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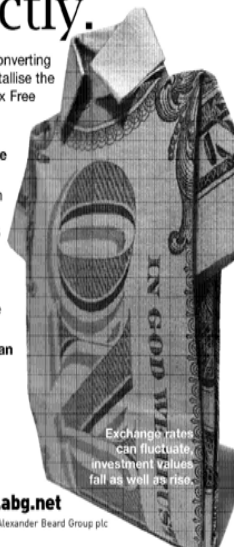
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Coming Events

Board Meeting October 9 – 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!!

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From Our President

We were saddened to learn that Pauline Richards (wife of former President, Peter), passed away on Monday, September 15th after a long, courageous battle with cancer.

Our caring thoughts are with you and your family, Peter.

If you haven't already done so, mark Saturday, November 1st on your calendar, as this is when we elect a new Board of Directors at our Annual General Meeting to be held at the Lakeshore Village clubhouse. We have a strong and talented line-up of candidates so please show your support by attending.

But our AGM isn't only about voting – we plan to have some fun too, so there's an additional incentive for you!

Elsewhere in the newsletter we give details of the annual cricket Six-a-Side Tournament. This is always well worth attending. Picnic in the sun while watching some very entertaining action on the field.

It's difficult to believe, but Christmas isn't that far away. The highlight of our year is your Club's Annual Dinner Dance on December 13th. This year it will be held at Heritage Oaks Golf and Country Club. We can guarantee you a fabulous evening.

Circle December 13th on your calendar, now!

Cheers,
Terry

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August Board Meeting Précis:

Treasurer balance of \$3,962.36. Questioned having to pay a monthly \$10.00 fee to the bank, Shona will check out alternate account. Currently 177 members (99 households). Another New Members tea is being planned. Website up to date, plan to add to the Living in America section, and include information about green card applications, banking information, British food availability, Cricket club etc. We hope this information will help newcomers from the UK; Peter Richards will feature a monthly article on current real estate issues. Nominating Committee report will be featured in October newsletter. The August 16th indoor picnic was a great success with guest Cliff Roles. September 27th plans in effect for dinner on Bob's Train, AGM meeting planned for November 1st with a heavy hors d'oeuvres and wine evening. Christmas party plans for December 13th; Board made a motion to charge non members a minimum of \$5.00 an event, approved. Next meeting planned for October 9th, 6:30 pm at home of Sandra Cherry. Members welcome but please call ahead due to space limitations.

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.

Membership News

EMAIL ADDRESSES: PLEASE email me, Kathy Curtin, at kathrmcurt@msn.com or call me at 941-379-9861 if you have changed your email in the last 6 months.

Last month we welcomed Derek and Lyn Curran who kindly sent me a little bit about themselves. They left the UK in 1969 and have lived/worked here, France, Belgium, Switzerland and, briefly, back in the UK. They have 3 (very grown up) children and 7 grandchildren who live in Kentucky, North Carolina and Arizona, so they do a fair amount of traveling to see them all. They also go to the UK once a year to see family. Since settling in the U.S. they have lived in Connecticut and Long Island. They first came to Sarasota on vacation in 1994 and came back each year until they moved here permanently in 2002. Their interests are travel, fitness, golf (really badly) and the small things in life that make days and weeks go by so quickly in this little part of paradise.

Another new member Barbara Shaw who lives in Ocala recently sent me a note with the following: Barbara and her husband had a Swiss Restaurant and bakery in Pennsylvania for 27 years. Barbara is originally from Nottingham and her husband from Basil in Switzerland. She found the club advertised in the Union Jack and joined us for the Queen's Birthday celebration in April on hearing of the great Fish and Chips to be had at the Coach and Horses and, of course, the good old British sense of humor. She is a member of the writer's club in Ocala.

Vic and Diana Bradfield came to the States in 1975 after living in London and Exeter. We were in Rockford, Illinois, for nine years. Started a business, Petdoors U.S.A., in 1983 and moved to Bradenton in 1984. Built up the business and sold it in 1995 to retire. Petdoors U.S.A. is still going strong and still in Bradenton with the best selection of dog and cat doors in the States.

New member David Wood is originally from Wokingham Berkshire. He moved to Atlanta, Ga in 1986 with his brother and parents. He has been in Sarasota since May of 2006 and works for a car dealership in Bradenton.

Edith and Manning Edmonds joined us last month at the picnic. Edith was born and raised in Glasgow, Scotland and came to NYC in 1966. Manning was born and raised in NYC and retired as a NYPD supervisor after 30 years service. They moved to Sarasota in 1994 and Manning did another 10 years years service as a deputy sheriff in Florida.

New members this month are Richard Wood originally from Woking, Berkshire. Victor and Diana Bradfield. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Treacle Tart

This is an old favourite. However, you really do need to use Lyles Golden Syrup which can be purchased locally at the Brit purveyors. Yummy served with custard sauce

Short crust pastry
1 ½ cups golden syrup
2 egg yolks

2 cups finely ground fresh breadcrumbs
Finely grated rind and juice of 1 lemon
1 beaten egg

Line a lightly greased pan with the pastry. Mix syrup, egg yolks, breadcrumbs, lemon rind and juice. Gently heat in a small saucepan. Pour into prepared pastry shell and, if desired, top with strips of pastry for decoration. Bake in a 375 degree F oven about 40-50 minutes.

(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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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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Holy Humour

These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

1. The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
2. The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water."
The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
3. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.
4. The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
5. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.
6. Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
7. Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
8. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
9. Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
10. Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.
11. The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing: "Break Forth Into Joy."
12. Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
13. A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
14. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
15. Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
16. Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
17. Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
18. The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.
19. Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.
20. The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
21. This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
22. Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.
23. The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
24. Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.
25. The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
26. Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
27. The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours"