



BritClub News

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Coming Events

Board Meeting

May 2 – 6:00 p.m. at the home of Sandra Cherry, 2930 Williamsburg St., Sarasota. **MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!**

Eleven's Chin Wag

April 25 – This is a chance to sit and chat (or wag the chins) with other Brit Club members, as we used to do. We will meet the fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:30 to 12 noon at Tastefully British Tea Room, 2236 Gulf Gate Drive. Hostess Debbie Gypp will provide a beverage (at no charge) and optional scone and cream (for a nominal charge). This Eleven's group will be meeting monthly, so if you have a topic that might be of interest, let us know. Please RSVP Maureen Gold at 966-9421.

Boot Sale

May 7 – Clean out your closets and garages, pack up the Xmas gifts you didn't like, sort through all your books and videos, and head to Tastefully British in Gulf Gate for the Brit Club Car Boot Sale. It will be held from 10 am to 2 pm. Sunday breakfast is served at Tastefully British from 9:30 am for those who want to indulge themselves first (remember to make a reservation by calling 927-2612). Tastefully British will remain open to tempt you with their delicious scones or a good cup of English tea during and after the car boot sale.

We are joining forces again this year with the Car Club of Sarasota. The male members can come and view the beautiful vintage cars while their wives scour the car boot goods for sale. Please contact Sandra Cherry at 921-3162 if you wish to sell from your car. There is a \$5 charge per car to cover the cost of the ad, etc. Also, we will have a separate table for anything anyone would like to donate to the club to help raise money.

Scavenger Hunt

May 21 – Calling all scavengers!! Sarasota British Club will host its third Scavenger Hunt on Sunday, May 21 at 2:00 p.m. Starting point will be Tastefully British, 2236 Gulf Gate Drive; destination – unknown! Kath Curtin & Shona Burtner (with ever-willing husbands Ricardo and Roberto) are spearheading this event and promise an afternoon of fun and excitement. No-one knows where the mystery tour will end up,

but you can be assured that libations and food will be available (for you to purchase of course!). There will be prizes for the first couple of teams to arrive at the finishing point, in the shortest time with the most correct answers and bearing specific items. Cost for this wonderful event will be \$5 per car (to cover cost of prizes). We encourage everyone to come out for a fun afternoon.

Although we don't really need RSVPs, it would be helpful if we had an idea whether we were going to have 5 cars or 50, as we want to make sure we have enough sets of instructions. If you have any questions or want to RSVP, please call Shona at 925-0462.

RAF Memorial Day Service

May 29 – Mark your calendars now and save the date of Monday, 29th May for the RAF Memorial service at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Arcadia. The service begins at 10 AM. This year's celebration is very special – it is the Fiftieth Anniversary. If you've never been to this moving tribute to the 23 RAF men who lost their lives here while training during WWII, you owe it to yourself to attend this year. Complete info on page three!!

Celebrate Her Majesty's Birthday

June 17 – On Saturday 17th June at 6:00 pm, we will join our fellow Brits around the world for the official commemoration of Her Majesty's 80th birthday. We will meet at the Coach and Horses Pub at Lockwood Ridge and University Parkway for dinner and libations (on your own tick), a quiz (with prizes) and fun and frivolity. Please plan to attend, as a good time will be had by all.

Pubmaster Allan has prepared a special menu for us to choose from. If you are going to come, ring Nairn' Gillet at 321-9631 and leave a voice mail message so we can let the pub know how many to expect.

We're Planning Some Fun

Do you have a horse costume??? Or fancy 'doing a turn'??? We will be needing singers, actors, writers, sewers, scroungers and any other talent as needed, for a pantomime in January! Lots of behind the scenes work. Let us know if you have hidden talents to help us with this fun project.

Contact Andy Reeves at andysunkey@comcast.net (966-1343) or Sandra Cherry yourcuppatea1@yahoo.com (921-3162).

Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

From Our President

The April event was a lunch at the Hilton on Long Boat Key on April 23rd. We were on a patio overlooking the ocean. The weather was perfect with a nice breeze off the ocean. The 15 individuals who attended had a good time and the group did not break up until after 3pm. The car boot sale/vintage car club event is coming up on May 7. The perfect time for everyone to have a good clean out and get rid of all those things that have been accumulating, but never used. The Car Club of Sarasota is promising to bring along some interesting vintage cars for our viewing, so bring those husband's along, Ladies!

The scavenger hunt on May 21st will be an afternoon of fun. Don't miss it. Shona Burtner and Kathy Curtin (along with their husbands) have put a great deal of effort into this event and it promises to be very good time. Where everyone will end up is a closely guarded secret, but I am told everyone will be able to socialize, eat and drink. Sounds good to me!

I hate to sound like a broken record, but I still have dishes from the January party at my home. They must belong to someone. Please call me at 966-1240 to claim them.

We need volunteers to help organize social events for the last six months of the year. As you know, we have no social secretary on the board this year. A few board members have been stepping up to the plate to take on the planning of events, but we need someone to organize the bowling night for July, pot luck supper for August, a September event, Halloween party for October, and also the annual Christmas Party. I would hate to see events cancelled because we have nobody willing to organize them, so please call me at 966-1240 and get involved.

Glenys Oldham, President

Sticky Toffee Pudding

This recipe is usually a steamed pudding, however it isn't always easy to find suet nowadays, and I adapted a Delia Smith recipe using the baked method and it's just as tasty and easy to make. Hope you enjoy my version.

1 cup chopped dates
1 cup water
1 tsp. baking soda
1 stick (1/4 lb) butter (not margarine)
1/2 cup golden syrup (Lyles brand available at British shops. If unable to obtain, use 1/2 cup sugar or corn syrup)

3 eggs
2 1/2 cups all purpose flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 cup golden raisins
1 1/4 cup brown sugar
1 stick butter
3/4 cup heavy whipping cream

Combine dates and water in heavy saucepan. Bring to a boil and simmer five minutes, they will soften into a creamy texture. Remove from heat stir in the baking soda, and set aside.

Cream butter and sugar, add eggs one at a time and mix well. Stir in the flour and baking powder, and gently blend in the date mixture and raisins. Spread into a lightly greased 8-9 inch square baking pan, and bake in a 350 degree oven for about 20 minutes or until done when tested with a cake tester. Cool.

Mix the brown sugar, butter and cream in a saucepan and stir until it reaches simmering point. Pour sauce over the baked cake and make an even layer. Place under the grill/broiler 2-3 minutes (do not burn!). Cut into serving pieces and serve immediately with custard pouring sauce, or pouring cream. Yield 8 servings

Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Your Cup of Tea, yourcupoftea1@yahoo.com or www.yourcupoftea.info, and 'Union Jack' food columnist. I welcome any requests, recipes or comments)

Sarasota British Club

The primary purpose of the club is to serve the needs of its membership in the spirit of friendship and mutual support, which includes planning, developing and overseeing a social setting for the membership, in addition to assisting British newcomers in settling into the community and to provide networking and support to the British owned businesses in the community.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE CLUB? Please fill in the information below and send it with your check to:

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

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone No. _____ Alternate Phone No. _____

E-mail Address _____

Membership Type (please check one): Single \$25 Family \$35 (includes children up to age 18).

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Rose's Corner

Thanks for your kind thoughts and prayers on my behalf. I'm feeling much better now and recovering nicely. Hope to see you all at the Boot Sale – if you know me, you know I LOVE a bargain!!

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.

Remember the Lads of the RAF

During WWII, in process of training Royal Air Force cadets to fly at the Riddle schools in Arcadia and Clewiston, twenty-three men were killed. Of that number, two died at Carlstrom Field in Arcadia and the remainder while at the Riddle Field site near Clewiston. These young men, with their instructor John Paul Riddle, are now buried in a specially designated area of the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Arcadia. Located in the southwest area of the cemetery, these graves are set off by a 30' x 100' raised kerb and the presence of the British Union Jack on a pole nearby.

Each Memorial Day (29 May this year), the Arcadia Rotary Club conducts a commemorative service to honor these brave men and their instructor. This very moving event usually includes a military fly-over and a keynote address from the RAF Wing Commander stationed in Tampa. British, Scottish and Welsh societies from as far away as West Palm Beach and Naples attend, placing floral tributes on the gravesites. Her Majesty's government also usually provides a wreath.

The service takes place at 10:00 AM. As we are the closest British group to Arcadia, it would be nice if our presence was noticeable. An easy hour's drive east on Clark Road (State Road 72) will bring you to the intersection of SR 70. Turn right, and go about one mile. The road will fork – take the right fork, onto West Magnolia. The 4th street on your left is Lee Avenue. Turn left. Lee appears to dead-end at Whidden. Turn right and make a QUICK left, back onto Lee. The road will eventually bend to the left, and you will run right into the cemetery. Drive straight in some little ways, then turn left and look for the cars...and the Union Jack.

Dress comfortably, (it will be hot) and you may want to bring a lawn chair and ladies, a parasol. The earlier you arrive, the more likely you are to secure a seat under the canopy. Following the ceremony, we will adjourn to the Arcadia Elks' Lodge for libations and a bit of lunch. If you plan to attend, or have questions, please call Nairn' Gillet at 366-9984 *between 7 and 10 pm.*



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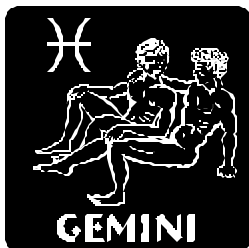
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Gemini

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June 21st

Oh my word, what a busy month you have ahead of you! You have worked your butt off to come to this point in your life. The last few years have brought you to the kind of lifestyle that you knew you would accomplish.

By keeping to your dreams and not allowing negative vibes to interfere with your accomplishments, you have pulled off a major triumph. Eight to ten years ago many of you went through a time of hardship and loss. Today you are benefiting from the lessons learned way back then. Nothing happens without a reason. Sometimes it is hard to understand WHY. Whether you realize it or not, today you are a better person for coming through that period.

If you feel a new car is within your finances, go for it. You have earned it. Don't, however, push the boat out if you have a few accounts that are still in need of settling.

Your future looks good; go out and enjoy. All work no play make Jack a very boring person to be around.

Enjoy life and may the angels always walk by your side.

Susan Moonstar

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For advertising, our rates are reasonable and such an ad not only supports the club by its revenue, but may bring you more business. Many of our members make a point of trying to support British businesses, especially ones where the owner is a member of the club. Please consider advertising your business in our newsletter. Newsletter advertising rates are as follows:

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