

Florida Trivia

Gatorade was named for the University of Florida Gators where the drink was first developed.



Dr. John Gorrie of Apalachicola invented mechanical refrigeration in 1851.

Miami Beach pharmacist Benjamin Green invented the first suntan cream in 1944. He accomplished this development by cooking cocoa butter in a granite coffee pot on his wife's stove.

In St. Petersburg, you can visit the Hall of Fame of Shuffleboard.

St. Augustine Alligator Farm is Florida's oldest continually operating attraction.

The cult classic 'Creature from the Black Lagoon' and six Tarzan movies were filmed at Silver Springs, Ocala.

You can see 'mermaids' at Weekee Wachee Springs.

Local Information

Are you missing your English garden or allotment? Culverhouse Community Garden is a community **organic** garden in Palmer Ranch, located at 7301 McIntosh Rd, Sarasota, FL 34238. This was founded in September 2010 and the membership is open to all county residents.

There is a refundable joining fee and an annual fee based on plot size. Check for the current rate, but was \$1.50 per square yard per year for plots that are 10 to 20 sq. yards.

For membership send your email application to greenbeyer@comcast.net.

See Culverhouse Community Garden's page on Facebook for more information and photos.

Thanks to Mark Malkasian for this information.



BritClub News



Sarasota British Club
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Coming Events

Board Meeting —Thursday November 8th @6:30 p.m. at the home of Norman and Mary Shelley. Members welcome but please call ahead, see Page 12, as space is limited.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER—GUY FAWKES NIGHT

Date: Saturday, November 3, 2012

Place: Turtle Rock Club House, 8500 Turtle Rock Blvd., Sarasota

This is off Central Sarasota Parkway between Honore Avenue and McIntosh Road. Proceed through the guard house. Clubhouse (on a small lake) is the first building on your left.

Time: 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Cost: \$10 members; \$12 non-members. Children free.

Please mail checks payable to Sarasota British Club to Eileen Schuler, 102 Tidewater Drive, Bradenton, FL 34210

The Turtle Rock venue has been kindly arranged by our Club member Margaret Brading.



Come and light some sparklers. Sing-along with Kevin McGuire. Food, sodas and ice provided. You are welcome to bring along your own beverage. Your contact: Doug Schuler at emkbentley@gmail.com or 941-753-4589.

So that everyone can be comfortably seated inside the clubhouse if the weather is cold (we can light sparklers on the outside terrace overlooking the lake) we must limit reservations to 50 members and guests. Don't miss out! Please sign up early!



Cricket Six-a-side International Tournament
Nov. 21-25, Lakewood Ranch
See Page 11



Cricket

Christmas Party—December 15th at Heritage Oaks, see Pages 6 and 7



In 2013—January 19th—reserve the date!
President's Party—details in the next BritClub News

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 Sue Ford**



Welcome back to our British Club snow birds... slowly you are returning to the warmth of our Paradise hideaway here in Sarasota and surrounding areas. It only seems like yesterday we were saying our goodbyes and here we are in a blink of an eye saying, 'welcome back'... the summer has just flown by. Many thanks to those of you who showed your support by coming to the October AGM where the new Board for 2013 was elected. The outgoing Board feel we leave you in good hands. For me as President, it has been fun working with a delightful Board and putting events together that have been so well attended by you the members. November offers two events, the one I can't wait for is our Caribbean cruise leaving on 10th November for 7 days. But, before the cruise is our Guy Fawkes Night on 3rd November chaired by Vice President Doug Schuler. Full details on the event are in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you on the "Night."

My last Presidential responsibility, with the able help of Kath Curtin and Shona Burtner, is organizing the Club's annual Christmas Party, which is will be held at 6pm, 15th December at Heritage Oaks Country Club. The menu and the form to be returned are included with your newsletter. Please indicate your menu choices. And, if there are certain people you would like to sit with, please list their names at the time of placing your order along with payment and send to Sarasota British Club, PO Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276. The Christmas Party is open to non-members at an additional price of \$10 over members' price: members pay \$40; non-members pay \$50. Additionally, we are thrilled to announce that each table of 8 will have a bottle of red and a bottle of white wine compliments of SBC. If you are willing to donate a raffle prize please contact me. The Club will be very grateful for your generosity. God Bless...

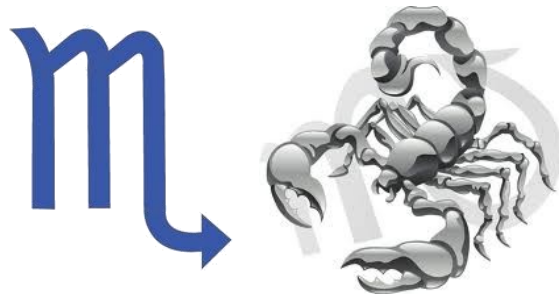
Sue Ford

Scorpio-- October 24th-November 22nd

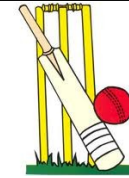
Scorpions have a great magnetic personality. They can be argumentative and elegant; but that's simply because they see all opposition as a healthy change. Scorpio is the most misunderstood of all zodiac signs. Even when scorpions appear self-controlled and calm, there is a furious intensity of emotional energy under the composed exterior. Scorpions are like a volcano that may erupt at any moment. Part of the negative side of scorpion nature is a tendency to discard friends once they cease to be useful. Even if they get everything in their favor, they are still not satisfied. They are likely to take good care of the body or at least talk about doing so

Scorpions always have a complicated relationship and can even be moody for no obvious reason. They have an amazing sense of humor; are direct and forceful; and they seem to be expert at what they do.

Self-criticism, intense concentration and an adoring compell, which results in complete success or utter failure. The Scorpio must fight for a life of action not reaction. Scorpio dares to be simple in their actions and often takes the first step, and that is the first step in the direction of wisdom and victory. They are passionate in love and can hate in equal aggressiveness. Others' opinions hardly matter to them as they know what they are. They have a very strong personality that makes people notice them when they walk pass. Scorpions need to investigate the depths of their emotions and how to use them as a means of self-healing and helping others.



**CRICKET IN
SARASOTA.....
SIX-A-SIDE
INTERNATIONAL
TOURNAMENT -
Nov. 21-25**



This coming Thanksgiving weekend the Sarasota International Cricket Club hosts the annual Six-a-Side Tournament with the Semi-Finals and Final played on Sunday Nov. 25th. The Cricket Club was founded in 1952 and owns its attractive ground and clubhouse in Lakewood Ranch.

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

Teams competing this year are from....**Cayman Islands, Bermuda, Cranleigh (Surrey), Houston, Worcester, Sussex, N.Carolina and New York.**

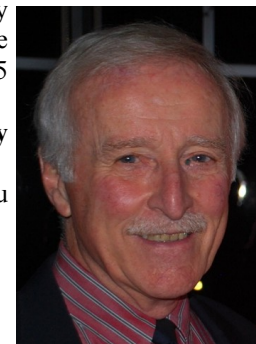
Six-a-Side cricket is of excellent quality and fast-paced with lots of hitting and running between wickets.

We can promise you an enjoyable day on Sunday Nov. 25th. Play starts at 10:00 a.m. There is no admission charge. Food and beverages are available, although some spectators bring their own grub and drink. And....why not bring some friends?

The ground is on University Parkway, east of Lorraine Road in Lakewood Ranch., 3.5 miles from the I75

QUESTIONS? Phone Terry Sweeney at 941-918-0550.

Look forward to seeing you there.



The Sarasota International Cricket Club's clubhouse overlooking its laser-leveled field, home for the club since 2002.

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Locations to Hold Our Events

We put out a call to all members who could offer their clubhouse as a location for a Sarasota British Club (SBC) events, and members have generously responded. So... A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE INDIVIDUALS. The Board will be busily organizing and coordinating events for those locations at our monthly meetings—we'll keep you posted. This keeps our events affordable to all members, and adds diversity for our get-togethers. The SBC will cover overhead charges, and our members generously volunteer to help with the set-up and clean-up. If other members can offer their clubhouse, please contact sueford47@yahoo.com with suitable dates and locations. 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 lakewood2@gmail.com, and we will select one 'Business Glimpse' each month.



The Club would like to thank the following merchants for their cooperation in spreading the good word about our Club by allowing the *BritClub News* to be distributed in their premises: **Word of Mouth (3), Champions Pub, Tastefully British, 4 & 20 Pasty Company, The Open Pub & Restaurant, The King George Pub, Beckham's, The White Horse Pub, McAllister's, Scot's Corner, British Open Pub & Restaurant of Venice, Bentley's Resort Hotel, Scrambles, Ezpiez, Yellow Strawberry Salon (LWR), Simon's Coffee House and Café Continental Patisserie.**



LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE

Did you know?

The Club has a "Sunshine Club" which will send a greeting to a member when we hear of a special happy, sad or momentous event in their lives.

Please let us know of such events, contact Mary Shelley. Her details are on Page 12.

Don't forget that the Sarasota British Club is on Facebook. The Club's logo is the profile picture. Check out the numerous photos from recent events. Why not 'friend' us for another way of keeping in touch with the Club and its members. Why not add your event photos to the 'wall'.



HEAR YE! HEAR YE! NO MORE PINHOLES IN YOUR CLOTHING!

The Sarasota British Club now has magnetic name badges available for members. The badge shows the club logo and your name in white lettering on a sapphire blue background. If you would like to order a badge, please send your payment of \$10 to the Club's PO Box (see back page) or contact Doug Schuler at rschuler@tampabay.rr.com. Please note that any member with a pacemaker should order the badge with a pin fastener.

SANDRA'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Cranberries are really versatile and good any time of the year, but of course are usually featured during the holidays. They are popular in England now too, and this is a recipe I adapted from a recipe I found several years back in a magazine. Very easy and delicious.



Cranberry Bread Pudding

- 1 regular loaf of raisin bread with cinnamon
- 3 cups heavy whipping cream
- 1 cup cranberry sauce
- Grated rind of one orange
- 3 beaten eggs
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract

Break up the bread into small pieces and place in large bowl, pour the cream over and let sit for about an hour. Mix all remaining ingredients well with the soaked bread mixture. Lightly grease a baking dish, and bake at 350 degrees F for 1 1/2 hours, or until a knife inserted in the centre comes out clean. Nice served with even more cream poured over!
6-8- servings

(Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Union Jack Food Columnist, who can be reached at Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com)

Email Distribution of BritClub News

Beginning with the January 2013 issue, the SBC monthly newsletter will be distributed to the membership by email. The Board made this decision in its September meeting primarily because electronic distribution will mean considerable savings to the Club in postage and printing costs, which, in turn will make additional funds available for other Club needs and activities. An added advantage of email distribution is that members will receive newsletters featuring photos and artwork in full color. The format will change to make it easier for you to print a page as and when required.

Electronic distribution has been carried out in parallel to the printed version for a couple of months. So far the response has been positive.

However, there have been about 6 'undelivered' messages returned to me. These may be because you have changed your provider. If you have not had email contact from the Club in the last 2 months, please let me know your current address.

Brian Thompson
(lakewood2@gmail.com)



Tail from the Southeastern Guide Dogs Campus Excursion

Twelve of your fellow members gathered on Sarasota's Main Street on October 3rd for a trip to Palmetto to attend a 'joint therapy session' with some canine friends. Our charming SGD volunteer guide offered a fascinating on-board commentary about the extensive activities taking place on the 23 acre facility devoted since 1982 to the nurturing of partnerships between visually impaired individuals and guide dogs. From inception, over 2500 guide dog teams have been established and annually approximately 70 teams are added to the over 800 active teams across the nation. The "canes to canines" transition allows greatly enhanced mobility and independence for graduates from the four week long, tuition-free resident program.

The first of many visit highlights was rolling around on the floor with a pack of puppies during a Puppy Hugging Session regularly open to the public, daily from 9 to 11am except Thursdays and Sundays. Getting down to nearly eye level to stroke, tug and tickle a bunch of unfettered fur balls has a somewhat leveling and liberating effect. Over 200 puppies are born on campus each year; favored breeds are golden retriever, black labrador and a mix called a goldador.

Our tour of the nicely landscaped campus setting began at the "Freedom Walk" - a place full of everyday risks and hazards - usually not intimidating to the sighted - but a large part of where people students first learn to work with their new guides. Along the way we interacted with Canine Care Technicians who were harness training their four-legged students as part of The Canine College Program. The CCP also includes temperament testing plus varying doses of stimulation exercises, grooming and playing and 'clicker' training. Those dogs found to be gifted in other disciplines can be trained in law enforcement or therapy programs. Canine students are enrolled at about 12 to 16 months of age and graduate after six months.

One among the many specialized offerings provided, all on a non-profit basis, by SGD's 75 permanent employees and over 300 volunteers is the Paws for Patriots Program. Established in 2006, PPP partners-up professionally trained guide dogs with military veterans who are visually impaired or suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Our return trip to Sarasota found us back at our starting point - The Guide Dog Discovery Center at 1618 Main, corner of Orange. Opened to the public in September 2010, visitors can learn about the amazing service that guide dogs provide. The Center hosts weekly educational seminars on a variety of dog-related topics and also offers Puppy Hugging Sessions. It also includes a unique pet boutique where shoppers can find unusual items for their doggy friends. Trainers with guide dogs-in-training use the facility as a home base while working with their partners in the hustle and bustle of downtown. Students also utilize the Discovery Center during the second phase of their joint training while learning to negotiate Main Street and all its hazards.

Our group's personal discoveries and inspirations were topped off with a delightful meal at El Greco's Restaurant. Special thanks to Eileen and Doug Schuler for their time and effort in arranging a wonderful learning opportunity and heart warming experience.

More info can be found at www.guidedogs.org or calling 941-729-5665 or by visiting www.bradentonpatch.com for a series of SGD articles for which I am most grateful as background sources for this 'tail'.

Mark Malkasian



Christmas Party December 15th

The menu, see Page 6, is mouth-watering and fabulously expensive, but to you 'it is very reasonable'.

Heritage Oaks are rewarding us well for our 4 years of loyalty. There will be no increase in cost: the price has been \$40 members & \$50 non members for the last 3 years running. Kath Curtin and Shona Burtner and I have had such much fun and enjoyment in organizing and working with the management team of Heritage Oaks we now look upon them as friends, this year is going to be as memorable as all our other Christmas parties, put the date in your calendar.

Sue Ford



2013 Board



Most of the 2013 Board following the election at the AGM at the Oriental Buffet on October 20th. Those elected are:- President, Steve Adams; Vice President, Gary Lee; Treasurer, Linda Polsin; Secretary, Tracey Corporan; Membership Chair, Sioux Hurley; Newsletter Editor and Website, Brian Thompson; Directors at Large: Jane Hersee-Lee, Mark Malkasian, and Glen Stillwell. Sue Ford will, by default, become Immediate Past President.



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Sarasota British Club Christmas Party



HERITAGE OAKS COUNTRY CLUB
 400 CHASE OAKS DRIVE, SARASOTA, FL
 DECEMBER 15, 2012 - 6.00 P.M. TO 11.00 P.M.
 COST: \$40 MEMBERS - \$50 NON-MEMBERS



Menu Choice

Complimentary Bottle of Red & White Wine on each table

Jubilee Salad

Baby Greens, Fresh Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Golden Raisins,
 Walnuts and Crumbled Blue Cheese, Citrus Dressing

Prime Rib

Ten ounce portion of Prime Beef served with Baked Potato,
 Mixed Vegetable Medley and creamed horseradish sauce

Or

Char Grilled Atlantic Salmon

Macaire Potato Cake, Artichokes, Fennel and Cherry Tomatoes

Or

Note: A Vegetarian option is available, please ask

Dessert

Almond Basket with Grand Marnier Mascerated Berries
 Marsala Sabayon

Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter

Coffee or Tea

Precised Minutes of the Sarasota British Club Board Meeting October 11th, 2012

Meeting was held at the home of Manning and Edith Edmunds. Currently 220 members in the club. Our balance in the treasury is \$7,666.56. Positive feedback is still coming in regarding the move to an electronic version of the newsletter. The South East Guide Dog facility tour had 12 persons attending. It was a fun and informative day with lunch at El Greco's on Main Street after the tour. Beckham's 'Fish and Chips' night had approximately 80 persons in attendance. All agreed it was a splendid evening. The Board has requested that all new 2013 Board Members attend the November Board Meeting which will be held at the home of Norman and Mary Shelley. Always popular Guy Fawkes' Night is on schedule for November 3rd, 2012 at Turtle Rock. The AGM on October 20th, 2012 at the Oriental Buffet in Sarasota is expecting at least 50 persons to attend. A tea is being held at the home of Sue Ford on October 12th for all taking the cruise on November 10th. The Christmas Party at Heritage Oaks on December 15th, 2012 is set to go with a great menu and venue.

The next meeting will be held on November 8th, 2012 at 6:30pm at the home of Norman and Mary Shelley, 1333 Thornapple Drive, Osprey, Florida 34229, Tel: 941 244-2288.
 Submitted by Mary L. Shelley, Recording Secretary

On the Internet

Did you see?

The Summer edition of the online magazine for Brits in Florida, 'The Florida Standard' has lots of photos of our Club members and an article about the Club. See pages 6-7, 26-27.

www.thefloridastandard.com



For Photographers.

The 'Golden Hour' or 'Magic Hour' is reckoned to be the best time of day to take your photos. The time and indeed the length of the 'hour' depends on your location. The period is shorter when you are closer to the equator. Observing this time will reduce the extreme highlights and hard shadows found closer to midday and give warmer tones.

To check this go to www.golden-hour.com, change the day by clicking on the days below.

To make a calculation based on an alternate location see www.tinyurl.com/c3anoyc. On this site the interactive page asks for the location and date and calculates the prime times of day for you. It also calculates the 'Blue Hour' - the dawn & dusk times when the light has a special quality.

CHRISTMAS DINNER RESERVATION FORM

All payments to be sent to 'Sarasota British Club', PO Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276
 Please return this slip with payments.

| Full Name | Member or Guest | Choice: Prime Rib /Atlantic Salmon / Vegetarian |
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Total Amount Enclosed _____

Names of those you would like to sit with: _____

EATING IN ENGLAND IN THE FIFTIES

(continued from last month)

Jelly and blancmange was only eaten at parties.

If we said that we were on a diet, we simply got less (more for us).

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

Healthy food had to have the ability to stick to your ribs.

Calories were mentioned but they had nothing at all to do with food.

The only criteria concerning the food that we ate were, did we like it and could we afford it.

People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy so and so's.

Indian restaurants were only found in India .

A seven course meal had to last a week.

Brunch was not a meal.

Cheese only came in a hard lump.

If we had eaten bacon, lettuce and tomato on the same sandwich we would have been certified

A bun was a small cake back then.

A tart was a fruit filled pastry, not a lady of horizontal pleasure.

The word " Barbie" was not associated with anything to do with food

Eating outside was called a picnic.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognised source of food.

Offal was only eaten when we could afford it.

Eggs only came fried or boiled.

Hot cross buns were only eaten at Easter time.

Pancakes were only eaten on Pancake Tuesday, in fact in those days it was compulsory.

"Kebab" was not even a word never mind a food.

Hot dogs were a type of sausage that only the Americans ate.

Cornflakes had arrived from America but it was obvious that they would never catch on.

The phrase "boil in the bag" would have been beyond our realms of comprehension.

The idea of "oven chips" would not have made any sense at all to us.

The world had not yet benefited from weird and wonderful things like Pot Noodles, Instant Mash and



Pop Tarts.

We bought milk and cream at the same time in the same bottle.

Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold.

Lettuce and tomatoes in winter were just a rumour.

Most soft fruits were seasonal except perhaps at Christmas.

Prunes were medicinal.

Surprisingly, muesli was readily available in those days, it was called cattle feed.

Turkeys were definitely seasonal.

Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had only ever seen a picture of a real one.

We didn't eat Croissants in those days because we couldn't pronounce them, we couldn't spell them and we didn't know what they were.

We thought that Baguettes were a serious problem the French needed to deal with.

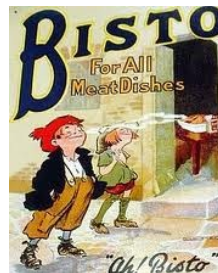
Garlic was used to ward off vampires, but never used to flavour bread.

Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging treble for it they would have become a laughing stock.

Food hygiene was all about washing your hands before meals.

Campylobacter, Salmonella, E.coli, Listeria, and botulism were all called "Food poisoning."

The one thing that we never ever had on our table in the fifties, "Elbows"



JOKES

A man is watching a film with creepy organ music on the TV and suddenly yells, "Don't enter that church, you daft idiot !!!"

His wife asks him, "What are you watching?" Husband replies, "Our ruddy wedding video"

Just seen: a Dyslexic Yorkshireman wearing a cat flap!

There is a California dude going through a desert. He's wearing shorts, sunglasses, a towel and listening to music on his walkman. He's having a good time. Suddenly he sees a caravan approaching. He stops the Arabs and ask them cheerfully: "Hey dudes how far is the sea?" They look at each other and say: "Two thousand miles!" And he says: "Wow what a cool beach!!!"

The Club thanks John and Hillary Drinkell at the **UPS Store** at 5020 Clark Road, Sarasota. for printing this Newsletter. Please thank them by patronizing them whenever you can, and let them know you appreciate their support.

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The Sarasota British Club (SBC) serves the needs of its membership in the spirit of friendship and mutual support. This includes the planning, developing and overseeing of a social setting where members can meet and exchange interests. The SBC assists British newcomers in settling into the community, and provides British businesses with valuable networking and support. 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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