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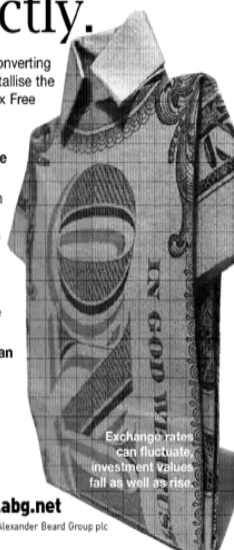
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Coming Events

Board Meeting November 6 – 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!

AGM November 1 – Saturday, 1 November, 6:30 p.m. – Hear Ye, Hear Ye: Come one, come all to the Sarasota British Club's Annual General Meeting! Members are invited **free of charge** and guests are asked to pay a mere \$5 to attend. The Club will provide heavy hors d'oeuvres and other finger foods and wine. If you're not a wine drinker, then BYOB. Also, if your surname begins with A though M, please bring a finger food to share; if it starts with N through Z, please bring a dessert. There will be lots of fun and games, and of course, our annual election.

As a reminder, the slate of officers and directors for which you will be asked to vote is: **President**, Sue Ford; **Vice President**, Kathy Curtin; **Treasurer**, Shona Burtner; **Secretary**, Doreen Wilson; **Membership Chair**, Ken Jukes; **Public Relations Chair**, Amy Croshaw; **Newsletter Editor**, Rose Gillet; **Webmaster**, James Croshaw; **Member-at-Large**, Nairn' Gillet. Terry Sweeney will become, by default, **Immediate Past President**.

Location/directions: Lakeshore Village Clubhouse on Wilshire Blvd., just off Clark Road, about 300 yards east of Beneva Road (opposite Mr. Big's). The Clubhouse is 100 yards on the left.

With apologies to an unknown poet:

**Remember, remember the 1st of November,
Gunpowder, treason and plot!**

**But elect to join us for plonk and nosh,
And we'll elect a new board, by gosh!**

("My name is Terry Sweeney, President, and I approve this message.")

Christmas Dinner Dance December 13 – Join us at Heritage Oaks and dance to the tunes provided by Natural Vibes. Please see the flyer inside and make your reservations now. Tickets are \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. We hear Santa will again make an appearance, so you better be good!!

Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

From Our President

At the time of writing this missive we have two events remaining in 2008. I know it's a sign of my advancing years but do the months have to fly by so quickly? T'aint fair!

It is wonderful to see that several members of the current Board will be seeking re-election at our AGM on November 1st. They and those who have decided to take a break this year have been a joy to work with and we all owe them our thanks for their hard work during 2008.

Our Annual Christmas Dinner Dance on December 13th is fast approaching and it promises to be a gala occasion. Please mail your reservation form and check as soon as possible as we are expecting a full house.

Elsewhere in this issue of BritNews we give details of the Sarasota Cricket Club's annual International Six-A-Side tournament. Do try to attend, especially on Finals Day on November 30th. I can promise you an exciting day of fast paced cricket, with the added attraction of the world's "Cricketer of the Year", Shiv Chanderpaul.

Finally, please support your Club's sponsorship of a needy local family through the "Mothers Helping Mothers" program. You may bring your donation to the AGM or the Christmas Dinner Dance. THANK YOU !

See you soon,
Terry

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October Board Meeting Précis:

Treasurer's balance of \$3,688.86, with 2 new members. Currently 179 paid up members/101 households. Nominating Committee as presented last month. Discussed September meeting at Bob's Train with almost 60 attending. November AGM meeting planned for November 1st at Lakeshore Village; club will provide finger food and wine; members asked to bring BYOB if other than wine wanted; members with last name A-M asked to bring finger food savoury, N-Z dessert; there will be a quiz and election of 2009 board. Christmas Party plans well underway for December 13th at Heritage Oaks. Plan to have Mothers Helping Mothers boxes for club's adopted family donations at November and December meetings. New members tea planned for October 25th at member Doreen and Peter Wilson's house. Next board meeting November 6th at Sandra Cherry's house, members welcome but due to space limitation please call ahead.

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

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

Adopt-a-Family: Mothers Helping Mothers

Christmas is quickly approaching us once again. This is the second year that the Sarasota British Club will be sponsoring a local family, and we need your help. In the upcoming weeks, we will receive our family's info. Once we do, we will e-mail and post the particulars to the website. Whether you want to buy something off the list, or make a cash donation, anything – no matter how big or small – will be greatly appreciated. We will have two drop boxes: one at the AGM in November and one at the Annual Christmas Party in December. If you would like to make a cash donation, you can send a check to the club's PO Box – made out to Sandra Cherry or Amy Croshaw, or give it to either of the ladies at either of the mentioned events. We are in a position to give a single mother with children a Christmas to remember, please help in any way to make this happen.

Rose's Corner

Nairn and I are looking forward to seeing everyone at the AGM. Nairn's the chef in the family, so I'm hoping he'll make the savoury to bring and share.

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

Rose Gillet, Newsletter Editor

Celery Gratin

Celery is not usually prepared cooked in America but is quite delicious as a side vegetable. Here is a version I adapted from a BBC Good Food recipe. I tried it out at dinner with my Jack, former Brit Cub President, Peter Richards and his brother recently and we all agreed it was yummy.....and easy.

Celery Gratin:

2 heads of celery	Salt and pepper
3 bay leaves	¼ cup toasted fresh breadcrumbs
8 oz sour cream	¼ cup grated parmesan cheese
3 Tbsp chopped parsley	

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Trim the celery, discarding the outer tougher stalks, and cut into 3-4" lengths, saving the celery leaves. Cook the celery in salted water with the bay leaves until al dente, drain, discard the bay leaves, and place celery in an oval casserole dish. Finely chop the reserved leaves, and put in bowl, add the sour cream and parsley and season with salt and pepper, mix well. Spread the cream mixture over the celery, sprinkle with the breadcrumbs and parmesan and bake about 30 minutes or until celery is cooked. (If you use fat free sour cream it will be a thinner sauce.) Serves 4-6

(Recipe from Sandra Cherry, *Your Cup of Tea Inc.* and *Union Jack Food Columnist*. I welcome comments, recipes and suggestions, and can be reached at YourCupofTea1@yahoo.com)



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Membership News

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From Sue Ford

I would sincerely like to thank our members who phoned me and sent get-well cards for my husband's recovery from a heart by-pass this month. Your kind thoughts were very much appreciated.

Condolences to Peter Richards – Pauline, Peter's wife, was quite unique and a most unforgettable person, she had a great gift of making everyone feel that after just one meeting, you had known her forever.

I first met Pauline at Sandra Cherry's tea room back in 2001, when the tea room was the meeting place most of us old timers of the Brit club met to catch-up over a morning cuppa and one of those delicious scones "that only Sandra can make." Pauline always took charge of the tea pot and kept us topped-up with tea. When Peter took over the Presidency of the club, Pauline would phone round all the members reminding them of coming events.

Peter, you proved to be a most wonderful husband and Pauline showed her love and thanks to you with every look and every action she took.

We are all going to miss Pauline and our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your wonderful family. I know I speak for other members when I say, you have our phone numbers – use them – we are all here for you.

Hugs,
Sue Ford

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Sarasota Cricket Club to host International Tournament Nov. 26-30

The Sarasota International Cricket Club was formed back in 1952 and owns its attractive grounds and clubhouse in Lakewood Ranch.

In 1993 Australian cricketing legend, Richie Benaud, honored the club with his patronage. Another famous name associated with the club, Shiv Chanderpaul, the West Indies captain, is an honorary member and visits and plays with Sarasota whenever his schedule allows.

This coming Thanksgiving weekend the club hosts their annual International Six-a-Side Festival when as many as twelve or more teams from Sarasota, Texas, North Carolina, Tennessee, Cayman Islands, and the United Kingdom, compete in a hard-hitting, fast paced tournament.

This year's event will be held November 26-30 at the club's ground on University Parkway, east of Lorraine Road in Lakewood Ranch. Check out the club's excellent website – www.sarasotacricket.com. Phone Terry Sweeney at 918-0550 with any questions.

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We will have some excellent food (see choices on enclosed reservation form), a dance contest or two, door prizes, a 50/50 raffle, possibly a visit from Father Christmas, and a few silly but fun games.

Cost is \$40 for members, and \$50 for guests/non-members. Reservations are essential as our seating capacity is strictly limited.

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

Heritage Oaks is located at 4800 Chase Oaks Drive, Sarasota, off the Bee Ridge Road extension, east of I-75.

Potential First Lady Soundbites

Cindy McCain: "My husband does his thing, and I make sure we all stay together as a family."

Michelle Obama: "If the only reason I didn't want him to run was because we were married – no, I can't be that selfish."

Cindy McCain: "I bring stability – my husband is the strong, vivacious, determined, energetic one."

Michelle Obama: "My mom laughs at everything – I know that now – but as a kid, you think, oh, I'm pretty funny."

Cindy McCain: "There is no McCain temper; I've never seen it ... he's as healthy as a horse and as young as one too ... we never argue."

Michelle Obama: "He talked about the simple notion that Americans understand the world as it is – sometimes disappointing and unfair – but as citizens, we work toward building the world as it should be."

