



BritClub News

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Coming Events

The SBC Board Meeting will be held on Thursday November 13th at the Village des Pins, 7964 Timberwood Circle Sarasota @ 6:30pm. Members welcome.

Joint Brunch with British-American Club of Southwest Florida on Sunday 2nd November.. Contact Gary Lee, see Page 7

Guy Fawkes Party on November 8, 5:30pm at Potter Park, Potter Park Drive, Sarasota. \$5 pp. RSVP to pwilkinson18@comcast.net See Page 7.

Kayaking in Nokomis on November 12th See Page 6

AGM - Sunday, November 23, for the Club's Annual General Meeting, which begins at 3:00 pm at Lakeshore Village Clubhouse. Following the business portion of the afternoon, which is to elect the SBC Board for 2015, members are invited to stay and socialize over afternoon tea. Water and soft drinks will also be provided.

Candidates for the 2015 Board have been called for in previous Club newsletters and the slate of candidates is on Page 7

Location/directions to Lakeshore Village Clubhouse: Turn into Lakeshore Village at Wilshire Blvd, which is **directly opposite** the PaddyWagon Irish Pub at 3877 Clark Road and some 300 yards east of the intersection of Clark and Beneva Roads. The Clubhouse is 100 yards on the left.

If you have any questions on the AGM, please contact Gary Lee (glee01@verizon.net, or [941-706-1172](tel:941-706-1172).)

Welsh Male Voice Choir on December 2nd, see Page 5.



IMG Academy Tour Thurs Dec 11

I have made a reservation for a guided tour of IMG Academy Bradenton (5500 34th St W Bradenton, FL (941) 755-1000.) on Thurs Dec 11. IMG is an internationally renowned sports academy for tennis, golf, baseball, soccer, football etc. www.imgacademy.com

The guided tour will start at 10.00am for approx 1 - 1.5 hours, visiting all areas of the campus followed by refreshments at the Academy Cafe. The tour is via a golf cart, so I am only able to make a reservation for a

maximum of 8 people, but if interest proves popular another tour can be arranged for next year. There is no charge for the tour, but reservations must be made with me by Mon Dec 8. Details of where we will meet will be given at the time of booking. For those who wish to join us for lunch we will drive 3 miles to Anna Maria Oyster Bar on SR 41. **Jane Thompson**

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Christmas Party on December 20th at Heritage Oaks, see the attached flyer with menu details and your reservation form.



Happy Hour bar prices all evening, Dancing, Games, Live music, Raffle prizes, and so much more. We welcome suggestions and ideas from you all, which can be sent to Sandra Cherry Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com (941-921-3162)

Hope to see you all there!!!

Players Theatre Visit to see the musical "Cabaret" on preview night Wed Jan 7 2015 at 7.30pm. I have reserved 20 tickets for \$15 each which is payable to me at the time of booking. I have also booked the private dining room for 5pm for 20 at Libby's Restaurant, 1917 Osprey Ave, Sarasota 487-7300.



The "limited menu" (similar to the "early bird special", details to be known mid Nov) is \$21.92 each inc tax & gratuity with \$6 deposit required at the time of booking & balance to be paid individually on the night at the restaurant. www.libbyscafebar.com. Please contact Jane Thompson on lakewood2@gmail.com or 388-8018 to reserve your theatre tickets & let me know if you also require meal reservation. We can arrange to park at the theatre for 4.30pm & then car pool to Libby's as parking is limited near to the restaurant or meet inside the restaurant if that is preferred. Reservations **MUST** be made by Monday Dec 29.

Jane Thompson

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President's Letter

Autumn has come to our lovely part of Florida. We can at last open windows and sliders wide and enjoy the fresh, cooler air. Last year at this time, we were in Vail, Colorado where the aspen trees still had their bright golden autumn leaves. And against the back drop of surrounding peaks, white with early snow, those leaves played magnificently. Later on that same trip, we spent several days with longstanding friends in the Boulder area, where we enjoyed a riot of color among the trees and shrubs, again resplendent against the distant, eastern Rocky Mountain range.



Recalling that Colorado trip brought to mind our frequent visits to the Blue Ridge Parkway area in Virginia for hiking when we lived in the Washington, D.C. area. The Parkway and hiking trails could be reached in 2 hours or so, so one could easily go for a nice hike and enjoy the spectacular autumn colors and get back home in time for a late afternoon or evening activity. Too, with another couple or two, we often booked for a weekend or so, one of the rustic cabins along the trail that are maintained by the Appalachian Trail Club in Washington. These cabins are near hiking trails and used to cost only \$1.50 per night per person. Doubtlessly, the tariff has increased as this goes back more than 30 years. The cabins provided bunks for 6 or more campers (who had to bring their own sheets and pillow cases of course or use sleeping bags. Simple mattresses were stored in wired cages.) Also, at least two kerosene lanterns were provided since the cabins had no electric power. Too, cabins were usually situated near a spring or stream, where provisions could be stored. Only once did other hikers not respect the rules of the road and made off with some of our supplies.

We hiked in our own provisions (including copious amounts of wine, of course) and cooked either on a wood burning stove or over an open fireplace. The deal was that campers were obliged to forage for their own wood for cooking and heat. The wood could not be cut from live trees--only wood found lying about the surrounding forest. The rule was that at the end of each rental period, the departing party was obliged to leave enough wood for the first fire of the next renters. A simple privy was located usually a hundred yards or so near each cabin. If one ventured out after dark, the myriad eyes of deer grazing near the cabin were reflected as floating, golden objects. It was all magical and quite wonderful. We enjoyed these occasions immensely. When staying in these cabins for several days, the routine was to have breakfast, pack a lunch, and strike out for a 6-7 hour hike along wooded trails, only occasionally getting a good view of valleys, etc. along the way. If in

summer—on route back to the cabin, one could strip off and dive into a mountain pool of ice cold water for a refreshing shower as there was no water at all in the cabins. What wonderful memories that I haven't thought of in years.....

Do plan to attend the AGM on Sunday, November 23rd.

Gary

SANDRA'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Well, even though we have had a 'cool front' come through, it's still hard to recognize that it is Autumn, and that brings to mind comfort foods, which for me always includes soups. When we were living in Wisconsin, we grew our own pumpkins, which were a lot of work, but so worth the taste in pies etc. Nowadays I use canned pumpkin, (although I have found the Trader Joe's brand to be as close to fresh) Hope you like my version...there are many, and indeed I am featuring a different version for my Union Jack column. This was always a popular soup in the tea room.



Pumpkin Soup:

- 1 onion
- 2 Tbsp butter
- 2 cups prepared pumpkin
- 1 3/4 cup chicken stock
- 1 1/2 cup water
- 1 Tbsp oil
- Salt and pepper
- 1 Bay leaf
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1/2 tsp thyme
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 1/4 cup cream



Chop onion, sauté in melted butter and oil until soft. Add pumpkin, chicken stock, water, seasoning, Bay leaf, sugar, thyme and nutmeg. Simmer on low 30-45 minutes and remove bay leaf. Puree in processor, and add cream before serving.

4-6 servings

(Recipe from Sandra F Cherry, *Union Jack* food columnist, who can be reached at Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com. I welcome requests, comments and recipes)

Bay NEWS 9 Exclusively on bright house

Walmart Taste the freshness in stores now at Walmart

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NEWS WEATHER TRAFFIC SPORTS ON THE TOWN COMMUNITY POLITICS BU

Seen On 9 Hillsborough Pinellas Polk Pasco Manatee Hernando Citrus State National

Cooler weather is finally here. How long will it last? Watch Weather

Man crosses off hiking Appalachian Trail off bucket list

Steve Adams, 61, made the 2,185-mile journey from Georgia to Maine with a 35-pound pack on his back. (Photos courtesy: Steve Adams)

From the Bay News 9 web page.

Steve Adams's Appalachian Trial

2013's President Steve started hiking the Appalachian Trail on 22nd March as mentioned in the March BritNews.

Sunday September 21- Monday September 29

The slippery rocks and tree roots of the Trail continue to welcome the unwary and add to Steve's trial, his 45th fall gives him some bad knocks and damages his phone too.

New Hampshire and Maine, the last 2 states, he considered to be the highlight of this long trip.

At last Steve reaches Mount Katahdin with some other hikers, and he is registered as the 699th successful thru-hiker of the year and thus truly earning his trail moniker of 'Mighty Blue'.

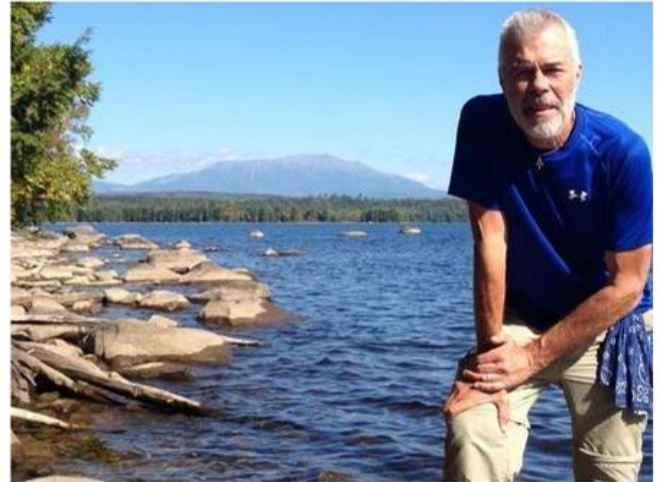
Steve's blog at <http://myappalachiantrial.com> is created using WordPress, free software that you can download from <http://wordpress.org/>. His many blog pages include much more detail, photos and videos from the trip.

There is a YouTube video of a talk by Steve on behalf of the Family Partnership Center from Manatee Education TV at <http://tinyurl.com/pss4gnu>.

Congratulations Steve!

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Parrish retiree, no avid outdoorsman, conquers Appalachian Trail



Steve Adams of Parrish nears the end of the Appalachian Trail. In the background is Maine's Mount Katahdin.
Photo provided by Steve Adams

By Dale White

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MANATEE COUNTY - Soon after selling his insurance agency in December, Steve Adams of Parrish made a commitment.

From the Herald Tribune web page.

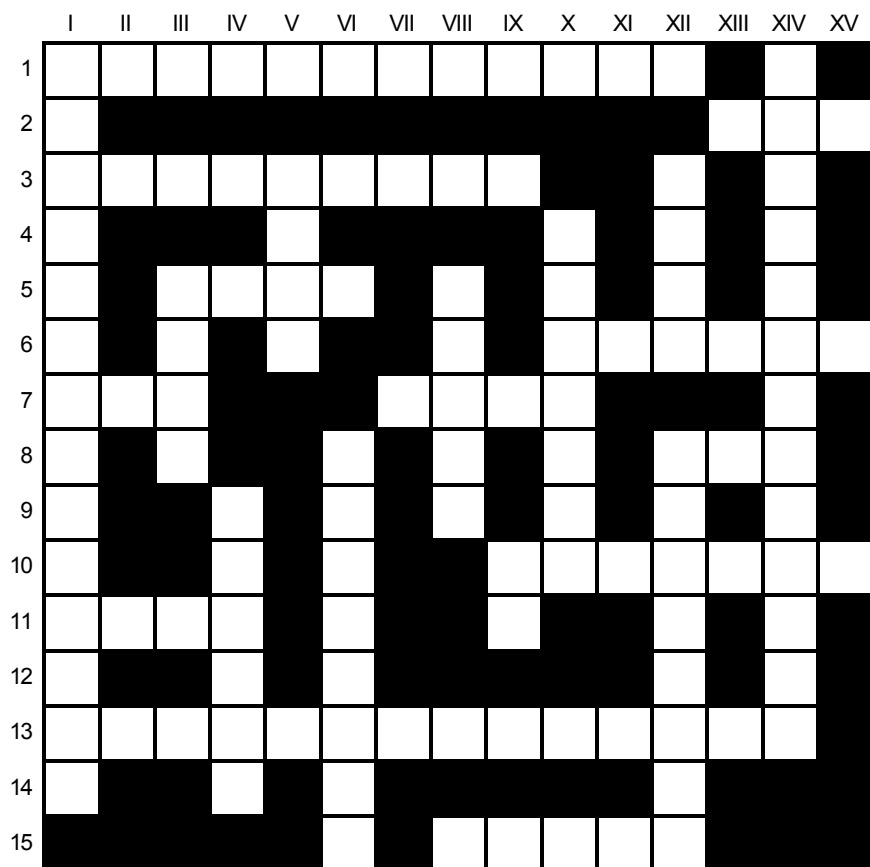
A REMINDER - we "trumpeted" our announcement of our latest website overhaul with an email blast to all on August 28.th.. Check out the really new site at the same old address <http://sarasotabritishclub.com>



Please share Club insights with those who may be interested in joining.

BritNews Crossword.

For lovers of Charles Dickens the great British novelist, with a 'Twist', (intentional pun) as the format is a French crossword style. Note that reference XII is two separate clues. The solution is on Page 8.



Dickens

“To conceal anything from those to whom I am attached, is not in my nature. I can never close my lips where I have opened my heart.”

— **Charles Dickens**

Across

1. He had a strong, unrequited love for Lucie Manette.
2. Bob Cratchit's son.
3. Milliner from 'Nickolas Nickleby'.
5. Magistrate in 'Oliver Twist'.
6. Mr. Tracy ----- from 'Pickwick Papers'.
7. The hero from 'Great Expectations'. Sissy ---- in 'Hard Times'
8. Rosa ---, fiancée of Edwin Drood.
10. The secretive lawyer who mediates between Pip and his mysterious benefactor in 'Great Expectations'.
11. Mr. Dolls is the drunken father of Jenny ---- .
13. Nell and her Grandfather meet ----- and ----- in a churchyard in Aylesbury.
15. An alcoholic who runs a rag and bottle shop and lodging house in 'Bleak House'.

Down

- I. Retired businessman who travels around England in search of adventure.
- III. Old Martin Chuzzlewit's agent.
- IV. Nathaniel ----- is a member of the Pickwick Club.
- V. Miss Barbary's relationship to Esther in 'Bleak House'.
- VI. Seth Pecksniff's assistant in Martin Chuzzlewit.
- VIII. Undertaker who arranges the funeral of Anthony Chuzzlewit.
- IX. A crossing sweeper who finds solace in the generosity of Captain Hawdon in 'Bleak House'.
- X. Pip's love interest in 'Great Expectations'.
- XII. Pet raven of Barnaby Rudge. Describes himself as "Tough, Sir, tough, and de-vilish sly!" in 'Dombey and Son'.
- XIV. Long-time inmate of the Marshalsea debtors' prison and father of Amy, the book's heroine.

Down Memory Lane....

I've just spent a very happy few hours on the new Sarasota British Club webpage looking through past newsletters. It brought back so many memories. In the early years of the Club, there was such enthusiasm from members and Board alike. Of course, we were all younger then. The Club didn't hold as many events as we do now; and we didn't hold any events at all or even send a newsletter out through the height of summer. Many of the events were where, we the members, brought along a dish to share and our own drink of choice. The Christmas Party was the big event of the year as it still is.



When I joined the Club, I was asked by Tina Smith (who was then the newsletter editor) to place a small write-up about ourselves in the Club's monthly newsletter. Within hours of the newsletter's coming out, an Ann Doran rang me to say she lived in the same town (Herne Bay) where we were previously living. We arranged to meet at the "Tea Room" on Gulf Gate then owned by Sandra Cherry and Penny Mulak. Sandra was the founder of SBC; and Penny, a close friend of Sandra's, who then lived out of state, with husband, Julian. But when in Sarasota, Penny's input to the Club was huge. It wasn't long before Sandra talked me into standing for a position on the Club's Board. Each month a meeting was held at the Tea Room, 5:30-6:30pm; and sometimes the meeting ran onto 7 pm—but not very often. Friendships quickly formed and the Brit Club became my life. Most of my friends to this day—12 years on—are still members of the Club.

If you haven't been online to peruse the new Sarasota British Club website, you are missing out. The recipes, Horoscope page, along with the sporting and gardening advice, are all there. I am hoping some old photos will be there too. I will be going back to the website to take another look for them. Some names and faces we shouldn't forget; and hopefully, their photos will be on view. Each member has played a big part in making the Club what it is today. Because of our Club, I have two handfuls of wonderful, close friends, who enrich my life. By support of our Club; offering to help; or by taking part in events laid on by the Board, your input and participation are how our Club will grow and stay around for many years to come.

Sue Ford

October 2014 Board Meeting Precipis

Board meeting held Oct 9th; Current Balance \$ 5,272.40; 166 members with 144 families and 22 singles; Big Top Brewery tour on 9/24 enjoyed; Brunch at Turtles enjoyed by the 38 attending; Christmas Party plans for December 20th coming along; full information will go out in November newsletter; Sub committee Gary Lee, Mark Malkasian, Barry Evans and Sandra Cherry met to amend the By-Laws of the Club, which will be presented at the AGM on November 23rd, with an afternoon tea; Upcoming events include: Improv Night, Tour of IMG, Guy Fawkes evening on November 8th, Kayaking on November 12th. A local charity will be chosen at the November Board Meeting; Past president Steve Adams has offered to do a presentation of his Appalachian Trail experience in early 2015. Next Board meeting to be at Timberwoods, November 13th. (Submitted by Sandra Cherry, Vice-President, and Barry Evans Secretary)



WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR TO SING IN SARASOTA

An invitation has been extended to our Club members by the Gulf Coast Welsh Society.

There will be a free concert by a Welsh Male Voice Choir at 7 p.m. December 2, 2014

at the First United Methodist Church, 104 Pineapple St., Sarasota, FL.

There is a long tradition of Welsh Choirs in most communities in the many valleys of Wales beginning in the 19th Century.

It is generally acknowledged that part singing began as early as the 12th century in Wales as opposed to unison singing which was done elsewhere.

The special harmony and enthusiasm can be heard at rugby games as well as in concert halls, churches, and pubs throughout Wales.

The Bois Afan Choir is from Port Talbot, Wales. They have sung together for 28 years throughout the British Isles and in many other European countries.

Their repertoire includes popular music from the 30's through the 60's and from musicals and films in addition to traditional Welsh music.

The choir's first appearance in the United States is at the invitation of the Sarasota International Cricket Club and the Gulf Coast Welsh Society.

The First United Methodist Church will host the choir concert as part of its Open Doors program.

The Gulf Coast Welsh Society has been celebrating its 30th year in 2014, and this concert, open to the public, is the final special event of the season.

A freewill offering will be taken to help with expenses.

For information: www.Sarasotawelsh.com;

email: Sarasotawelsh@yahoo.com; 941-349-6069

Kayak Outing on the Intracoastal Waterway in Nokomis

If you missed our kayak outing last fall or were one of our paddlers who were disappointed due to unfavorable weather this past spring, here's another opportunity to experience our next silent seas adventure. We'll again attempt to undertake a "Waterways of Nokomis" outing with our professional guide, John Sarkozy, who has nearly 20 years of experience in running local kayak trips under the auspices of the American Littoral Society <http://www.littoralsociety.org/index.php/trips-a-events/sarasota>.

The trip will be at a leisurely pace on a North to South figure-eight route among the small islands, mangroves and sand bars dotting the Intra-Coastal Waterway along Casey Key. There will be one "wilderness stop" during our three-hour journey of paddling and observation.

DATE and TIME: Wednesday, **November 12**, 2014. Please arrive by **9am** to be prepared for our launching at 9:30 and returning about 12:30pm.

DIRECTIONS to the Launch Site: In Nokomis on Rt 41 turn west onto Albee Rd, proceed 0.9 miles over the ICW bridge, turn right onto Casey Key Rd. and then immediately turn right around a wooden & chain link fence and then over a short bridge and finally turn left continuing along the dirt road approx. 0.1 miles to a break in the mangroves on the left marked by wooden fencing.

John provides all the necessary equipment and safety gear and especially welcomes first time kayakers. As he did for several newbies last year, he'll have you quite comfortable on the water in a matter of minutes. He can accommodate up to 11 paddlers in single kayaks and two-somes in up to three double (tandem) kayaks or 17 guests in total.

Fees are \$25 per person, \$20 if you are a member of ALS or \$5 if you bring your own kayak and life vest. Suggested per-

sonal items are: a sun hat, plenty of water, sunscreen/protection, quick-dry clothing and grippy-soled shoes that you don't mind getting wet. John usually has granola bars for the rest stop.

Après-kayaking we will adjourn for lunch at a quite nearby, waterfront eatery — Pelican Alley, 1009 West Albee Rd, Nokomis <http://www.pelicanalley.com>

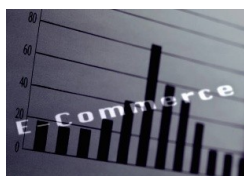
Checks payable to the Sarasota British Club should be sent to P.O. 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276. For more info and insights feel free to call the Event Coordinator Mark Malkasian at (941) 918-8360.

Please note — **checks, preference for kayak type (single or double) and lunch commitments** are due by Wednesday, November 5. Parking at recreational sites can be an issue on occasion so car-pooling is encouraged. Prayers to the weather Gods are advisable after submission of checks.



Hana Mares-Sirotkova, Ken Jukes and Mark Malkasian in November 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'.

There are links to Steve Adam's Appalachian Trial too as the précis on Page 3 does not do it justice. There are also photos and videos of his walk.



**SARASOTA BRITISH CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

Members will be asked to vote for the following slate of candidates for the 2015 SBC Board:

- President:** Gary Lee
- Vice President:** Barry Evans
- Treasurer and Website Liaison:** Mark Malkasian
- Secretary:** Maggie Hughes
- Membership Director:** Paul Wilkinson
- Newsletter Editor:** Brian Thompson
- Directors at Large:** Sandra Cherry, Jane Jacobs and Diana Wilkinson

Note that under our By-Laws, no nominations will be accepted from the floor during the AGM.

Please contact Gary Lee (glee01@verizon.net or 941-706-1172) by Wednesday, November 19 to let him know if you will be staying for the tea following the AGM to give the Board adequate time for final preparations. Thanks very much.

**Remember, remember the 5th
of November!**
**ONLY A FEW PLACES LEFT FOR THIS
"HAUTE CUISINE" EVENT!**
REPLY TODAY TO SECURE A PLACE
 Join us for hot dogs and baked potatoes to celebrate a great British Tradition. Bring your own adult beverage, food and sodas will be provided. Children welcome!
 There will be a \$5 per person charge to cover our costs.
When: Saturday November 8, 5.30 pm
Where: Potter Park, 8587 Potter Park Drive, Sarasota, FL 34238 (next to the YMCA and the Water Park, behind the Westgate Mall)
 RSVP to: pwilkinson18@comcast.net
MUST RSVP TO SECURE A SPACE (No-shows are a No-No!)

Transportation to Club Events

The Board has designated Mark Malkasian as our Transportation Coordinator to assist those in need of rides to Club events. Mark is hoping to create a small pool of member volunteers willing to provide wheels to members. This is a call for volunteers to step forward to help. This also is a call to contact him if you are in need of transport to a particular event. He can be reached by email mark@armeng.com or phone (941-918-8360). Beware! He has a list of all the Club members and their zip codes so he's hoping you won't mind, when necessary, if he calls you to ask if you can assist a nearby member in getting to an event you are planning to attend. Thank you.



Did you know?

The Club has a "Sunshine Club" which will send a greeting to a member when we hear of a special happy, sad or momentous event in that member's life. Please let us know of such events. Contact Sandra Cherry, her details are below.

2014 Board of Directors

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JOKES

A blonde gets a job as a physical education teacher of 16 year olds.

She notices a boy at the end of the field standing alone, while all the other kids are running around having fun, kicking a football. She takes pity on him and decides to speak to him.



'You ok?' she asks.

'Yes,' he replies.

'You can go and play with the other kids, you know,' she says.

'It's best I stay here,' he says.

'Why's that, sweetie?' asks the blonde.

The boy looks at her incredulously and says: "Because I'm the ruddy goalkeeper !!!"

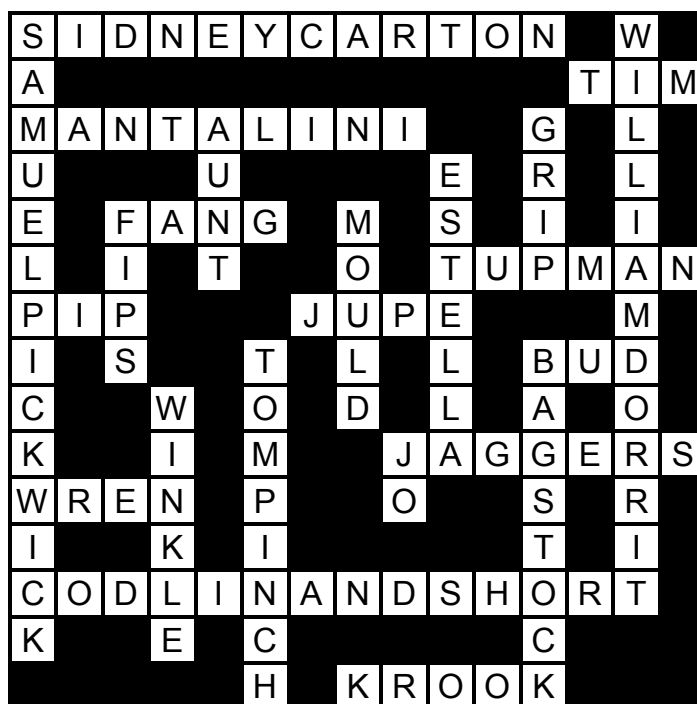


A Brit flies into Australia and is asked by the immigration officer, " Do you have any felony convictions?"

The Brit replies, " Sorry, I didn't realise that was still a requirement"

Submitted by Sandra Cherry.

Solution to crossword on Page 4.



Quotes

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

William Arthur Ward

As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind - every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder.

John Glenn

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