10.00

Lady: And how long have you been drinking?

Man: 15 years

Lady: So 1 six pack cost \$10.00 and you have 3 six packs a day which puts your spending each month at \$900. In one year, it would be \$10,800 correct?

Man: Correct

Lady: If in 1 year you spend \$10,800 not accounting for inflation, the past 15 years puts your spending at \$162,000 correct?

Man: Correct

Lady: Do you know that if you hadn't drank, that money could have been put in a step-up interest savings account and after accounting for compound interest for the past 15 years, you could have now bought a Ferrari?

Man: Do you drink?

Lady: No

Man: Where's your Ferrari?

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## INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS

—Joyce and Neville Crumpton

**N**eville and I are English and Scottish which seems to be the important part, or is it that we are expats - not sure. We have 5 children between us; although our eldest James (24) sports physiologist, Heather (21) Worcs. University student and Jordan (20) estate agent, would probably not like to be referred to as children. Our youngest, Hyasha (13) cheerleader, and Ben (11) comp soccer player, are here with us in Florida, Rotonda West, the elder children are back home in South Staffordshire, England.



We have been traveling back and forth to Florida since 1989, and married in Dunedin and finally decided to build a holiday home in 2002, and eventually moving here full time in 2008, (it had to be cheaper than traveling back and forth with 5 children five times a year!) We invested in a company in the Tampa area, Auto Injury Clinics which Neville markets, he travels the I-75 several times a week. Then, last year, I started my own business American Metal Signs, [www.theamericanmetalsigncompany.com](http://www.theamericanmetalsigncompany.com) Nostalgic Signs, that are made in Yorkshire.. You know the 'Ah Bisto', 'Fabulous Cream Teas' and 'Keep Calm & Eat Cupcakes'. (see one example below) My younger sister, Alison, lives in Sarasota with her husband, who works at The Hyatt, and my 3 nieces, who are just beginning school. We all enjoy the Gulf Coast beaches and waterways.

We hope to see you all soon, and look forward to the upcoming SBC events.

*Joyce Crumpton*



MONEYCORP CURRENCY UPDATE dated 28th February.

### **British Pound takes 'a pound'...**

**T**he Pound's poor start to 2013 continued through February. Since the beginning of the year the Pound has lost over 6% against the Euro and the US Dollar making it the worst performing currency this year. The GBP/USD rate recently hit its lowest rate since June 2010.

It appears that the Bank of England and Government are more than happy to have a low Pound at present, assuming they are hoping this will lead to a rise in the output of exports of goods and services which gives us an outside chance of avoiding the 'triple dip' recession.

Outgoing Bank of England Governor Mervyn King wanted the bank to increase its QE program during the latest Monetary Policy Committee meeting but was outvoted 6-3 from its current amount of £375bn. However, the general consensus is for further QE around the corner which could continue to affect the Pound.

No doubt confidence in the Pound has been sapped over the last few months - the threat of a triple dip recession and Prime Minister David Cameron's recent announcement that a referendum would help decide the UK's future participation in the EU have weighed on the minds of investors in the Pound. Recent news of UK losing its AAA rating with credit agency Moody's has further cast a grim short term outlook on the currency.

The same can't be said for the US Dollar however. Since the complicated matter of the Fiscal Cliff being resolved at the end of 2012, the Dollar has not looked back since.

The Greenback has been supported by positive tones from Washington regarding the economy and backed up with supportive data. There has also been talk that US's own QE program may come to an end sooner than expected.

In other news out of the States, The National Association of Realtors said on Thursday 22nd Feb that existing home sales rose 0.4% last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.92 million units. However, the supply was left at a 13 year low. The nation's inventory of existing homes for sale, fell 4.9% from December to 1.74 million, the lowest level since December 1999.

The Euro suffered a mid-month hit as growth figures from German, French, Italian and the Eurozone as a whole dropped far more sharply than anticipated. The European Central bank

President Mario Draghi has again stated that stabilizing the bank system in Europe will lead to a bright future for the single currency.

Also in the news during February was that the Eurozone will not return to growth until 2014, the European commission said recently, reversing its prediction for an end to recession this year and blaming a lack of bank lending and record joblessness for delaying the recovery.

According to reports, the Eurozone will shrink 0.3% in 2013, the commission said, meaning the Eurozone will remain in its second recession since 2009 for a year longer than originally foreseen.

**As a member of Sarasota British Club – you get free transfers using Moneycorp, a saving of £15 per payment.**

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### **FLORIDA STANDARD**

**T**he online magazine for Brits has some local news in its current edition.

There is an article about the director of Sarasota's Ballet who is Iain Webb, a Yorkshireman from Scarborough. Also there is a feature about Sarasota Cricket Club.

**See <http://www.thefloridastandard.com/>**



**PAWS FOR PATRIOTS**  
**Freedom and Independence**

Southeastern Guide Dogs  
Training Center and Dog Boutique  
1618 Main Street, Sarasota FL 34236  
(Near intersection of Main Street and Orange Avenue)  
Date: Monday, April 8, 2013  
Time: 11:00 am

Dear Members:

I'm happy to be able to tell you that because of your support, the Club at its December 2012 board meeting voted to donate \$1,500 to the Southeastern Guide Dogs Paws for Patriots program. This program pairs highly trained guide dogs with visually impaired veterans. Veterans live and learn on the campus in Palmetto and they receive lifetime follow-up and support. The program also places exceptional dogs not suitable for guide work into careers benefiting veterans who suffer from Post Traumatic Stress. Gaining confidence from these dogs, veterans expand their lives, regain mobility and independence and re-integrate into their communities.

The Paws for Patriots programs serve active duty soldiers and retired servicemen and women with the respect and dignity they deserve.

This gift will be made to the Paws for Patriots program on Monday, April 8 (see also Page 1).

You are warmly invited to join in this presentation followed by lunch (if you wish and at your own expense). Eileen Schuler is our event coordinator. Eileen's email is [emkbentley@gmail.com](mailto:emkbentley@gmail.com) and phone 753-4589. Please let her know by March 31<sup>st</sup> if you can attend and if you will be joining us for lunch.

Heartfelt thanks to all members for attending Club events and making this donation possible.

*Eileen Schuler, 2012 Club Treasurer*

**Locations to Hold Our Events**

**W**e put out a call to all members who could offer their clubhouse as a location for 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 Steve Adams ( with suitable dates and locations. Thank you for your support.



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