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Coming Events

Board Meeting September 4 – 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!



September 8 – We're going continental! After a successful trip to the Italian Winery in May, a smashing night out at Beckhams in July, we will be visiting a French Restaurant, **Miguel's**, for our September soiree! Located on Siesta Key, Miguel's will provide an evening not to be missed.

We have reserved one of their two dining rooms for our group. If we are all seated and have our food ordered by 6:30 p.m., we can take advantage of their wonderful summer Early Bird dinners! So we suggest strongly that you arrive around 6:00 p.m.

For the price of the entree, we get to enjoy an appetizer, salad, fresh garlic bread, main course, dessert and coffee or tea. Appetizer choices include shrimp cocktail, carrot and dill soup, or garlic soup (which is the house specialty). Main courses range from roast duck, veal marsala, petite filet mignon, lamb chops, to assorted chicken, fish and seafood dishes. Is your mouth watering yet?? Main courses range from \$16 - \$19 and include appetizer, salad, dessert, tea or coffee. What a bargain, especially for such a nice restaurant!

Reservations are a MUST, as we need to let the restaurant know in advance how many people to expect. The dining room holds a maximum of 48 people with seating for tables of four. Why not make a special evening of it, invite some friends, enjoy a nice meal and then nip over to the beach and watch a spectacular sunset? Who could ask for more?

Please RSVP to Shona Burtner (925-0462 or skburtner@hotmail.com) no later than Monday, September 3. "**Merçi et au revoir.**"

BBC Meeting September – Watch your email or the website for details on time and place for the September meeting. Please see the center of the newsletter for information on the club and a form to fill out if you would like to join.

Coming Events – Mark these dates on your calendar - Guy Fawkes evening, which will include our Annual General Meeting at Twin Lakes Park on November 4, Christmas Party at Misty Creek on December 15.

Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

From Our President

It's been a busy month for your Board of Directors and I have several things to report, but first, I'd like to convey special thanks to James Croshaw, who has completely updated the website and vastly improved its functionality. We can now send and receive emails to members through the website with much greater ease, and are receiving new members and/or inquiries at the rate of about one per week.

Elsewhere in this issue, you'll find an article about the upcoming elections. A nominating committee has been formed, and we hope to see some new faces on the Board next year. Consider this your first **official** notification of our Annual General Meeting, to be held on Sunday, November 4th. Details are on page one.

Your Board, acting as a "committee of the whole" has redrawn the club's bylaws to reflect an expanded board and to clean up some anomalies in language. On August 6th, The Board voted unanimously to accept these new bylaws, and you will be asked to ratify that vote at a future meeting. The new bylaws are posted on the website at www.sarasotabritishclub.com/bylaws.

I am very excited by our upcoming event at Miguel's on Siesta Key. It's always fun to explore someplace new. We hope to see many of you there, but seating IS limited, so get your reservations in early.

Finally, the Asolo Rep will be hosting the pre-Broadway tryout of a new version of Charles Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities*. Opening night, which will have a City of London theme, is October 26th. The Club has been asked to provide some props, flags and other items to "London-up" the lobby, and we are negotiating for some group discounts for that evening. More details will follow in the October newsletter, but you may want to put the date in your book now.

Until next month,

Cheers!

Nairn' B. Gillet, President

June 4th Minutes Précis

135 Individual paid up members, pleased to see we are getting several new members, feel that the distribution of the newsletters to local businesses has helped. Current treasurers balance is \$2,545.09. New member tea scheduled for August 18th at Kathy Curtin's home. September will be a dinner evening at Miguel's' restaurant. No meeting planned for October. Will have a Guy Fawkes evening on November 4th, will also include the AGM. Christmas party still scheduled for December 15th. BBC (British Business Connection) group will hold the first official meeting August 21st at 4Gees café; there has been some interest in having an immigration lawyer do a presentation; board will follow up on that. Website updated and looking good. Bylaws were discussed and revised, ready for presentation to members at large at AGM. Need to work on a nominating committee for the 2008 board; all present board have agreed to re-run, but it is hoped that new members would like to participate also. Next board meeting will be at Sandra Cherry's house on Tuesday September 4th, 6:30 pm. Members welcome but due to space limitation please call ahead

Thank You

The Club would like to thank the following merchants for their cooperation in spreading the good word about our Club by allowing *The Brit Club News* to be distributed in their shoppes:

Word of Mouth, Champions Pub, Tastefully British, Four & Twenty Pasty Shop, both British Open pubs, The Irish Rovers, The Coach & Horses Pub, Shakespeare's, McAllister's, Scots Corner, Beckham's Osprey Grill and Simon's Coffee Shoppe. Please thank them by patronizing them whenever you can, and let them know you appreciate their support.

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

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____

Email Address _____

Membership Type: Single \$25 Family \$35 (includes all children under age 18)

Rose's Corner

As I have a deep appreciation and love for French cuisine, I am really looking forward to the club outing at Miguel's on Siesta Key this month. And as an American, I had to look up why baked potatoes are eaten on Guy Fawkes Day – looking forward to that also, along with the Annual General Meeting in November.

As always, 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.

Rose Gillet, Newsletter Editor

Mulligatawny Soup

Indian food started to become popular in England after the Colonial rule of the 1900's, and this is a version of a popular soup to this day. This recipe is based on a recipe from my grandparents and family from when they were stationed in India back then. Lamb can also be used, but my preference is use chicken and I like to have it in a beef broth, and not too spicy!!

1 ½ lb chicken	4 cups beef broth
1 sliced onion	1 sliced carrot
1 stalk of celery, sliced	½ tsp. salt
2 Tbsp. butter	1 chopped onion
1 green apple, peeled, cored and sliced	1 Tbsp curry powder (or according to taste)
1 Tbsp curry powder (or according to taste)	2 Tbsp flour
1 Bay leaf	¼ tsp allspice
¼ cup cream	

Place chicken in large pan, add beef broth, onion, carrot, celery and salt. Cover and simmer for one hour. Remove chicken, discard skin and bones and cut meat into small pieces. Strain broth and chill, to allow for skimming off any fat that will rise in the chilling. Heat butter in large saucepan, cook chopped onions and apple for three minutes or so. Add the mixed flour and curry powder slowly, and cook slowly stirring all the time, gradually add the broth. Add bay leaf and allspice. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes. Add chicken pieces, simmer for 15minutes, stir in cream just before serving.

(Good as is, but was traditionally served with a separate bowl of rice)

Recipe by Sandra Cherry, Your Cup of Tea Inc. Comments, queries and suggestions are welcome and can be sent to Yourcupoftea1@yahoo.com or www.Yourcupoftea.info

Nominations for the Sarasota British Club Board of Directors

It's that time again. Our Club's Annual General Meeting will be held in conjunction with a Guy Fawkes picnic on Sunday, November 4th at Twin Lakes Park.

Club members will vote to elect your President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Director, Membership Director and Public Relations Director.

Would you like to serve our Club as a member of the Board of Directors? We are enjoying a year of enthusiastic growth and you can help your Club continue this trend. If the Board isn't for you then please consider working together with one of the Directors with programs, membership or public relations.

The pay is zero in purely monetary terms, but priceless in terms of the good feeling you'll get helping the Club grow with fun and exciting events.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, we need to hear from you by September 15th. There will be no nominations from the floor. Please phone **Terry Sweeney at 918-0550** or e mail at tsweeneyau@aol.com

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: ¼ page \$15, ½ page \$25, full page \$40. 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 (jpg file preferred) 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.

Membership News from Kathy Curtin

We had a number of new members join us last month, some of whom were able to come to Beckham's Osprey Grill for our July get together We welcome Matt and Diane Broerman, Ann Dickson, James and Veronica Judge, Bernard and Diana Strong, Eric Taylor and Karen Wantuck, and Ellis and Anita Woolf.

Thank you to New Member Madeleine Poole who provided the following information about herself. Madeleine has recently retired from teaching, working with special needs and elementary students. She is an avid traveler and other hobbies include photography, wildlife, poetry and songwriting. She has worked with the community theater and the Sarasota Players.

Sudoku

Directions: Fill in all the squares so that each row, column and box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once.

		7				1		
8				6				5
		9	1		3	8		
	3		2		4			8
	6		7		5			4
		1	8		7	5		
9				3				7
		2				3		

We Need Your Help

We need your help in planning next year's programs. Listed below in no particular order are some of this year's events and some suggestions for 2008.

Please take a few minutes to go through the list and either phone Terry Sweeney at 918-0550 or e-mail him at tsweeneyau@aol.com with your preferences (other suggestions most welcome). We really do need your input so please let Terry have your thoughts a.s.a.p.

- Queen's Birthday/St.George's Day celebration
- Twin Lakes Picnic
- MacAllisters – lunch or dinner
- Christmas Party
- Beckham's Osprey Grille
- Treasure/Scavenger Hunt
- Mystery Meet (Get to know other members and the Board)
- Polo at the Polo Club, Lakewood Ranch
- Cricket at the Sarasota Cricket Club, Lakewood Ranch
- Wine Tasting (Sylvia's or ?)
- Casino bus trip – Hard Rock, Tampa
- Sunday Brunch – Stoneybrook G. & C.C or Heritage Oaks G. & C. C
- Lipizzan Stallions – Training – Myakka City (Sat. a.m.)
- Pizza & Pipes, Bradenton (nr.Ellenton Outlets)
- Guest Speaker and Dinner
- Classic Car Museum & dinner at Barnacle Bill's
- Karaoke Night
- Florida Studio Theatre Improv.

Sudoku Puzzle Answer

6	2	7	9	5	8	1	3	4
8	1	3	4	6	2	9	7	5
4	5	9	1	7	3	8	6	2
7	3	5	2	1	4	6	8	9
2	9	4	3	8	6	7	5	1
1	6	8	7	9	5	2	4	3
3	4	1	8	2	7	5	9	6
9	8	6	5	3	1	4	2	7
5	7	2	6	4	9	3	1	8

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British Business Connection (BBC)

The BBC will meet once a month in various interesting venues around town with the object of networking and showcasing individuals and businesses with specific British interests, connections or affiliations.

Businesses or individuals who are interested in this kind of activity and look forward to the fun of meeting new and exciting British oriented people with new products and ideas as well as established goods and services are encouraged to join by completing the form below. (There will be a small service charge for non-club members.)

Name:

Street Address:

City: State: Zip:

Business:

Products Handled/Services Offered:

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Email: Phone:

Comments or Areas of Interest:

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Please return to:

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