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Coming Events

Board Meeting October 29 – 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sandra Cherry, 2930 Williamsburg St., Sarasota. MEMBERS ARE WELCOME, BUT PLEASE PHONE AHEAD AS SPACE IS LIMITED!

Guy Fawkes Picnic/Annual General Meeting November 4 – Please join us on Sunday, November 4 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. for a picnic and election of the new Board of Officers at the Pavilion, Twin Lakes Park, Clark Road (just east of I.75). The Club will provide baked (jacket) potatoes, sodas, water, condiments, plates, napkins, knives, forks, etc. BYOB, but note, no glass is allowed in the Pavilion area.

IF YOUR LAST NAME BEGINS WITH: A-M please bring a topper for the potatoes or a side dish; N-Z please bring a dessert.

There is no charge for members for this event. However, we do encourage you to bring guests and friends for whom there will be a nominal charge of \$5. Please phone TERRY SWEENEY at 918-0550 or email him at tsweeneyau@aol.com to confirm your attendance. Thanks. "Guy Fawkes" is not running for office!!!



Board Meeting November 12 – 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sandra Cherry, 2930 Williamsburg St., Sarasota. MEMBERS ARE WELCOME, BUT PLEASE PHONE AHEAD AS SPACE IS LIMITED!

Annual Six-A-Side Cricket Festival November 22-25 – The Sarasota International Cricket Club will host the fourteenth Festival at their attractive ground in Lakewood Ranch. This is a knockout competition with the finals on Sunday 25th, starting at 11:00 a.m. Six-a-Side cricket is fast paced, hard hitting and very exciting. This year talented teams from Sarasota, Texas, Tennessee, North Carolina, Bermuda and the U.K. will participate.

Refreshments and drinks are available but we encourage you and your friends to bring your own picnics. There is no entrance charge. We look forward to seeing you there.

Directions: East of I.75 on University Parkway; ¼ mile past Lorraine Road intersection on left hand side. For further information call Terry Sweeney at 941-918-0550.

Coming Events – Mark these dates on your calendar - Christmas Party at Misty Creek on December 15, Sarasota Ballet on January 27.

Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

From Our President

Our Annual General Meeting and Guy Fawkes Picnic is right around the corner – see the details on the front page. I hope to see as many of you as possible at that meeting which is, of course, where you will elect next year's officers.

Plans are shaping up for what promises to be one of our best Christmas Parties EVER! Seating at our new venue (Misty Creek) is limited, so get your reservations in early. We will have the clubhouse to ourselves this time.

We had a little over 30 people at the Asolo's production of *A Tale of Two Cities*, including a family of three from London who timed their Sarasota visit to coincide with the event. A good time seemed to be had by all. It isn't often that we Sarasotans get to see a show before it opens on Broadway...right here in our back yard.

Speaking of cultural events, there's still time to make your reservations for the Club's outing to the Sarasota Ballet – see details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Happy Thanksgiving to all...and DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE RETIRING ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3...you don't want to be late for Guy!

Cheers!

Nairn' B. Gillet, President

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, Champions Pub, Tastefully British, Four & Twenty Pasty Shop, the British Open Pub, The Irish Rovers, The Coach & Horses Pub, The Open, Shakespeare's, McAllister's, Scots Corner and Beckham's Osprey Grill. Please thank them by patronizing them whenever you can, and let them know you appreciate their support.

Rose's Corner

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, call at 366-9984 or email me at rosegillet@yahoo.com. Closing date for the newsletter is the 15th of each month.

Rose Gillet, Newsletter Editor

New Member News

Peter and Doreen Wilson came to the U.S. with their three sons from Kent in 1965. Peter was transferred by Hercules, Inc. in London for two years and 42 years later we are still here.

Peter was born in Sanderstead, Surrey, where he met Doreen on Guy Fawkes Night and where they were married on July 4th (keeping up the tradition of fireworks!). As a boy he went to the Whitgift School in Croydon and later joined the Royal Engineers.

Doreen was born in Essex living in Gidea Park and worked at the Bank of England. She is a member of the Daughters of the British Empire.

On arrival in the U.S. we lived in Wilmington, Delaware, and then Chadds Ford, PA (Wyeth country) and were involved in local and professional theatre, Doreen having performed in over 40 productions, with Peter working as stage manager or the lighting and sound expert. We have lived in Sarasota for ten years and are ushers at most of the local theatres and are volunteers at Selby Gardens. Peter has been Chairman of Landscaping in Rivendell and is still very involved in that and the Osprey Revitalization Committee.

We are very happy to be part of the British Club and thank you for your warm welcome.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Tony & Tunde Olson on the arrival of their son this summer. As an Immigration Law Attorney, Tony has been very supportive of our club since the beginning, offering pro bono advice as needed. We wish them all well.

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

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____

Email Address _____

Membership Type: Single \$25 Family \$35 (includes all children under age 18)

Carrot and Orange Soup

I just returned from another great trip to England, had a great time and great eating, including lots of soups!! I used to feature this recipe in the tea room, and it was well received and easy. This can be served warm or chilled. Hope you enjoy my version

Carrot And Orange Soup

1 Tbsp. butter	Grated rind of one orange
1 lb peeled and sliced carrots	3/4 cup orange juice
1 chopped onion	¼ cup cream
3 ½ cups chicken stock	Salt and pepper
Pinch of sugar	

Melt butter in large saucepan, add the carrots and onion and cook over low heat for about 10 minutes, without browning. Add the stock, sugar, salt and pepper to taste. Bring to the boil and simmer for one hour or until the carrots are tender; leave to cool slightly. Process the soup in a blender until smooth. Stir in the orange rind and juice. Leave to cool and chill in the fridge. Just before serving stir in the cream. Serves 6.

Recipe by Sandra Cherry, Your Cup of Tea Inc. Comments, queries and suggestions are welcome and can be sent to Yourcupoftea1@yahoo.com or www.Yourcupoftea.info.

Who Said It??

"I tend to think that cricket is the greatest thing that God ever created on earth – certainly greater than sex, although sex isn't too bad either."

The answer (don't peek yet!!) is beside the unicorn on the back page of the newsletter.

Do You Own Your Own Business?

For advertising, our rates are reasonable and such an ad not only supports the club by its revenue, but may bring you more business. Many of our members make a point of trying to support British businesses, especially ones where the owner is a member of the club. Please consider advertising your business in our newsletter. Newsletter advertising rates (for club members only) are as follows: ¼ page \$15, ½ page \$25, full page \$40. There is a 20% discount if you purchase your advertisements annually. All ads must be paid for in advance. Please send your camera-ready advertisements (jpg file preferred) by the 15th of the month to the newsletter editor, Rose Gillet, at 3219 24th Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34235 or email them to her at rosegillet@yahoo.com.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ ON PAGES 4-5: 1. C; 2. A; 3. A; 4. C; 5. A; 6. B; 7. A; 8. B; 9. B; 10. A; 11. D; 12. B; 13. B; 14. C; 15. A.

Sarasota Ballet – January 27th

The Sarasota Ballet has invited us to attend their performance on **Sunday, 27th January at 8:00 p.m.** at the FSU Center for the Performing Arts/Asolo Main Stage.

This will be a British programme comprising Scottish Dances set to the music of Malcolm Arnold; Las Hermanas (Sir Kenneth MacMillan) and Façade set to the music of William Walton. The new Director of the Ballet is Iain Andrew Webb, who was born in Yorkshire.

If we can guarantee a minimum of ten persons our tickets will be discounted by **20%**

These prices reflect the 20% discount..... **\$42.** and **\$26.**

Please let Terry Sweeney (**918-0550**) know **before December 15th** if you plan to attend and mail your check to Sarasota British Club at P.O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276.

Please note that if we cannot achieve the ten person minimum we will cancel with the Ballet and return your check to you.



December 15th – The Event of the Year!



Come join us for our Annual Christmas Party at Misty Creek Country Club, Bee Ridge Extension.

Music by old favourites "Black Tie D.J.'s"; good food (see choices on enclosed reservation form), a Charleston Contest, door prizes, 50-50 Raffle and a couple of silly games.

Cost \$40 for members. \$45 non-members. Reservations are **essential** as we have a strict limit of 120.

Please complete the enclosed form, remembering to include your choice of meal and mail it, together with your check, to Sarasota British Club, P.O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276.

Your reservation and payment must be received **no later than December 5th, 2007.**

As Misty Creek is a gated community, you will be asked by the gate man for your name and those of your passengers. Also tell him you are attending the British Club Christmas Party.

BBC Meeting

All members are welcome to attend our monthly BBC (British Business Connection) meeting Tuesday, November 20th at 4 Gees Cafe, corner Webber & Beneva, 5:30 to 7PM, Wine & Cheese, \$10. RSVP By Friday, 16th to: valeriewoodger@michaelsaunders.com.

Dickens Quiz – It's a Hard One!!

1. What is the name of Bill Sikes' dog in Oliver Twist?
 - A. Rover
 - B. Fang
 - C. Bull's-eye
 - D. Spot
2. Which two cities are referred to in the title of A Tale of Two Cities?
 - A. London and Paris
 - B. London and New York
 - C. Paris and Vienna
 - D. Vienna and Berlin
3. What novel was Dickens working on when he died, the unfinished book being published posthumously?
 - A. The Mystery of Edwin Drood
 - B. Our Mutual Friend
 - C. Domeby and Son
 - D. Bleak House
4. Which book begins with the line, "Marley was dead, at least to bein with."?
 - A. Barnaby Rudge
 - B. Little Dorrit
 - C. A Christmas Carol
 - D. Nicholas Nickleby
5. Which fictional town is the setting for Hard Times?
 - A. Coketown
 - B. Cokeport
 - C. Coalchester
 - D. Coalville
6. Who is Pip's mysterious benefactor in Great Expectations?
 - A. Mr. Jaggers
 - B. Magwitch
 - C. Miss Havisham
 - D. Mr. Pumblechook
7. What did Dr. Manette spend his time doing when held in captivity in A Tale of Two Cities?
 - A. Made shoes
 - B. Made hats
 - C. Knitted scarves
 - D. Carved faces

8. In which story do Mr. & Mrs Fezziwig appear?
 - A. Pickwick Papers
 - B. A Christmas Carol
 - C. Bleak House
 - D. Hard Times
9. Who ran the school in Hard Times, believing, "Facts alone are wanted in life...stick to the facts, Sir!"?
 - A. Bounderby
 - B. Gradgrind
 - C. Blackpool
 - D. Harthouse
10. What time are all the clocks set to in Miss Havisham's house in Great Expectations?
 - A. 8:40
 - B. 12:00
 - C. 4:10
 - D. 3:45
11. What was the name of the doctor who was at the birth of David Copperfield?
 - A. Crillip
 - B. Prillip
 - C. Phillip
 - D. Chillip
12. How is Nathaniel Winkle best described in Pickwick Papers?
 - A. Poet
 - B. Sportsman
 - C. Explorer
 - D. Lover
13. How did Dr. Manette respond when asked for his name by Defarge in A Tale of Two Cities?
 - A. 96 East Wing
 - B. 105 North Tower
 - C. 74 Notre Dame
 - D. 111 Bastille Tower
14. Which settlement did Wilkins Micawber emigrate to in the New World in David Copperfield?
 - A. Port Appleby
 - B. Port Moresby
 - C. Port Middlebay
 - D. Port Botany
15. What was the public house frequented by Bill Sykes and Bull's-eye in Oliver Twist?
 - A. The Three Cripples
 - B. The Black Dog
 - C. The Baker's Vault
 - D. The Sailor's Rest