

Brit Club News

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Coming Events

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Brunch at The Hilton Hotel – Let's party at The Hilton on Long Boat Key. For those of you who haven't been there, lunch (starting at \$7.99) is served on a wooden deck overlooking the pool and beach (bring along your swimming costume!!). There are shaded umbrellas and large trees to sit under or you can eat inside – the choice is yours. The Tiki Bar is open from 11 a.m. Hope to see you there!!

May 31

Memorial Day Service – at the British Plot in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Arcadia. In the process of training Royal Air Force cadets to fly at the Riddle schools in Arcadia and Clewiston during WWII, 23 men were killed. These young men, with their instructor, John Paul Riddle, are now buried in a specially designated area in the southwest corner of the cemetery considered British soil at Oak Ridge Cemetery. You will know it by the presence of the British Union Jack on a pole nearby. The service, sponsored by the Arcadia Rotary Club is held at 10:00 a.m. to honor these brave men and their instructor. To reach Oak Ridge Cemetery, travel north on Lee Avenue from State Route 70 in Arcadia. The entrance to the cemetery is at the intersection of Lee Avenue and Livingston Street.



September 10

Spanish Barbecue at the Banana Bay Club – Owners David and Gina Warren have offered their Banana Bay Club to us for a

Spanish Barbecue. More info about the event will be in a later newsletter, but not the date – Friday, the 10th of September – and mark it on your calendar now. The Banana Bay Club is located on Midnight Pass Road on Siesta Key.



New Members

A warm welcome to new members from Sarasota:

Susan Robinson

Richard & Margaret Fellows

Louise Davy

Jan Booth

Joan Whitfield

Joan & Brad Forsberg

Kathleen & David Mitchell

Jean Turk

Marlene Bryda

Regina Burdett

In Sympathy



Our sympathy goes out to member, Sue James, on the recent passing of her mother.

A Belated Happy Birthday

A belated happy birthday wish goes out to Sandra Cherry. Sandra celebrated her 60th birthday on a cruise with seventeen of her friends and we hear they all had a wonderful time! Best wishes, Sandra!!

Recapping...

Oh, what a grand day the Polo match was and so many of you attended! What a great bunch of folks. Our canopy could be seen for miles with its red, white and blue Union Jacks flying in the wind. We had some wonderful photos on display at the recent Wine and Wisdom evening.

We had a fun day at our Boot Fair. To those of you who turned out to sell, thank you for taking part. And to those of you who came to buy, we bet you're glad you did, as there were so many great items at giveaway prices! It was such a success that we're planning to do it again in October.



Asparagus Soup

It is thought that the Romans originally brought asparagus to Britain, but it has only been commercially produced the last 100 years or so. Here in the States though, we are able to get it year round, but right now it is in season. This soup is a tea room favourite, and is good served hot or nice as a chilled soup.

ASPARAGUS SOUP

12 oz. asparagus
3 cups chicken stock
(bouillon cubes are too salty for this recipe)
¼ cup butter
1 small chopped onion
3 Tbsp. flour
2 cups milk
6 Tbsp. heavy cream
Pepper
1 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice

Wash and trim asparagus and cut into 1 inch pieces. Place in large pot, and add chicken stock. Simmer about 20 minutes or until asparagus is cooked. Drain ,reserving the chicken stock

Sauté chopped onion in butter, add the flour, and gradually the reserved stock, stirring constantly until the sauce is smooth. Stir in the asparagus, seasoning and lemon juice, and simmer 30 minutes. Cool. Add milk, and process until smooth. Return to pot, add cream, and warm up gradually. (Do not boil as it will curdle with the cream.)

(Many of you are aware that we have the tea room and shop up for sale. It is a reluctant sale due to medical reasons, but it has been a wonderful chapter in my life. Thank you all for your support and we hope you will continue to support the new owners. We will keep you informed.)

Recipe from Sandra Cherry of Tastefully British

Important Member Info

We are in the process of putting together a member directory for the sole use of our members – great when you wish to call someone you met at one of our events or when you would like to find a British business or tradesman in the Sarasota area. If you have any objection to having your name, address and telephone listed in this directory, please contact anyone on the Board and tell them you'd like to opt out of the member directory.

Mah Jongg Anyone?

One of our members would like to know if there is interest in starting a Mah Jongg group. Her email address is bradjo2@msn.com or call Ann Doran at 486-0922.

Stan's Sports Spot



Soccer Arsenal took a few more steps to the Premier championship with a decisive 5-0 win over struggling Leeds, 4 goals coming from the Gunners Thierry Henry. Chelsea drew 0-0 with Everton and Man. Utd lost 1-0 to Portsmouth, to a Steve Stone goal. Celtic look certain to win the Scottish premier with rangers second, Hearts coming in third..

Cricket Brian Lara has set the highest score ever in Test cricket, hitting 400 not out in the fourth Test against England. Lara passed the previous best of 380 by Matthew Hayden and then declared after reaching the quadruple century. The Trinidadian left-hander faced 582 deliveries, hitting 43 fours and four sixes, setting a new mark just over two hours into the third day in Antigua. The feat came on the same ground where he hit a then record 375, also against England, in 1994. England won the first three in the series and drew the fourth.



Golf What a terrific finish to the Masters, who can say Phil Michelson does not deserve his victory ? Paul Casey and Justin Rose both believe the Masters can be an important step on the road to becoming major winners. Casey, who was joint third with a round to play, had to settle for a share of sixth place after a closing 74. "I handled the nerves very well," he said after his Masters debut: "I was nice and relaxed. This gives me a real taste for it. It's been fantastic." Rose, leader by two after the first and second rounds, recovered from his third round 81 with a 71 and finished 22nd.

The Boat Race Cambridge won a controversial 150th Boat Race on Sunday, bringing an end to two years of Oxford dominance. The Dark Blues started well, surging into a slight lead, only for Cambridge to pull back immediately. Oxford lost a length after both boats clashed on the Fulham bend and never looked likely to regain the ground, despite a brave effort. The Dark Blues appealed the result following the race, but Cambridge's victory was upheld by the race umpire.



F1 World champion Michael Schumacher has won the inaugural Bahrain Grand Prix to complete a clean sweep of the Formula One season's first three races. The world champion led home Rubens Barrichello for a Ferrari one-two, ahead of BAR's Jenson Button. Jarno Trulli was fourth followed by Takuma Sato and Fernando Alonso. Williams' Ralf Schumacher was seventh and Mark Webber eighth while Juan Pablo Montoya dropped from third to 13th in the closing stages.

Grand National Amberleigh House won the 2004 Grand National to give Red Rum trainer Ginger McCain a fairytale fourth victory in the world's most famous steeplechase. The 12-year-old struck on the run-in to deny 10-1 co-favourite Clan Royal by three lengths. Jockey Graham Lee, who rode Amberleigh House to finish third last year, timed his run to perfection to snatch victory in the 4m 4f marathon.

The answer to last month's trivia, Who scored the first goal in the first ever FA cup final played at the Millenium Stadium, Cardiff ? was of course Fredrik Ljunberg.

This month's Trivia question: Who in 1999 played in his fifth cup final of the nineties and picked up his third winner's medal ?

1) Roy Keanne

2) Gary Pallister

3) Denis Irwin

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Horoscope



“Gemini” – 20th June to 20th July

Ruling Planet Mercury

Element Air

Symbol “The Twins”

You may be feeling inspired to make some major changes in your home or apartment. If you have been feeling lazy of late, change is good and you are up for it. So get involved and really accomplish something that you can be very proud of. It wouldn't hurt to get the kids involved as well. On the 3rd of June, with the full moon being in Sagittarius, get ready to hear a few home truths that may make you sit up and take note. The new moon on the 17th of June is a Gemini moon, so things can get a little emotional.

God bless,

Sue Moonshine

Rose's Corner

Wow, I've never been to a Quiz Nite, so the Wine and Wisdom event was really something new for me. Had a great time and even won the case of wine (I guess that's beginner's luck??). The food was terrific, a beautiful spread – thanks to Sue Ford and her committee.

Please mail articles to me at Rose Gillet, 3219 24th Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34235, fax at 366-9248, call at 366-9984 or email me at rosegillet@yahoo.com. Closing date for the newsletter is the 15th of each month.



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