



BritClub News

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

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Coming Events

Board Meeting

May 7 – 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sandra Cherry, 2930 Williamsburg St., Sarasota. **MEMBERS ARE WELCOME, BUT PLEASE PHONE AHEAD AS SPACE IS LIMITED!**

Picnic at Twin Lakes Park

May 11 – Please join us Friday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Pavilion, Twin Lakes Park, Clark Road. There is ample parking, lighting and restrooms.



The club will provide the meat and sodas along with plates, napkins, cups, etc. We ask you please bring a dish to share and BYOB. **Please note no glass is allowed in the pavilion area.**

Cost is \$7.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members, no charge for children under 10 years old. RSVP to Kathy Curtin at 379-9861 or email at kathrmcurt@msn.com. by May 5th.

Memorial Day in Arcadia

May 28 – Please see page 3 for details on this very moving annual event in Arcadia, Florida.

Vineyard Tour & Luncheon

June 3 – Ciao Amici!! How would you like to travel to Tuscany, spend an afternoon in a rustic vineyard, taste a variety of wines, partake of a delicious luncheon and learn a little about the whole winemaking process in the bargain? Well, Italy might be too far away, but we have found a vineyard where we can do all of the above right in our own backyard.



We have reserved the Rosa Fiorelli Winery in Bradenton for the afternoon of Sunday, June 3^d from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. In a special covered pavilion amidst the vineyards, we will sample some 7 to 10 different locally produced wines, eat an Italian meal (buffet style) and learn about the delicate science of making wine. We will also get a chance to see the grapes just before they are harvested (mid-June) and tour the facility where the wine is actually made. This is a small, rustic winery which is owner-operated. If desired, wine can also be purchased to take home.



Reservations are a must for this event and the deadline for signing up is Saturday, May 19th. The cost is just \$25 per person, which includes the tour, lunch and wine tasting. We also get to keep our wine glass as a souvenir. If you are interested in a fun, interesting afternoon, please RSVP to Amy at 928-2580 or email to acrosshaw@verizon.net before May 19th. Checks must be mailed in advance to: Sarasota British Club, P.O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276. Upon receiving your check, we will contact you with directions to the vineyard. Arrivederci!!

Membership News

New member, Ann McArdle, moved to Sarasota in October 2005, after spending the first years of her life in New England, primarily Massachusetts. She grew up in Lexington, site of "the shot heard round the world," the first battle of the American Revolutionary War. Ann has visited England, Scotland and Wales on business and pleasure, and is starving for a return visit to England. Ann is vice president for business development at Easter Seals Southwest Florida and is anxious to win the Florida Lottery as soon as possible.

Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

From Our President

Her Majesty's birthday and St. George's Day have come and gone, and I'd like to thank the many dozens who attended our soiree at the Coach and Horses. From the comments I've heard, it seems that everyone had a great time. I'd like to thank Sheila Jackson of Scots Corner, Morton's Market, Sandra and Jack Cherry, Shona and Bob Burtner, Amy and James Croshaw and Alan from Coach and Horses for their kind donations of raffle and quiz prizes.

During May, we have two events and I hope to see many of you at one or, preferably, both. There's the picnic in Twin Lakes Park and the Memorial Day ceremony in Arcadia...details of both are contained in this issue. Also, reservations are filling up for June's winery tour and luncheon, so be sure to get your name on the list soon, if you plan to attend.

The business group is underway: if you own a business, you should check out this resuscitated arm of the Brit Club. My thanks to all who have worked so diligently to bring back this aspect of our Club's life.

Finally, if you've received a dues notice and haven't yet sent your cheque, please do so as soon as you can. We'd hate to stop mailing you the newsletter – it's your primary method of knowing what's coming up in your club. Until next month...

Cheers!
Nairn' B. Gillet, President

Do You Own Your Own Business?

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:

Business Card size.....	\$10.00	Half Page.....	\$25.00
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There is a 20% discount if you purchase your advertisements annually. All ads must be paid for in advance. Please send your camera-ready advertisements by the 15th of the month to the newsletter editor, Rose Gillet, at 3219 24th Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34235 or email them to her at rosegillet@yahoo.com.

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:

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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).

April 2nd Minutes Précis

Renewals are coming in, current treasures balance \$2,342.04. Current membership count 147 members. Scottish Games booth went well with a lot of interest from new people. Next event April 21st St. George's day/Queen's birthday at the Coach and Horses. Discussing a picnic in May. British Business Club in the planning with first meeting scheduled for May 15th. UJ/Stars & Stripes pins available for sale, will give one to each new member. Reminder of Arcadia Memorial Day service for RAF trainees. Web site doing well. Next meeting May 7th at Sandra Cherry's home, all welcome but due to space limitations need to know ahead of count.

The Arcadian Experience

Arcadia, as any student of world civilizations will tell you, was a district of ancient Greece. The area was isolated from the coast, surrounded on all sides by high mountains. Arcadians lived a simple life -- almost pastoral -- untouched by the progress that marked the rest of Greece at the time. The name Arcadia thus came to be a symbol of ideal simplicity, rural beauty, and contentment.

Mention Arcadia to local residents, however, and thoughts turn to a small hamlet some distance east of us, rodeos, country life. Having spent some time in Arcadia, it seems evident to me that the town's founding fathers clearly had the Grecian counterpart in mind when they named the area.

There's an overwhelming sense of serenity as one approaches the town, owing in part to the beauty of the countryside and the friendliness of the people. How apropos, then, that Arcadia should also serve as the final resting spot for twenty-three members of Her Majesty's Royal Air Force killed during training exercises on our shores during World War II.

Each year on Memorial Day the Arcadian Rotary and the local American Legion honor the memory of those 23 courageous young men and their American instructor who so innocently perished while training to defend their homeland. Well over 100 people attend this around the world are delivered to cemetery. Wreaths come from the Canadian Government, as organizations including British, from Clearwater to Naples.

I have had the honour to the last ten years or so. From sonorous calling of the names of delivered by many including a the Arcadia Memorial is an

Too often, many of us "baby-boomer" generation) view work, perhaps a day for a picnic Arcadia will quickly put into the day. One cannot help being once extraordinarily moving, and uplifting.

I urge as many of you as possible to attend the ceremony this Memorial Day, 28 May. It begins at 10:00 AM in the British Plot in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Arcadia. It would be wonderful to see a strong gathering of members present to honor those who so selflessly gave their lives. Two bits of advice: dress comfortably (it gets hot in the sunshine), and bring a folding lawn chair (seating is at a premium). See you in Arcadia. – Nairn'

Directions to Arcadia: Go east on State Road 70 (from Bradenton) or State Road 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. Stay on Lee (there's bit of a right-left jog in the road at Whidden Street) till the road stops. Turn left and follow that road into the cemetery. Drive straight back and look for the Union Jack flying over the British Plot.



event, and floral tributes from the small plot in the local Her Majesty's Government and well as many local and regional Scottish and Welsh societies

participate in this ceremony for the mournful jet flyover to the the late flyers, to the tributes Wing Commander from the RAF, annual function not to be missed. (especially those of us of the Memorial Day as a day off from or a trip to the beach. A trip to perspective the true purpose of touched by the service. It is at saddening, thought-provoking

Pimms Punch

During the recent Highland Games one of Amy Croshaw's Pimms Punch. Not including our for more!! Pimms is now only available in one stores. I have made this as a punch for events, version!

Mix together in large pitcher 1 part Pimms slice of lemon, 2 slices of strawberry, 1 slice of ice to each glass and top up with Pimms mixture.



the highlights of our tent, was our Social chair, board, we caught a few attendees coming back version, and can be found at the larger liquor and it is always popular, Hope you enjoy Amy's

with 3 parts Ginger Ale. Add to each glass 1 halved cucumber and 1 sprig of mint. Add a little Enjoy, but be careful – it can catch up with you!!

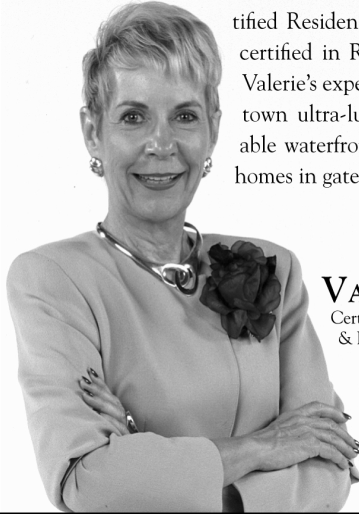
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