



Brit Club News

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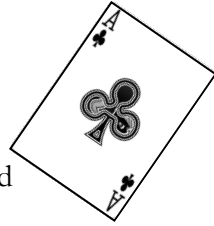
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Coming Events

The SBC Board Meeting will be held on Thursday June 11th at the Village des Pins clubhouse, 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota @ 6:30pm. Members welcome.

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Saturday June 13, 6:00 pm
At Village des Pins clubhouse, (aka Timberwoods), 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota



June Lunch Date: Join us on Friday June 19th at 12:30pm at Carrabba's Italian Grill, 5425 University Parkway, Sarasota 34201
Tel: 941-355-4116



Carrabba's is a very friendly and well-run restaurant company serving excellent food at a reasonable price. The menu is a large and varied one. I urge you take a look at it on line before the luncheon if you are not familiar with the restaurant.

Our monthly luncheon has really turned into a time of enjoyment where members socialize and relax over a meal served in a pleasant setting and friendly atmosphere. Sometimes the food has taken longer to get to us than normal; but I've heard not a word of complaint from you members. Everyone seems to accept this graciously and to enjoy the fellowship around the table while waiting.

I look forward to seeing you in June. If you didn't put your name on the list to join us in June (the list was passed around at the May luncheon), please email me sue@janbury.com or phone me on 941-751-3811 as the count needs to be given to the restaurant before the date booked.

PLEASE do not just show up—I need to know you are coming to ensure there is a setting for you. Thanks very much.

Sue Ford

COCKTAIL PARTY ON SUNDAY JULY 12 at Kona Grill, The Mall at University Town Center.



Please join us at a mix & mingle event at Kona Grill, at the UTC Mall, Sarasota. UTC Mall is on University Parkway at the junction of I75, exit # 213. Parking is available on the west side of the mall (opposite I75) & park in lot 3 which is just outside the venue.

Date: Sunday July 12. **Time:** 5pm - 7pm with special Happy Hour prices for drinks & bar snacks which are not normally offered on Sundays. There is also a more substantial menu if anyone would like to have a meal after the party.

Venue: Inside bar area of Kona Grill.

Please see Kona Grill web site www.konagrill.com for location & menus.

This is an ideal event to meet up with long time members as well as new ones, so it would be helpful to wear name badges. If you do not have a name badge, please see purchase details on Page 8 of this newsletter.

Reservations must be made by Friday July 3rd.

Brian & Jane Thompson

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British Classic Car Show at The Meadows Village Pub & Grill. NB This is not a SBC event.

Saturday June 27 4-7pm in the parking lot.

5013 Ringwood Meadows. Sarasota FL 34235

941.342.5050

Web site: MeadowsPub.Com

Happy Hour 4-7 pm.

The Pub offers dining and music in the dining room from 7 - 10 pm.



President's Letter

This space was vacant in May as Jane and I were away on a superb holiday in South Africa. That trip was long in the planning and had been on our travel wish list for some years. Our two weeks in this large, vibrant country (roughly the combined size of France and Spain) with very dramatic and ever-changing landscapes, very hospitable people AND excellent cuisine in lovely settings did not disappoint. We chose the daily non-stop flight on Delta from Atlanta to Johannesburg, which takes 14 hours and passes through six time zones. We elected to take this long flight rather than going through a connecting flight in Europe. The non-stop return flight from Johannesburg to Atlanta takes 15 hours due to prevailing eastward head winds. These are lengthy flights to be sure, but bearable; and the flight attendants' service was quite good throughout. However, being seated just a few feet from the curtained-off cabin providing upscale food, drink, service and assorted creature comforts to Business Class passengers does encourage fantasies in one's mind of being able to move up to the big leagues, so to speak.

We arrived at the very modern OR Tambo International Airport near Johannesburg; collected our luggage; went through passport control and eventually entered the large and crowded arrival hall. The first qualm was "will there actually be a tour representative here to meet us?" As if on cue, a placard was raised bearing our names and a warm and friendly guide from our tour firm introduced himself. What a relief! We were whisked away to the car park, loaded into a van and regaled with interesting conversation and on what to expect while we made the 90 minute trip to our first night's lodging and fine dinner. Following breakfast the next morning, we were driven by another gregarious guide, Pedro, to a regional airport nearby and flown to lovely Cape Town, some 750 miles south and on the southern tip of Africa and the location of the famous Cape of Good Hope. Cape Town sits at the foot of spectacular Table Mountain, which towers 3,500 feet above sea level and can be most easily enjoyed by cable car. The views of the city below and of the Cape of Good Hope should not be missed. The city is a mixture of modern high risers and quaint well-maintained architecture from earlier periods. The public transportation system is excellent.

Again, we were met by our guide for the next week, John Pierre, familiarly known as "JP," who proved to be a font of information on Cape Town specifically and on South Africa in general. Our home there was a nice, fully-equipped 2 bedroom/2 bath unit in an apartment complex near the city. At the complex we joined a delightful Canadian couple whose tour itinerary was identical to ours. For the next week JP escorted the four of us around Cape Town and environs, picking us up early morning for breakfast, and delivering us back to relax before going out for dinner in the evening. Lunch was also provided mid-day—all lovely dining locations with wonderful food beautifully served. In addition to Cape Town itself, we toured



several wineries (with tastings of course) with outstanding gardens, lovely sculptures and superb food in elegant surroundings. (Do you recognize a theme here?) We also enjoyed seeing hundreds of South African Penguins (an endangered species) at Table Mountain National Park, which were thriving on wind-sheltered beaches.

Following the week in Cape Town, we flew back to OR Tambo Airport, where the afore-mentioned guide, Pedro, met us, the two earlier Canadians and 2 additional Canadians who now joined us for our safari tour. We all melded perfectly. We were now at a higher altitude and South Africa being below the equator, was entering its autumn; hence the air was a bit chilly; but comfortable with a light jacket or sweater. On the way eastward to Kampama Game Park for the safari portion of our trip, we stayed in several locations, including 2 nights in large charming bedrooms with fireplaces, which were lit for us while at dinner. The views along the route were awe-inspiring at times, imposing mountain ranges and very tall, beautifully-colored escarpments, some with waterfalls. At lower altitudes, the land had gentle hills and small mountains, very reminiscent of England's Lake District. It was also a bit nerve-racking at times, travelling in the 3 row van in the cliff-side lane when ascending or descending a mountain. One particularly harrowing incident in the van was being on the side of a narrow road and facing oncoming traffic while waiting out a sudden and blinding downpour at sunset—first rain and then large hail stones. I was convinced a multi-car collision was likely to occur at any time. Fortunately, the storm abated and we continued our journey without incident. I was a much happier person at that point!

For the safari portion of our South African adventures we stayed at the lovely Kapama Lodge within the Kapama Private Game Reserve near Kruger National Park. Our accommodations were superb and the dining room food and service were excellent. Afternoon tea and cakes abounded. We undertook 2 safari game drives each day: 6:30-9:30 a.m. and 4-7 p.m. We were 6-8 in 3 row open vehicles. Our very pleasant driver was a trained naturalist and we had a guide at the very front of the vehicle as well. Over the 4 days we were on safari, we saw multitudes of game animals very up close, including the Big Five: water buffaloes, elephants, lions, rhinos, and a leopard (which are very elusive). Also hippos, crocodiles, zebras, giraffes, gazelles, monkeys and others, including a number of birds. A special treat was an elephant safari—a hour's ride on an elephant, trekking over open terrain, which was a great experience. If you ever have the opportunity to take such a ride, I highly recommend you choose to do it.

Gary Lee





Visit to the Lipizzaner Stallions on April 30th (rescheduled due to inclement weather.) Photos from Maggie Hughes.

Recently at a Brit Club luncheon I asked some members what recipes they would like to see featured and a couple asked for Yorkshire Pudding. Although it has been featured in the past, I know we have newer members, and I have had requests for it before. When Jack and I were at a Yorkshire Autumn Flower Show a few years back, we were amazed at the variety of fillings that were used at the food tent, with a large plate sized Yorkshire pudding shell, included things like baked beans, proper chips, apples and sugar, chili and even curry! I stick to just making Toad in the Hole now, as I rarely do a full roast anymore. Hope you enjoy my version, it never fails! Just make sure the fat you are baking it in is hot, and you rest the batter before baking.

Yorkshire Pudding

- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 cup milk
- 2 eggs



Beat all ingredients thoroughly, and let rest an hour before baking. Heat oven to 400F, and preheat fat a few minutes (I still keep a 'dripping' bowl which is best, but shortening will work too) Carefully pour batter onto heated fat, and bake about 30-40 minutes, or until golden brown and puffed up. Serve immediately.

Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Union Jack Food Columnist. (I welcome comments, requests and recipes, and can be reached at Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com)

Precis of the May Board Meeting.

Board meeting held May 14th; Current Treasurer's Balance \$3,810.94; 175 members have renewed with 6 reported in the process of renewing so close to the same numbers as last year; Still seeking a volunteer to fill a vacant Director at Large position in July; Horse Racing/Tampa Downs Trip was enjoyed by all; April monthly lunch at Mattison's Forty-One in Sarasota was well attended; Lipizzan Stallions trip was rescheduled due to rain and took place on Apr 30th; Curry Night at India Palace was well attended; Upcoming events include: May monthly lunch on May 15th at the Crow's Nest in Venice; McCurdy's Comedy Club evening on May 30th; Games Night at Village des Pins Clubhouse on June 13th; SBC Cocktail Party at Kona Grill on July 12th; SBC 15th Anniversary dinner evening on Oct 11th; Next Board meeting to be at Village des Pins Clubhouse, June 11th. (Submitted by Maggie Hughes, Secretary)



On your computer—Saving the Planet and your pocket.

Last year a 14 year old schoolboy told the US government that it could save half a billion dollars per year by printing public documents in a lighter font. Sadly for the taxpayers the government seems to have accepted the logic but not taken any action, but you can. In the early days of computers there were very few choices of font, now there are hundreds.. For example

Sarasota - Times Roman

Sarasota—Impact

Sarasota—Garamond

Sarasota - Courier New

Sarasota - Arial

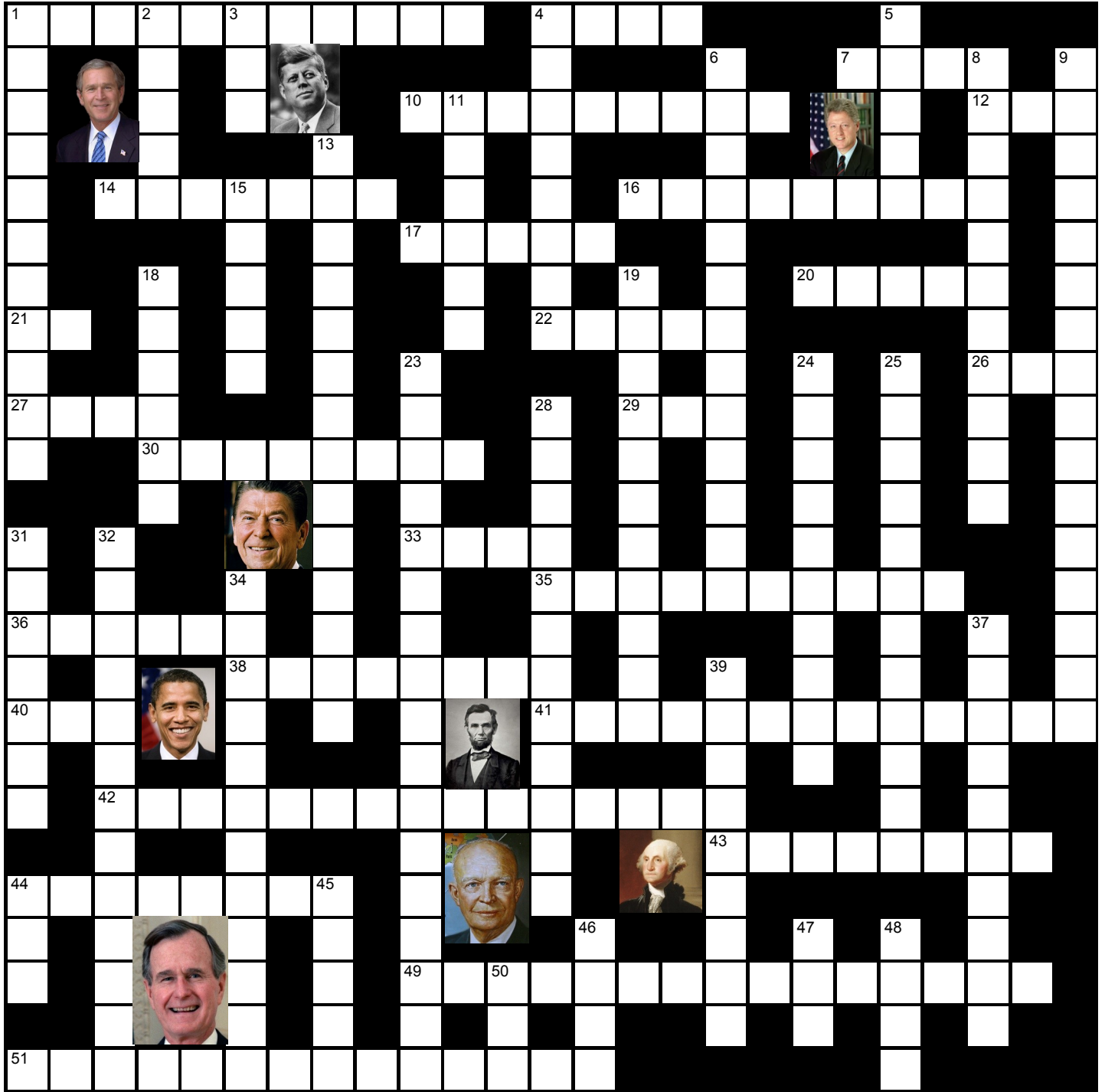
You can see that Impact font is denser and would use more ink. Less obvious is that Garamond uses 24% less than Times Roman and retains similar legibility.

Accordingly this issue of BritNews uses Garamond.

UK stationery store Ryman has unveiled a free downloadable Eco-font which has stylish 'hollow' letters, see below and at rymaneco.co.uk



BritNews Themed Crossword - US Presidents. Solution on Page 8



Do you have an idea for a themed crossword? Write to lakewood2@gmail.com
 Brian Thompson

Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 Governor of Arkansas who became President. (4,7)
- 4 Another common name for JFK (4)
- 7 Political party active in the middle of the 19th century, represented by 4 Presidents. (4)
- 10 First wife of Ronald Reagan. (4,5)
- 12 First lady? (3)
- 14 First Lady of the 43rd President. (7)
- 16 10th President between 1841-1845 (4,5)
- 17 Provoke, as by constant criticism. (5)
- 20 Calvin Coolidge's wife. (5)
- 21 Obama's dog. (2)
- 22 Reagan's 2nd wife and First Lady. (5)
- 26 A can for trash. (3)
- 27 Entrepreneur CEO of SpaceX and Tesla Motors. (4)
- 29 'Presidential Leadership and the Creation of the American ---', book by Joseph Nye. (3)
- 30 Lincoln was US Representative of this state. (8)
- 33 A song of praise (4)
- 35 The party of the proposed Constitution. (10)
- 36 The first 'First Lady'. (6)
- 38 Current First Lady (8)
- 40 16th President, known as 'Honest ---' (3)
- 41 The name used by the Republican Party in the 1864 election during the Civil War. (8,5)
- 42 He was Vice President and the 3rd President. (6,9)
- 43 Bill Clinton was its Governor. (8)
- 44 Calvin ----- (8)
- 49 Republican President and former Governor of Ohio. (7,8)
- 51 29th President who died in office. (6,1,7)

Down

- 1 The current incumbent. (6,5)
- 2 'Dubya's' First Lady (5)
- 3 Obama's degree. (3)
- 4 Current Vice President. (3,5)
- 5 A round shape formed by a series of concentric circles. (5)
- 6 He led troops in the Mexican-American War and had the nickname "Old Rough and Ready". (7,6)
- 8 AKA 'Dubya' (6,1,4)
- 9 23rd President who was the grandson of No.9 (William Henry -----) (8,8)
- 11 Vice President to Bill Clinton. (2,4)
- 13 From New Hampshire, the 14th President and regarded as one of the worst. (Wikipedia) (8,6)
- 15 First name of the First Lady who founded a clinic for the treatment of chemical dependency. (5)
- 18 Later became Mrs. Onassis (6)
- 19 The party of George Washington. (11)
- 23 Ike, President and 5 star general. (6,1,10)
- 24 Political party. (10)
- 25 Succeeded to the presidency in 1945, when Roosevelt died. (5,1,6)
- 28 President at the time of the 'Bay of Pigs Invasion'. (4,1,7)
- 31 An authoritative direction or instruction to do something (7)
- 32 Professional mining engineer who became 31st President. (7,6)
- 34 4th President and "Father of the Constitution" (5,7)
- 37 Nixon's Vice President. (5,5)
- 39 This President was VP to Washington. (4,5)
- 44 Agency signed into law by President Harry S. Truman in 1947. (3)
- 45 A period marked by distinctive character. (5)
- 46 'The West ----', TV political drama serial about politics centred on the White House. (4)
- 47 As Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force he supervised the invasion of Normandy. (3)
- 48 Wife of 9th President William Harrison. (4)
- 50 Did Obama wear one in Hawaii? (3)

2ND ANNUAL BRIT CLUB GAMES NIGHT



SATURDAY JUNE 13, 6:00 PM
AT
VILLAGE DES PINS CLUBHOUSE
(AKA TIMBERWOODS)
7964 TIMBERWOOD CIRCLE
SARASOTA

WE WILL *DAZZLE* YOU WITH
HIGHLY ENTERTAINING GAMES FOR
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PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE
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PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECKS
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JANE JACOBS
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SARASOTA, FL 34233

QUESTIONS? JANE60010@YAHOO.COM (BEST METHOD)
OR CALL MY MOBILE 847-370-2811

**Timberwood Circle is off Beneva Road (east side)
one light north of Sarasota Square Mall opposite 'The Fountains'
Enter development, take the 1st left and the clubhouse is on the left.
Please consider carpooling as parking space is limited.**

Visit to the India Palace Restaurant on May 2nd.
Thanks to Doug Schuler for the photos.



Visit to The Crow's Nest on May 15th. Thanks to Doug Schuler for the photos.



"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times"
Charles Dickens—A Tale of Two Cities

From Brian Thompson: The evening had mixed reviews, a few members enjoyed themselves, and the food, but unfortunately a large number had to wait about 2 hours to be served, indeed some had already left.. I wrote expressing my anger at the chaotic organization of the restaurant and received an email from the Manager (below).

I would really appreciate all your effort to help us grow. It was unfortunate that day things were not worked out and was first we experienced that situation.

Reasons: Separate tickets really killed lot of time, should have gave you the menu ahead of the reservation to pick and place your order.

I have already let go over 300\$ of food and drinks. Didn't charge even a single penny for table 8 and 9.

About 15-16 people got free drinks, appetizers and main course. I really appreciate that you are taking time to write a letter and still showing interest in our business.

Let me know what would make our friends to feel better and take care of the reviews on social media.

I am sure, will not let it down next time.

Once again, thank you for all your support.

Manager, India Palace.



QUOTES

“What love we've given, we'll have forever. What love we fail to give, will be lost for all eternity.”

— **Leo Buscaglia**

“Vanity and pride are different things, though the words are often used synonymously. A person may be proud without being vain. Pride relates more to our opinion of ourselves; vanity, to what we would have others think of us.”

— **Jane Austen**

Memorial Day at Arcadia on May 25th. Thanks to Doug Schuler for the photos.



Followed by lunch at Millies on Clark Road



Sarasota British Club name badges

Please obtain Club badges directly from:
Sarasota Trophy 6601 Superior Ave, Sarasota FL
34231. 921-4339.

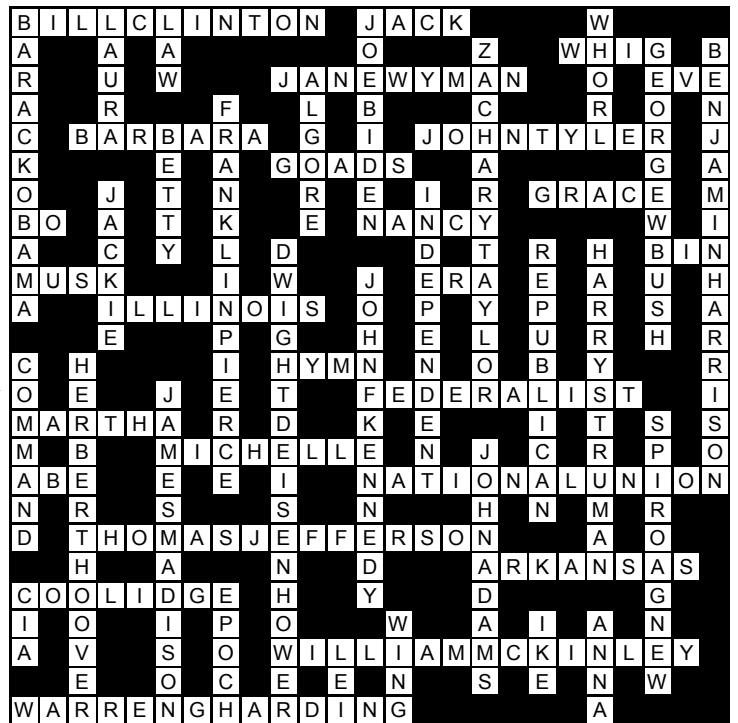
\$8 + tax for badge with magnet = \$8.56

\$6 + tax for badge with pin (without magnet) = \$6.42.

Badges can be collected in person

(M - F 8.30 - 5 or Sat 9 - 12) or shipped to home for \$3.75.

Solution to the crossword from Page 4.



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