



BritClub News

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Coming Events

The May SBC Board Meeting will be held at the home of Mark and Jean Malkasian on Thursday May 9th, 2013 @ 6:30pm. Members welcome but please call ahead, see Page 3, as space is limited.

phone or email Sue Ford (751-3811: sueford@janbury.com)

Menu details see Page 4



Narrated Myakka River Tour from Snook Haven Sunday, May 19th . \$16 per person including tax and tip. Details see page 5

Memorial Day, May 27th – 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.

More details see Page 4.



Tea Dance in Celebration of the Queen's Birthday—Saturday, 8th June at the Heritage Oaks Country Club, 3pm-5.30pm. Members - \$20;--non members - \$25.

Send checks to SBC Treasurer, 1582 Pinyon Pine Drive, Sarasota FL 34240. For any questions,



Golf Day—June 15th

The Sarasota British Club is pleased to announce the inaugural Brit Club Golf Day at The Bent Tree Country Club, 4700 Bent Tree Blvd, Sarasota 34241, on Saturday June 15th. We are going to have a Shotgun Start at 8am, finishing around 12-12.15pm for a box lunch, followed by prize-giving. This is going to be a very relaxed affair, with each group of four members playing as a team in the scramble format, so don't be intimidated by any idea that you have to be a good golfer.

An ability to walk and wave a stick around above your head should be sufficient to qualify you, so please email Steve Adams, at sha@adamsiac.com to let him know that you would like to be part of this great day. The cost will be a very reasonable \$45, which will pay for your golf, your golf cart, your range balls, your lunch and a beverage. There will be some great prizes for the winners, plus one or two surprises. This is open to ALL members, both men and women, so come along and join this great day. You won't regret it.



President's Letter



As I mentioned in a previous letter, I returned to England recently to watch my team play at Wembley for the first time in a domestic final. It was a visit that I won't easily forget, though not for the football, as we lost in a dreadful display that was strangely comforting and not the least surprising to somebody who has supported Southend United since 1959. No, the reason for the memorable visit was the people, both friends and family, who made the trip so memorable for me.

I hadn't been back in the UK for quite a while, so hadn't seen many of my friends for several years, while visits with family had also been somewhat sporadic. However, I was shoe-horning the trip into only three days, so I had planned to meet up with a couple of mates in the City after landing at Heathrow on the Friday morning. With only carry-on to deal with, I was able to sweep through British customs using my UK passport (dual Citizenship is SUCH a benefit), then waited only two minutes on the platform for the Heathrow Express into Paddington.

Getting to an old favorite bar in the City, I had expected only two mates to be there, so was somewhat taken aback by a posse that included several now-retired pals from years gone by, as well as others I had almost lost touch with. It was great and, as always in the City, catching up can only be done with copious amounts of wine, which need to be soaked up by huge sandwiches.

I eventually made my excuses and had to get away to meet up with friends I was staying with for the night. My old mate, Jim, picked me up at the station and drove me to his home, where I was ambushed by even older friends, who had driven 260 miles from Cornwall to come and surprise me. It was great. A local Chinese meal, followed the next morning by a massive, full English breakfast, took me nearer to my destination, sunny Southend.

I was meeting my son, with whom I've always had a rather rocky relationship, though this was the best time I've had with him since before he could answer me back. Once again, a few pints provided the backdrop.

I was now aware that the football was only going to be incidental to the weekend and that these people were the real reason I was here. I'd forgotten the binds that are able to stretch across an ocean and that persist even when you don't see somebody for weeks, months or years. It was extremely gratifying for my soul to know that these people thought enough of me to share my weekend and to be pivotal to it.

After seeing my son, I had a great evening out with my footballing soulmate, my niece, along with her husband and two gorgeous kids, while my son even joined us for part of the evening. I was basking in familial love by now and absorbing every moment.

Glossing over the football the next day, at which I met even more of my old mates for yet another drink after the game, I

ended up at my only surviving brother's home, along with my other niece and her husband. It was perfect and, arriving back home in lovely Florida, I reflected on how lucky I am, as many of us are, that we have family in two places and that no matter how far we are away from them, they always want to see us. For that, I am profoundly grateful and can't wait to see if another final draws me back to them all next year.

Cheers,

Steve Adams



SANDRA'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Cheese and Onion Pie

Pure simplicity, and easy!! A very basic British favourite, good hot or cold.

You can use any cheese but I favour sharp Cheddar. I'm still experimenting with pastry recipes, but you can 'cheat' if you want and use the store bought. Hope you enjoy my version.



1 lb. thinly peeled and sliced yellow onions
1 3/4-2 cups grated sharp Cheddar cheese
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
salt and pepper
Short crust pastry, enough for bottom and top pie
1 Tbsp. milk

Put onions in saucepan, cover with water and bring to gentle boil, cook 10 minutes or until tender. Drain thoroughly and mash up with a potato masher, add the grated cheese and seasonings. Preheat oven to 425 F. Line a lightly greased 9" pie pan with pastry, fill with the onion cheese mix, and top with layer of pastry, dampen the edges of the pastry and pinch together to seal. Brush the top of the pastry with the milk and cut a few slits in the top. Bake 10 minutes, then reduce heat to 375, and bake further 25-30 minutes. until cooked and golden brown. Yields 4 servings.

(Variations: can add layer of finely sliced peeled and sliced potatoes at bottom of pastry shell before adding the cheese mixture. Can also add sliced tomatoes)

(Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Union Jack food columnist, who can be reached at Yourcuppatea1@yahoo.com)

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

I thought I'd share with you my passion for the work being done in our community to curb child abuse and to ensure all Manatee, Sarasota, DeSoto children have a safe place to call home.

I am a Board Member for Family Partnership Center (FPC), an extraordinary group of professionals who are dedicated to improving the lives of the people we serve. The Center provides a number of free programs to improve parenting skills amongst families most at risk. I am happy to report FPC's outcome successes continually exceed 95%, which is extraordinary.

But we're consistently facing new challenges. In 2012, there were 4,236 reports of child abuse in Manatee County alone, which is a significantly higher rate than the state average. We serve roughly 3,300 parents and children annually. An alarming 80% of the families served fall below the poverty level, which is the #1 risk factor for child abuse.

Though our services are free to the families we serve, they do not come without a price and that's why we need your help. During a time of severe government cut backs and reduced community donations, we are faced with difficult realities. As you consider a donation, know that the Center commits 88 cents of each dollar to prevention programs. Research shows that every \$1 spent on prevention could save \$10 in treatment.

Please consider whether you can afford to help FPC reach even more families and continue our cause to eliminate child abuse in our area.

I expect you receive your share of impersonal requests for money, and I also know that there are many great causes out there. However, I hope you'll agree that absolutely nothing can be more important to our future well-being as a community than saving our kids from the unimaginable experience of child abuse and giving them the opportunity to grow up as contributing members of society.

Please send what you can to the Family Partnership Center at 602 3rd Street East, Suite A, Bradenton, FL 34208 or go to www.familypartnership.org to donate online.

With Sincere Appreciation,

Steve Adams

President of the Sarasota British Club

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JOKE

"Have you ever seen a twenty dollar bill all crumpled up?" asked the wife.

"No," I said.

She gave me a sexy little smile, slowly reached into her cleavage and pulled out a crumpled twenty dollar bill.

"Have you ever seen a fifty dollar bill all crumpled up?" she asked.

"No," I said.

She gave me another sexy little smile, seductively reached into her panties and pulled out a crumpled fifty dollar bill.

"Now," she said, "Have you ever seen 50,000 dollars all crumpled up?"

"No," I said, intrigued.

"Well, go and take a quick look in the garage."



Précised Minutes of the Sarasota British Club Board Meeting of April 11th, 2013

Treasurer report Balance of \$7,337.87/ Membership count 273, renewals coming in / Website still being worked on for updating / Sioux Hurley resigned as membership chair / Club financial report update, included purchasing of a PA system, providing UK/USA lapel pins to members, Reinstating coffee mornings,/ Christmas party plans being arranged, date will be December 14th / Printed copies of the newsletter are planned, currently getting quotes for printing and distribution / Tampa Bay Downs for April 21st good response with bookings / Myakka River cruise planned at Snookhaven in Venice for May 19th / Tea Dance planned for June 8th / A golf day will be planned for June, A newcomers' tea for April 13th./ The club will be represented again at the annual Memorial Day service in Arcadia for the RAF pilots in training who were killed in WW2. Next Board meeting to be held May 9th.

Sandra F Cherry, Secretary

Queen Elizabeth the 2nd Birthday Tea Dance

June 8, 2013

3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

\$20 members/ \$25 non members

Cucumber and Kerry Gold Butter on White Bread

Smoked Salmon and Kerry Gold Butter on Wheat Bread
Horseradish on the side

Watercress and Egg Salad (Hard Cooked Eggs with a little
Mayonnaise)

Chicken Salad Vol-au-Vents

Fresh Baked Assorted Scones

Bakewell Tarts

Victoria Sponge Cake

Eccles Cake

Whipped Kerry Gold Butter, Clotted Cream,
Strawberry and Blackberry Jams

Coffee and Tea



APRIL EMAIL SURVEY OF MEMBERS.

Thank you to the 56 people that responded. As family memberships are represented by a single email address it is likely that the results represent a larger number of members.

The survey is anonymous.

Members also gave us an indication of other types of eating they enjoy that were omitted in my original list. Strongly heading these were the tastes of home in a category which included 'Pub food', British, English and Scottish.

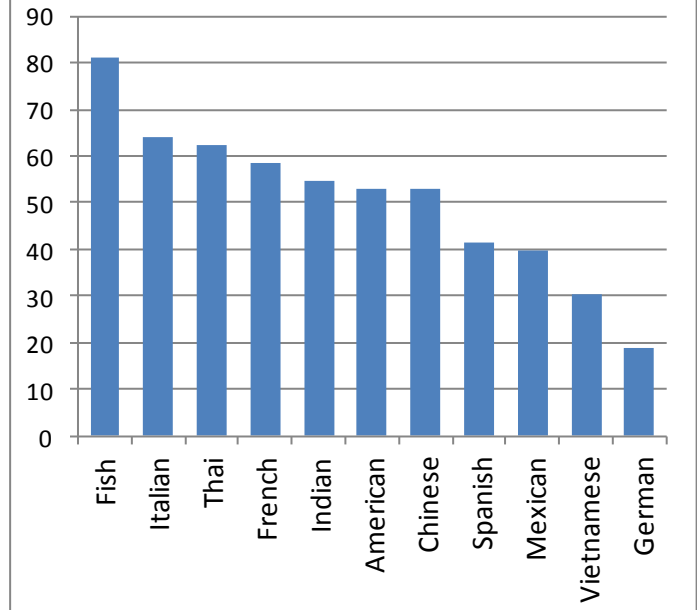
A couple of votes were for Greek food.

Suggestions were made for BBQ and 'Picnic'. The Board is planning a BBQ on the beach after the peak of the summer's heat has passed, which will hopefully satisfy the caveman instincts of our male members. Also omitted from the culinary options were Peruvian and Japanese which occurred to people to include.

All good stuff for your Board to ponder!

Brian Thompson

Restaurant Popularity



Memorial Day

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 Flag and RAF flags fluttering overhead add a further touch of the Britain to the proceedings.

We urge you to attend the ceremony this **Memorial Day, 27th May** to honor our countrymen who gave their lives for us. On the way home we generally 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 Flag flying over the plot.

Bring lawn chairs as seating is often limited. Also you may want to bring an umbrella for shade.

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



Helping to Bring Members to Club Events

It has come to our attention that we have some Club members who would very much enjoy attending our events, but they either do not drive at night or do not drive at all. For those members who do drive and are willing to car pool at any time, please email Sue Ford (sueford@janbury.com) or Steve Adams (sha@adamsiac.com) so a list can be made up of potential volunteer drivers. If we have a member unable to attend a particular Club event because they don't drive or haven't a car, we will then contact the nearest person who has offered his or her help to bring along this member to enjoy our social function. In anticipation of your help, we thank you very much.



Narrated Myakka River Tour from Snook Haven Sunday, May 19th

Mark your calendar for an afternoon in a picturesque Old Florida setting featuring a narrated river tour of about one hour. Boarding is at the Snook Haven jetty at 1:15 pm. The boat leaves at 1:30pm. Among other interesting facts you will hear is that this portion of the scenic Myakka River was featured in one of the old Tarzan films. As Captain Terry's covered boat is limited to twenty-nine passengers, be sure to get your reservations in promptly to assure your seats.

For reservations, call Gary Lee at 941-706-1172 or by email: glee01@verizon.net. Send checks payable to Sarasota British Club and the names of your group to: Sarasota British Club, P.O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276. The cost is \$16 per person, including tax and tip. All payments to be received no later than May 15th.

Following the boat tour, we plan to eat (at each diner's own expense) at the newly-refurbished Snook Haven restaurant, which is under new management and whose chefs hail from the very popular Sharky's On The Pier restaurant in Venice. The Snook Haven menu is varied, but focuses on smoked food and a variety of barbecue dishes. Seating is mainly outside. There will also be live musical entertainment.

Directions: **From the North and South:** take I-75 to Exit 191 toward N. Port; merge into N. River Road; turn left onto E. Venice Ave and keep going straight into Snook Haven on the dirt road leading to the restaurant area and parking area.

From Venice: Take Venice Ave East and keep going straight into Snook Haven.

For more information, see www.snookhaven.com



Membership Dues

Members are reminded that membership renewals for the Sarasota British Club are due in April. Annual membership dues are \$25 for single memberships and \$35 for a family. Please make your checks payable to Sarasota British Club; note any change in name, address, telephone number and email and send to:

Linda Polsin

Treasurer, SBC

1582 Pinyon Pine Drive

Sarasota, FL 34240

Note: For those members who joined from

January 2013 onwards, your membership renewal will not be due until April 1, 2014.

THINGS CONFUCIUS DIDN'T SAY

Man who wants pretty nurse, must be patient.

Passionate kiss, like spider web, leads to undoing of fly.

Lady who goes camping must beware of evil intent.

Man who leaps off cliff jumps to conclusion.

Man who eats many prunes will get good run for money.

War does not determine who is right, it determines who is left.

Man who drives like hell is bound to get there.

Man who stands on toilet is high on pot.

Man who live in glass house should change clothes in basement.

Finally CONFUCIUS DIDN'T SAY...

"A lion will not cheat on his wife, but a Tiger Wood !"



At the Training Center & Gift Boutique for Southeastern Guide Dogs , 1618 Main Street, Sarasota.

Presentation of the Brit's Club's \$1500 donation check to the 'Paws For Patriots' scheme to Marjorie Singer, Donor Relations Manager, April 2013.

BUSINESS GLIMPSES: We would like to hear from our members who have found their business niche in and around Sarasota. If you would like to write to us, we'd enjoy catching a glimpse of your business enterprise in our local economy. Your article can be sent to lakewood2@gmail.com, and we will select one 'Business Glimpse' each month.



Don't forget that the Sarasota British Club is on Facebook. The Club's logo is the profile picture. Check out the numerous photos from recent events. Why not 'friend' us for another way of keeping in touch with the Club and its members. Why not add your event photos to the 'wall'.



JOKE

BOVINE INTERNATIONAL FINANCE

SOCIALISM

You have 2 cows.
You give one to your neighbour.

COMMUNISM

You have 2 cows
The State takes both and gives you some milk.

FASCISM

You have 2 cows.
The State takes both and sells you some milk.

BUREAUCRATISM

You have 2 cows.
The State takes both, shoots one, milks the other and then throws the milk away.

TRADITIONAL CAPITALISM

You have two cows.
You sell one and buy a bull.
Your herd multiplies, and the economy grows.
You sell them and retire on the income.

VENTURE CAPITALISM

You have two cows.
You sell three of them to your publicly listed company, using letters of credit opened by your brother-in-law at the bank, then execute a debt/equity swap with an associated general offer so that you get all four cows back, with a tax exemption for five cows.
The milk rights of the six cows are transferred via an intermediary to a Cayman Island Company secretly owned by the majority shareholder who sells the rights to all seven cows back to your listed company.
The annual report says the company owns eight cows, with an option on one more.

AN AMERICAN CORPORATION

You have two cows.
You sell one, and force the other to produce the milk of four cows.
Later, you hire a consultant to analyse why the cow has died.

A FRENCH CORPORATION

You have two cows.
You go on strike, organize a riot, and block the roads, because you want three cows.

AN ITALIAN CORPORATION

You have two cows, but you do not know where they are.
You decide to have lunch.

A SWISS CORPORATION

You have 5,000 cows.
None of them belong to you.

You charge the owners for storing them.

A CHINESE CORPORATION

You have two cows.
You have 300 people milking them.
You claim that you have full employment and high bovine productivity.
You arrest the newsman who reported the real situation.

AN INDIAN CORPORATION

You have two cows.
You worship them.

A BRITISH CORPORATION

You have two cows.
Both are mad.

AN IRAQI CORPORATION

Everyone thinks you have lots of cows.
You tell them that you have none.
Nobody believes you, so they bomb the hell out of you and invade your country.
You still have no cows but at least you are now a Democracy.

AN AUSTRALIAN CORPORATION

You have two cows.
Business seems pretty good.
You close the office and go for a few beers to celebrate.

A NEW ZEALAND CORPORATION

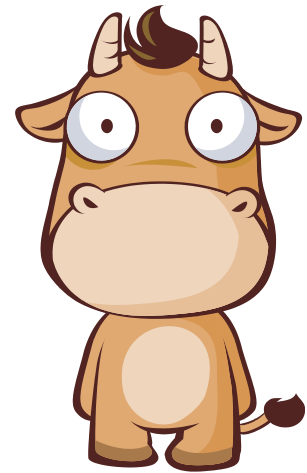
You have two cows.
The one on the left looks very attractive.

A GREEK CORPORATION

You have two cows borrowed from French and German banks.
You eat both of them.
The banks call to collect their milk, but you cannot deliver so you call the IMF.
The IMF loans you two cows.
You eat both of them.
The banks and the IMF call to collect their cows/milk.
You are out getting a haircut.

AN IRISH CORPORATION

You have two cows
One of them is a horse!



JOKES

Fred took 2 stuffed dogs to the 'Antiques Roadshow'.
"Ooh!" said the presenter, "This is a very rare set, produced by the celebrated Johns Brothers taxidermists who operated in London at the turn of last century. Do you have any idea what they would fetch if they were in good condition?"

"...Sticks?" Fred replied.



Jim thought his new girlfriend might be the one but after looking through her closet drawer and finding a nurse's outfit, a French maid's outfit, and a police woman's uniform, he finally decided if she can't hold down a job, she's not for him



When Barry was asked,
"When you are a ripe old age, what would you prefer to get? Parkinson's or Alzheimer's?"
This wise man answered, "Definitely Parkinson's, better to spill half my wine than to forget where I put the bottle."



Locations to Hold Our Events

We put out a call to all members who could offer their clubhouse as a location for Sarasota British Club (SBC) events, and members have generously responded. So... A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE INDIVIDUALS. The Board will be busily organizing and coordinating events for those locations at our monthly meetings—we'll keep you posted. This keeps our events affordable to all members, and adds diversity for our get-togethers. The SBC will cover overhead charges, and our members generously volunteer to help with the set-up and clean-up. If other members can offer their clubhouse, please contact Steve Adams (with suitable dates and locations. Thank you for your support.



Abe and Esther are flying to Australia for a two-week vacation to celebrate their 50th anniversary.
Suddenly, over the public address system, the Captain announces, "Ladies and Gentlemen, I'm afraid I have some very bad news... Our engines have ceased functioning and we will attempt an emergency landing. Luckily, I see an uncharted island below us and we should be able to land on the beach. However, the odds are that we may never be rescued and will have to live on the island for the rest of our lives!"
Thanks to the skill of the flight crew, the plane lands safely on the island.
An hour later Abe turns to his wife and asks, "Esther, did we pay our VISA and MasterCard bills yet?"
"No, sweetheart," she responds.
Abe, still shaken from the crash landing, then asks, "Esther, did we pay our American Express card yet?"
"Oh, no! I'm sorry. I forgot to send the check," she says.
"One last thing Esther. Did you remember to send the estimated earnings check to the IRS this quarter?" he asks.
"Oh, forgive me, Abe," begged Esther. "I didn't send that one, either."
Abe grabs her and gives her the biggest kiss in 40 years.
Esther pulls away and asks him, "What was that for?"
Abe answers, "They'll find us!"

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