



# BritClub News

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

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## Coming Events

**The SBC Board Meeting** will be held on Thursday **February 12th** at the Village des Pins, 7964 Timberwood Circle Sarasota @ 6:30pm. Members welcome.

**Open House** for new members. On Sunday February 15th. If you have joined the Club recently Paul and Diana Wilkinson will be contacting you to give you an opportunity to meet members of the Board and each other.

**See how Siesta Key Rum is made!**

The tour is free. It takes about 40 minutes depending on questions, etc. It will include an explanation of the equipment and the rum making process. You will also get to meet the team that brings you Siesta Key Rum. At the end of the tour there will be free samples in the tasting room. You can purchase a Siesta Key Rum shot glass for \$2 if you would like to have your samples in glass. The gift shop has cool t-shirts & hats available to show your SK rum love.

Siesta Key Rum is available for purchase by the bottle in the gift shop.

<http://www.drumcircledistilling.com>

When: Friday, Feb 27, 1.00 pm

Where: Drum Circle Distilling, 2212 Industrial Blvd, Sarasota 34234

**STOP PRESS : This event is now fully booked.**

**HOUSE CONCERT IN LAKEWOOD RANCH** on Saturday March 14th. See Page 6

**Beginning 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2015—SBC Monthly Lunches,** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each Month, 12:30pm.

Can you believe it? Our Club is in its 15<sup>th</sup> year and many of us have been members from the early days, which says a lot for the stability of the group. It seems we have two kinds of membership: --those preferring daytime events and others who lean toward the evening events. As I (luckily) have my days free, I opt for the latter. It has been expressed by members of my leaning and the Board's that we should carry on with our monthly lunch gatherings. I'm all for that and very willing to chair these events beginning on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month starting 20<sup>th</sup> March at 12:30pm.

Our first lunch will be in Bradenton; the next in Sarasota in April; and then for May, we'll lunch in Venice. At my Christmas Coffee Morning, we

spoke about using the Linger Lodge Restaurant on the Braden River—an "Old Florida" restaurant established in 1945—old for Florida-- and only a stone's throw from the house. Fresh alligator bites and frog legs are on the menu if you so choose; but—myself—I shall be sticking to the simple menu, which is varied, nicely-prepared, and very reasonably priced. The address of Linger Lodge Restaurant is:

7205 85<sup>th</sup> St. Ct. East, Bradenton, FL 34202,

I ask that you telephone or email me to reserve your place (941-751-3811 or [sueford@janbury.com](mailto:sueford@janbury.com).) Please do not just show up without reserving first as this really disrupts the planning of having everyone sitting in comfort and enjoying the surroundings and the company of other members.

Thanks. I look forward to seeing you at Linger Lodge Restaurant.

**Sue Ford**

**Our ever-popular** horse racing day at

Tampa Bay Downs will be held on Sunday April 12th. There is the usual 52 seater coach that will pick up in both Sarasota and Bradenton, starting 15 minutes earlier this year, at 9.30am, and we have reserved 50 seats in the Sky Terrace for

the brunch buffet and very inviting dessert table. The cost for roundtrip coach fare, brunch and entrance fee is virtually unchanged from last year at \$50. You can reserve your spot by calling Steve Adams on [941-524-9410](tel:941-524-9410), or emailing him at [sha@adamsiac.com](mailto:sha@adamsiac.com). Once you have reserved your place, you need to mail a check for \$50 per person, payable to Sarasota British Club, to Sarasota British Club, PO Box 21063, Sarasota FL 34276

Full information on coach pick-up points and times will follow.



## President's Letter

As of this writing, greatly-welcomed warmth and brilliant sunshine have returned to Sarasota after a spate of gloomy, cool days. Relatedly, some two weeks ago, I attended a mid-morning lecture downtown at the lovely First Methodist Church on Pineapple Avenue. It was a brisk, windy day. As I was scurrying back to the Palm Avenue parking garage following the lecture, deep in thought and facing strong gusts from Sarasota Bay, I stumbled on a curb stone at the traffic circle at Pineapple and Main and sprawled face down on the pavement. Luckily, my hands and knees took the brunt of the fall, which mainly injured only my pride. Several attentive bystanders were quick to help me up and kindly gathered my strewn-about belongings. No long-term damage, thank goodness—the various aches, scrapes and bruises have by now virtually disappeared. Age-old moral of story: watch where you're going!



opened in 1945—some 70 years ago. I am looking forward to visiting the restaurant. I hope to see many of you there on 20 March.

*Gary Lee*



Although we still have the warm temperatures, we can pretend it is colder in February and have a comfort food. This is easy and yummy. Be sure to use a good quality bread though, lovely served with a pouring cream



## Bread and Butter Pudding

The account of my recent tripping and falling incident segues quite nicely into a recent thoroughly entertaining and informative account by Steve Adams of his 6 months in 2014 spent on completing the full hike of the Appalachian Trail (AT)--some 2,300 miles—stretching from Springer Mountain in Georgia to Mount Kathadin in Maine during which Steve experienced a number of trips and falls along the way. On Friday, 16 January Steve held the rapt attention of 20 SBC members (the full capacity of the room used at Panera's on North Cattlemen Road ) with his spirited narration, with a liberal sprinkling of humor and the use of photos and some graphics on his computer connected to a large video screen on the wall. His account of his overall success in fulfilling his ambition to tackle the AT at that point in his life and his tales of the extremely varied and interesting characters he met and/or hiked with along the way have, by turns, both humor and pathos, but are always interesting. A spirited question and answer session followed the presentation.

**NOTE:** The Club plans at least one more presentation by Steve in a setting that will accommodate a larger audience. The membership will be advised of the date and venue well in advance.

You will note on page 1 of this Newsletter, that the ever-energetic Sue Ford will once again undertake the arrangements for monthly Club lunches at various local restaurants. To help members keep easy account of the day of each luncheon, they will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, beginning in March. So mark your calendars accordingly. The first Club lunch this year is scheduled for Linger Lodge, which is set on the Braden River and just up the road from Sue Ford's residence. When you ring Sue to make your reservation for the lunch, she will give you full directions to Linger Lodge. This quaint Old Florida restaurant

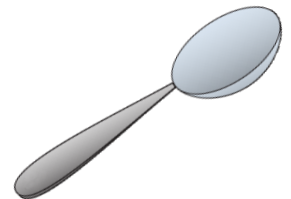
- 10 thin slices of good quality bread with crusts removed
- 4 Tbs butter
- 1 cup raisins...can use sultanas and add mixed peel also
- 3 Tbsp sugar
- 5 eggs
- 2 1/2 cups milk
- 1/4 tsp grated nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 cup apricot preserves ( can use marmalade or other choice of jam)

Preheat oven to 350F. Butter the bread, remove the crusts and cut into 2 triangles. Arrange half of the bread buttered side up in a baking dish. Add the raisins and sugar, and cover with the remaining slices of bread. Combine the eggs, nutmeg and cinnamon and pour over the bread slices. Bake uncovered in oven for 35 minutes, or until bread is lightly browned and the custard has set. Spread pudding with preserves, and serve hot or warm.

6 servings

(Recipe from Sandra F Cherry, *Union Jack* food columnist, who can be reached at [Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com](mailto:Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com).

I welcome requests, comments and recipes)



## British One-Liners

"I'm in a same-sex marriage... the sex is always the same."

"A sewage farm. In what way is it a farm? Is there a farm shop?"

"There are only two conditions where you're allowed to wake up a woman on a lie-in. It's snowing or the death of a celebrity."

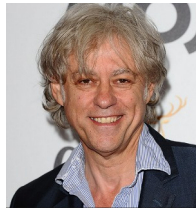
"For boys, puberty is like turning into the Incredible Hulk - but very, very slowly."

A big girl once came up to me after a show and said 'I think you're fatist.' I said 'No. I think you're fattest.'

"In the Bible, God made it rain for 40 days and 40 nights. That's a pretty good summer for us in Wales. That's a hosepipe ban waiting to happen. I was eight before I realised you could take a gaoule off."



"No wonder Bob Geldof is such an expert on famine. He's been dining off 'I Don't Like Mondays' for 30 years."



"Toughest job I ever had: selling doors, door to door."

"Dogs don't love you. They're just glad they don't live in China."

"I was playing chess with my friend and he said, 'Let's make this interesting'. So we stopped playing chess."



*Submitted by Paul Wilkinson*

## Back to school

Instead of returning to the classroom, use your computer to study at home. There are lots of FREE study courses at [www.mooc-list.com](http://www.mooc-list.com). (Massive Open Online Course) For example a 'Learn Computer' course aimed at the UK's GCSE level, that is 14-16 year olds.

A brief examination of the courses on offer found plenty of politics, science and literature subjects.



## Thanks to the members

The Club has received these letters from The Humane Society of Sarasota County, Senior Friendship Centers and The Loveland Center thanking us for the charitable donations at Christmas.



[friendshipcenters.org](http://friendshipcenters.org)

December 17, 2014

Ms. Sandra Cherry  
Sarasota British Club, Inc.  
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Sarasota, Florida 34276-4063

Dear Sandra and Friends:

You have come to the rescue!! Thank you for your generous donation to the Friendship Centers' Living Room in Sarasota. Sandra, you know firsthand the power of this program - the lives touched, even more dramatically, saved by the love and care of the Living Room staff.

Now in our 41<sup>st</sup> year, the Friendship Centers' Mission to promote health, dignity and quality of life is more important than ever. Your gift is an investment in the care that is vital to the most frail and vulnerable of our elders.



Thanks to The Humane Society of Sarasota County, Inc.  
James Ball  
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Pam Shadlock  
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Judy Kenney  
Dorothy Lutz  
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Sue Young

January 14, 2015

Sarasota British Club, Inc.  
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Dear Friends of Loveland at the Sarasota British Club,

Loveland Center wishes to thank you for your charitable donation of \$500.00, check number 1387 dated December 5, 2014 in support of the Loveland Center and the Jacaranda West Tennis Tournament. We are deeply grateful for your support. Your gift will benefit student tuition, transportation costs, and will allow us the operating funds to continue to build high caliber programs and services.

As an example of the impact Loveland Center has on its students I would like to relate to you a story about a young lady that came to Loveland Center several years ago. When she arrived, she was very introverted, not looking at anyone and staying all to herself. Today, she is an active participant on the campus, greeting visitors and taking part in activities. Through Loveland Center and with your support, she has been given the opportunity to be the best that she can be.

December 31, 2014

Mark Malkasian, Treasurer  
Sarasota British Club  
P.O. Box 21063  
Sarasota, FL 34276

Dear Mr. Malkasian,

Thank you for your support of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hot Dogs & Cool Cats, Laugh Your Paws Off Gala on December 6, 2014 to benefit the Humane Society of Sarasota County. It was a fabulous success, raising over \$225,000 for our premier shelter animals. It is only through the kind support of donors like you that the Humane Society of Sarasota County can continue to provide food, shelter, medical treatment and love to the nearly 1,000 needy pets abandoned here each year.

Your generous contribution of \$500.00 is truly appreciated. No goods or services were provided in return for this donation. Your gift is tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. Please keep this written acknowledgment of your donation for your tax records and consult your tax advisor for additional information.

Your generosity enables the Humane Society of Sarasota County to remain the community's largest no-kill shelter, where every one of our adoptable pets finds a home!

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of thousands of homeless animals that have no voice. We invite you to visit our facilities and meet the very animals whose lives you've touched.

Sincerely,

*Kyshi Doman*

Kyshi Doman  
Executive Director

THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SARASOTA COUNTY, INC. IS A 501(C)(3) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION. ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW. PLEASE KEEP THIS WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF YOUR DONATION FOR YOUR TAX RECORDS AND CONSULT YOUR TAX ADVISOR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.



## Valentine's Day Crossword

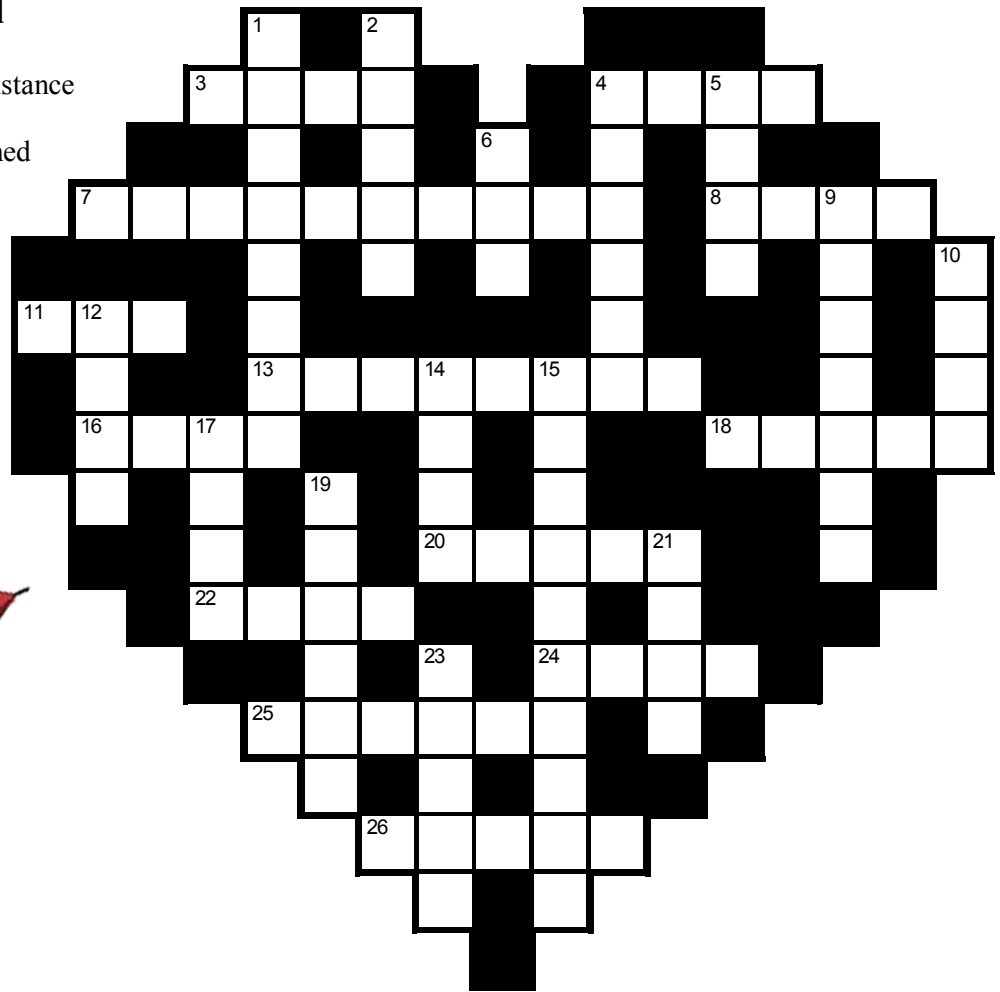
Thanks to Maggie Hughes for assistance with the word list.

If you have suggestions for a themed crossword, please contact me.

[lakewood2@gmail.com](mailto:lakewood2@gmail.com)

**Brian Thompson**

Solution on Page 6.



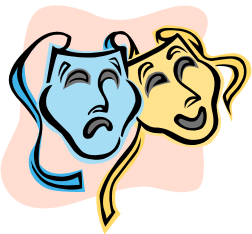
### Across

- 3 'Love \*\*\*\*', TV show. (4)
- 4 Many tiered? (4)
- 7 Young woman with whom a man is romantically involved (10)
- 8 Part of wine glass. (4)
- 11 Honeymoon travel? (3)
- 13 Creamy chocolate candies (8)
- 16 A delicate decorative fabric (4)
- 18 A man who is the lover of a girl or young woman (5)
- 20 A cherished desire (5)
- 22 Dearly loved (4)
- 24 Son of Aphrodite (4)
- 25 Black wine grape originally from the region of Bordeaux (6)
- 26 Emblems of peace (5)

### Down

- 1 Someone for whom you have a deep affinity. (8)
- 2 Celestial bodies. (5)
- 4 A close and affectionate embrace (6)
- 5 Osculation (4)
- 6 Something highly prized for its beauty or perfection (3)
- 9 Overwhelming emotion (7)
- 10 A seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men (4)
- 12 Plant with showy pendulous flowers (4)
- 14 If music be the \*\*\*\* of love, play on. (Twelfth Night) (4)
- 15 Billet doux (4,6)
- 17 Way of sending a greeting. (4)
- 19 '\*\*\*\*\* of Love' by the Dixie Cups. (6)
- 21 Earth's satellite. (4)
- 23 Produce or yield flowers (5)

Photos from Dinner at Libby's, before the visit to see 'Cabaret' at the Players Theatre in January.



## What do you call some of the most unlucky people in Britain?

Justin Case, Barb Dwyer and Stan Still.

**I**t sounds like a bad joke, but a study has revealed that there really are unfortunate people with those names in the UK.

Joining them on the list are Terry Bull, Paige Turner, Mary Christmas and Anna Sasin.

And just imagine having to introduce yourself to a crowd as Doug Hole or Hazel Nutt.

The names were uncovered by researchers from a parenting group, TheBabyWebsite.com, after trawling through online telephone records.

Retired airman Stan Still, 76, from Cirencester, Gloucestershire, said his name had been "a blooming millstone around my neck my entire life".

"When I was in the RAF my commanding officer used to shout, 'Stan Still, get a move on' and roll about laughing," he said. "It got hugely boring after a while."

But 51-year-old Rose Bush, from Coventry, West Midlands, said she loved her name.

"I always get comments about it but they are always very positive," she said.

### Implications

Researchers also scoured phone records in the US and found some unlikely names there too.

Spare a thought for Anna Prentice, Annette Curtain and Bill Board the next time you sign your name.

A string of Americans also have very job-specific names, including Dr Leslie Doctor, Dr Thoulton Surgeon and Les Plack - a dentist in San Francisco

### MORE UNFORTUNATE NAMES

Pearl Button

Jo King

Barry Cade

Carrie Oakey

Priti Manek

Tim Burr

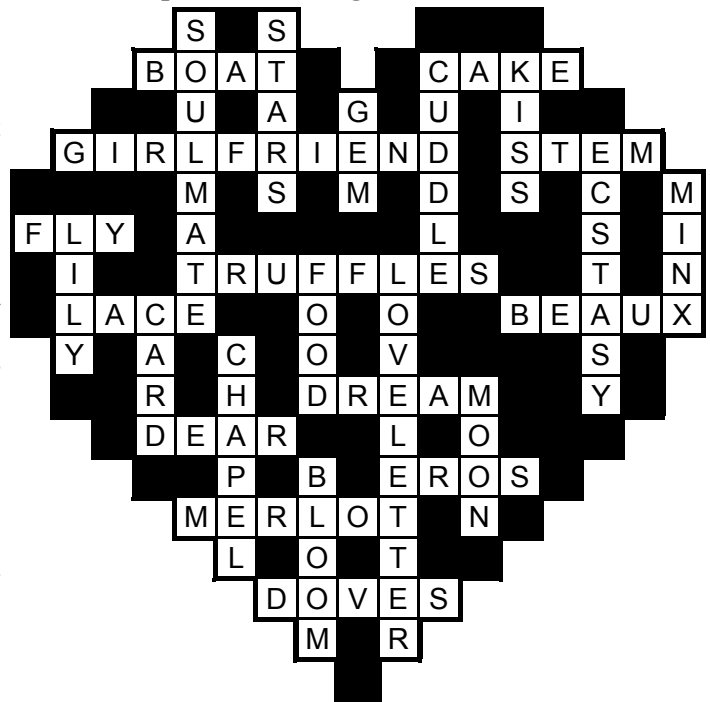
Thanks to Paul Wilkinson for passing on this BBC article.

This is not an SBC event but Club members are invited to join Brian and Jane Thompson at their annual Bill and Kate Isles concert in Lakewood Ranch. Numbers are limited. Suggested artist donation \$15/pp, BYOB and appetizers to share.

Contact Brian at [lakewood2@gmail.com](mailto:lakewood2@gmail.com) or 388-8018 for details.

Bill and Kate will be featuring at the Oscar Scherer State Park's Folk Festival the following week.

## Solution to puzzle from Page 4.



How did you do? Email suggestions for future themed crosswords to [lakewood2@gmail.com](mailto:lakewood2@gmail.com)

### JOKE

A blonde buys and names two horses, but can never remember which is which. A neighbor suggests that she cut off a bit of the tail of one horse, which worked great until the other horse got his tail caught in a bush. The second horse's tail tore in the same place and looked exactly like the other horse's tail. Our blonde friend was stuck again.

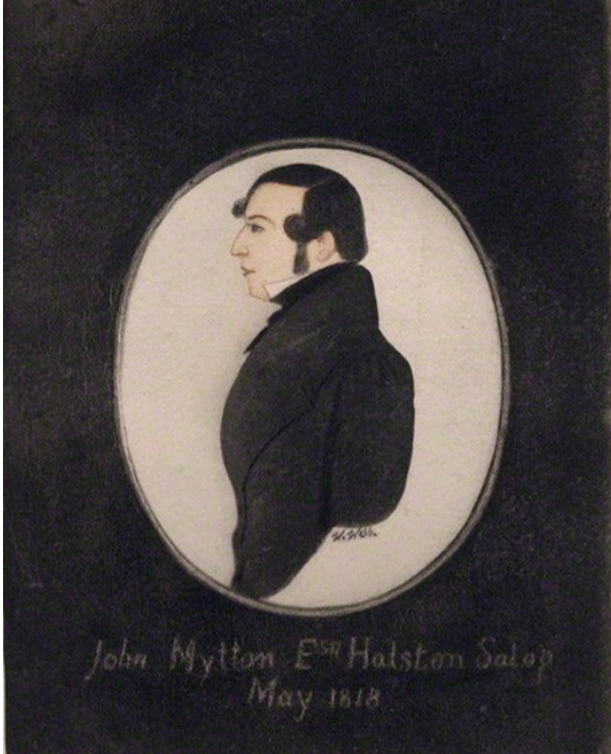
The neighbor then suggested that she notch the ear of one horse, which worked fine until the other horse caught his ear on a barbed wire fence. Once again, the blonde couldn't tell the two horses apart.

The neighbor then suggested that she measure the horses for height. When she did that, the blonde was very pleased to find that.....the white horse was 2 inches taller than the black one!



## English Eccentrics

John Mytton (30 September 1796 – 29 March 1834)



From the original miniature by W. Webb.  
By kind permission of the National Portrait Gallery, London.

Despite being expelled from 2 schools, including Harrow, a total of 4 times and not having achieved academic success, John ‘Mad Jack’ Mytton managed to enter the University of Cambridge. He took 2000 bottles of port to sustain him there so it is not very surprising that he left without a degree. After taking the ‘Grand Tour’ and spending a dissolute year gambling and drinking in the army in France, he returned to England after resigning his commission. At 21 he came into his inheritance of Halston Hall, Whittington, near Oswestry, Shropshire. This was worth the equivalent of £4.3 million and plus an income of more than



The crest of Harrow School

£716,00 per year (2006 values) He became a Tory MP by spending the modern day equivalent of more than £750,000 in bribes for voters. His time as MP was short-lived, he only spent 20 minutes in Parliament in June 1819. He continued gambling and horse-racing. He went fox hunting in all weathers and sometimes stripped off and rode naked, even in winter. Mytton kept numerous pets, including some 2,000 dogs. His favourites among them were fed on steak and champagne. His favourite horse, Baronet, had free range inside Halston Hall and lay in front of the fire with Mytton. He once rode a bear named Nell into his drawing-room, in full hunting costume. The bear carried him very quietly for a time; but on being pricked by the spur he bit his rider through the calf of his leg.

He often drank eight bottles of port per day with a helping of brandy and killed one of his horses by giving it a bottle of port.

In 15 years he managed to spend or even lose his inheritance and he fled to Calais in 1831 to avoid his creditors. While there he set his shirt on fire to cure himself of the hiccups. It appears to have worked on that occasion! He returned to England in 1833 and because he could not pay his debts he went to prison in Southwark. He died there in 1834, a "round-shouldered, tottering, old-young man bloated by drink, worn out by too much foolishness, too much wretchedness and too much brandy".

A USA Link: The Jack Mytton Run, an annual streaking event by students, was held on the University of Minnesota campus in Minneapolis, Minnesota across Northrup Mall on the first class day following spring break. It is reported to have begun in 1999. In 2009 the multi-year streak was ended when campus police deterred the run.

*Source: Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. Retrieved 22:16, January 26, 2015*

Thanks to Maggie Hughes for this suggestion.

### Did you know?

The Club has a “Sunshine Club” which will send a greeting to a member when we hear of a special happy, sad or momentous event in that member’s life. Please let us know of such events. Contact Sandra Cherry, her details are below.

### 2015 Board of Directors

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### Precis of the January Board Meeting.

Board meeting held Jan. 8th; Current Bank Balance \$1,777.19; 184 members with 160 families and 24 singles; Christmas Coffee Morning at Sue Ford's on Dec. 10th was very successful with about 60 attending; IMG Sports Academy visit on Dec. 11th was interesting and informative; Christmas Party on Dec. 20th was attended by 103 people and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time; Theatre and Dinner evening on Jan. 7th was enjoyed by all. Upcoming events include: Appalachian Trail Presentation on Jan 16th; Reception for New SBC Members on Feb. 15th; Big Cat Habitat Trip on Feb. 22nd; Rum Distillery Tour on Feb. 27th; Horse Racing/Tampa Downs Trip on Apr. 12th; Next Board meeting to be at Timberwoods, Feb. 12th. (Submitted by Maggie Hughes, Secretary)

### Quotes

**“In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock.”**

— Thomas Jefferson

**“No thief, however skillful, can rob one of knowledge, and that is why knowledge is the best and safest treasure to acquire.”**

— L. Frank Baum

(Author of ‘The Wonderful Wizard of Oz)

### Joke

I have my doctorate in palindromes. I am now addressed as Dr.Awkward.

### On your computer—Watching UK TV

In a previous issue I have mentioned expatsurfer.com as a way of creating a temporary IP address so that you can watch UK TV Channels 1 to 5 via your computer. This service is currently £6.99/month or £70/year.

There are some free services too. These increase your surfing privacy.. I have tried ‘Tunnel Bear’.and I found it easy to set up and use and it has a sense of humour added. For example as it downloads it is ‘brushing fur’ and ‘cleaning paws’! There is a 500MB limit on your streaming data which can be made unlimited with a payment of for \$2.99 a month or \$29.99 a year. There are other similar free apps. Tunnel Bear is also available for MACs, Android and iPhones



Once you have downloaded this app, why not watch Channel 4’s “A Place in the Sun” on February 9th, or later via the iPlayer, when the city of Sarasota and your very own Editor (and his wife Jane) should be featured.

**Brian Thompson**



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