
Brit Club News

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Coming Events

November 2

Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m. at Tastefully British, 2236 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota.

MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

November 18

Le Barge Sunset Cruise - Yes folks! Its on again! Last time it was cancelled due to presence of hurricane and bad weather. This time we have a good feeling about it! Keep your diaries free for this always fun event. Please book in advance and confirm departure time with the Le Barge team to avoid disappointment.

What better way to end a day than a breathtaking sunset? 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.

The Sarasota British Club is proposing an informal get together on the evening, currently running between 7 and 9 pm (with a prompt 6:30 boarding time) on the wonderful and relaxing Le Barge on a sunset cruise around Sarasota bay.

This is a pay as you go event and you are responsible for your own transportation, refreshments and tickets. If you would like more information please call 941-751-6194 or email events@sarasotabritishclub.com.



December 7

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December 16

Christmas Party – Yes, it's the event you look forward to every year! This year we have a different venue, Stoneybrook Golf Course. Tickets are \$35 for

members and \$40 for non-members. The event is planned to start a little later this year, at 7 pm, to make it easier for those who have day jobs; and we intend to make it a real hum dinger this year.



No buffet lines this year - we will have a waiter served dinner with salad, choice of main course, a dessert and, of course, a bar that is available for anyone who may have a hankering for an adult beverage or two! Menu will be published shortly once it has been decided.

Tickets will be available for purchase from various outlets (to be published soon) and all board members, naturally. Tickets **must be purchased in advance**, so don't hang around. Tickets purchased prior to November 15 will get an extra chance at raffle prizes; RSVPs must be received by December 6. DJ/entertainment will be available should some of you have the need to party down extra hard this year!

Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

From Our President

The family picnic was enjoyed by everyone attending. It seems my culinary skills were not up to the standard of Debbie's of the Taste of Britain as no one wanted my burgers and all seemed to be tucking in to her home cooking.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on the 21st of October at the Banana Bay Club, Heron Lagoon, Siesta Key, with the club providing excellent food. Many thanks to all those who worked to make it such a wonderful evening, to all of you who offered to stand for Board positions and committee chairs and, especially, to our hosts, Gina and David Warren.

October is the month many of our members are due to pay their annual fees. I am told that we have some members who cannot find their wallets, and so I ask you do so as soon as possible please. You can always renew at the A.G.M. and avoid paying a guest fee!!! See you all at the AGM

Peter Gold

Member News

Club member Susie Jackson Batty recently had her book, *The Diary of the Lady from Devizes*, published. It is an uplifting story of breast cancer which tells of Susie's illness, but also of her relocation to Sarasota with her husband Andrew. In 2000 Susie and Andrew bought a Sarasota Florist shop. Her illness made them realise that life is too short and that they should be enjoying the Florida lifestyle on a fulltime basis. Susie's book is full of humour and many tears. She has spoken at several ladies' luncheons about her book and has been overwhelmed by the response delighted that it has helped so many women.



ARE YOU THE PERFECT SURROGATE DOG- PARENTS? .. AND, PERHAPS, BRITISH TO BOOT?

We're on vacation from December 18 to January 3, and looking for the perfect surrogate dog-parents -- **who absolutely must love dogs!** – to look after our adorable, well-behaved but strong Beagle. Sam, of course, also has a British accent albeit with a hint of a Mississippi dialect! You will **love** him! Because we work from home, he's used to us being around all day. Sam – who **loves** to walk – needs a non-working couple – that's exactly what we're after – a non-working couple – who would welcome the opportunity to live/hang around and play with him in our Lakewood Ranch home throughout this entire period. You will, of course, be paid but please don't let this be your motivator. (Thank you, but we do *not* want professional pet-sitters on this occasion.) Our

initial meeting will take place in your home. Please call **(941) 907 1296** between 8am - 8pm.

Cauliflower Cheese

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1 medium cauliflower broken into flowerets
1 tsp salt
2 Tbsp butter
2 Tbsp flour
1 ½ cups milk
1 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese
Dash nutmeg and Tabasco sauce
4 Tbsp breadcrumbs

Cook cauliflower in salted water about 10 minutes, or until almost tender, don't overcook! Drain well and put in medium ovenproof dish. Melt butter in saucepan, stir in the flour and gradually add the milk stirring until smooth. Stir in ¾ cup of the cheese, nutmeg and Tabasco. Stir until thickened about two minutes. Pour over the partially cooked cauliflower and sprinkle with the remaining cheese and breadcrumbs. Bake in a 400 degree oven for five minutes. Serves 4

Recipe from Sandra Cherry of "Your Cup of Tea" – Britbabe44@comcast.net

Sarasota International Cricket Club

12th ANNUAL SIX-A-SIDE FESTIVAL, NOVEMBER 27, 2005 – FINALS DAY

Cricketers from around the world will be participating in the 12th Anniversary of the Six-A-Side Festival. Teams from the U.K., Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Mexico, as well as teams from Tennessee, North Carolina, Texas, Arizona and Florida will once again compete in a festival which has gained global recognition in cricket circles. Play will commence at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, 27th November. Admission is free and refreshments are available. Directions: East of I-75 on University Parkway, ¼ mile past Lorraine Road intersection on the left hand side. Members will be on hand to offer assistance to any baseball fanatics who wish to experience the subtle difference between the two sports. For further information, call Terry Sweeney at 941-918-0550.

This Month's Quiz – The Duke of York

- The Duke of York was the first child to be born to a reigning monarch since which year?**
A. 1921 B. 1652 C. 1857 D. 1946
- During his travels, The Duke of York has visited which of the following?**
A. The furthest point north ever visited by a Royal B. The remotest point ever visited by a Royal
C. The furthest point south ever visited by a Royal D. The highest point ever visited by a Royal
- Which award did the Duke obtain in 1980?**
A. An honorary doctorate from Oxford University B. He was appointed to the Order of the Garter
C. He was appointed to the Order of the Thistle D. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Gold Standard
- For how long did the Duke serve in the Royal Navy?**
A. 22 years B. 18 years C. 10 years D. 5 years
- Which rank did the Duke obtain in the Royal Navy?**
A. Flight Commander B. Lieutenant Commander C. Flight Pilot D. Sub-Lieutenant
- In which capacity did the Duke of York serve in the Falklands conflict?**
A. Navigator B. Fast jet pilot C. Helicopter Pilot D. Observer
- Which appointment did The Queen bestow upon the Duke in 1984?**
A. Aide-de-Camp B. Companion of Honour
C. The title of The Duke of York D. Admiral of the Fleet of the Royal Australian Navy
- Which medal was The Duke of York awarded in 1982 for his tour of duty in the Falklands conflict?**
A. The South Atlantic Campaign Medal B. The Distinguished Service Order
C. The Queens Gallantry Medal D. Order of the Bath (Military Division)
- In what year did The Duke of York become the UK's Special Representative for International Trade and Investment?**
A. 2004 B. 2001 C. 1999 D. He will take up the position in 2006
- Which honorary service appointment does The Duke of York NOT hold?**
A. Colonel in Chief of the Staffordshire Regiment B. Colonel in Chief of the Royal Irish Regiment
C. Admiral of the Sea Cadet Corps D. Honorary Auxiliary Commodore

