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## Coming Events

**Board Meeting** Thursday, Oct 7th @ 6:30pm, at the home of Ken & Ildiko Jukes. Members welcome but please call ahead (see Page 8) as space is limited.

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



**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party: Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup>** at 6.30 pm at Southbay Yacht & Racquet Club, Osprey. Make a note in your diary for this very special event and book your places now by emailing or calling the Chair, Sue Ford ([sueford47@yahoo.com](mailto:sueford47@yahoo.com); 941-751-3811). Please let Sue know the names of each member of your group. The Party is a catered event, including food and drinks, and there will be a unique range of entertainment including (a) a Barber Shop Quartet (b) a Magician and (c) a comedy skit featuring founder members and past Presidents!! The cost for this great evening is \$18 pp for Members, and \$22 pp for Guests. Please send checks to our PO address above (See article, page 4).

**Annual General Meeting (AGM):** Please Note the Change of Date and Venue for the 2010 AGM. This will now take place on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, at circa 5.30pm just before our Guy Fawkes party. Note that the AGM is free of charge and is separate from the Guy Fawkes event. Please contact Ken Jukes (page 8) to let him know you plan to attend the AGM. Let's support both events.

**Guy Fawkes Party "PLEASE TO REMEMBER THE 6TH.OF NOVEMBER, PENNY FOR THE GUY, GUV?"** 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.....Continued on Page 7...



**Our website is [www.SarasotaBritishClub.com](http://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

It was very sad to have to report to members the passing away of Peter Wilson, the husband of our Vice-President Doreen Wilson. We held a short memorial session at the August Coffee Morning at Sue Ford's home. Harry Hornagold (who had worked with Peter) and Past-President Terry Sweeney (who lives on the same estate as Doreen & Peter) gave orations. A considerable number of British Club members attended the Venice church service, celebrating Peter's extraordinary life, at which very moving orations were read to a packed congregation by two of Peter & Doreen's three sons. We should all be proud of the way that Doreen is standing up to her great loss, the love of her life. She is a true British lady.

As we move towards our special Anniversary event on October 16<sup>th</sup>, which I hope as many of you as possible will attend, I thought you might like to know that we have agreed with WEDU (public television) to feature TV slots about our Anniversary, during the Saturday evening British Comedy sequence of programmes in the first week of October. Listen out for the voice-over which will be carried out by our founder, and Honorary Life Member, Sandra Cherry. WEDU are currently doing a draft of what the slot will contain and we may include some still pictures from SBC events.

I have started a new role, teaching a special group at Pine View for one hour a day, Pine View being the school for the gifted and apparently ranked number 14 nationally. I teach two 2<sup>nd</sup> year University level courses; Multivariable Calculus in the Fall, Differential Equations in the Spring. The students, although just 16 and 17, get university 200 level credit towards degrees if they pass. I am very privileged, having only 8 students in the class, and apparently the best math students at Pine View. They are courteous, interested, very bright, keen and great fun to teach. I mix this teaching up with free-lance work on computer support; my ad in our Newsletter yielding a few requests from British Club members. Terry & Audrey Sweeney are currently having lessons on three topic areas and we have fun both in the sessions and when I set the brief homework. Audrey even made me lunch!

### SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING PRECIS

The Meeting was held on Thursday, September 9th. The Treasurer's Report was distributed to the Board by Gary Lee. The bank balance as of August 4th was \$5,547.60.

Sue Ford said the slate for the 2011 Board is complete. The details for the November 6th Guy Fawkes event were discussed and will be finalized shortly. Terry and Audrey Sweeney and Ken Jukes attended a meeting of the British American Club of South-West Florida in Punta Gorda. The British American Club has suggested a softball cricket match on Sanibel Island in January of 2011. SBC Board to consider our response after surveying members. Other upcoming events were also discussed.

The next Board Meeting will be on Thursday, October 7th at the home of Ken and Ildiko Jukes. Members are welcome, but please call ahead as space is limited.



**6-Night Cruise: 14<sup>th</sup> November 6-Night Cruise, 4-Star 'Carnival Freedom':** Departing from Ft Lauderdale going to 'Key West' Grand Cayman and Jamaica. Starting price Inside Cabin \$399; Ocean View \$539; Balcony \$629; Suite \$969. Excludes bus cost to Ft Lauderdale. Cabin spaces are available for singles wishing to share a cabin with like-gender. Prior to booking, please contact **Sue Ford**, by e-mail or phone to ensure everyone is using the same booking agent, and receiving all the same info: [sueford47@yahoo.com](mailto:sueford47@yahoo.com).

We now have 16 for the cruise, but there are still places available if anyone is interested. Tom Lodge would like to be able to share a cabin, if there is a single male wanting to join us. Notify Sue Ford and she will put you in touch with Tom.



**CHRISTMAS PARTY** arrangements are under way: Today I spoke with Heritage Oaks Restaurant Manager Rico and we put a great menu together. More to follow in next month's Newsletter. *Sue Ford*



The **Washington Post** has published the winning submissions to its yearly neologism contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternate meanings for common words.

The first 10 winners are:

1. **Bozone (n.):** The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
2. **Foreploy (v):** Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of having sex.
3. **Cashtration (n.):** The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.
4. **Giraffiti (n):** Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
5. **Sarchasm (n):** The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
6. **Inoculate (v):** To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
7. **Hipatitis (n):** Terminal coolness.
8. **Osteopornosis (n):** A degenerate disease.
9. **Karmageddon (n):** It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.
10. **Decafalon (n.):** The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you..... *(Submitted by member Terry Sweeney)*



### Joke

As a bagpiper, I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man who had no family or friends. The funeral was to be held at a cemetery in the remote countryside and this man would be the first to be laid to rest there.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods area, I became lost and being a typical man, did not stop for directions. As I finally arrived an hour late I could see the backhoe and the working crew, who were eating lunch. I stepped to the side of the open grave where I saw the vault lid already in place. The workers gathered around, still eating their lunch, and I solemnly assured them this was the proper thing to do. I played my heart and soul out, from The Lord is My Shepherd, to Going Home, and finally Amazing Grace. The workers began to weep as I walked slowly back to my car. As I was opening the car door, I overheard one of the workers saying to another, "Sweet Jesus, Mary 'n Joseph, I have never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years".

**'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](mailto:suebridg@yahoo.com).



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### Joke

A woman brings eight-year-old Johnny home and tells his mother that he was caught playing doctors and nurses with Mary, her eight-year old daughter.

Johnny's mother says, "Let's not be too harsh on them.... they are bound to be curious about sex at that age."

"Curious about sex?" replies Mary's mother. "He's taken her appendix out!"

### 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 clean-up. Please contact [suebridg@yahoo.com](mailto:suebridg@yahoo.com) with suitable dates and location. Thank you for your support.



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### COFFEE MORNING

Coffee Mornings are one of the Brit Club's best events. On the second Tuesday of every month, members meet from 10:30 am to 12 noon at Sue Ford's beautiful home in Braden Woods to enjoy tasty treats brought by the members -- some of them home-made from English recipes, like sausage rolls, scones with strawberry jam, rock cakes and Victoria sandwich. Sue serves coffee and tea in elegant bone china cups and saucers, which adds to the British ambience. We gather in the kitchen and dining room, so it's all very casual; and when the weather is cool enough the back porch and deck overlooking the pool are welcome options.

The big advantage that Coffee Mornings have over other Club events is the chance to really talk to other members and get to know them. The Club members seem to have one special thing in common -- a sense of adventure. Most have lived and worked in different parts of the world; they have emigrated to the States to work, to start a business or to retire. It takes initiative and guts to do that, which makes for very interesting conversation. However, none of this would work without Sue -- the hostess with the mostest -- who will greet you with a big smile and a hug. Her adorable Miniature Schnauzers, who once barked at the arrivals when the Coffee Mornings began, now enjoy the company, lolling around, keeping an eye open for any snacks they can sneak.

Sue gives good directions for your first trip. From SR70 to Braden Woods, the sub-division offers a pretty drive through peaceful, winding streets, laced by Spanish Moss-draped trees. You'll be able to spot the right house by the Union Jack tied to the mail box (or all the cars parked outside!). So hope to see you there on the next second Tuesday of the month. I promise you'll have a good time. (Article submitted by Diana Bradfield)

**Don't forget to sign up for the 10th Anniversary Party** on Saturday, October 16 at Southbay Yacht & Racquet Club. The reservations seem to be coming in fast and furious for this special event which promises to be a fun evening, with good entertainment and a delicious dinner catered by Word of Mouth Restaurant. We will kick off the evening with a nice glass of wine (or beer), while being serenaded by the "Golf" Breeze Barbershop Quartet, then dine on stuffed chicken breast, smashed red skinned potatoes, roasted veg, salad and bread. After the main course, Master Magician Bill Smith will entertain us with some of his amazing tricks, assisted by one or two of our own club members (although they do not know it yet!) A delicious dessert will be served after the magician has "disappeared." We will end the evening with a sketch by Brit Club members and a raffle. Cost of this event, which includes dinner, drinks and entertainment is only \$18 pp for members and \$22 for guests. Please send your checks directly to the PO Box. The Club will actually be subsidizing the cost of members' tickets .. one of the many advantages of belonging to the Brit Club.



Any questions, please call Sue Ford at 941-751-3811 or Shona Burtner at 941-925-0462.

**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).



### On the Web: Are You Missing English TV?

Not just the meager offerings from the BBC such as Top Gear & Kitchen Nightmares but the full range of BBC & ITV via their websites. If you try it now from the USA you will see a message that it is not available to PCs outside the UK. You can overcome this by subscribing to a network that assigns your PC a temporary UK address. You can then watch live TV or access some past shows via the BBC iPlayer or ITV Player. For £5/month one such provider is Expat Surfer (expatsurfer.co.uk). Contact me at [lakewood2@gmail.com](mailto:lakewood2@gmail.com) if you need help.



### Business Glimpse

**Introducing new Club Member Jimmy Andrews :** Jimmy is a British Chartered Accountant and came to settle in Florida with his family twelve years ago. After leaving the United Kingdom thirty years ago he has held senior financial positions with large public accounting firms and in the private sector around the world.

In 2002 he set up his own accounting practice and specializes in accounting and tax work for Britons, covering both United States tax filings and also foreign tax returns, particularly U.K. tax returns. The work covers small and medium sized businesses and also individual tax returns. Additionally, he specializes in due diligence work for Britons who are intending to purchase businesses in Florida.

In these difficult economic times he is prepared to offer a 25% discount against current fees being charged for accounting and tax work and will additionally offer credit terms of up to six months to help local Britons minimise their costs and strengthen their cash flow.

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