



# BritClub News

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

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## Coming Events

### Board Meeting

**Sept 7** – 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sandra Cherry, 2930 Williamsburg St., Sarasota. **MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!**

### Sunday Lunch in September

**Sept. 24** – Let's all get together for a Sunday lunch and celebrate the end of the very hot weather! The time is 12:30 pm and the place is MacAllister's, a Scottish pub with very good food and British beer. Please contact Amy Croshaw at 941-928-2580 if you wish to attend. Amy will make a group reservation for us all at the restaurant. **Directions:** Take exit 213 (University Parkway east) off 75. Go east on University (approx. 3 lights) to Lakewood Ranch Boulevard and turn left. Turn right onto Main Street and continue on down Main Street to the end. MacAllister's is on Main Street just past the fountain. You can't miss it. Parking is just past MacAllister's, off to the right.

### Halloween Party and Annual General Meeting

**Oct. 28** – Start planning those costumes! We are going to hold annual Halloween party in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting at the South Bay Yacht Club beginning at 6 pm. The club will provide ham, turkey and roast beef and soft drinks. Members are requested to bring a side dish or dessert and BYOB. The cost is free to members and \$10 for non-members. There will be games and prizes for the best costume. See the next newsletter for more details.

### Christmas Party

**Dec. 15** – The ever popular Brit Club Annual Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Stoney Brook Country Club. Tickets must be purchased in advance and space is limited. Watch for further details and a reservation form in the October newsletter.

### 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.

### Eleven's Chin Wag

**Sept 26** – The Eleven's Chin Wag is your opportunity to sit and chat with other club members. We meet the fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:30 am to 12 noon at Tastefully British Tea Room, 2236 Gulf Gate Drive. RSVP to Maureen Gold at 486-1677.

### Membership News

A hearty welcome to new members who joined over the summer break. They include Joyce Albertis of Longboat Key, Mike Bentley and Valerie Woodger of Sarasota, Edward and Roberta Hamilton of Sarasota, Ruth Mason of Sarasota, Ronald Platt of Longboat Key, Noel and Heather Monaghan of Sarasota, and James Sheehy of Sarasota.

Kathy Curtin, Membership

### August 7<sup>th</sup> Minutes Précis

Currently 156 members. Will remind members who haven't renewed by adding a sticker on the newsletter saying will be their last one unless renewed. Current Treasurer's balance \$ 2,786.72. Pub night in June was a huge success, thanks to Nairn'. September 23<sup>rd</sup> plan a luncheon at McAllister's. Halloween party and AGM will be October 28<sup>th</sup> at the South Bay Yacht Club. Discussed need to have new board members; Terry Sweeney will be nominating chair. Christmas party planned for December 15<sup>th</sup> at Stoney Brook. Next board meeting to be at Sandra Cherry's on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 6: 30 pm. All members are welcome, but please call Sandra if planning to attend.

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

# From Our President

Welcome back to all those who were gone for the summer. Club members celebrated a few milestones over the summer months. Congratulations to club founder Sandra Cherry and her husband Jack who celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Happy birthday to Audrey Sweeney who celebrated one of those big milestones on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Young and vivacious Audrey was.....well, let's just say that like Jack Benny, she was 39.

After our summer break, events are again planned. The next one will be a Sunday Lunch at McAllister's Restaurant on September 24<sup>th</sup> (see 'Events' on front page for details). We hope to see many of you there.

Coming up in October is a Halloween party combined with the Annual General Meeting. Part of the food will be provided by the club. This has been a popular event in the past and one of the most requested in our event survey at the end of last year.

We need volunteers for next year's board. Any club is only as strong as its membership, so please, folks, get involved and do your part to help run the club and make it grow. Please see the article in this month's newsletter outlining the responsibilities of each position. The Nominating Committee has been formed and is due to give their recommendations to the Board at the next board meeting in September. A list of candidates and an absentee ballot will be sent to members at the end of September.

The Annual Christmas Party is planned for Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Stoney Brook Country Club. The club rules do not permit us to have the whole of the dining room; part of it must be kept available for members. This means that space will be limited for us. As attendance will be on a first-come first-served basis, be sure to get your ticket requests in early so as not to be disappointed.

Glenys Oldham, President

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## Brit Club Board of Directors

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## Rose's Corner

This is our first regular issue of the newsletter after a two month summer break. I hope you all had a wonderful summer, took some trips, saw some friends and family and are now back and ready for some fun!!

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](mailto:rosegillet@yahoo.com). Closing date for the newsletter is the 15th of each month.

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## 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to the newsletter editor, Rose Gillet, at 3219 24<sup>th</sup> Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34235 or email them to her at [rosegillet@yahoo.com](mailto:rosegillet@yahoo.com).

# Cranberry Bread Pudding

Bread pudding is always a popular dessert, and this is so easy. I adapted it from a recipe I found in England a few years back, and it was always a popular choice in the tea room.

## Cranberry Bread Pudding

1 regular loaf of raisin bread with cinnamon  
3 cups heavy whipping cream  
1 cup cranberry sauce

finely grated peel of 1 orange  
3 beaten eggs  
1/4 cup sugar, brown or white  
1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract

Break up the bread into small pieces, place in large bowl, and pour the cream over. Let sit for about an hour. Mix all the remaining ingredients, add to soaked bread mixture and mix well. Lightly grease an ovenproof dish, and place mixture in it. Bake at 350 F for 1 to 1 1/2 half hours, or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Yield 6 to 8 servings.

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



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

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).

# Annual General Meeting & Election of 2007 Board

The Annual General Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Halloween Party on Saturday, October 28. We need volunteers for next year's board. Please get involved and help make the club stronger. Below is a description of the board positions and their responsibilities so that anyone volunteering knows what will be expected of them. Along with these duties, board members have a meeting once a month. If you wish to volunteer, please either send me an e-mail at [travelgal90@comcast.net](mailto:travelgal90@comcast.net) informing me what position you would like to fill, or call me at 941-966-1240.

**President** - The president shall be chairperson of the Board and ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee. He/she is responsible for scheduling and running board meetings, providing an agenda for those meetings, and has overall responsibility for all committee activities.

**Vice-President** - Upon the inability of the President to act, shall assume the duties of the President. The Vice-President shall be responsible for such duties as assigned by the President.

**Secretary** - The secretary shall be responsible for keeping and distributing the minutes of all meetings of the Board, the Annual General Meeting, and any special members meetings of the club. The Secretary shall oversee all balloting by the board and the members.

**Treasurer** - The Treasurer shall be responsible for safeguarding all assets of the club, keeping financial records, paying all bills, and balancing the club check book.

**Program Director** - The Program Director shall be responsible for overseeing all social activities of the club, including putting together committees of volunteers for events, and the costs of activities.

**Membership Director** - The Membership Director shall be responsible for the renewal of annual dues, contacting all new members, sending a welcoming package to new members and keeping an up-to-date list of the membership.

**Public Relations Director** - The Public Relations Director shall be responsible for all public relations activities such as advertising events in various newspapers and establishments, overseeing of the club newsletter and fund-raising for the club.

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