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Coming Events

Board Meeting May 6th, 6:30- at the home of Gary & Jane Lee, Members welcome but please call ahead (see p.8) as space is limited.

Coffee Morning - May 11th 10-12 noon on Tuesday at the home of Sue Ford, 6706 Oak Hammock Dr., Bradenton. Contact Sue at sueford47@yahoo.com or 941-751-3811.

Tapas & Wine Evening: Fri. May 28th, 6.30 pm—See Page 7.

10th Anniversary Party: Saturday October 16th, Southbay Yacht & Racquet Club



Restaurant Dining at Beckham's. JUNE 19th

BECKHAM'S BECKONS !!! 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" – always 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 **MONDAY, JUNE 14th**, so please.....RSVP Terry Sweeney at 918-0550 or 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 here you will find, with local information, club news, coming events, photos from past events and many past newsletters .





Letter from President Ken Jukes

I hope you enjoyed the last puzzle and ended up with "sitting on an elephant in Delaware". Just to remind you: "pick a number between 2 and 9 and multiply it by 9". Did you notice when you add the two digits in the answer you always get the sum 9! (eg $9 \times 3 = 27$ and $2 + 7 = 9$, $9 \times 7 = 63$ and $6 + 3 = 9$). Subtract 5 so you always get 4, hence with $A = 1$ etc you always get D, hence Delaware (since no north or south excludes Dakota). The second letter of Delaware is e and so the large animal is elephant (not elk since we excluded animals that normally live in Canada!).

Now to impress your children and grandchildren with your multiplication tables. First see if they know $11 \times 11 = 121$; they will probably use their calculator! Then ask what about 111×111 ? The answer is 12321. Can you see the pattern? It's like going up and down a piano scale. Then ask $4 \text{ 1's times } 4 \text{ 1's}$, ie 1111×1111 . The answer is 1234321. Next $11111 \times 11111 = 123454321$. Got it?

Next another bit of fun. Cut a strip of paper about 1 inch wide and say 8 inches long. Give it one twist and stick the two ends together with Scotch or masking tape. Now colour the two sides different colours with a pencil or crayon. Did you have a problem? You can only use one colour since there is only one side and in fact only one edge! The strip is called a Mobius strip. Now get a pair of scissors and cut all the way round down the middle of the strip. What happens? What if you repeat this giving the initial paper two twists and then sticking the ends together with Scotch tape?

APRIL BOARD MEETING PRECIS

The meeting was held on Thursday, April 15, 2010. The Treasurer's report was distributed to the Board by Gary Lee. There is a balance of \$3844.75. We have 234 members as of March 31st.

The dinner and table quiz at Beckhams restaurant, Osprey, has been booked for June 19th. Our 10- year anniversary celebration has been booked at Southbay for October 16th. A clip about the Anniversary and the Sarasota British Club will appear on WEDU public TV in the first week of October during the Saturday evening British comedy series.

The next board meeting will be at the home of Jane and Gary Lee on Thursday, May 6th. Members are welcome but please call ahead as space is limited



Congratulations to 4 & 20 Pasty, who recently were voted into the 'Bronze Medal' position in a worldwide competition for expatriate services/businesses by the national Daily Telegraph, England. This commendable award was reported by the Sarasota Herald Tribune on 1 Apr 2010. '4 & 20 Pasty' makes a delicious selection of both traditionally British, and internationally flavoured pasties. The bakery is a sponsor of our newsletter, and the business is located on Swift Ave, near Clark Road. Just shows you how good those pasties taste!



Tapas & Wine Evening with Antiques Roadshow, Fri. May 28th, 6.30 pm at Sangria Tapas Bar, 1532 Main Str, Sarasota:

The Sangria is owned by our member, Stan Lee, who will be hosting us. Tickets for the event are \$11 per person and seating is limited, so please make your reservations early, and before Friday May 21st, by emailing Ken Jukes (kena.jukes@yahoo.com) or calling Ken on 941-927-6499. Checks can be sent to Sarasota British Club, PO Box 21063, Sarasota FL 34276. The price includes 2 tapas per person and a glass of wine.



We have acquired the services of experienced professional Appraiser, Julie McClure

Can you be prepared to bring at most one (easily portable) antique article per family or per single member. The safety of your articles has of course to be your own personal responsibility and no liability can be accepted by either the restaurant or Sarasota British Club.

Some of you may ask "what is tapas?"

The following is taken from Wikipedia: "**Tapas** is the name of a wide variety of appetizers, or snacks, in Spanish cuisine. They may be cold (such as mixed olives and cheese) or warm (such as chopitas, which are battered fried baby squid). In North America and the UK, as well as in select bars in Spain, tapas has evolved into an entire, and sometimes sophisticated, cuisine. In these countries, patrons of tapas restaurants can order many different tapas and combine them to make a full meal. The serving of tapas is designed to encourage conversation because people are not so focused upon eating an entire meal that is set before them."

How come we choose from just two people to run for president and over fifty for Miss America?

A good friend will come and bail you out of jail...but a true friend will be sitting next to you saying, "Wow...that was fun!"

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Jokes

So I was in the jungle and there was this monkey with a can opener. I said, "You don't need a can opener to peel a banana." He said, "No, this is for the custard."

This policeman came up to me with a pencil and a piece of very thin paper. He said, "I want you to trace someone for me."

You'd never believe it, but I bumped into a famous stuntman in a motorcycle shop the other day.

He was complaining because he couldn't decide whether to buy a bike with a high top speed but poor acceleration, or one with lots of torque and a fast acceleration but a poor top speed. Eventually he decided on the second one because it cost a lot less. After all... torque is cheap.



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Coffee Morning.

24 coffee drinkers turned up to support Sue's April coffee get together as a few of the regulars were on holiday this month. Where are the rest of you? You are missing a marvellous opportunity to while away a couple of hours in the good company of like minded Brits. As usual there was a splendid array of goodies to nibble at whilst tinkling the tea cups on a beautiful sunny day in the garden. As usual, Sue's sausage rolls disappeared like lightning - you've got to get there early to catch them! Sue looks forward to seeing many new faces over the summer months as some of us have to leave for colder climes.

Dee Hathaway

Looking for Locations to Hold Our Events A call to all members who could offer their clubhouse as a location for a Sarasota British Club (SBC) event. In order to keep our events affordable to all members, and add diversity to our meetings, we would be grateful if some members would make their clubhouses available. The SBC would cover overhead charges, and our members generously volunteer to help with the set-up and clean-up. Please contact suebridg@yahoo.com with suitable dates and location. Thank you for your support.



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LOCAL EVENTS:

MAY 31st – MEMORIAL DAY - ARCADIA AND THE ROYAL AIR FORCE CONNEC-

TION 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 WW11.

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, **starting at 10:00 a.m.**, 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, 31st May to honor our countrymen who gave their lives for us. On the way home we plan to stop off for a light lunch.

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. Bring lawn chairs as seating is limited.

For further information call Terry Sweeney at 941-918-0550.

Mango, pear and ginger crumble (Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Union Jack Food Columnist. Requests and comments are welcome at Yourcuppatea1@yahoo.net)

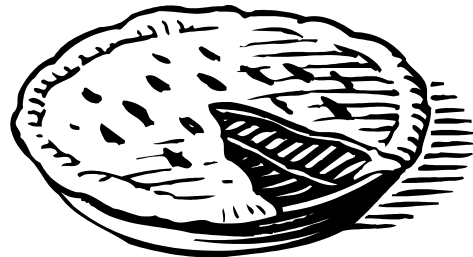
Whilst cleaning out and organising during our move, I found this recipe tucked in my collection. I made it for a dinner party, and it was a resounding success. There are many versions of crumble, but this one is a bit different.

You do need to use ripe fresh mangoes, but can get away with canned pears. I've also used apricots or peaches, also good. Hope you enjoy my version

- large can of pears drained, (save the juice.)
- Tbsp demerara or brown sugar
- Mangoes, peeled and roughly chopped
- 1 piece stem ginger finely chopped

For the topping:

- ¾ cup all purpose flour
- Tbsp butter
- ¼ cup demerara or brown sugar
- ¼ cup chopped nuts, pecans or walnuts (optional)



Heat oven to 350 F. Put the pears in a large saucepan with the sugar, and 4 Tbsp of the reserved syrup. Cook over gentle heat 2-3- minutes, remove from the heat and stir in the mangoes and stem ginger. Spoon into medium baking/serving dish and cool.

Rub the butter into the flour, add the sugar and optional nuts. Sprinkle over the top of the fruit, (don't pat down,) and bake for 30 minutes.

Yield 4 servings

Annual Membership

Thanks to all our members for their support, enthusiasm, and active involvement throughout the year. Now is the time to renew Annual Memberships, and as a club 2010 is especially exciting as we celebrate our 10th year with over 200 members strong. The SBC Board Members are actively engaged in organising interesting events that bring our members together for social and supportive occasions. Please fill out the 'Join the Club' form below and send your check to the Sarasota British Club address as shown.

Come and Join the Club

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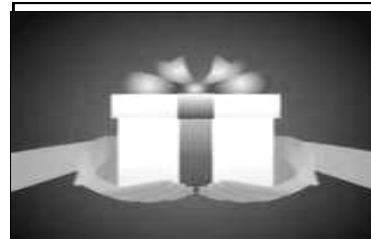
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Sue Bridgman, suebridg@yahoo.com.