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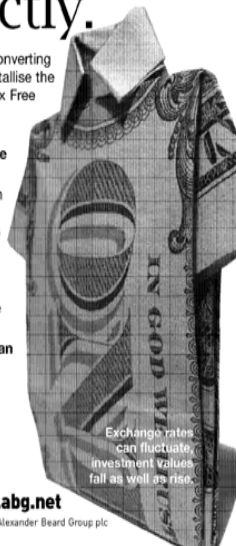
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Coming Events

Coffee Morning May 12 – 10:30 a.m. at the home of Sue Ford, 6706 Oak Hammock Dr., Bradenton. Contact Sue at sueford47@yahoo.com or 941-751-3811.

Board Meeting May 14 – 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sandra Cherry, 2930 Williamsburg St., Sarasota, at 6:30 p.m. MEMBERS WELCOME, BUT PHONE AHEAD AS SPACE IS LIMITED!

Memorial Day May 25 – Arcadia 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, at which the Sarasota British Club is always represented, is dignified and moving. The Union Jack 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 plan to stop off for a light lunch. Bring lawn chairs as seating is limited. For further information call Terry Sweeney at 041-918-0550.

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 Jack flying over the plot.

Beckham's May 30 – IT'S BECKHAM'S TIME AGAIN !!!! Always a fun and convivial evening with lively conversation, good food and drink in pleasant surroundings. Annie, one of the co-owners, has again offered to add her terrific Steak and Ale Pie and Cottage Pie to the mostly American menu. Prices are reasonable and their fish and chips and hamburgers are excellent. We will meet and mingle in the bar area at 6:00 p.m. with dinner to follow around 6:45 to 7:00 p.m. This will be a "Quiz Night" and promises to be lots of fun. Beckham's is in the Southbay Shopping Plaza, corner of U.S.41 and Blackburn Point Road in Osprey. We have promised to give our head count to our friends at Beckham's on Tuesday, May 26th, so please RSVP Terry Sweeney at 918-0550 or email tsweeneyau@aol.com. And, if you want Annie to cook her Steak and Ale Pie or Cottage Pie for you, please let Terry know.

Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

From Our President

It was another good month for the club. Our evening at the Van Wezel on March 21st was a delight. Eleven members enjoyed a memorable performance of "Anna Karenina." Thank you, Terry, for your organization on this event. The clay work shop held at my home on March 28th by Helen Hirmes was very enjoyable. I don't think any of us should think about giving up our day jobs, but we all had fun and a handmade pot at the end of the lesson.

Twice a year we hold a 'Welcome Tea' for new members to meet each other and the Board in a smaller social event. The most recent tea was held at our Membership Secretary's home on the April 11th. We had 11 new members in attendance; a pleasant afternoon was had by all. Thank you, Ken and Ildiko, for opening your home and for your hospitality – it was much appreciated by everyone.

On the 2nd Tuesday of the month our regular coffee morning was held at my home from 10:30 a.m. till noon. Thanks to you, this event is getting very popular. If you haven't made it along yet, think about stopping by this month or in June.

The Queen's Birthday/St George's Day Party, was a great evening. As a board we are doing our best to keep a variety of different events for your enjoyment. If you have any suggestions, please email them to me and your ideas will be discussed at the next board meeting. Many thanks to members who have donated raffle prizes and for the offers to help.

We have a few members interested in the cruise setting sail on October 18th. Our cruise numbers are growing, with Joyce and Charles Albertis, and Eileen and Douglas Schuler joining us on the cruise. This is a wonderful offer: 7 days on a 4.5 star ship at a starting price of \$429 for October 18th on the "Carnival Legend" going out of Tampa. I have a man and a lady wanting to find a person willing to share a cabin. If you are single and would like the opportunity of a vacation with a fun group, please phone me and I will give you the name of the member for you to contact. Hopefully more of you will join us; don't leave it too long as the deal may not last much longer.

Take care,
Sue Ford

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Rose's Corner

Naim' and I had a wonderful time at the Queen's Birthday do, thanks to Sue and her fabulous team of helpers. 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, email me at rosegillet@yahoo.com or call 366-9984. Closing date for the newsletter is the 15th of each month.

Rose Gillet, Newsletter Editor

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: Word of Mouth (3), Champions Pub, Tastefully British, 4 & 20 Pasty Shop, the British Open Pub, The Irish Rovers, The Coach & Horses Pub, The Open, McAllister's, Scot's Corner, Cafe Continental-Patisserie and Beckham's Osprey Grill. Please thank them by patronizing them whenever you can, and let them know you appreciate their support.

April Board Meeting Précis:

Meeting was held on Thursday, April 2, 2009. Treasurer reported balance of \$3,606.95 including income from new members. Details in the financial report distributed to the board by Shona Burtner, Treasurer. Eleven new members will be invited to meet board members at the New Members' Tea at the home of Ken Jukes on April 4. The website has been updated: <http://www.sarasotabritishclub.com/default.asp> and the Sarasota guide for Brits has been updated: <http://www.sarasotabritishclub.com/guide>. The President reported that the Murder Mystery was a success and has written to thank Cliff Roles for his part in it. Because of a lack of publicity, the Highland Games was not as well attended as usual, but there were many visitors to the British Club booth and we gained members as a result. Any photos of these events should be sent to James Croshaw for our website. The Queen's Birthday party will be on April 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Lakeshore Village Club. This event is free to members and there will be a charge of \$10 for guests. Music will be provided. On May 30 there will be a dinner and quiz at Beckhams. Christmas Party: Carol and Davis are suggested for the music, although it is requested that members also give their suggestions. Coffee mornings at the home of Sue Ford, President, are to be on the second Tuesday of every month. Membership renewal letters will soon be sent out. Terry Sweeney mentioned that on May 25, Memorial Day, the Club will place a wreath on the graves of the British pilots buried in Arcadia. All members are welcome to attend. Next board meeting is Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

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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Stilton and Celery Soup

Soup is always a favourite of mine, and I love to make it. One I devised a while back for the tea room, uses Stilton cheese, and is luvrly when incorporated in a soup. Celery is hardly ever served cooked here, and I find this makes a nice blend. If you can't get Stilton, and I know it can be pricey, you could substitute a nice bleu cheese, but it is worth the extra expense to use the real thing.

Stilton and Celery Soup

1 head of celery	2 egg yolks
1 medium sized onion	¾ cup half and half
4 Tbsp butter	1 cup crumbled Stilton cheese
4 Cups Chicken stock (cubes may be too salty to use)	Salt and Pepper

Peel and finely chop the celery and onion. Melt the butter in a heavy-based saucepan, and add celery and onion. Gently sauté until softened. Add the stock and bring to a boil; turn down heat and gently simmer 30 minutes. Cool. When cooled, process the soup in a blender or processor to a puree texture. Return to the pan and gently reheat without bringing to a boil. Beat egg yolks and add half and half, then slowly pour into the puree over low heat until it thickens and is smooth. Add the crumbled cheese, stirring constantly until the soup thickens. (Do not let it boil or it will curdle.) Yield 6 servings.

(Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Union Jack Food Columnist. Queries, comments and recipes are welcome, and I can be reached at Yourcuppatea1@yahoo.com. As we have now disbanded our business, Your Cup of Tea, our website has been discontinued.)

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Mark Your Calendars Now!

On Saturday, June 27th, we will return to the scene of one of last year's most popular events: Miguel's Restaurant on Siesta Key. If you were among the 60 or so who attended last year, you'll recall that we had a special "early bird" deal that provided appetizer, salad, entrée AND dessert for between \$15 and \$18. That same opportunity will be afforded us this time, plus we will also have the ability to order off their regular menu as well. Some of their specialties not on the early bird menu includes filet of Dover sole (filleted tableside), Caesar salad and bananas foster (both prepared tableside), rack of lamb, and more. Details will be forthcoming in the June newsletter, and advance reservations will be a *must*, so mark your calendars now, before you forget and get left out.

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Membership News

EMAIL ADDRESSES: PLEASE email me, Ken Jukes, at kena.jukes@yahoo.com or call me at 941-927-6499 if you have changed your email in the last 6 months.

Our more recent new members include Val and Arthur Compton, Michelle and Kevin Fugelsang, Christine McKechnie, and Ed Williams.

Kevin Fugelsang is from Ipswich in Suffolk (and a keen supporter of Ipswich Town, ie., The Tractor Boys, and Dea is American. They own Dea Salon and Day Spa which is situated in the heart of downtown Sarasota at 124 S. Pineapple Ave. They took it over in October 2008 and have made extensive changes to the décor bringing it up to a modern hair salon and day spa. They offer a full selection of services from hair, nails, facials and massage. You can check out their service menu at www.deaspa.com and see photos of the spa. Also keep an eye on the specials page for great deals. **"Having recently joined the British club we want to offer all their members a \$20 discount on any service of \$50 or more. Just tell us you're a member and come and enjoy a relaxing time, have a cup of tea. Anyone who likes football is even more welcome as I am an avid 'Tractor Boy'".** Call Michelle on 941-316-6895 to book an appointment or if you are just in the area pop in and say hello.

Ed Williams' ancestors entered the USA from Great Britain in the 1700's. Ed was educated at FSU, Indiana University and Yale, the latter being where he did his PhD. After military service and three years with the National Security Agency, Ed entered the academic world, taking positions at several universities and rising to Full Professor and Associate Dean at Penn State. Ed remains active in a wide variety of clubs and associations, teaches English part-time at FSU and MCC, and enjoys swimming, hiking, ballroom dancing, and studying French and Spanish. He wrote the book "The Bells of Russia: History and Technology" (Princeton U.P. 1985).

Sunshine Corner

If a member is due for surgery, has an illness or recovering, or otherwise 'fallen by the wayside,' please contact Sandra Cherry at 374-9760, or Yourcuppatea1@yahoo.com.

In the meantime, our thoughts and best wishes go to one of our original members, Jim Smith, as he recuperates from his recent surgery, and also Tina. Tina wrote the first newsletter when the club started, and has long supported the club.

"May's Horoscope" by Susan Moonstar



I wonder how many of you out there, like me, have found yourself reevaluating your level of independence and looking closely into your relationships? The last 12 weeks Venus has given many of us a few obstacles to contend with. When any planet goes into retrograde (standing still), it brings forward events that have appeared before, but ones that you didn't take care of; it gives us a second chance to sort ourselves and the obstacle out. Last month I asked you not to drop yourselves into deep waters as Venus would be playing with your emotions until after April 18th. Once this period is over, you should start to feel you understand yourself a lot better than you did this time last month. Remember, life is for living, and don't underestimate your abilities. God tests us every day. If he didn't, how would we know the difference between good and bad? So let's look at what the month ahead has in store.

Aries: Your leadership and drive impresses and brings projects flooding into your work place. By adopting a more efficient system and putting your best foot forward, the month ahead brings some valued rewards.

Taurus: Investigation and self analysis only brings about personal limitations. By going ahead with necessary changes you not only correct past mistakes, you win others over to your side.

Gemini: Friends and acquaintances, hopes and wishes along with humanitarian activities, strengthen your social connections and improve your general sense of wellbeing. You are the zodiac's butterfly, so fly and be happy.

Cancer: By maintaining self-confidence and developing new business tactics, your standing with others opens up professional and career interests that lifts you from a rut into a place of ambition and expectations.

Leo: You seem to be thinking of the future and expanding your horizons. You want to plan a journey that will take you into your past. Don't be surprised to find a relative through marriage corresponding with you and helping you with these ideas.

Virgo: Resourcefulness helps your efforts to salvage joint money concerns. By being thrifty and revising your schedule you find a new source of gain. Take care with your estate and tax matters and the rest will take care of itself.

Libra: In anything that involves partnerships, whether it be marriage or business, there could be temporary changes in surroundings. Try to improve understanding with others and be objective and cooperative.

Scorpio: Everyday duties and the physical wellbeing associated with co-workers have you taking your responsibilities to a higher level. You seem to be aware of everything that is happening around you and want to be of help to all, in all areas.

Sagittarius: Highlighting social activities and hobbies gives you the faith in the future that feeds your dreams with excitement and romantic visions. Go for it! It's good to know one sign is having fun this month.

Capricorn: Parents and elders in your domestic circle along with basic security are your concerns this month. You want to preserve harmony at all costs; just remember to take care of you and don't get too serious interpreting things too personally.

Aquarius: Telling others your view helps with educational advancement and business transactions. Your knowledge of current affairs helps in neighborhood issues as well as helping the family solve a problem.

Pisces: If you are buying or selling, review your budget and safeguard important paperwork. Hesitating to take action for gain could cost you dearly.

Natural Laws

Law of Mechanical Repair - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

Law of Gravity - Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

Law of Probability - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of Random Numbers - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

Law of the Alibi - If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.

Variation Law - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).

Law of the Bath - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

Law of Close Encounters - The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of the Result - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

Law of Biomechanics - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Law of the Theatre - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last.

The Starbucks Law - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

Murphy's Law of Lockers - If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

Law of Physical Surfaces - The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor covering are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet/rug.

Law of Logical Argument - Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Brown's Law of Physical Appearance - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

Oliver's Law of Public Speaking - A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy - As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.

Doctors' Law - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better. Don't make an appointment and you'll stay sick.