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# BritClub News



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## Coming Events

**Board Meeting** , Thursday Sept 9th @ 6:30pm– at the home of .Sue & Howard Bridgman. Members welcome but please call ahead (see Page 8) as space is limited.

**Coffee Morning** – 10:30-12 noon on Tuesday Sept 14th, at the home of Sue Ford, contact info see Page 8. Mark your calendars for the 2nd Tuesday of each month.



**Saturday September 25th**—Join us for a British style dinner, pub quiz and draw at

The Open Pub and Restaurant, . We have selected six items from their menu as follows: 1. Fish and Chips @ \$11.75, 2. Cottage Pie @ \$11.50, 3. Gulf Grouper Platter @ \$11.75, 4.Prime Rib Pastie @\$12.95, 5.Bangers and Chips or Mash @\$11.50, and 6. Maryland Style Crab Cakes @\$10.95. Our selections and numbers are required in advance by September 18<sup>th</sup> and members will be given separate checks.

We will meet at 6:00 p.m. for drinks, and dinner will follow from 6:30 p.m. The Open is next to Haverty's furniture store in the Palmer Ranch shopping Plaza. Please RSVP Joan Forsberg at 941-927-0895 or bradjo2@verizon.net, including the names of your party members and their choice of food.

**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; 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**

**Annual General Meeting (AGM): 6.00pm sharp, Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup> at Southbay Yacht & Racquet Club, Osprey.** Note that the AGM is **free of charge** and is **separate** from the Anniversary Event. Your attendance will be much appreciated. Please email kena.jukes@yahoo.com or call Ken on 941-927-6499 to let him know if you plan to be there for the AGM.

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**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**

The article I wrote about the organization of the Casino Style Night has been much appreciated, members realizing just how much work goes into setting up our events. The Board agreed sometime ago to adopt the model of each event having an Event Chair and Co-Chairs, the team then drawing on the wider membership for help with particular events. This works well and shares out the load. Many thanks on behalf of members to our Chairs, Co-chairs and their teams.

Well, again no math problem this time, even though I would like to tell you about Fibonacci! I thought instead that I would bring to your attention some of Anne Robinson's favourite answers from her TV series "The Weakest Link". I was auditioned for this but was turned down even though I did well in the audition; you never see people from the Black Country on the programme! The dumb answers that tickled me are as follows, AR denoting Anne Robinson, C the contestant:

- AR: Which "D" is a large city in the Republic of Ireland? C: Belfast**
- AR: Which animal, bred for meat, milk and wool, is unusual in that it is spelt with "Ls" in its name? C: the *gnu***
- AR: What was the principal language used by the Ancient Romans? C: Greek**
- AR: Which "P" is the smallest native British bat? C: *pigeon***
- AR: Cornish describes something as being from which English county? C: *Devon***
- AR: In 1975, the first black tennis player to win the Wimbledon Men's Singles title was Arthur who? C: *Askey***
- AR: The Irish President, elected in 1990, who was the first to visit a British Monarch was Mary who? C: *Mary Queen of Scots***
- AR: What E is the substance that forms a hard protective layer around the teeth? C: *enema***

**AUGUST BOARD MEETING PRECIS**

The Meeting was held on Thursday, August 12th. The Treasurer's Report was e-mailed to the Board by Gary Lee, who is currently on vacation. The bank balance as of July 8th, 2010 was \$5,547.60. The Casino Night income was \$701.00. Expenses were \$523.67, leaving a net income of \$177.33. The Board wishes to thank all those who contributed to its success.

Michael Miner of WEDU was scheduled to attend, but was forced to reschedule due to family pressures.

Upcoming events were discussed. The Dinner and Quiz at The Open Pub and Restaurant was to have been written up in the July Newsletter, but was inadvertently left out. See write-up in this Newsletter.

The next Board Meeting will be on Thursday, September 9th at the home of Sue and Howard Bridgman.

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**Guy Fawkes Party** — **Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup>, from 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm.** Do put this popular event in your diary. We plan to hold a catered party in the outdoor pavilion at Twin Lakes Park (Clark Rd, Route 72, just on the east side of I75). Further details will appear in the October Newsletter. Event Chair: **Phips Hakes** tel 941-371-6432 or email [bobby@hakes.org](mailto:bobby@hakes.org)

**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.

Under the terms of our Bylaws, the following Officers and Directors are elected annually: (a) Officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer (b) Directors: Membership Director, Program Director, Public Relations Director. Members wishing to run for election to any of these positions are required to notify the President ([kena.jukes@yahoo.co](mailto:kena.jukes@yahoo.co), tel 941-927-6499) within 15 days of receipt of this notice. The Newsletter aims to go out by the first of each month and so the final date for notifying the President will be taken as August 16<sup>th</sup> 2010. The election takes place at the AGM on Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup>. Under our Bylaws, no nominations will be accepted from the floor during the AGM. Again within our Bylaws, a Nominating Committee has been selected (Chair: Sue Ford), whose role includes presenting a slate of nominees to the Board within 30 days of the AGM; members then being notified of the slate at least 20 days before the AGM.



Under our Bylaws, the Board includes the Immediate Past President as an Officer. It also includes as Directors, the Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, and Director-at-large. These latter three positions are appointed by the incoming President, with the consent of the Board. We encourage members to stand for the elected positions (please contact Sue Ford) or to inform Ken Jukes of their interest in being considered for any of the latter three directly appointed roles.

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- **2011 board members.** It's hard to believe we are already half way through this year, and time
- to start working towards putting a new Board together for the AGM to be held in November. If
- you have time on your hands and are prepared to attend 12 Board meeting a year as well as
- taking an active role in events and the organization of events...we would love to hear from
- you.... please contact me Sue Ford @ [sueford47@yahoo.com](mailto:sueford47@yahoo.com)
- We are a great club with many wonderful talented people in it...by us hearing your ideas and
- receive your input the club will grow in the way 'you' the members direct it.
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## Jokes

Got my son an iPhone for his birthday the other week, and recently got my daughter an iPod for hers, and was dead chuffed when the family clubbed together and bought me an iPad for father's day.

Got my wife an iRon for her birthday It was around then - the fight started...

Reporter interviewing a 104-year-old woman:

'And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?' the reporter asked. She simply replied, 'No peer pressure.'

One day he arrives home looking down-cast.

"That's it," he tells his wife. "I'm giving up golf. My eyesight has gotten so bad that once I've hit the ball, I can't see where it went."

His wife sympathizes and makes him a cup of tea. As they sit down, she says, "Why don't you take my brother, Don, with you and give it one more try."

"That's no good," sighs Greg. "Your brother's 103 years old. He can't help."

"He may be 103," says the wife, "but his eyesight is perfect."

So the next day, Greg heads off to the golf course with Don, his brother-in-law. He tees up, takes an almighty swing, and squints down the fairway.

He turns to Don.. "Did you see the ball?"

"Of course I did!" replies Don. "I have perfect eyesight."

"Where did it go?" asks Greg.

"I don't remember."

**Had you noticed** that this AUGUST had 5 SUNDAYS , 5 MONDAYS and 5 TUESDAYS all in one month.?

### 'Here & Away' Websites:

Would you like to mention a website of local or British interest that you feel other members may enjoy ?

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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## Thank You

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**BUSINESS GLIMPSES:** We would like to hear from our members who have found their business niche in and around Sarasota. If you would like to write to us, we'd enjoy catching a glimpse of your business enterprise in our local economy. Your article can be sent to [suebridg@yahoo.com](mailto:suebridg@yahoo.com), and we will select one 'Business Glimpse' each month.



**A number of businesses have kindly sponsored us over the years and have also helped distribute our Newsletter to the wider public. We are inviting a series of articles about their businesses and would encourage our members to support them in these difficult economic times**

**Beckham's**



**Osprey Grill**

**Beckham's Osprey Grill**

**BEND IT AT BECKHAM'S**

You may not find the famous soccer player here at Beckham's Osprey Grill, but you will discover a winning combination of fine and casual dining, plus a friendly bar area, Annie's Sports Bar, and outdoor patio seating that is very dog-friendly.

What's new here is almost everything, reports co-owner Annie Mallon. "We have organized a massive re-launch—new décor, new menu, and more," she explains. The menu has changed to reflect a new sensibility, she says. First, there will be gluten-free items on the menu, marked by an asterisk. Also, many menu items can be adjusted to be gluten free. Second, popular specials are going permanent on the main menu, including chicken Picatta, pork Marsala, and grouper Oscar. Third, enjoy 'Tapas Nights' - a small-plate menu that incorporates all of the restaurant's most popular appetizers, like beef Carpaccio.

And the redesign? "I wanted the surroundings a bit more in keeping with the kind of food we sell, and the area we do business. A Floridian scene reflects that," she explains. Come and give it a try—all that and free Wi-Fi—you can't go wrong.'

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Visit [www.BeckhamsOspreyGrill.net](http://www.BeckhamsOspreyGrill.net) for the new menu, and details of the new Monday night's 'Party on the Patio,' which will hopefully become a permanent event.

1272 South Tamiami Trail, Osprey, FL 34229 \*\*\* Tel. (941) 918-8900

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**Sue Bridgman, [suebridg@yahoo.com](mailto:suebridg@yahoo.com).**

### On the Web

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### **Peter Wilson**

**It is with sadness that we must report the passing on August 16th of Peter Wilson, husband of 57 years of our club's Vice-President, Doreen.**

**Peter was a dear, kind and gentle man in the truest sense of the word. He was a man who never sat still and was a consummate volunteer. Active not only in the Rivendell community where he and Doreen lived, he was a long time volunteer at Selby Gardens. Together they served as ushers at many venues, including The Players, Florida Studio Theater, The Asolo, The Opera House and the Venice Theater.**

**Peter spent untold hours working with the Osprey Revitalization Committee.**

**Peter was born in Croydon, Surrey and was a retired chemical engineer, having worked for Hercules in England and here in the U.S. for many years.**

**Doreen, you are close in thought. Peter will be so missed by us all.**