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The US tax system can be particularly hard on foreign investments like UK ISAs/PEPs & Bonds. Pension funds too are affected and your UK lump sum might be taxable.

I can help you: from reviewing your short and long term Pension options, managing your investments through to tax & estate issues in the UK and US. I can also refer you to US contacts with cross-border experience.

A 30 min call-back or initial email exchange is free for SBC members. Call IAN MANWARING on +44 (0)1952 850359 or you can email me at: uk2us.wealth@btinternet.com
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Brit Club

BritClub News

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Coming Events

Board Meeting - Thursday February 10th, @6:30 p.m. at the home of .Derek Curran Members welcome but please call ahead (966-3983) as space is limited.



<u>Coffee Morning</u> – 10:30-12 noon on Tuesday 8th February, at the home of Sue Ford, contact info see page 12. Mark your calendars for the 2nd Tuesday of each month.



<u>Valentine's Event</u> -Group Trip to the Golden Apple Dinner Theatre—Sunday Afternoon, Feb 13th for the romantic musical "I Do, I Do". See page 11 for more details

Women Only Social Evening - Wednesday March 9 from 6.30 onwards. At the home of Jane Thompson, further details & contact info on page 11.

Horse Racing trip to Tampa Downs - Saturday March 26th. More details see page 11.



Supper at the Peppermill Eatery - Tuesday March 29 See peppermilleatery.com for more. This is located at 7246 55th Avenue East, Bradenton, near the junction of Tara Blvd & SR70. Further details in the next issue or call Julie Tomlinson 941 756 2047



Shopping Trip to Festival Market, Pompano Beach -

Wednesday April 13th, \$25 which includes driver's gratuity & surprises. \$20 is

returned to you in Market coupons. Hundreds of vendors of all types. Check out www.festival.com. . More details see page 11.

Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

From here you will find local information, Club news, coming events, photos from past events and many past newsletters .

Brit*Club* News



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Letter from President Gary Lee

Having just returned from an enjoyable and energetic skiing holiday in Steamboat Springs, Colorado (with all limbs intact), I'm finding Sarasota much warmer, but also a bit cooler than preferred just now. Of course, everything is relative. For instance, Steamboat Springs has had more than 225 inches of snow so far this season. Point made!

The initial meeting of the new SBC Board was held at my home on 13 January. It was a long and productive meeting. (See précis below.) Note that in addition to the upcoming social activities mentioned, the Board also discussed and voted for rebooking the 2011 Christmas Party/Dance on Saturday, 17 December at Heritage Oaks Golf & Country Club.

At end-2010, our Club had a total of 225 members. Since 1 January, we have received applications for an additional seven members. It is very gratifying to see that the Club membership numbers continue to replenish and increase.

By the time you receive this issue of the *BritClub News*, I hope to have seen you at the President's Reception on 30 January. Do give your consideration to Club activities planned so far for 2011 and let the Board know your ideas for future events. All suggestions will be fully discussed and reviewed.

I leave you with a new addition to the newsletter, the "Limerick of the Month":

A bottle of perfume that Willie sent Was highly displeasing to Millicent Her thanks were so cold That they quarreled, I'm told, Of that silly scent Willie sent Millicent

January Board Meeting Precis

Meeting held at home of President Gary Lee. Treasurer's report balance \$ 5,323.42. Thank you letter from JOY charity for the \$600 from Christmas party raffle. Currently 225 members.

Club's Facebook going well. Need to increase newsletter printing due to season, also to use at coffee mornings, and extra for the Highland Games, also need assistance in distribution to businesses.

Highland Games to be January 29th, need volunteers to help man the Club's tent.

Christmas party considered a great success.

President 's Reception to be January 30th, need help with set up and clean up.

Valentines event on February 13th at the Golden Apple. Ladies only event to be March 9th at Jane Thompson's home.

Discussed method of raffle ticket measuring with 'arm's length', will continue to do.

Complaint from new members regarding not feeling welcome, board will be sure to follow up on this; hope to resume new members' teas.

Orioles baseball game outing planned for March 13; also a Tampa Downs group trip on March 26.

Need ideas and venues for special Club event for the Royal wedding in April.

Next Board meeting to be February 10th, 6;30 pm, at home of Derek Curran, members welcome but please call ahead.

Valentine's Event

Say "I will, I will" and join the Club's group visit on February 13th to the Golden Apple Dinner Theatre for pre-show dinner and performance of the delightful and romantic musical, "I Do, I Do." The show traces 50 years of the ups and downs of a couple from their wedding day forward and all to the strains of a tuneful, charming score. This musical was a Broadway hit some years ago and is a favorite of regional theatres. **Seating begins at 4 pm for dinner; the show time is 6 pm**. Space

has been booked for 30 persons at a price of \$43pp, which includes dinner, show, unlimited coffee and tea, all sales taxes and gratuities. Bar drinks and special desserts will be extra. Note that the all-inclusive price of \$43 works out better than the Golden Apple's standard senior price of \$40, which does not include gratuity, for instance. The Golden Apple Dinner Theatre is located downtown at 25 North Pineapple Ave. Space is limited and orders with full payment must be received by



January 29th. Please send checks payable to SBC, P.O. Box 21063, Sarasota 34276. (For questions, please phone Gary Lee on 941-706-1172 or email at glee01@verizon.net).

Women Only Social Evening

Please come & join us for an evening of fun, food & fabulous company. This will be a relaxed evening of mixing with other female members, catching up with old friends & making new ones.

Where: 11710 Strandhill Court, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202.

When: Wednesday March 9 from 6.30 onwards. **What**: Please bring a bottle & food to share.

Please phone to confirm, & for directions. 388-8018

Hope that you can come - I'm looking forward to seeing you all.

Jane Thompson .



Horse Racing trip to Tampa

March 26th - we have rented a 52 seater bus, to keep the price at \$20 (Non members \$25) which includes entrance/to and from Tampa + drivers gratuity, we need to sell all seats. If you want to be included please respond immediately as this event will be going out to non members via flyers in our drop off points. Please call Eileen Schuler on 941-753-4589 to place your name on the list and Eileen will give you her address to send your checks.

Shopping Trip to Festival Market, Pompano Beach

Pickup points are 7am at University Park, Bradenton, and 7:30 at Oak Plaza, Sarasota and returning at 7pm. A big thank you to Margaret Brading (BritClub member) for offering to include us with the shopping bus trip she has organized for April 13th...if you want to be included in this trip...your \$25 payment must be received by the end of February. It is on a first come basis.

Please phone Margaret on 941-923-0934. She will give you her address to send payment.

Hope to see you on both these trips. Sue Ford

Locations to Hold Our Events We put out a call to all

members who could offer their clubhouse as a location for a Sarasota British Club (SBC) events, and members have generously responded. So... A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE INDIVIDUALS. The Board will be busily organizing and coordinating events for those locations at our monthly meetings—we'll keep you posted. This keeps our events affordable to all members, and adds diversity for our get-togethers. The SBC will cover overhead charges, and our members generously volunteer to help with the set-



up and clean-up. If other members can offer their club house, please contact glee01@verizon. net with suitable dates and locations. Thank you for your support.

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 lakewood2@gmail.com, and we will select one 'Business Glimpse' each month.



HOUSE CONCERT

Jane and Brian Thompson were our gracious hosts in January for a wonderful evening of song and humor provided by the Minnesota folk duo of Bill and Kate Isles. A good number of Brit clubbers were sprinkled throughout the 30 houseguests as all enjoyed songs of love, relationships and the observance of life's passing pageant. As performing songwriters. Bill and Kate have gained wide renown as creators of harmonies and humor that warm the hearts of their audiences. This was a return visit by the Isles to the Thompsons's who provided the perfect, intimate setting for a night long to be remembered. More about the Isles can be found on their website: www.billandkateisles.com

Jean & Mark Malkasian

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Call Jimmy Andrews on 305-323-1278 e-mail: jand592040@aol.com
Website: www.andrewsaccountancy.com

Doreen Wilson

The Club's thoughts and best wishes are with member Doreen who has recently been in hospital. We hope to see you soon.

Bill Mason

A special mention to send our very best wishes and thoughts to Bill and Jean Mason during a difficult time right now. Bill and Jean were so important in the founding of the Brit Club, and they need to know we are thinking of them.

Please contact Sandra Cherry for progress reports.

Joke

A census taker in a rural area went up to a farmhouse and knocked. When a woman came to the door, he asked her how many children she had and their ages.

She said, "Let's see now, there's the twins, Sally and Billy, they're thirty-two. And the twins, Seth & Beth, they're twenty-six. And the twins, Penny and Jenny, they're twenty-four ... "

"Hold on!" said the census taker, "Did you get twins EVERY time?"

The woman answered, "Heck no, there were hundreds of times we didn't get nuthin'."

Would you like to advertise with us?

For advertising, our rates are reasonable and 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 (for Club members only) are as follows per quarter-year: 1/4 page \$15, 1/2 page \$25, full page \$40. There is a 20% discount if you purchase your advertisements for a full year. Sale ads for unwanted items are \$5 per month for up to 3 lines of copy. All ads must be paid for in advance. Please send your camera-ready advertisements (jpg file preferred) by the 15th of the month to Brian Thompson, 11710 Strandhill Ct, Lakewood Ranch, 34202, or e-mail to lakewood2@gmail.com..



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 premises: Word of Mouth (3), Champions Pub, Tastefully British, 4 & 20 Pasty Company, The Open Pub & Restaurant, The Irish Rovers, The Coach & Horses Pub, McAllister's, Scot's Corner, British Open Pub &

Restaurant of Venice, Cafe Continental-Patisserie, Bentley's Resort Hotel and Scrambles, Beckham's Osprey Grill and Simon's Coffee House. Please thank them by patronizing them whenever you can, and let them know you appreciate their support.

British Comedy?



Roger Lloyd-Pack (I) and Clive Swift (r) star as a modern-day "Odd Couple" in OLD GUYS.

Spend Saturday nights with WEDU and your favorite BritComs!

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9 pm & 9:30 pm As Time Goes By

10 pm Old Guys New series beginning January 8!

10:30pm Vicar of Dibley



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M-F 9-6 Sat 9-2

January's Coffee Morning was a great success with 46 members gathering to support this monthly social. Many thanks to our Greeters Margaret Brading, Sioux Hurley and Jane Hersee-Lee, who were at the door to extend a warm welcome, and to introduce anyone new to other Club members. It was the first Coffee Morning for a number of new members and they greatly enjoyed meeting and mingling with fellow Brits. The table was full of many enticing sweet dishes—so much so that we decided that next month's Coffee Morning would lean more to the savory side. Doug Schuler took up the gauntlet by offering to prepare a savory dish; but as his birthday falls on 12th Feb—the date of the Coffee Morning—we won't expect him to do anything other than come along and enjoy the gathering. Happy Birthday to you in advance, Doug. I look forward to seeing you all at the February Coffee Morning.

Members have asked if we will be doing another cruise this year. The answer is yes, providing we have enough members who are interested. One suggested cruise offered by Holland America departs from Tampa for 7 days at the beginning of November. If you have any thoughts on cruises, please let me know. See email address below.

As many of you first read in the January newsletter, the Club has arranged a Ladies night in March; and in this issue, you'll see another event with women in mind: a shopping trip to Ft. Lauderdale in April. It is hoped we have men in the Club willing to arrange A Men's Night or event. Anyone willing to do so, please contact Gary Lee (gleee01@verizon.net) or Sue Ford (sueford47@yahoo.com).

Finally, what talents do we have in the Club? Don't hide them under a bushel. Whether your talents lie in singing, acting, writing, sewing, painting, playing a musical instrument, for instance, we want to hear from you.

Sue Ford

Vice President

"English" Fare—Curries.

As I am a fan of Indian food, the subject of where to eat in the Sarasota area has often cropped up.

Thanks to Shona Burtner for pointing out to us that Casa Italia is offering an alternative. Casa Italia, the Italian grocery, deli and wine shop at 2080 Constitution Boulevard is owned by Raj and Nita Mathur. Every Thursday they sell home cooked Indian food to take away.

They also offer classes in Indian (and Italian & Spanish) cookery.

In January I went along for a Sunday afternoon class. Six of us were shown how to make a range of foods which included Pakoras, Butter Chicken, side dishes and dessert. The bonus is that you get to eat Nita & Raj's efforts. Look out on their website www.casaitaliafl.com for upcoming classes and other information.

Brian Thompson

Supplement to February 2011— BUSINESS GLIMPSES:

The "4 & 20 Pasty Company" – bringing cheers to the British community.

Opened in 2003, this haven for British taste has been a quiet success story in the history of British business in Sarasota.

Created by Richard & Barbara Posner. Who after 13 years in paradise still couldn't find the flavours and favourite foods they missed to make Florida perfect. So they decided to make it right.

R & B emigrated to FL in 1990, after many visits since 1974 and an "all around America" year in 1979 . After creating, and ultimately selling, a very popular Pizza, Pasta, Salad Bar & Cocktail Bar restaurant in the heart of the West End of London in the 80's. The laid-back style & slowly developing Gulf Coast (at the time) was as attractive a possibility for the good life as anywhere in the world. They'd been fortunate to travel a lot over the years. But the "Facility of English Speaking Peoples" was as much a draw as the palm & orange trees. What could be better after years of the urban battleground – taxes, aggro, parking, stress and 11 months of drizzle. So now for "something completely different"... and they didn't need to learn a foreign language. (Sometimes have musings on that, but hey!)

First off (after a 3 month rest) a marine business. Maintain, service and play with other peoples exotic toys. For money! With an American partner, who knew it all.

Not so perfect. The partner didn't really know the potential customers he claimed. It was a titanic struggle to build a list of clients. And it was so hot in the summer it hurt! So that burned out in its first year... literally.

Next step... a distribution company, SaraMana Wholesale, on Cattlemen Road, providing supplies, paper goods and hardware to the hospitality business. Worked great, had a lot of fun with customers. Familiarising themselves with the Sarasota Restaurant & Bar scene. But the products got too boring. So that was sold on, successful, in 2001. It's now a part of the Dade Paper Corp.

Then they had the 420 brainwaves in early 2003.

Why doesn't someone open a decent "British Bakery". Something really good. Britfoods to be proud of, and providing some of the things all of us miss. Maybe they could also interest Americans, who seem to really enjoy Brit foods in pubs. Look what they've been missing!

They found a logo image they liked – 'Old King Cole' with his 24 black birds baked in a Pie (see below right) - and as their home address was number 420, the karma seemed right on.

That's how 4 & 20 Pasty Co. was conceived.

"Born in England - Made in America".

And they opened the doors in October 2003.

The retail Hot & Frozen bakery was the first step. Made by hand from scratch, freshly baked and Take Home, hot or frozen, or eaten in store - inside or out. It was an instant success, attracting Brits... and Americans from the ore mining areas familiar with Pasties - Michigan, Colorado, Pennsylvania etc.

4 & 20 Pasty Company (continued)

Did you know thousands of Cornish tin miners came to America in the 1850's? Brought their wives, and they brought their pasties? The Upper Peninsula of Michigan is full of Pasty shops. Many 'Michiganders' winter on this coast.

Then the word was spread wider with the website they had built. They initially had snowbird customers, who had goodies sent by Fed-Ex when they went back up north. Then Google & Union Jack newspaper advertising helped 4 & 20 spread the word around many of America's British communities. Repeats and recommendations boosted sales.

Enquiries to stock the 4 & 20 Pasty Co. brand from Brit Stores & Gourmet Groceries started to come in. So they became licensed by the Federal USDA to make meat & chicken pies and started to ship Interstate.

They now have 4 & 20 stockists in 7 States, plus more enquiries every month. With a wonderful reputation. Expansion plans are now in the pipeline.

The "cheers" come from the 20 varieties of Pasties, varieties of Sausage Rolls to 'die for' (quoted by customers, but not recommended!), and the best traditional Pork Pies in America ("As good as "M & S" is a regular comparison). Exceptional Pork Sausages & decent Back Bacon was another area solved, combing the States for the very best Brit inspired products available.

The best thing since British sliced bread?
Which they've also got – frozen, both white & brown!
Long may they reign.

Address: 5638 Swift Road, Sarasota, FL 34231 Web Page www.4and20pastycompany.com,

Phone: 941.927.1421 FAX 941.927.6001



Supplement to February 2011

Introducing new member Jane Ebury

Jane has recently joined the Club after many years of assisting her mother in the background on many a Brit Club social event. We finally twisted her arm to join.

"I would like to thank the Club for allowing me to join. My mother, Susan Ford, has worked very hard over the years for the Club and has enjoyed every minute of it. If I have only half the fun she has had, I will be happy", says Jane.

Jane moved here from Heme Bay in Kent. During her working life, she has been associated with lawyers as a legal PA, secretary for the Managing Director of a Japanese trading house; and then finally, before moving to the USA, she worked as a paramedic for 10 years in London's East End. In 2005, Jane, her husband Paul, their son Daniel (12), and daughter, Elizabeth (8) moved to Sarasota. Because her mother, Susan, was already here, Jane says the transition was a lot easier for them compared to others. For those of you who know Susan well, you will have heard that Jane and her family have not had an easy time with their visas for one reason or another. Jane is now pursuing a career in real estate. "Some people think I am mad taking on such a career move in what is called the worst recession since the Great Depression. But, I feel that this is one of the most interesting times for real estate in history and I want to be part of it," said Jane. She has the advantage of growing up with a father in the construction industry both in the UK and the USA. Jane's husband is a superintendent for Murray Homes, a luxury waterfront home builder in Sarasota. Jane adds, "being a good realtor is a bit like being a good parent....anyone can do it, but to be a good one, you have to really care about what you are doing and be prepared to continually learn."

Jane works for Real Estate Co., Inc., located at 10960 SR 70 East, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202. She may be contacted at 941-726-9360 (cell), 941-752-6911 (office). jane@relocatesarasota.com

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APHORISM: A SHORT, POINTED SENTENCE THAT EXPRESSES A WISE OR CLEVER OBSERVATION OR A GENERAL TRUTH.

- 1. The nicest thing about the future is ... that it always starts tomorrow.
- 2. Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
- 3. If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
- 4. Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
- 5. A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
- 6. How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
- 7. Business conventions are important ... because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
- 8. Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
- 9. Scratch a cat ... and you will have a permanent job.
- 10. No one has more driving ambition than the teenage boy who wants to buy a car.
- 11. There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.
- 12. There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 a.m. like, it could be the right number.
- 13. No one ever says "It's only a game" when their team is winning.
- 14. I've reached the age where 'happy hour' is a nap.
- 15. Be careful about reading the fine print ... there's no way you're going to like it.
- 16. The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.
- 17. Do you realize that, in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos? (And rap music will be the Golden Oldies!)
- 18. Money can't buy happiness -- but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Cadillac than in a Yugo.
- 19. After 60, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you're probably dead.
- 20. Always be yourself because the people that matter don't mind ... and the ones that mind don't matter.
- 21. Life isn't tied with a bow ... but it's still a gift.

REMEMBER ... POLITICIANS AND DIAPERS SHOULD BE CHANGED OFTEN AND FOR THE SAME REASON!

The purpose of our lives is to be happy. - Dalai Lama