

Coming Events

The SBC Board Meeting on 10th April will be held at the home of Jane and Gary Lee @ 6:30pm. Members welcome but please call ahead, see Page 3, as space is limited.

Tampa Downs Horse Racing and Sunday Brunch on 27th April. Mark the date in your diary. This fun day of racing offers you fine dining service on the third floor of the Clubhouse, which provides exciting panoramic views of racing action in a smoke-free environment. Those of you who have joined us in the past already know what a great day out this makes. If you want to enjoy a drink or two at the races, you can do as we have arranged a comfortable bus with one pick-up point each in both Sarasota and Bradenton. The price of the splendid brunch buffet and sumptuous dessert table, entrance fee and program is \$29.00 including gratuity. (Bar drinks are extra.) The round-trip bus fare is \$20, gratuity included. For those taking the arranged bus then, the total fee for the day is \$49 pp. Note: Tampa Downs is a very popular venue, they have limited our group to 50 persons maximum.



To reserve your place, email/phone Sue Ford: sueford@janbury.com; 941-751-3811.

Time and place of pick-up for bus to Tampa Downs
There are two pick-up points:

--**First pick-up point:** 'Babies-R-Us', 3860 Central Sarasota Parkway (off US 41, south of Sarasota Square Shopping Center): 9:45am.

--**Second pick-up point:** Twelve Oaks Plaza off SR70 West (approximately ¼ mile west of I-75): 10.15am.

If you are taking the bus, please let Sue Ford know which pick-up point you choose. See Sue's tel. no. and email address above.

South Lido Beach Picnic on Wed, May 7
2201 Ben Franklin Drive
(see web site below for directions)

<https://www.scgov.net/beaches/Pages/SouthLido.aspx>

Please come & join us for a fun afternoon on beautiful South Lido Key beach - arrive any time from 11am. There is abundant parking & plenty of shade with picnic tables provided as well as newly constructed restrooms & beach showers.

Please bring picnic food to share in coolers &/or covered - lunch from noon onwards. Sodas, paper ware, forks, cups & ice will be provided by SBC but please bring your own beach chair, towels, swim wear, hat, etc. Please bring beach games if you have any.



There is no charge for the event but reservations to be made to me by Sunday May 4th by email or phone.

At the time of reservation please give me an idea of what food you will be bringing so that we don't end up with too much/too little of anything! I'll be happy to offer suggestions if required.

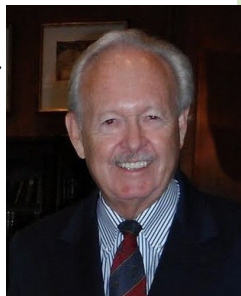
In the event of inclement weather the picnic will be postponed.

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Letter from SBC President Gary Lee

Dear Members,
Now that we've all reeled from the annual shock of the advent of Daylight Saving Time or "Summer Time," we can relax and enjoy life again in delightful Sarasota. We had British houseguests with us last week during the time change. They were dreading having to experience the loss of an hour once again when the UK and the Continent shift to summer time at the end of March. According to a survey reported by Time Magazine and based on Facebook Data Science work using aggregated data to analyze people's sleepy scale in the US following the time change, the tireddest geographical areas were the middle of the country, **Florida**, and the North East-- with Delaware leading the pack. However, the reported tiredness factor greatly abated during the week; and by Thursday all was back to normal on that scale. I should point out that the sleepiness factor did not change at all during the week in Arizona as that State opts out of Daylight Saving Time (DST).



I am very pleased to announce that new member Barry Evans has come forward to serve as Secretary of the Board. Barry will replace Diana Bradfield, who earlier had to resign the position due to health issues. We wish Diana a full recovery and hope that she will stand for a position on a future SBC Board.

Do cast a discerning eye over the upcoming social events featured in this newsletter. It is wise to make your decisions as soon as possible on these events in order that you don't lose out in those cases where numbers of participants may be limited.

Finally, this issue contains another installment of pieces on British country houses written by a former colleague in Washington, Gary Beaver. This issue features Blicking Hall located in Norfolk and birthplace of Anne Boleyn. See page 5



SANDRA'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH

When we first got married, an American friend of ours warned Jack to never let me grow rhubarb...as "the Brits have a thousand and one ways to fix it!" Well in Wisconsin it grew with great abundance, and we enjoyed all the different ways of fixing it. Too hot here in Florida to grow, but can sometimes find it in the produce section, or I have used frozen with success. Here is one of our favourites, (actually adapted from an Australian cookbook) hope you enjoy it



Rhubarb Crumble

1/2 lb rhubarb
1/4 cup brown sugar
1 orange
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1/2 cup all purpose flour
1/2 cup butter

Preheat oven to 400 F. Trim rhubarb into chunks, or if using frozen thaw out. Place in ovenproof dish. Cover with the sugar, and zest and juice of the orange. Bake covered for 10 minutes (if using frozen rhubarb you can skip this part) Mix cinnamon, sugar, flour and work in the butter until crumbled, sprinkle over the rhubarb; don't pat it down, and bake 20-30 minutes until golden brown. Serve with heavy whipping cream or luscious custard sauce. 8 servings

(Recipe from Sandra F Cherry, *Union Jack* food columnist, who can be reached at Yourcuppatea1@yahoo.com. I welcome requests, comments and recipes)

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 their lives. Please let us know of such events, contact Sandra Cherry, her details are below.

ANGLO-AMERICAN PINS.

The Club has purchased these attractive pins for the members. They are free! Please ask about them at the next function that you attend.



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.



You can tell more about a person by what he says about others than you can by what others say about him."

Audrey Hepburn

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Transportation to Club Events

The Board has recently designated Mark Malkasian as our Transportation Coordinator to assist those in need of rides to Club events. Mark is hoping to create a small pool of member volunteers willing to provide wheels to members. This is a call for volunteers to step forward to help. This also is a call to contact him if you are in need of transport to a particular event. He can be reached by email mark@armeng.com or phone (941-918-8360). Beware! He has a list of all the Club members and their zip codes so he's hoping you won't mind, when necessary, if he calls you to ask if you can assist a nearby member in getting to an event you are planning to attend. Thank you.



JOKE

Little Johnny was at his first day of school. The teacher advised the class to start the day with the pledge of allegiance, and instructed them to put their right hands over their hearts and repeat after him. He looked around the room as he started the recitation, "I pledge allegiance to the flag..." When his eyes fell on Little Johnny, he noticed his hand over the right cheek of his buttocks.

"Little Johnny, I will not continue till you put your hand over your heart."

Little Johnny replied, "It is over my heart."

After several attempts to get Little Johnny to put his hand over his heart, the teacher asked, "Why do you think that is your heart?"

"Because, every time my Grandma comes to visit, she picks me up, pats me here, and says, 'Bless your little heart,' and my Grandma wouldn't lie."



"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."

Mother Teresa

Steve Adams's Appalachian Trial

2013's President Steve has recently (22nd March) started hiking the Appalachian Trail as mentioned in the March BritNews.

Some updates taken from his blog at <http://myappalachiantrial.com> : Part of his preparation involved having his head shaved, hopefully to reduce the chance of passengers under his hat. See second photo.

The most recent update (Day 7) was on 28th March.

Day 1 Springer Mountain Approach Trail, in Georgia, the southern starting point of the trail.

Day 2 to Woody Gap, Suches, GA

Day 7 to Unicoi Gap, Helen, GA



The reduced sunlight reaching his solar charger as he goes through the wooded trail is affecting his ability to keep his



The Appalachian Trail, about 2200 miles from Springer Mountain to Mount Katahdin in Maine. Source: Wikipedia

phone charged.

Steve's blog is created using WordPress, free software that you can download from <http://wordpress.org/>

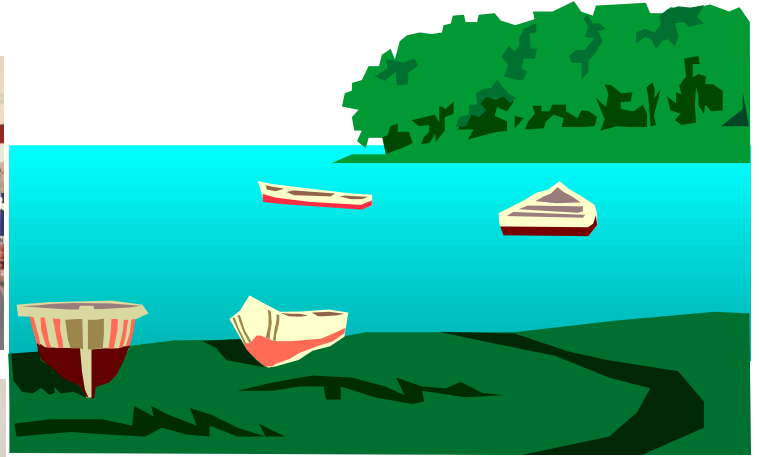


"People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it."

George Bernard Shaw

"How old would you be if you didn't know how old you are?"

Satchel Paige



Boat Trips around Sarasota Bay

My name is Barry Evans and I am a member of The Sarasota British Club.

I want to offer to all members, friends & family of the Sarasota Brit Club the opportunity of a morning cruise around Sarasota Bay. I am a member of a boat club in town and would love the opportunity to take people out on a Friday morning and stop for a bite to eat if passengers desire. (I do not work for the boat club so this is not a sales event. I am just trying to make sure I take advantage of my boat club membership)

The details are as follows:

Every Friday at 9.30 am from Phillippi Harbor Club, 1780 Phillippi Shores Drive, Sarasota, FL 34231.

You can call me on my cell phone, 941-993-9752, to reserve space. I can take 4-5 people at a time.

The only requirement is that everyone chips in for fuel (\$5 each).

This is weather permitting, of course; but I will call and let you know if the boat is not going out.

Sun cover: There will be shade on the boat but I recommend bringing a hat and sunglasses. Sun block is also needed.

I will be doing this on a weekly basis and will see how many people take me up on it. If anyone has an interest in fishing, then let me know and we can arrange a fishing trip as well.

Barry

Have you looked at our website recently?

www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

On the surface it looks the same, but it has been updated: the latest planned events and newsletters have been added. Please check it out and give your Board some feedback. A sub committee is looking at further improvements.

March 13, 2014 Board Meeting Precis

The March meeting was held at the Thompson home. Beginning in April we will have a new Secretary, Barry Evans. Treasurer's Report shows a balance of \$5083.03. Brian Thompson will be away in late May resulting in a motion that there will be no newsletter in June. However, e-blasts will be sent out as necessary. Level of response to several past and upcoming offerings was discussed as were a number of new event ideas. Among the new ideas was a magic show, a trip to IMG Academy, a Players Theatre trip and a Port Manatee tour. Mark Malkasian reported on the work of the web-site's first sub-committee meeting. Our mission is to simplify the site and make it more appealing to potential members. Next Board meeting is scheduled for April 10th at the home of Jane Hersee Lee and Gary Lee.
(Submitted by Jean Malkasian, Temporary Acting Secretary)

Blickling Hall

One of the great (meaning beautiful) country houses of England is Blickling Hall, set in rural Norfolk about 13 miles from Norwich. It is a lovely example of Jacobean architecture built between 1616 and 1625 by Sir Henry Hobart. The Jacobean style of the early 17th Century was transitioning from the heavy, ponderous aspect of the late Renaissance to something lighter and more fanciful. It is a large structure made in a soft rose red brick, very striking to the eye (in any light) with towers, copper cupolas and a graceful curving façade. The interior boasts of terrific oaken woodwork to include a magnificent staircase and a 120 foot long gallery with intricate plastered ceilings. Many of the rooms were refashioned in the 18th Century to the even lighter and beautiful mode of the Georgian era. The furnishings are very beautiful as well with many tapestries and an extraordinary collection of 17th and 18th Century furniture. Despite its age, as you move through the various rooms, it strikes you as being so comfortable and livable, as if the owners had just left the property. It has none of that stodgy, museum quality air that many other homes exude. The grounds are extensive and the gardens magnificent. The gardens were extensively redone by Lord Lothian in the 1930s with sculpted hedges - topiary, and flower beds everywhere.

Blickling Hall is a well known National Trust property, but because of its relative remoteness is not normally overwhelmed by crowds of tourists. The only other notable attraction nearby is the lovely cathedral in Norwich, so one would have to plan a special trip. In fact, in an act of marketing desperation, the National Trust has tried at times to peak interest with things such as fanciful stories of the headless ghost of Anne Boleyn trotting about the property. Anne was born at Blickling, but the structures of her era are long since gone. There is an odd,

although tenuous American connection. The last private owner was Phillip Kerr - Lord Lothian, who was the British Ambassador to the United States from 1939 – 1940. Upon his death, Blickling Hall was willed to the National Trust. Lord Lothian was a member of the Catholic aristocracy, but converted to Christian Science. While in Washington, he fell ill of a renal infection, and true to his religious beliefs refused medical treatment; and died of uremic poisoning. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. For pictures and further information about Blickling Hall, please visit the website at: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/blickling_estate .



Don't forget that the Sarasota British Club is on Facebook. The Club's logo is the profile picture. Check out the numerous photos from recent events. Why not 'friend' us for another way of keeping in touch with the Club and its members. Why not add your event photos to the 'wall'.

Recent photo additions have been some of the Christmas Party, and our charity donation.

There are links to Steve Adam's Appalachian Trial too.



Solomon's Castle Visit – March 14

Who would have believed a visit to a castle and exhibits of sculpture made from cast-off junk could have been so much fun.

Fourteen of us were introduced to Howard Solomon's creations by our guide, Curtis, who kept us intrigued and laughing with a series of stories, one-liners and "groaners".

We enjoyed a good lunch in and outside, the Boat in the Moat, then a wander around the grounds, plus a peek into Solomon's immense workshop where we saw the man himself hard at work.

If you missed the Club's visit, we would like to recommend a visit on your own.

Terry Sweeney



Solomon's Castle.



Gary Lee with Howard Solomon.

Membership Fees were due by March 31

Please help us to avoid costs by mailing your check for now. Be sure that the check has your correct address so that we can continue to mail your newsletter.

Checks should be sent to;
Sarasota British Club
PO Box 21063
Sarasota, FL 34276

*Alas the end of March has come
Without your check, now that's no fun
Please send it in right away
If it's not too much to ask you to pay
For fun and games and social events
And friends from home, ladies and
gents
The Club needs funds to pay our way
So mail it in without delay!*

MEDICAL ALERT!!

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

REMINDER - 20th of each month is the deadline for me to receive entries for newsletters. Anything received after that date will go into the following issue.

The preferred format is Times Roman font in a Microsoft Word attachment or plain text in the body of your email.

Your editor Brian Thompson
lakewood2@gmail.com

On your smartphone or Tablet or ...

There is an App for that

Maybe it's because I'm a Londoner..... On your iPhone or Android phone.

The BBC and Daily Mail have put some before and after photos

See

<http://www.bbc.com/news/in-pictures-26339275> or

<http://tinyurl.com/l7lvv47> . They use the free Streetmuseum app from the Museum of London.

The app tracks your GPS location and merges photos from up to about 100yrs ago with your photo to produce a 50/50 image like this one below.



People and traffic in Oxford Street around the turn of the 20th century. Christina Broom at this time photographed London street scenes to reproduce as postcards for sale.

A CHALLENGE for any of you going to London, how about taking a photo with this app and sending it to me for the BritNews?

While in London—why not try the Museum of London's app?

<http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/explore-online/museum-london-apps>

For Apple gadgets there is the free Streetmuseum™ Londinium app to explore Roman London. As you are guided round London the coolest aspect is that you can 'dig' with your finger on your screen and discover what artefacts were found at that location!

From the Museum of London's website there is a link to an Royal Timetrip app (£1.49) for an interactive comprehensive history of the Royal family. Videos and photos and more.

JOKE

A couple from a circus go to an adoption agency, but social workers are doubtful about their accommodation.

So they produce photos of their 50 foot long caravan, the back half of which is a beautifully equipped nursery.

The social workers then are doubtful about the education that would be provided.

"We've employed an Oxford don who'll teach the child all the subjects along with Mandarin and ICT skills".

There are then doubts expressed about the child's healthy upbringing.

"Our full time nanny is an expert in paediatric welfare and diet", they reply.

So the social workers are finally satisfied, and ask what age of child they were looking for.

"It doesn't really matter", they say, "so long as he fits in the cannon".



HAPPINESS

To be happy with a man, you must understand him a lot and love him a little.

To be happy with a woman, you must love her a lot and not try to understand her at all.

HELP NEEDED

The Club needs some assistance with our web page design and help in making it more user-friendly. If you, or someone you know, (perhaps a youngster!) has some skills with computers, please reach out to the following.

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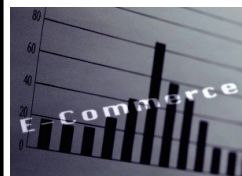
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B**BUSINESS GLIMPSES:** We would like to hear from our members who have found their business niche in and around Sarasota. If you would like to write to us, we'd enjoy catching a glimpse of your business enterprise in our local economy. Your article can be sent to lakewood2@gmail.com, and we will select one 'Business Glimpse' each month.



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daVinci Exhibition in Bradenton

Club members Carol Brown and Rhet Redpath are docents for the Leonardo daVinci Machines Exhibition now at the Bradenton Municipal Auditorium through May 18. They enthusiastically encourage Club members to come and see some 60 machines based on daVinci's drawings and specifications. They were built by artisans in the Leonardo daVinci Museum in Florence, Italy. Says Rhet, "...marvel at the Genius King of the Renaissance whilst you enjoy a docent-led tour and interact with many of the astounding mechanical creations. This is something I think you will remember forever."

Hours for this exhibition are from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-6pm Sundays. Tickets are \$15.95 for adults; seniors, \$13.95. The group (20 or more) rate is \$11.00.

The Bradenton Municipal Auditorium is located at 1005 First Ave., West, Bradenton 34205. From I-75, take exit 220B, Rt. 64 W; turn right onto 10th St. W; left onto 1st Ave W. The Auditorium will be on the left. For more information: 941-932-9484.

Read a Herald Tribune article about the exhibit at <http://tinyurl.com/kny7a6p>

JOKE

The FBI had an opening for an assassin. After all the background checks, interviews and testing were done, there were 3 finalists: two men and a woman. For the final test, the FBI agents took one of the men to a large metal door and handed him a gun.

'We must know that you will follow your instructions no matter what the circumstances. Inside the room you find your wife sitting in a chair Kill her!!'

The man said, 'You can't be serious. I could never shoot my wife.'

The agent said, 'Then you're not the right man for this job. Take your wife and go home.'

The second man was given the same instructions. He took the gun and went into the room. All was quiet for about 5 minutes. The man came out with tears in his eyes, 'I tried, but I can't kill my wife.'

The agent said, 'You don't have what it takes. Take your wife and go home.'

Finally, it was the woman's turn. She was given the same instructions, to kill her husband. She took the gun and went into the room. Shots were heard, one after another. They heard screaming, crashing, banging on the walls. After a few minutes, all was quiet.

The door opened slowly and there stood the woman, wiping the sweat from her brow.

'This gun is loaded with blanks' she said. 'I had to kill him with the chair!'



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