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# **Coming Events**

**Board Meeting** Thursday, Nov 11th @ 6:30pm, at the home of Phips Hakes. Members welcome but please call ahead (see Page 8) as space is limited.

<u>Coffee Morning</u> – 10:30-12 noon on Tuesday Nov 9th, at the home of Sue Ford, contact info see Page 8. Mark your calendars for the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

# **Guy Fawkes Party** "PLEASE TO REMEMBER THE 6TH.OF NOVEMBER,

PENNY FOR THE GUY, GUY?" Time: 5.30 pm 'till 9 pm at the Outdoor Pavilion, Twin Lakes Park (Clark Rd, Rt 72, about 1 mile east side of I-75). Join us as we celebrate a true Brit.tradition, with an outside evening of family fun and sparklers. The only thing missing on Fireworks Night will be loud bangs and smoke! There will be surprises that promise to be entertaining, traditional and FUN. This is an all inclusive night with the cost being \$10 pp for members; \$12 pp for non-members. Delicious Menu of Fried Chicken, Jacket Potatoes, Dessert, Soda, Beer & Wine. Please make your reservations with names of those in your party and send a check to Sarasota British Club, P.O..Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276.

For further info contact Event Chair, Phips Hakes tel 371-6432

**2010 Christmas Party**, **11 Dec** Heritage Oaks Golf & Country Club, **4800 Chase Oaks Drive, Sarasota**. Entertainment by the 'MC Squared' band, for dinner and ticket ordering, see insert. \$40 members & \$50 non-members

House Concert—Friday January 21st at the home of Brian & Jane

Thompson. A return visit by Minnesota's Bill & Kate Isles. Check out their music at www.billandkateisles.com

\$12pp, BYOB and food to share. As numbers are limited, let us know your interest in advance : Please email to lakewood2@gmail.com or phone 941-388-8018



# Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

From here you will find local information, club news, coming events, photos from past events and many past newsletters .



### Letter from President Ken Jukes

Our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event has come and gone, a splendid evening, with all the feedback suggesting this was very much enjoyed. We had a bumper turnout and, as you know, we had to close the books when we reached the maximum numbers permitted under the contract. Apologies to those members who we had to turn down. Besides the TV spots on WEDU, another feature was that everyone paid

well in advance (is this the British Club  $\odot$  ?), making it so much easier to finalise plans for food, drinks and badges.

I still marvel at the excellence of our organizing team led by Chair Sue Ford and her co-chairs Shona Burtner, Kath Curtin and Sandra Cherry. They were wonderfully supported by a team of other SBC stalwarts, setting up the room, making the splendid table decorations, welcoming guests, welcoming relatively new members, signing people in, purchasing drinks, manning the bar, manning the kitchen, serving the food, organizing the raffle and prizes, organizing commemorative plaques, and writing and running the very humorous final sketch. Again it was great to see so many members join in at the end to carry out the clean-up operations.

President's Poser: How can you measure 1 pint of apple cider out of a barrel if you only have one 3-pint pitcher and one 5-pint pitcher? *Answer next month.* 

#### **October Board Meeting Precis**

The Meeting was held on Thursday, October 7th. The Treasurer's report was distributed by Gary Lee. The bank balance is **\$6,207.46** which includes reservations paid for the 10th Anniversary Event. It was noted that there are still costs to be paid from this amount for the event. A rough calculation shows the club would be subsidizing \$5.00 per person for the event.



The meeting at the Open Pub & Restaurant was an overall success with a good turnout of over 70 people. One complaint was that members were not informed that the event would be in the outside area and so were not dressed for the heat and humidity. This was noted for future outdoor events. It was also noted that a quality PA system is desperately needed for club events. The WEDU commercial for the Brit Club ran last Saturday. The 10th Anniversary Celebration at the Southbay Yacht & Racquet Club in Osprey was discussed in detail and the final program is in place. A Christmas Party flyer will be available for distribution at the 10th Anniversary function. Guy Fawkes night will be at Twin Lakes Park (an outside venue). Planning is well under way. The AGM will be part of this event.

The Board discussed a joint event (possibly cricket game) with the SW British-American Club, from the Bonita Springs area.

The next meeting will be November 11th, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Phips Hakes agreed to host. Members are welcome, but please call ahead as space is limited. *Submitted by Kath Curtin* 

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## Looking for Locations to Hold Our Events

A call to all members who could offer their clubhouse as a location for a Sarasota British Club (SBC) event. In order to keep our events affordable to all members, and add diversity to our meetings, we would be grateful if some members would make their clubhouses available. The SBC would cover overhead charges, and our members generously volunteer to help with the set-up and cleanup. Please contact <a href="mailto:suebridg@yahoo.com">suebridg@yahoo.com</a> with suitable dates and location. Thank you for your support.



**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 suebridg@yahoo.com, and we will select one 'Business Glimpse' each month.



'Here & Away' Websites: Would you like to mention a website of local or British interest that you feel other members may enjoy? Send an e-mail to suebridg@yahoo.com.

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#### **Coffee Morning**

What a fabulous turn out, we had 8 new members and over 35 members attend our October coffee morning, It is so appreciated when members bring a dish to share for the table; all the different varieties of goodies add to the enjoyment of the meeting. Many thanks go to Diana Bradfield for taking the trouble to write in with her wonderful piece on our last coffee morning.



God bless you all. Sue Ford

#### Joke

A guy goes into the confessional box. He finds on one wall a small bar with Guinness on tap. On the other wall is a box of the finest Cuban cigars

Finally, the priest comes in.

"Father, forgive me, for it's been a very long time since I've been to confession, but I must first admit that the confessional box is much more inviting these days."

The priest replies, "Get out. You're on my side."

# Would you like to advertise with us?

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 per quarter-year: 1/4 page \$15, 1/2 page \$25, full page \$40. There is a 20% discount if you purchase your advertisements annually. Sale ads for unwanted items are \$5 per month 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 Brian Thompson, 11710 Strandhill Ct, Lakewood Ranch, 34202, or e-mail to lakewood2@gmail.com..



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 premises: **Word of Mouth** (3), Champions Pub, Tastefully British, 4 & 20 Pasty Shop, The Open Pub & Restaurant, The Irish Rovers, The Coach & Horses Pub, McAllister's, Scot's Corner, British Open Pub &

Restaurant of Venice, Cafe Continental-Patisserie, Beckham's Osprey Grill and Simon's Coffee House. Please thank them by patronizing them whenever you can, and let them know you appreciate their support.



#### A Thank you In Remembrance Of Peter Wilson

am really grateful to all my friends in the Sarasota British Club for your kindness to me since Peter passed away and I appreciate all the cards and messages of sympathy. Peter would have been so pleased to see so many of you at his memorial service and our family and I found it a great comfort to know you cared. Peter was a modest and kind man, always thinking of others before himself. I shall miss him especially, and many others will,

because of his many and varied interests, and he would be so grateful, as I am, for the kindness of our British Club friends. We know Peter is at peace now and I thank you all for the outpouring of sympathy.

Doreen Wilson

Win-Win Raffles: The raffles at some of our events are a fun way to provide pleasure to the winners, to support our club, and help keep fees low for all members. For our upcoming 10th Anniversary the Brit Club would especially appreciate your generous donation of an item you think someone would find fabulous, fun, or functional,



Thanks ever-so. Contact Sue Bridgman (see page 8).

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#### Joke

An archaeologist was digging in the Negev Desert in Israel and came upon a casket containing a mummy. After examining it, he called the curator of a prestigious natural history museum.

"I've just discovered a 3,000 year old mummy of a man who died of heart failure!" the excited scientist exclaimed.

To which the curator replied, "Bring him in. We'll check it out."

A week later, the amazed curator called the archaeologist. "You were right about the mummy's age and cause of death. How in the world did you know?"

"Simple...there was a piece of paper in his hand that said - put me down for 10,000 Shekels on Goliath'."

### Sarasota International Cricket Club (SICC) Festival

Did you know that Sarasota has a cricket club and ground as well as a Polo club and ground? Both are approached by travelling along University Parkway to the east of I75, past the various turnings for Lakewood Ranch and keeping going out into the country, the Polo ground being on the right and then further on you reach the cricket ground on the left, with its pavilion and electronic scoreboard. Many famous cricketers have played at the ground (see the website www.sarasotacricket.com), the patron being Richie Benaud, a regular visitor to the club and to Siesta Key. One of the occasional guest players is Shiv Chanderpaul, former Wisden Cricketer of the Year and captain of the West Indies. Shiv usually retires unbeaten, letting the club level cricketers have their day.

The club plays all of its fixtures at home and last year completely renewed its drainage system and turf. Most matches are against US teams but they did once host the Lords Taverners.

Each year in Thanksgiving week, the club hosts a 6-a-side International Festival, with some 15 teams from the UK, Bermuda, Houston, Nashville, the Caribbean, Florida and so on, competing, This year's Festival will take place from Wednesday November 24th to Sunday November 28th 2010, inclusive. Cricket matches (usually about 1 hour long each) take place continuously from 9:00am to 5:00pm on 25th, 26th, 27th with semi-finals and finals continuously from 11:00am to 4:00pm on Sunday 28th. Why not come along as an SBC group on the Sunday morning and

see the exciting finale? Entry and car parking are free. Food and drinks can be bought at the ground, but you can also bring along your own and your own coolers and chairs. Relax or doze in the sun or the shade, read a book, have a cool beer, wine or soft drink, listen to the birds and to the sound of leather on willow!

Please contact Terry Sweeney (tsweeneyau@aol.com) or Ken Jukes (kena.jukes@yahoo.com) to let them know if you can join the SBC group. For further details, contact the Festival Administrator at karinhparry@aol.com

## **Now.....** Cricket Jokes

Billy was at school this morning in the outback and the teacher asked all the children what their fathers did for a living.

All the typical answers came out, Fireman, Policeman, Salesman, Plumber, Captain of Industry etc, but Billy was being uncharacteristically quiet and so the teacher asked him about his father.

"My father is an exotic dancer in a gay club and takes off all his clothes in front of other men. Sometimes if the offer is really good, he'll go out with a man, rent a cheap hotel room and let them sleep with him."

The teacher quickly set the other children some work and took little Billy aside to ask him if that was really

"No" said Billy, "He plays cricket for Australia but I was just too embarrassed to say."

Freddy goes into the doctor's. "Doc, I've got a cricket ball stuck up my backside." Doctor "How's that?"

Freddy "Don't you start."