



BritClub News

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Coming Events

The SBC Board Meeting will be held on Thursday **May 14th** at the Village des Pins, 7964 Timberwood Circle Sarasota @ 6:30pm. Members welcome.

CURRY NIGHT—**Saturday May 2nd at 7pm** at the India Palace, 1551 Main Street, Sarasota.
THE RESERVATION HAS BEEN MADE.

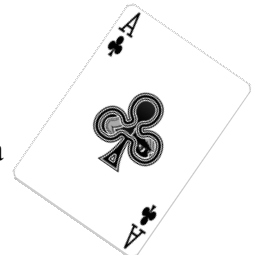


MEMORIAL DAY AT ARCADIA. See Page 3

COMEDY NIGHT SEE PAGE 4
Saturday May 30th at 7:00 pm for 'The World Series of Comedy' at McCurdy's Comedy Theater, 1923 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota



GAMES NIGHT SEE PAGE 5
Saturday June 13, 6:00 pm
At Village des Pins clubhouse, (aka Timberwoods), 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota



COCKTAIL PARTY ON SUNDAY JULY 12 at Kona Grill, The Mall at University Town Center. Please join us for mix & mingle cocktails 5pm - 7pm. Full details next month.
Jane & Brian Thompson lakewood2@gmail.com

SBC MONTHLY LUNCHEES, 3rd Friday of each month, 12:30pm Contact information below.

When May 15th, Time 1130am

Where Crows Nest in Venice

Address 1968 Tarpon Center Drive, Venice, FL 34285

Website <http://www.crowsnest-venice.com>

Who to reserve place with- Barry Evans [941-993-9752](tel:941-993-9752)



President's Letter

Our President, Gary Lee, is away on vacation this month. His column will resume on his return.



Normal service will resume as soon as possible.

“Disciplining yourself to do what you know is right and important, although difficult, is the highroad to pride, self-esteem, and personal satisfaction.”

— *Margaret Thatcher*

Know What's Around You

In August of last year we went public with our Club's new website designed with a fresh focus on welcoming potential new members. We asked at the time that current members take a peek and become familiar with our message and then share it with those who might be interested in joining our Club. As our cadre of members is now being renewed during our current membership drive, we invite you again to visit the site so you can be an up-to-date ambassador for the Club. As an enticement, we offer you a new Menu Page found at <http://www.sarasotabritishclub.com/links> There you will find a lengthy array of very local contacts under the headings of General Info, Social and Sports/Recreational. The total of 25 links in all also includes several for British Nostalgia buffs. Some of those are local too.

Have fun expanding your horizons around you! ... And pass the word!

Mark Malkasian, Web Liaison

Wisconsin Cauliflower-Cheddar Soup

I know this isn't an English recipe but it is one of my favourites, based on my 20 years living in Wisconsin, it's a nice comfort food.



- 2 Tbsp butter
- 1 medium onion peeled and chopped
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 cups milk
- 2 cups chicken stock/broth
- 1 head cauliflower, cut in 1 inch pieces
- 1 tsp Colemans/Yellow mustard
- 1 cup grated Cheddar cheese

Melt butter, add the onion and cook on medium until golden, about 10 minutes, stir in the flour, and gradually add the milk, broth, and 1 cup water, stirring all the time until smooth (If there are lumps use a whisk to smooth out). Add the cauliflower, heat to boiling then lower heat and simmer until cooked about 10-15 minutes, add the cheese and stir until melted.

Yield 8 servings

Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Union Jack Food Columnist.(I welcome comments, requests and recipes, and can be reached at Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com)

Memorial Day, Monday May 25th
MARCADIA AND THE ROYAL AIR FORCE
CONNECTION

Each year on Memorial Day a service coordinated by the Arcadia Rotary Club and the local American Legion is held to honor 23 RAF trainee pilots and their American instructor who were killed training at nearby Carlstrom and Riddle flight schools during WWII.



Well over one hundred people, many of whom bring floral tributes, congregate at the beautifully maintained British Plot in the Oak Ridge Cemetery.

The one hour service, starting at 10:00 a.m. at which the Sarasota British Club is always represented, is dignified and moving. The Union Flag and RAF flags fluttering overhead add a further touch of Britain to the proceedings.

We urge you to attend the ceremony this Memorial Day, 25th May to honor our countrymen who gave their lives for us. On the way home we generally stop off for a light lunch.

Directions: Go east on SR 70 (from Bradenton) or SR 72 (from Sarasota) for about 35 miles. Follow signs to Arcadia. As you enter the town on SR 70 the road forks.....take the left fork (Oak Street) to Lee and turn left (there's a bit of a right/left jog in the road at Whidden Street) till the road stops. Turn left and follow that road into Oak Ridge Cemetery. Drive straight on and look for the Union Flag flying over the plot.

Bring lawn chairs as seating is often limited. Also you may want to bring an umbrella for shade.

Exchange Rates from Moneycorp—April 24th 2015.

From	To	Rate
 GBP	 USD	1.5116

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'.



Transportation to Club Events

The Board has designated Mark Malkasian as our Transportation Coordinator to assist those in need of rides to Club events. Mark is hoping to create a small pool of member volunteers willing to provide wheels to members. This is a call for volunteers to step forward to help. This also is a call to contact him if you are in need of transport to a particular event. He can be reached by email mark@armeng.com or phone (941-918-8360). Beware! He has a list of all the Club members and their zip codes so he's hoping you won't mind, when necessary, if he calls you to ask if you can assist a nearby member in getting to an event you are planning to attend. Thank you.



Did you know?

The 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 that member's life. Please let us know of such events. Contact Sandra Cherry, her details are on Page 7.

Saturday May 30th at 7:00 pm for

The World Series of Comedy at

McCurdy's Comedy Theater

1923 Ringling Blvd Sarasota

There are different comics every night in every show in one week. The comics will be traveling in from all over the United States and Canada. These are professional comics.

The World Series of Comedy travel around the North America holding comedy contests in order to find the best comic. The winner will win a trip to the Las Vegas Main Event in September.

The best thing is YOU GET TO VOTE during the shows helping McCurdy's pick a winner. The Audience get to vote and help the judges pick a winner.

Tickets are \$20 per person

I have booked 20 seats so first come-first served.

*****Please be aware that McCurdy's maintains a strict 2 drink (minimum) per person policy.*****

If you would like to have an early dinner at Mediterraneo (1970 Main St) beforehand please let me know and we can make reservations.

Please send your reservation and check to: Jane Jacobs
5449 Beneva Woods Way, Sarasota FL 34233

QUESTIONS? email jane60010@yahoo.com

Mobile #: 847-370-2811

Please return this slip with your check. (payable to Jane Jacobs)

Name(s)

Dinner?

YES

NO

Today's Life Lessons and a Moral

Robbers entered a bank in a small town.

One of them shouted: "Don't move! The money belongs to the bank. Your lives belong to you."

Immediately all the people in the bank lay on the floor quietly and without panic.

This is an example of how the correct wording of a sentence can make everyone change their view of the world.

One woman lay on the floor in a provocative manner.

The robber approached her saying, "Ma'am, this is a robbery not a rape. Please behave accordingly."

This is an example of how to behave professionally, and focus on the goal.

While running from the bank the youngest robber (who had a college degree) said to the oldest robber (who had barely finished elementary school): "Hey, maybe we should count how much we stole?"

The older man replied: "Don't be stupid. It's a lot of money so let's wait for the news on TV to find out how much money was taken from the bank."

This is an example of how life experience is more important than a degree.

After the robbery, the manager of the bank said to his accountant:

"Let's call the cops and tell them how much has been stolen."

"Wait", said the Accountant, "before we do that, let's add the £1,800,000 we took for ourselves a few months ago and just say that it was stolen as part of today's robbery."

This is an example of taking advantage of an opportunity.

The following day it was reported in the news that the bank was robbed of £2,8 million.

The robbers then counted the money, but they found only £1 million so they started to grumble.

"We risked our lives for £1 million, while the bank's management robbed £1,8 million without blinking? Maybe its better to learn how to work the system, instead of being a simple robber."

This is an example of how knowledge can be more useful than power.

The Moral : Give a person a gun, and he can rob a bank. Give a person a bank, and he can rob everyone.



2ND ANNUAL BRIT CLUB GAMES NIGHT



SATURDAY JUNE 13, 6:00 PM
AT
VILLAGE DES PINS CLUBHOUSE
(AKA TIMBERWOODS)
7964 TIMBERWOOD CIRCLE
SARASOTA

WE WILL *DAZZLE* YOU WITH
HIGHLY ENTERTAINING GAMES FOR
THE PRINCELY SUM OF **\$10:00**. INCLUDES:

GAMING TOKENS
MAIN COURSE
SOFT DRINKS
PRIZE(S) AND PERHAPS SURPRISES!!

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE
APPETIZER, VEGETABLE OR DESSERT AND BYOB.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECKS
MADE OUT TO SARASOTA BRITISH CLUB TO
JANE JACOBS
5449 BENEVA WOODS WAY
SARASOTA, FL 34233

QUESTIONS? JANE60010@YAHOO.COM (BEST METHOD)
OR CALL MY MOBILE 847-370-2811

**Timberwood Circle is off Beneva Road (east side)
one light north of Sarasota Square Mall opposite 'The Fountains'
Enter development, take the 1st left and the clubhouse is on the left.
Please consider carpooling as parking space is limited.**

JOKE

Bob Hill and his new wife, Betty, are vacationing in Europe, Near Transylvania . They drive in a rental car along a rather deserted highway. It is late, raining very hard and Bob can barely see the road in front of the car. Suddenly, the car skids out of control. Bob attempts to control it, but to no avail. The car swerves and smashes into a tree.

Moments later, Bob shakes his head to clear the fog. Dazed, he looks over at the passenger seat and sees Betty unconscious, with her head bleeding. Despite the rain and unfamiliar countryside,

Bob knows he has to get her medical assistance. He carefully picks her up and begins trudging down the road. After a short while, he sees a light and heads towards it, which is coming from a large, old house. He approaches the door and knocks.

A small, hunched man opens the door.

Bob blurts, "Hello, my name is Bob Hill and this is my wife Betty. We've been in a terrible accident, and my wife has been seriously hurt. Can I please use your phone?"

"I'm sorry," replies the hunchback, "but we don't have a phone. My master is a doctor. Come in, and I will get him." Bob brings his wife in.

An older man comes down the stairs. "I'm afraid my assistant may have misled you. I am not a medical doctor; I am a scientist. However, it is many miles to the nearest clinic, and I have had some basic medical training. I will see what I can do. Igor, bring them down to the laboratory."

With that, Igor picks up Betty and carries her downstairs, with Bob following closely. Igor places Betty on a table in the lab. Bob collapses from exhaustion and his own injuries, so Igor places Bob on an adjoining table.

After a brief examination, Igor's master looks worried.

"Things are serious, Igor. Prepare a transfusion."

Igor and his master work feverishly, but to no avail.

Bob and Betty Hill are no more.

The Hills' deaths upsets Igor's master greatly.

Wearily, he climbs the steps to his conservatory, which houses his grand piano. It is here that he has always found solace and he begins to play.

A stirring, almost haunting melody fills the house.

Meanwhile, Igor is still in the lab tidying up.

His eyes catch movement, and he notices the fingers on Betty's hand twitch, keeping time to the haunting piano music. Stunned, he watches as Bob's arm begins to rise, marking the beat. He is further amazed as Betty and Bob both sit up straight!

Unable to contain himself, he dashes up the stairs to the conservatory. He bursts in and shouts to his master:

"Master, Master!

The Hills are alive with the sound of music!"

English Eccentrics

The boundary between an eccentric and a fraudster could be a bit 'fuzzy', in the case of Princess Caraboo it is closer to fraudster.

She was born in 1791 in Witheridge, Devonshire, and was found one day wearing exotic clothes and speaking an incomprehensible language, and she claimed to be Princess Caraboo from the far off island kingdom of Javasu in the Indian Ocean. She claimed that she had been captured by pirates and after a long voyage she had jumped overboard in the Bristol Channel and swum ashore. She acquired exotic clothing and her portrait was painted and reproduced in local newspapers and she became a favourite of local dignitaries. Someone recognised her picture and identified her as a cobbler's daughter, Mary Baker (née Willcocks) after she'd fooled a British town for some months.

A USA connection.

Her hosts arranged for her to travel to Philadelphia in 1817 where she toured theatres somewhat unsuccessfully and returned to England in 1824.

The hoax provided material for a script, filmed in 1994, 'Princess Caraboo', written by Michael Austin and John Wells, which added some fictional elements to the story.

Source: Wikipedia

Thanks to Maggie Hughes for the idea.



"Princess Caraboo" Drawn and engraved by N. Branwhite "Illustration facing page 44, Devonshire Characters and Strange Events" Title: Devonshire characters and strange events Baring-Gould, S (1908) Licensed under Public Domain via Wikimedia Commons

JOKES (Daily Mirror Top 20 Jokes from 2010)

1. A woman gets on a bus with her baby. The driver says: "Ugh, that's the ugliest baby I've ever seen!" The woman walks to the rear of the bus and sits down, fuming. She says to the man next to her: "The driver just insulted me!" The man says: "You go up there and tell him off. Go on, I'll hold your monkey for you."
2. I went to the zoo the other day. There was only a dog in it. It was a shihtzu.
3. Dyslexic man walks into a bra.
4. A young blonde woman fears her husband is having an affair, so she goes to a shop and buys a handgun. The next day she comes home to find her husband in bed with a beautiful redhead. She grabs the gun and holds it to her head. The husband jumps out of bed, begging and pleading with her not to shoot herself. The hysterical blonde tells her husband: "Shut up ... you're next!"
5. A classic Tommy Cooper gag: "I said to the gym teacher: 'Can you teach me to do the splits?' He said: 'How flexible are you?'
I said: 'I can't make Tuesdays.'"
6. Police arrested two kids yesterday, one was drinking battery acid, the other was eating fireworks. They charged one and let the other off.
7. Two aerals get married. The ceremony was rubbish but the reception was brilliant.
8. "Doc, I can't stop singing The Green, Green Grass of Home.
He said: 'That sounds like Tom Jones syndrome.'
'Is it common?' I asked.
'It's not unusual' he replied.
9. I'm on a whiskey diet. I've lost three days already.
10. A man walks into a bar with a roll of Tarmac under his arm and says: "Pint please... and one for the road."
11. I went to the doctor the other day and said: "Have you got anything for wind?" So he gave me a kite.
12. My mother-in-law fell down a wishing well. I was amazed, I never knew they worked.
13. I saw this bloke chatting up a cheetah. I thought: "He's trying to pull a fast one."
14. A woman has twins, and gives them up for adoption. One goes to a family in Egypt and is named "Amal". The other goes to a family in Spain, who name him "Juan". Years later Juan sends a picture of himself to his mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she

wished she also had a picture of Amal. Her husband responds: "They're twins. If you've seen Juan, you've seen Amal."

15. Two fish in a tank. One says: "How do you drive this thing?"
16. I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.
17. When Susan's boyfriend proposed she said: "I love the simple things in life, but I don't want one of them as a husband".
18. My therapist says I have a preoccupation with vengeance.
We'll see about that.
19. I rang up BT and said: "I want to report a nuisance caller."
The operator said: "Not you again."
20. I met a Dutch girl with inflatable shoes last week. I rang her up to arrange a date, but unfortunately she'd popped her clogs.

Precis of the April Board Meeting.

Board meeting held Apr 9th; Current Treasurer's Balance \$4,832.49; Membership renewals to date on track to be the same as last year; Director at Large position will become vacant in July; Linger Lodge lunch was well attended and enjoyed by all; Cynthia Crawford talk was very interesting; Upcoming events include: Horse Racing/Tampa Downs Trip on Apr 12th; April monthly lunch on Apr 17th at Mattison's Forty-One in Sarasota; Lipizzan Stallions trip on Apr 23rd; Curry Night at India Palace on May 2nd; May monthly lunch on May 15th at the Crow's Nest in Venice; McCurdy's Comedy Club evening on May 30th; Games Night at Village des Pins Clubhouse on June 13th; SBC Cocktail Party at Kona Grill on July 12th; SBC 15th Anniversary dinner evening on Oct 11th; Next Board meeting to be at Village des Pins Clubhouse, May 14th. (Submitted by Maggie Hughes, Secretary)

2015 Board of Directors

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Some photos from the 17th April lunch at Mattison's — courtesy of Doug Schuler.



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