



BritClub News

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Sarasota British Club, P. O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276

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Coming Events

Board Meeting

Oct 2 – 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!**

Fancy Dress Halloween Party and Annual General Meeting

Oct. 28 – Start planning those costumes! On Saturday, 28 October, we are going to hold our annual Halloween party in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting at the Southbay Yacht Club beginning at 6 pm. The Brit Club will provide ham, turkey and roast beef, condiments, rolls and soft drinks. We request that you plan to bring a dish for others: if your surname begins with A through M, please bring a dessert to share. If your surname begins with N through Z, bring a salad of some sort (tossed, pasta, etc.) This event is FREE for members, and there's a charge of \$10 for non-members. Also, the evening will be BYOB. There will be prizes for best costumes, games (with more prizes!) and raffles.

The Annual Meeting will be brief...VERY brief...consisting primarily of the election of next year's Board of Directors.

Southbay Yacht Club is at 1400 Southbay Drive, in Osprey. From U. S. 41 (Tamiami Trail), turn west (toward the water) on Southbay Drive (just south of Blackburn Point Road and north of Oscar Scherer State Park) and follow it round till you see the Club.

Please make every effort to attend, and if you are coming, please ring Terry Sweeney at 918-0550 and let him know how many are in your party. We'd just HATE to run short of goodies to eat!

Annual Six-a-Side Cricket Festival

The Sarasota International Cricket Club will host its thirteenth Festival November 23 to November 26 at their attractive grounds in Lakewood Ranch. If you think of cricket as longwinded, then think again. Six-A-Side is fast moving, hard hitting and very exciting.

Fifteen teams from all over participate. Last year teams came from Texas, Tennessee, North Carolina, Bermuda, U.K., Cayman Islands and even one from the

Queen's Hussars, stationed in Germany, not forgetting the host club, Sarasota.

In 2005 there was a good attendance with many people drawn by the articles which appeared in local newspapers.

This year we'd like to see strong support from our Club, so mark your calendar now – Sunday, November 26, starting at 10.30 a.m.

Questions? Phone Terry Sweeney at 918-0550.

Christmas Party

Dec. 15 – The Brit Club Annual Christmas Party will be held at the Stoneybrook Golf & Country Country Club. We plan to have live music, door prizes, a 50-50 raffle, and other events. Tickets must be purchased in advance. The cost for members is \$40 each or \$75 per couple. The cost for non-members is \$45 each. The form to sign up for this event is enclosed in this newsletter. Space will be limited, and on a first-come-first-served basis, so sign up as soon as possible to avoid being disappointed.

Directions from Sarasota/Bradenton: (1) Take Route 41 (Tamiami Trail) south to Sarasota Central Parkway (a few blocks south of Sarasota Square Mall). Turn left onto Sarasota Central Parkway, cross McIntosh Road and Stoneybrook is about a 2-3 block distance further down on the right-hand side. ...or.... (2) Take Interstate 75 south to Clark Road. Go right (west) on Clark to McIntosh (4th light). Turn left onto McIntosh until you reach Sarasota Central Parkway (about 3 miles). Turn left and Stoneybrook is about a 2-3 block distance further down on the right-hand side.

The Nutcracker Ballet

Dec. 23 – That old Christmas favorite, The Nutcracker, is back at the Van Wezel this year. It has been three years since it was last performed in Sarasota, and may be some years before we see it again. We are getting a group together to attend on Saturday, December 23, at 7 pm. The cost of tickets is \$59 and \$39, which includes a box office ticket fee. If we have 10 or more, that cost will be somewhat less. We will plan to get together for an optional early dinner prior to the performance. If you are interested, please call Glenys Oldham at 941-966-1240 or e-mail her at travelgal90@comcast.net.

Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

From Our President

As of this writing, there are approximately 24 people planning on attending the Sunday Lunch at MacAllisters. I attended an event at MacAllisters earlier this year and the food was very good, so I am sure people will not be disappointed.

The Halloween Party/Annual General Meeting will be coming up on October 28. This was a very well-attended event the last time we had it at this location two years ago. The club will be supplying part of the food and those attending are requested to bring a dish to pass.

We have had no volunteers for the 2007 board, other than those already serving on the current board. This is very disappointing. We cannot expect the same people to serve year after year. It's always good to get some new blood and new ideas on the board, and we need members to step forward and help. If there is anyone who wishes to volunteer, they need to contact me immediately at 941-966-1240.

The Annual Christmas Party plans are well underway. Our space will be limited as the Stoneybrook Country Club rules do not allow an outside group to take over the entire dining room. Part of it must be left available for their club members. The form to sign up for this event can be found in this newsletter. Send your reservations/checks in early folks so you won't be disappointed.

Glenys Oldham, President

Brit Club Board of Directors

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Rose's Corner

Sorry this edition is so late – there were some delays in getting information on time, so I had to put it together two weeks later than I normally do. Please accept my apology on behalf of the Board.

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.

September 7th Minutes Précis

Next social event Lunch at MacAllisters – Sept. 24th. October meeting to be AGM and Halloween party – club will provide meats and trimmings, attendees to bring a dish to pass or dessert, and BYOB. Terry had slate of officers to present, hope to have new members interested in being involved. December 15th Christmas Party plans coming along well, flyer will be made for newsletter by Rose. Glenys planning on Nutcracker Ballet for December. Poor attendance for Eleveses Chin wag, may have to cancel if no interest. Pantomime will be downsized to a smaller production, aiming for it to be January 26th; will be a general meeting for anyone who is interested to participate in some way, on October 24th 6 pm at Word of Mouth in Gulf Gate. Next meeting Oct 2nd, all members are welcome, however please call Sandra if planning to attend.

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 are as follows:

Business Card size	\$10.00
Quarter Page.....	\$15.00
Half Page	\$25.00
Full Page.....	\$40.00

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 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.

Lemon Curd

This is such a favourite, and really easy to make, I had forgotten how good this is when home made, when I sampled some from the W.I. last year when in England. You will need to refrigerate this after making it and use within a couple of weeks. You can also make orange curd by substituting the lemons with oranges.

Lemon Curd

3 large lemons
5 eggs
1 cup sugar
1 stick (8 tbsp.) melted butter

Finely grate the lemon rind, and squeeze the juice from the lemon. Save, removing the seeds by putting through a sieve. Place the rind and lemon in a food processor or blender, and slowly add the melted butter. Put the mixture into a heavy saucepan and cook about 5 minutes over medium heat just until thickened. Place in clean containers and chill.

Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Your Cup of Tea, yourcupoftea1@yahoo.com or www.yourcupoftea.info, and 'Union Jack' food columnist.



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The Nominating Committee is pleased to put forth the following slate of officers and directors for the year 2007. Should anyone wish to stand for one of these positions or assist one of the directors, please ring Terry Sweeney at 918-0550.

President:	Nairn' B. Gillet
Vice-President:	Terry Sweeney
Secretary:	Sandra Cherry
Treasurer:	Shona Burtner
Program Director:	Amy Croshaw
Membership Director:	Kathy Curtin
Public Relations Director:	James Croshaw
Past-President:	Glenys Oldham

In addition, if anyone is interesting in working on any of the committees, or helping to plan events, please make yourselves known to Sandra, Terry, Nairn' or Glenys as soon as possible.

Sarasota British 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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE CLUB? Please fill in the information below and send it with your check to:

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Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone No. _____ Alternate Phone No. _____

E-mail Address _____

Membership Type (please check one): Single \$25 Family \$35 (includes children up to age 18).

Membership News

We would like to wish a warm welcome to our newest members, Michael and Sandra Granston, of Longboat Key. Recent members who sent in a brief profile are:

Mike Bentley & Valerie Woodger

Mike was born in Rhyl, North Wales and trained in London, England. He is a real estate consultant specializing in Hospitality Property and Eminent Domain issues with broad experience in the UK, Canada and the Caribbean.

Valerie relocated to the Sarasota/Manatee area from Connecticut in 1986. She is a Realtor and has been associated with Michael Saunders & Company since 1989. She and Mike were married in November 2005 and are building a new home in Cascades.

Mike and Valerie are looking forward to meeting everyone and contributing to the Club.

Joyce Albertis

Joyce is a Yorkshire lass. Her maiden name was Atkinson, in case there are any other Atkinsons in the club. She came to the US as a British Secretary, and shortly thereafter was elected President of the Association of British Secretaries in America. Before that, she worked for a top executive at I.C.I. Billingham. After graduating with a B.Sc. from Rutgers University, Joyce climbed the corporate ladder to become head of International Human Resources and traveled worldwide for 23 years, including England, Belgium and Denmark to set up offices for the new Joint Venture. She is an avid golfer, tennis player, and loves to bicycle, tap dance and ballet dance. Joyce is looking forward to making many new friends in the British Club.

Kathy Curtin, Membership

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