



# Brit Club 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 December 1st** at the Village des Pins clubhouse, 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota @ 6:30pm. Members welcome.

Email is always the preferred method of communication.

**Christmas Party** on December 10th. Details on below and Page 6.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Oaks (flyer on Page 6)

### LAST BOOKINGS BY DECEMBER 1st

Hard to think of Christmas when we are sweltering in 90 degree temps, apparently we are now officially in Fall. Still, none of us moved to Florida for the cold weather! We are looking forward to another great event this year but we cannot do it without your help. Last year we were fortunate to have a wonderful array of gift baskets and we are hoping for the same (or better) this year.

*A Happy*

*Christmas to*

*all our*

*members*



We have changed the menu a little for 2016; we hope members find turkey a nice Christmassy option. The dessert sounds a little odd but we are assured by Greg Hurst the Catering Manager (and an Irishman) that this new creation by Chef Matt is absolutely outstanding.

Unfortunately, we were recently informed Heritage Oaks has instituted a Room Rental Fee. The good news is the new fee is \$7.00 per head but since we are 'regulars' we have been able to negotiate that down to \$3.00 per head.

If you would to donate to our raffle, please contact: Jane Jacobs [jane60010@yahoo.com](mailto:jane60010@yahoo.com) or 847-370-2811

Maggie Hughes [mvhughes50@gmail.com](mailto:mvhughes50@gmail.com) or 941-264-6803

**D**on'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'.



### Coming Events

- Christmas Party December 10th

## President's letter – December 2016

This will be my last letter to you as President, and it has been a busy and gratifying year for Diana and myself. In addition to meeting many new members, we have had some good times with old friends. Here are some of the events that I look back on fondly:

The Tampa Downs Race Day looks to become an annual event, and Steve Adams does a great job attending to the details. Almost 60 people make this a "Full House" event, sign up early for the next trip on April 2! Another event that looks to become an annual outing is the Kayak outing in Nokomis – Diana looking forward to another close encounter with a Manatee!

The McCurdy's Comedy Club evening was a highlight, and the French Dinner, while lacking somewhat in service organization, made it a fun evening. We had several other memorable meals, including Flavors of India, Miguels, Cosimo's, Turtles, a picnic at Nokomis, and Afternoon Tea at the British Corner Shop.

Not forgetting the memorable Quiz Night, the reprise of Crawfie's experiences with Margaret Thatcher, and the Guy Fawkes Celebration at which we consumed 40 lbs of baked potatoes and 120 hot dogs!

Gosh, when I write these all down I am amazed at the amount that we accomplished. I might add how grateful I am to the hard-working members of your Board, and, of course, to the constant support of my lovely bride Diana.

I look forward to Jane Jacobs' leadership next year, and wish you all a very "Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year".

*Paul Wilkinson*



## CHRISTMAS PARTY - RAFFLE BASKETS

*Dear Members: Last year we had some beautiful gifts because of your support and were able to raise funds for the Club.*

*If you could help us again by casting your eyes around to see if you personally have any unwanted items in your home for raffle baskets, or if you are out shopping, anything you might wish to donate.*

*Your assistance and support are so appreciated.*



## Precis of November Board Meeting.

November 10<sup>th</sup> is the Club's 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Membership stands at 176: 150 families and 26 singles. No Treasurer's report available. Reviews of lunch at Miguel's were excellent, 38 members attended. Guy Fawkes went extremely well with 60 members and guest at Siesta Key Beach. No more monthly luncheons till January. Christmas Party planning going according to schedule. 10 members have signed up to participate in the Walk to end Alzheimers on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Le Barge trip re scheduled for Spring 2017. Sarasota Ballet backstage tour set for Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 2017. Board of Directors voted to donate \$750.00 both to All Faith's food pantry and Tiny Hands (focus on feeding Sarasota's hungry children).

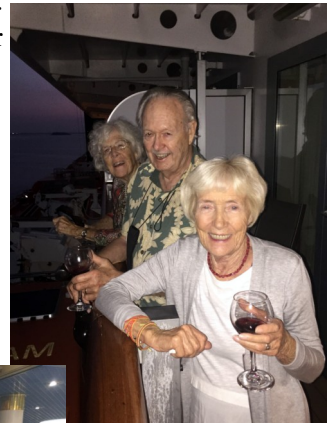
*Jane Jacobs*



## 2016 Cruise

Photos from a week-long cruise on Holland America from Tampa to Key West, Rostand, Guatemala and Costa Maya by some of our members. Photos from Doug Schuler.

The link to these and other photos is on Page 4.



## Welcome to new members.

Peter and Olga Stokes who have recently arrived in Sarasota after living and working in the Bahamas.

Tony and Natasha Meineck - Tony came to the USA in 2007, married Natasha in 2009 and they moved to Sarasota in August 2016.

David and Hilary Welch who live in Lakewood Ranch.

Harry and Helga Williamson who moved to Sarasota 7 years ago from the DC area. Helga is of English/Icelandic parentage and was raised in Lincolnshire, Harry was born in Washington DC.

Now living in Nokomis, Michael and Diane Kirk were transferred to the USA in 1972, returned to the UK in '76, but came back in '78 to work for GE. Between them they are interested in sailing, golf, playing pickleball and Diane is a watercolourist.



## UK TV over here



A bit late to tell you if you have missed them, as these two series have finished, but hopefully you will be able to track these down on Netflix or other service.

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## The Durrells in Corfu

**O**n PBS, Keeley Hawes starred as an intrepid widow who decamps from dreary England to a sun-dappled Greek island with her four recalcitrant children, ages 11 to 21. Co-starring with Hawes, who plays Louisa Durrell, are Josh O'Connor as her eldest son, Larry; Callum Woodhouse as son number two, Leslie; Daisy Waterstone as daughter Margo; and Milo Parker as eleven-year-old Gerry, who grew up to be a

world-renowned naturalist. Leslie Caron appears as Countess Mavrodaki, a wealthy recluse.

## The Story

A friend who has read Gerald Durrell's books said that the 'truth has been bent somewhat' for TV. However the result is charming fun in the sun following this eccentric English family. The 6 part series begins in 1935, when Louisa Durrell suddenly announces that she and her four children will move from Bournemouth to the Greek island of Corfu. Her husband has died some years earlier and the family is experiencing financial problems. A Homeric battle ensues as the family adapts to life on the island which, despite a lack of electricity, is cheap and an earthly paradise.

The Durrells in Corfu is a drama 6 part miniseries written by Simon Nye, based on Gerald Durrell's three autobiographical books about his family's four years on Corfu 1935-1939: 'My Family and Other Animals' (1956), 'Birds, Beasts, and Relatives' (1969) and 'The Garden of the Gods' (1978)

Good News! A second series is confirmed for next year.

## Undercover

**U**ndercover is a six-part BBC television drama series co-produced with, and broadcast by BBC America.. Undercover follows the lives and family of Maya Cobbina (played by Sophie Okonedo), a British lawyer conducting a long-term legal fight to prove the innocence of US death row inmate Rudy Jones, and her husband Nick Johnson (played by Adrian Lester). After Cobbina is head-hunted for the position of Director of Public Prosecutions, her husband's past – and the circumstances under which the couple first met twenty years earlier - comes back to haunt him. This necessitates quite a few 'flashbacks' to that period to explain what is happening in the present.

Source: Wikipedia.

*Brian Thompson*



Source IMDB.com

## Club Photos

In BritNews I provided links to on-line albums of photos from Club events . Most of these were my Picasa albums. On May 1st we were informed that Google has migrated to Google Photos. This means that those original links will no longer work. I'm gradually adding more links to this list. Note that apart from downloading individual photos at (hopefully) a good resolution, you can download the whole album. Click on the 3 vertical dots in the top right corner and select 'Download all'. To select one or more photos, click on the top left corner of each photo so you see a check mark, then when you click on the 3 vertical dots, the option to 'Download' will be just for those choices.

### Walk to end Alzheimer's November 2016

<http://tinyurl.com/jt2b97e>

### 2016 Cruise

<http://tinyurl.com/gn4pry7>

### Guy Fawkes 2016

<http://tinyurl.com/hefcj3n>

### Miguel's October 2016

<http://tinyurl.com/zhtt5oy>

### Afternoon Tea on 23rd Sept 2016

<http://tinyurl.com/htw7k7b>

### Ladies' Evening March 2011

<https://goo.gl/photos/hc7gM8675VHYH9Uw8>

### February 2016 mini-golf

<http://tinyurl.com/jkzhxpz>

### Guy Fawkes 2012

<https://goo.gl/photos/C2NDPEZ9fUzeJSoq7>

### 2012 Xmas Party

<https://goo.gl/photos/qFgBMgw7iCJLUgTV7>

### 2013 Xmas Party

<http://tinyurl.com/jsuyk6d>

### 2014 Xmas Party

<http://tinyurl.com/jsuyk6d>

### 2015 Xmas Party

<http://tinyurl.com/jjq33xf>

### Historic Spanish Point 2013

<http://tinyurl.com/zanc42g>

Please let me know if any of the links fail and if you can add more albums to the list.

If you have taken Club event photos in the past, are they in an online account that you can share?

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## JOKES

A Roman walks into a bar and asks for a martinus.

"You mean a martini?" the bartender asks. The Roman replies, "If I wanted a double, I would have asked for it!"



Another Roman walks into the bar, holds up two fingers, and says, "Five beers, please."



It's hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs because they always take things literally!

A Buddhist monk approaches a burger food-truck and says "make me one with everything."

The Buddhist monk pays with a \$20 bill, which the vendor takes, puts in his cash box, and closes the lid.

"Where's my change?" the monk asks.

The vendor replies, "change comes from within."



A linguistics professor says during a lecture that, "In English, a double negative forms a positive. But in some languages, such as Russian, a double negative is still a negative. However, in no language in the world can a double positive form a negative."

But then a voice from the back of the room piped up, "Yeah, right."

What did the scientist say when he found 2 isotopes of helium?

"HeHe"

I would make another chemistry joke but all good ones ARGON!



### Walk to end Alzheimer's November 2016

A group of members were at the Nathan Benderson Park to raise money and awareness for this charity.

For a link to this photo see Page 4.



### Quotes

“Kindness is in our power, even when fondness is not.”  
— **Samuel Johnson**

Being a woman is a terribly difficult task since it consists principally in dealing with men.

- **Joseph Conrad (1857 - 1924)**



### JOKES

A marine biologist developed a race of genetically engineered dolphins that could live forever if they were fed a steady diet of seagulls.

One day, his supply of the birds ran out so he had to go out and trap some more.

On the way back, he spied two lions asleep on the road. Afraid to wake them, he gingerly stepped over them.

Immediately, he was arrested and charged with transporting gulls across sedate lions for immortal porpoises.



A test of character. Before you marry a person you should first make them use a computer with a slow internet to see who they really are.

### Christmas Jokes

What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa? A rebel without a Claus.

What do you call an elf who sings? A wrapper!

Why is Christmas just like your job? You do all the work and the fat guy with the suit gets all the credit.

Why does Santa Claus go down the chimney on Christmas Eve? Because it soot's him



Why are Christmas trees so fond of the past? Because the present's beneath them.

What do you call a broke santa? Give up yet? It's Saint-NICKEL-LESS

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations? T'inselitis!

Why is Santa so jolly? Because he knows where all the naughty girls live.

What do you call a cat on the beach at Christmas time? Sandy Claws!

Why is Christmas just like a day at the office ? You do all the work and the fat guy with the suit gets all the credit.

source: <http://www.jokes4us.com/holidayjokes/christmasjokes/christmasjokes.html>



Club Member John Drinkell of the UPS Store at 5020 Clark Rd, Sarasota, FL 34233 prints and mails newsletters.



Sarasota British Club  
2016 Christmas Party



Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>. 6-10 PM at  
Heritage Oaks Country Club  
4800 Chase Oaks Drive, Sarasota FL 34241

**MENU**

**Salad:**

Poached Pear and Gorgonzola Salad with Candied Pecans  
Baby mixed greens and port wine and pear vinaigrette

**Entrée Choices—Please select One:**

Slow Roasted Turkey Breast  
Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Country Style Green Beans and Turkey Gravy

**OR**

Slow Roasted Prime Rib of Beef  
Dauphinoise Potatoes, Fresh Asparagus and Horseradish Sauce

**Dessert**

Warm Carrot Cake, Orange-Goat Cheese Ice Cream,  
Ginger Shortbread and Carrot Caramel (new chef creation)

Rolls and butter. Tea and Coffee

\*\*Vegetarian option available upon request

**MEMBERS: \$45.00    GUESTS: \$55.00**

Reservation Form

Please mail with payment to Sarasota British Club, PO Box 21063, Sarasota FL 34276  
Deadline for Booking is December 1<sup>st</sup>. (all payments must be received by that date)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Member or guest</u>	<u>Entrée Choice (beef, Turkey, Veg**)</u>

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names of those you would like to sit with (if possible)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Guy Fawkes Party at Siesta Key Beach. Photos from Doug Schuler.  
For more photos see the link on Page 4.



## Sarasota British Club name badges

**P**lease 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.



## JOKE

Two blond shoppers parked at the UTC Mall, got out of their car, and realized they'd locked it with the keys inside.

"We'll have to break a window to get them out", one blond said to the other.

"No," the other replied. "Maybe we can get a wire hanger and use it to unlock the door."

"That never works."

"Well, we'd better think of something. It's starting to rain and the top is down!"



Exchange Rate on 28th November from Moneycorp.com

From	To	Rate
GBP	USD	1.249
EUR	USD	1.066

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