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BritClub News

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Coming Events

Coffee Morning Nov. 10 – 10:30 a.m. at the home of Sue Ford, 6706 Oak Hammock Dr., Bradenton. Contact Sue at sueford47@yahoo.com or 941-751-3811.

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

Car Boot Sale Nov. 21 – There is still some space available for you to share your wares! Remember one person's junk is another's treasure! The sale will be held at Holy Trinity Anglican Church on 5333 North Tamiami Trail, just south of the Ringling Museum. We felt since season will have started, and being a week before Thanksgiving this would be a good time and certainly is a great location. The church will also have a few things in their hall, and are providing coffee and Danish, and Hot Dogs. There will be a \$5 charge for each space which will help supplement the cost of the ads in the papers. The sale will be 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Set up should be started at 7:30 am. To reserve your space, please call Sandra Cherry at 374-9760 or email Yourcuppatea1@yahoo.com.

Caught in the Net Nov. 21 – This is the sequel to Run for Your Wife and finds the bigamist taxi driver John Smith still keeping his two families in different parts of London, blissfully unaware of each other. However, his teenage children have met on the Internet and are anxious to meet in person. The situation spirals out of control as John juggles outrageously with the truth. Price is \$38.50 for dinner and show at the Golden Apple Dinner Theatre. Please send a check made payable to Ken Jukes, 4047 Wilshire Circle E, Sarasota, FL 34238.

Six-a-Side Cricket Tournament NOV. 25 - 29 – This coming Thanksgiving weekend the Sarasota Cricket Club will host its annual International Six-a-Side Tournament at their Lakewood Ranch ground. This is an event we have always supported for obvious reasons. To date teams confirmed include HOUSTON, NASHVILLE, ESHER (ENGLAND), FAIRFIELD (CT), MAQ SPORTS, CAYMAN ISLANDS, MEXICO CITY, SOUTH AFRICA REDBACKS, ANZACS (N.C.) and, of course, SARASOTA. Six-a-Side cricket is of good quality and fast paced with lots of hitting. Sunday, 25th, will feature semi finals and the final and we urge you to mark your calendar now. We can promise you an enjoyable day out (and there is no charge). Food and beverages are available, although some of the spectators bring their own goodies. Sarasota Cricket Club's attractive ground and pavilion is on University Parkway, east of Lorraine Road in Lakewood Ranch. Let Terry Sweeney know that you plan to attend or if you have questions. Tel: 941-918-0550.

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President's Letter

My year of being your President is now coming to an end, this month a new President and Board was elected to represent you for 2010. I would like to thank all of you that have supported me and the Board. You have made our events fun to arrange and fun to hold. If you have enjoyed this year half as much as we have then I am sure you have enjoyed your membership.

My coffee morning this month is on Tuesday, November 10th at 10.30 a.m. - hope you can make it. Next month we will have a Christmas mince pie/ coffee morning which will fall on the December 8th, so mark your calendars.

As this letter goes to press, ten members are off on the Brit Club Cruise to Mexico. I shall let you know in next month's newsletter of our adventures.

As our numbers grow it is up to all of us to support events and help in any way that we can. Your ideas for events are much appreciated, but sometimes we cannot follow through on them as we don't have enough volunteers to help put the events together. This is your club, so feel a part of it and let's all make an effort to support and volunteer where needed.

Thanks to Amy Croshaw we have wonderful exposure as a club on Facebook. James Croshaw has put the club on the map with the web page. Whether you are here or in the UK you can easily see upcoming events and other interesting information.

Just a reminder...we still have 'car plate sign' for sale at \$14.99 - these make great advertisements for our club.

The AGM and Casino night was such fun. I know many of you really enjoyed it as you took the time and trouble to email me and say so.

Our Christmas party is the next big event - please sign up as soon as possible. It will help the Board tremendously in the organization of the event and to get a feel for the numbers attending. This is going to be a great night with fabulous food, entertainment and raffle prizes. All the money from the raffle will be donated to the Mothers Helping Mothers program and the local food bank so bring your friends and join us for this very popular event.

See you all soon. Keep safe.
Sue Ford

Mark Your Calendar

Event of the Year! Sarasota Brit Club Christmas Party - Dec. 5 -

It's difficult to believe but in a little over a month it will be Party Time! Yes, on Saturday, December 5th we shall hold our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY at Heritage Oaks Golf & Country Club. The one hundred plus Brit Club members who attended last December will recall what a fun-filled and enjoyable evening we had. Please see the insert in this newsletter, and return it with your cheque ASAP.

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 (3), Champions Pub, Tastefully British, 4 & 20 Pasty Shop, the British Open Pub, The Irish Rovers, The Coach & Horses Pub, The Open, McAllister's, Scot's Corner, Cafe Continental-Patisserie and Beckham's Osprey Grill. Please thank them by patronizing them whenever you can, and let them know you appreciate their support.

Do You Own Your Own Business?

For advertising, our rates are reasonable and 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 per month. There is a 20% discount if you purchase your advertisements annually. Sale ads for unwanted items is \$10 for up to 3 lines of copy. 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.

Membership News

EMAIL ADDRESSES: PLEASE email Ken Jukes at kena.jukes@yahoo.com or call him at 941-927-6499 if you have changed your email in the last 6 months.

Badminton Club of Sarasota

We've been invited to join the Badminton Club of Sarasota, located at 2650 Waldemere St, east of US 41 (Tamiami Trail) and west of Tuttle Ave., in Sarasota. They play every Wednesday 6 - 9 pm at the Arlington Park Gym. Cost is \$7 per session and is open to the public for all ages and skill levels. Rackets are available to borrow. Just show up and play, mostly doubles but many play singles. The facility has 4 courts, and showers are available. For more information, contact Roger Long at (941) 468-6969 long2eat@gmail.com

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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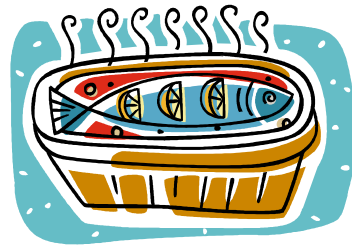
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Spinach and Artichoke Casserole

When the Board have their monthly meetings, everyone brings a dish to pass, it's always been fun, and we never know what to expect. Sometimes we had three or four of the same thing, and one month I remember only having desserts! The September meeting was scrumptious though, a true feast, and although it isn't really a British Recipe, I thought I would feature my casserole; maybe we can persuade Sue Ford to also share her recipe, both used Artichokes and both were yummy.



Spinach and Artichoke Casserole

2 (10 oz.) pkgs frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry)	1/8 tsp pepper
1 can (13 ¾ oz) artichoke hearts, drained and chopped	2/3 cup Parmesan cheese
½ cup heavy cream	1 -8oz. pkg. softened cream cheese
1/8 tsp salt	1 cup milk

Preheat oven to 350F. Combine spinach, artichokes, cream, salt and pepper, and 1/3 cup of the Parmesan cheese. In a small bowl, mix at medium speed the cream cheese until fluffy, reduce speed and slowly add milk, mix until blended. Put spinach mixture in a lightly greased 8X8 square glass baking dish and smooth out. Pour the cream cheese mixture over evenly. Sprinkle with the remaining 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese. Bake about 30 minutes or until the edges bubble and the top is golden. Yield 8 servings

(Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Union Jack Food Columnist. Queries, comments and recipes are welcome, and I can be reached at Yourcuppatea1@yahoo.com.)

Florida Gardening by Nicholas Davis



It's November and the long cold wintry nights have us huddled up at home in front of a warm log fire, sipping mugs of hot cocoa. Oh, wait, it's Florida and it's still in the 80s! This time of year the rainy season has stopped, the weather is cooler, and your lawn is not growing as fast, maybe only needing mowing two times per month. But, as a rule, if your grass has grown one-third taller, it's time to mow. The only grass that will need fertilizing is Zoysia; the other grasses will be fine. Keep your mowing height the same and the blades sharp. The shrubs will have slowed down growing too. November is a good time for adding plants to your landscape, much cooler to work in and less stress on the plants. Most garden centers have good selections of annuals. Pansies are a favorite - you can put them in pots or plant entire beds, pansies and violas are the

most freeze resistant of all the common winter annuals. Well, you can take it easy for the next couple months. Keep an eye on your landscape, check that everything is getting adequate water - once per week should be sufficient. I had a question asked recently about the use of weed killer; it can be bought ready to use or in a concentrate you mix up yourself. I have found that any products with a high Glyphosate level to work very well but be very careful when spraying as these products will kill most plants and grasses and are poisonous. Email me with any questions lawnjockey@live.com I will be happy to help.

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Coffee Morning October 13

A very enjoyable morning was spent at Sue's house where lots of us were able to chat and catch up with old friends as well as meeting new ones. As always, Sue made us all feel so at home at "her place." If you are able to spare a couple of hours each month to come along to these events we would recommend that you join us. There's no formality - just drop in and we'll all give you a very warm welcome. It's a chance to get to know members who may not be able to come along to evening/weekend events. Past and future events are discussed which helps all members feel that their opinion is sought and that they are a valuable member of the club.

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October Board Meeting Précis

The board meeting was held on October 1, 2009. The Treasurer's report was distributed to the board by Shona Burtner who stated there is a balance of \$4,910.34. We still have a balance in SunTrust of \$3,998.74 and a balance in BB&T of \$911.60. Shona said we have one new single and 2 new family memberships. Ken Jukes reported 153 family members and 32 single members. James Croshaw said the website is up to date with all events as of October added to it. In September there were 314 visitors and 489 web page views. The PayPal account is set up. Rose reported that Brian Thompson and Sue Bridgman will be newsletter editors in 2010. Amy reported 36 friends on the Facebook page. FindIt is a website to advertise to the public. Nairn' reported that 27 had reserved to attend McCurdy's Comedy Theatre. Sue Ford said that ten are going on the Carnival cruise on October 18. Phips Hakes has casino games, using chips, which will be played at the AGM. The comedy "Run For Your Wife" at the Golden Apple Dinner Theatre is on Friday, October 23. The sequel "Caught In The Net" is on November 21. Cliff Roles is in the cast of both. The new members' tea will be at Ken Jukes' on November 7 from 2-4 p.m. The car boot sale is to be on November 21 at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church, each vendor paying \$5. Six-a-Side cricket tournament will be at Lakewood Ranch on Thanksgiving weekend. The Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 5, 2009, at the same price as last year. The next meeting is at the home of Sandra Cherry on November 12, 2009.



The Giraffe Test

Are You REALLY Qualified to be a Professional?

I don't want to worry you. You may have a good job and have been through college and various levels of training. But the thing is, you may not be qualified to be a "professional." The short quiz below consists of four questions and will reveal the truth.

1. How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator?

The correct answer is: Open the refrigerator, put in the giraffe and close the door.

This question tests whether you tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way.

2. How do you put an elephant into a refrigerator?

Did you say, "Open the refrigerator, put in the elephant and close the refrigerator." (WRONG!)

Correct Answer: Open the refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant and close the door.

This tests your ability to think through the repercussions of your previous actions.

3. The King of the Forest is hosting an animal conference. All the animals attend except one. Which animal does not attend?

Correct Answer: The elephant. The elephant is in the refrigerator. You just put him in there. This tests your memory.

Okay, even if you did not answer the first three questions correctly, you still have one more chance to show your true abilities.

4. There is a river you must cross, but it is inhabited by crocodiles. How do you manage it?

Correct Answer: You swim across. All the crocodiles are attending the animal conference.

This tests whether you learn quickly from your mistakes.

NOTE: According to sources, Anderson Consulting Worldwide (now Accenture), said around 90% of the professionals they tested got all questions wrong. But many preschoolers got several correct answers. Anderson Consulting reportedly said this conclusively disproves the theory that most professionals have the brains of a four-year old.