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Coming Events

Board Meeting May 1 – 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!

Le Barge Sunset Cruise May 17 – What better way to end a day than a breathtaking 2 hour sunset cruise? Enjoy this "island-style" event with live entertainment featuring popular local entertainers. There's dancing, light food and your favorite cold beverage! During this two-hour cruise, keep your eyes open for dolphins at play and see if you can catch the legendary "green flash" as the sun dips below the horizon. Cost for this event is \$20 per person. The cruise will run from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, but it is suggested that you arrive around 6:00 pm to get a prime spot on the boat. Please note that LeBarge does not accept credit cards, so please bring cash if you are interested in having refreshments. Space is limited, so please book early. Upon booking, please send your check in to the PO Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276. To RSVP, please phone Amy Croshaw at 751-6194 (or 928-2580 if you live south of Osprey) or e-mail at acrowshaw@verizon.net. Cut off date for your RSVP is May 10th. Please submit payment by May 12th.

May 28 Memorial Day in Arcadia – Each Memorial Day a service, coordinated by the Arcadia Rotary Club, is held to honor 23 R.A.F. trainee pilots and their American instructor 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 British Plot in the Oak Ridge cemetery beneath the proudly flying Union Jack and R.A.F. flags. The Sarasota British Club is always represented. It would be pleasing to see a strong showing for this year's one hour service, which begins at 10:00 am.

We encourage you to mark your calendar and phone Terry Sweeney (ex R.A.F.) at 918-0550 with your questions, or t get directions to Arcadia and the cemetery plot. (Dress comfortably-it WILL be hot. And you may wish to bring a lawn chair.)



Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

Mark Your Calendar

June 21 Mini Golf – Join us for a fun evening of mini golf followed by dinner out. We will be meeting at 6:00PM at Smugglers Cove Adventure Golf on N Tamiami Trail in Sarasota, followed by dinner at Barnacle Bill's Seafood. Cost for mini golf is \$8 per person. When you RSVP, please mention if you do wish to go to Barnacle Bill's for dinner afterwards.

When heading north, Smuggler's Cove is located on the left hand side of Tamiami Trail, just north of Myrtle Street. The address is 3815 N. Tamiami Trail in Sarasota. Barnacle Bill's is also located on Tamiami Trail, just a little north of Smuggler's Cove, on the opposite side of the road.

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From Our President

Dear Friends:

I would like to take this space allocated to me by our Newsletter Editor, Rose Gillet, to thank the members of our Board for their dedication and enthusiasm in helping this club grow. Our monthly Board meetings are great fun as well as productive and I really look forward to them. Jim, Shona, Sandra, Kathy, Amy, James, Rose, Ken and Nairn', I thank you.

And to you, our members both old and new, my sincere thanks for your tremendous support of our various events. Our participation at the Scottish Games in Venice attracted many visitors to our booth resulting in several new members. Amy and James Croshaw did a fine job dispensing Pimm's No.1.

To our new members, I look forward to meeting you at our "New Members Tea" on Sat., May 3rd.

As I write this, fifty members have told us to expect them at the Coach and Horses on April 19th to celebrate the Queen's Birthday and St. George's Day. It's going to be a fun evening.

Warm regards,
Terry Sweeney

Thank You

The Club would like to thank the following merchants for their cooperation in spreading the good word about our Club by allowing *The Brit Club News* to be distributed in their shoppes:

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April Board Meeting Précis:

Treasurer's balance shows \$ 3,331.74. It has been noted the last three club events have lost money; discussed ways to raise funds to cover expenses. Currently 177 paid up members, with 100 households. Newcomer's tea planned for May 4th. Website still doing well. Newsletter distribution to local businesses has been cut down. Scottish Games went well, with interest from new prospective members. Pub crawl enjoyed. Andy Reeves is planning a network business meeting. April 19th will be the St. George's/Queens birthday at the Coach and Horses, reservations coming in well. May 17th planned for an outing on LeBarge, June 14th Mini Golf. Plans still pending for the summer, however Cliff Roles will be speaking at our August 23rd meeting. The Club will be listed in a publication from the British Consulate in Orlando; we are in the British Bureau British-American public relations directory in Miami. Next board meeting planned for Thursday May 1st at the home of Sandra Cherry (*members welcome but please call ahead*).

Membership News

EMAIL ADDRESSES: PLEASE email me, Kathy Curtin, at kathrmcurt@msn.com or call me at 941-379-9861 if you have changed your email in the last 6 months.

Our new members this month are Deanna Masterson who as a youngster lived in Swimbridge, Devon, & Godalming and received her S.R.N. at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester. She then traveled to Canada and a few years later (in the '70's) to Washington D.C. where she lived for many years. Deanna lives in Lakewood Ranch in a little condo and enjoys working as an Activity Director at an assisted living facility in Sarasota. She came to Florida just after getting her BA in Studio Art in 1993. Her family is spread out with one sister living in Reading, two in Ottawa, and a brother in Tennessee (they love to vacation here.). Photography, painting & beading are some of her joyful interests.

Also welcome to new members Carole and Duane Cornell, Michael and Bridget Alder, Jim and Sue Hurley, and Peter and Leann Horrocks.

For those of you who received your membership renewals, thank you for sending the dues in promptly. We still have some outstanding so if you are planning to renew, please send in your checks as soon as possible. As always please let me know if there are any address or email changes.

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Would You Like to Join the 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. To join, please fill in the information below and send it with your check to: Sarasota British Club, P.O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276

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Gingerbread

At time of writing we are going through an unusually cool spell, and I just baked a batch of scones. My thoughts then turned to comfort foods with a warm kitchen from the oven and a luvly smell such as gingerbread. This was always popular when we had the tea room

Gingerbread

2 eggs	½ tsp baking powder
¾ cup black treacle or molasses	2 tsp ground ginger
½ cup butter	¾ tsp cinnamon
1 cup boiling water	½ tsp nutmeg
2 ½ cups all purpose flour	½ tsp ground cloves

Beat the eggs and sugar together until thick, beat in the treacle/molasses (*It helps to warm it up first for easier measuring and pouring*) Cut the butter into small pieces, and let melt in the water. Mix the dry ingredients and add the egg mixture alternately with the butter water liquid. Combine thoroughly and pour into a square pan, 8X8". Bake at 400 degrees for 30-40 minutes (test with cake tester)

(Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Your Cup of Tea Inc. and Union Jack Food Columnist. I welcome comments, recipes and suggestions, and can be reached at YourCupofTea1@yahoo.com)

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Rose's Corner

Not much to report this month – I'm staying very busy visiting my mother every day at The Pines, helping her with dinner, enjoying the sunsets together, and very happy I have this time to spend with her. So if you don't see me at a particular event, that is why. If you have anything you'd like to see in the newsletter such as member articles, jokes, items of interest, 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.

Rose Gillet, Newsletter Editor

Just for Fun

These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts, and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and published by court reporters who had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.

ATTORNEY: Are you sexually active?
WITNESS: No, I just lie there.
ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?
WITNESS: Gucci Sweats and Reeboks.
ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?
WITNESS: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"
ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?
WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: Do you know if your daughter has ever been involved in voodoo?
WITNESS: We both do.
ATTORNEY: Voodoo?
WITNESS: We do.
ATTORNEY: You do?
WITNESS: Yes, voodoo.
ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?
WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?
ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?
WITNESS: Do you really know what you said?
ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?
WITNESS: Yes.
ATTORNEY: How many were boys?
WITNESS: None.
ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?
WITNESS: Are you joking? Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney.
Can I get a new attorney?
ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?
WITNESS: All my autopsies are performed on dead people. Would you like to rephrase that?
ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?
WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.
ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?
WITNESS: No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy on him!
ATTORNEY: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?
WITNESS: Huh....are you qualified to ask that question?
ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?
WITNESS: No.
ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?
WITNESS: No.
ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?
WITNESS: No.
ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?
WITNESS: No.
ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?
WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.
ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?
WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.