



BritClub News

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

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Coming Events

Board Meeting

Dec 10 – 3:00 p.m. at the home of Sandra Cherry, 2930 Williamsburg St., Sarasota. **MEMBERS ARE WELCOME, BUT PLEASE PHONE AHEAD AS SPACE IS LIMITED!**



Christmas Party

Dec. 15 – The Brit Club Annual Christmas Party will be held at the Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club. We plan to have live music, door prizes, a 50-50 raffle, and other events. Tickets must be purchased in advance. The cost for members is \$40 each or \$75 per couple. The cost for non-members is \$45 each. The form to sign up for this event is enclosed in this newsletter. Space will be limited, and on a first-come-first-served basis, so sign up as soon as possible to avoid being disappointed.

Directions from Sarasota/Bradenton: (1) Take Route 41 (Tamiami Trail) south to Sarasota Central Parkway (a few blocks south of Sarasota Square

Mall). Turn left onto Sarasota Central Parkway, cross McIntosh Road and Stoneybrook is about a 2-3 block distance further down on the right-hand side. ..or.... (2) Take Interstate 75 south to Clark Road. Go right (west) on Clark to McIntosh (4th light). Turn left onto McIntosh until you reach Sarasota Central Parkway (about 3 miles). Turn left and Stoneybrook is about a 2-3 block distance further down on the right-hand side.

Dishes We Have & Dish We Need

Two items were left at the Halloween Party and one dish was inadvertently taken and we don't know who has it. The two dishes that we have are a Sunflower Melamine Tray and a 4-1/2 quart Corning Ware casserole dish (approx. 2" deep). The missing dish is a large Pyrex bowl with a blue plastic lid. If one of the found pieces is yours, please contact any Board member. If you have the large Pyrex bowl, please call Peter Mellish or Linda Horn at 918-1635.

Thank You!

The club would like to thank the following merchants for helping to distribute the Brit Club News: British Open, Simon's Coffee House, Shakespeare's Pub, Scot's Corner, MacAllister's, Tastefully British, 4& 20, Word of Mouth, Venice British Open, Champion's Pub.

Membership News

Welcome to Ken Jukes and Ildiko Szilagyi, new members for November. We look forward to meeting you at our next function!

Members, please remember to let me know if you change your mailing address or email address, so that I can keep the membership list updated and you don't miss any newsletters or other correspondence. You can email me (Kathy Curtin) at kathrmcurt@msn.com or call me at 941-379-9861.

Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

From Our Vice President

Well, the votes are in – the postcards have been counted – and the Board thanks you for your confidence in ratifying the slate of officers and directors for the coming year as put forth by the nominating committee. We wish that events had transpired differently, but we intend to move on and continue the successful operation of your Club.

Plans are well underway for the Christmas Party (details on page one and the enclosed flyer), and we hope to see many of you there. PLEASE get your reservations in early as space is limited. Since seating is reserved, it will be helpful if any of you wishing to sit with specific other people would either, 1) send your reservations and checks in the same envelope, or 2) *clearly* indicate on the form with whom you wish to sit.

A number of us attended a screening of Helen Mirren's newest film, The Queen, at the Burns Court Cinema recently. If you didn't know about that event, it means that we don't have a current email address on file for you. Due to the short lead-time in planning this extra event, email was the only way to notify everyone in a short amount of time. Please, if you didn't get notified of that program, send an email to our membership chair, Kathy Curtin, at kathrmcurt@msn.com so we can update our records and keep you in the loop.

Nairn' B. Gillet, Vice President

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November 2nd Minutes Précis

Treasurer's report shows balance of \$2,701.72. Expenditures include renewal of insurance and Christmas party expenses. The website is being kept up to date; James Croshaw has asked for those who took photos at the Halloween party if they would like to send them to him to put on the website. The Halloween party was well attended and many came in costume. The Christmas party plans are coming along well. The Chin Wag group has been discontinued due to lack of attendance. We regrettably have to cancel plans for a pantomime at this time as the chairman is unable to proceed due to personal commitments and health; we hope to plan it for another time. Discussed resignation of President Glenys Oldham, which was sadly accepted by the Board, with recognition of her work and participation during her tenure. We need a venue for the January meeting, felt we could ask members if anyone has a clubhouse we could use? Plan to add a biography section to the newsletter for members and Board members. Board members are distributing the newsletter to British businesses. Feel a need to to a phone tree to help keep in contact with members on a regular basis. Next meeting to be Sunday, December 10th, at Sandra Cherry's home at 3 pm. All members are welcome, but please call ahead as space is limited.

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	Half Page	\$25.00
Quarter Page	\$15.00	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 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.

Bread Sauce

A favourite side dish with roasted poultry in Britain is bread sauce. Now that the holidays are on us, I thought this would be a good recipe to feature. The packet mixes are okay, but it is really not hard to make from scratch, and so much tastier. I make mine up ahead and, just before serving, I zap it for a few seconds in the microwave and beat it up with a fork. If you have a processor, fresh breadcrumbs are really better, but commercial ones will work in a pinch.

Bread Sauce

1 small onion
3 whole cloves
2 cups milk
1 bay leaf
Salt and pepper to taste

Pinch nutmeg
4 Tbsp. butter
2-1/2 cups fresh breadcrumbs (no crust)
1 Tbsp. cream

Stud the onion with the three cloves and put in small saucepan with the milk, bay leaf, salt and pepper, nutmeg and three tablespoons of butter. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Turn off the heat, cover and let stand for 30 minutes. Remove onion and bay leaf, reheat and stir the liquids into the breadcrumbs with the remaining butter and the cream. Let stand at room temperature and fluff up with a fork just before serving.

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

A Christmas Carol (1 minute version)

For those of you who are rushed for time this holiday season, here is a one minute version of Charles Dickens' classic, A Christmas Carol.

Ebenezer Scrooge: Bah, humbug! You'll work thirty-eight hours on Christmas Day, keep the heat at five degrees, and like it!

Ghost of Jacob Marley: Ebenezer Scrooge, three ghosts of Christmas will come and tell you you're mean.

Three Ghosts of Christmas: You're mean.

Ebenezer Scrooge: At last, I have seen the light. Let's dance in the streets. Have some money.

Tiny Tim: God bless us, everyone!

THE END



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).



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Rose's Corner

All the recent cold weather really has me in the Christmas mood. I hope to see lots of you at the Christmas party! Put on your dancing shoes and be ready to enjoy a great meal! We'll have games and prizes and, who knows, maybe we'll even meet Santa himself.

Nairn' and I always look forward to each year's Christmas party, as we both share English ancestry on both sides and are devout Anglophiles. And Brits are just more fun than anyone else!! If you can't make the party, please accept our fond wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

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.



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