



BritClub News

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COMING EVENTS

SBC BOARD MEETING

Next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, July 12 (Note change of day!). Village Des Pins Clubhouse: 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota @ 6:30 pm. Guests welcome (*please let us know you are coming!*)

McCurdy World of Comedy July 8, 7:00 pm

A few tickets (\$20) left for this annual event – email Paul Wilkinson at pwilkinson18@comcast.net . First Come, First served!

Full English Breakfast July 23

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New members Reception August 16

Save the date! A wine and beer cocktail reception to welcome new members will be held at the Village Des Pins Clubhouse, 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota.

Emailed invitations will be sent to eligible members shortly.

Calusa Brewing Games Night August 2

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Scavenger Hunt, Sunday September 10

A group of members are organizing a Scavenger hunt for the afternoon, and a dinner venue for the early evening.

Guy Fawkes November 5

We will meet at the Siesta Key Public Beach Pavilion to celebrate our 5th annual hot dogs and baked potatoes!

Walk to end Alzheimer's November 11

Brew Life Pizza and Beer October 24

Christmas Party Sat Dec 9

STAY UP TO DATE

To keep up to date on other activities and events throughout the local British community please visit the Links Page of our website www.sarasotabritishclub.com

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



You will notice a change in format for the newsletter this month. Brian Thompson, our trusty newsletter editor had a major computer malfunction and lost his British Club Newsletter files. A nightmare none of us wants to encounter. I am so pleased to announce that Maggie Hughes is back from her recent world travels and has offered to take over as newsletter editor immediately therefore saving Brian all the work of sorting out all the Brit Club along with his own files. Maggie suggested a different format might be easier to read given that the majority of members receive their newsletter via email.

I would like to thank Doug Schuler who came in full beekeeper uniform (complete with wellies) for his talk on 'Secret Life of Bees', I had no idea bees were so interesting. We had a very good turnout of members and we all received a considerable education on bees and how honey is made and harvested. Doug also brought along samples of honey from different countries and it was amazing the difference in taste and texture from region to region. I now know why I did not like honey as a child, the English honey is almost white and has a distinctively grainy texture. In my opinion Doug's honey was the tastiest of the samples. Thank you Jean Malkasian for arranging everything and particularly for the quiz – I am ashamed to report I received the booby prize but I must add that Ross also attained the same miserable score as mine.

Your Board had an action packed Board Meeting in June with lots of agenda items and discussion on future events. Greetings to Peter and Olga Stokes and Larry and Vivienne Sivak for coming along as spectators and also to add some ideas (once the business side was over).

Some of these dates will be flexible but an announcement will be put in the newsletter once details are firm. We will also try to have as many lunches as we can as this is a very popular event.

Due to scheduling conflicts for some Board Members we have changed the regular Board Meeting to the 2nd WEDNESDAY of the month (instead of Thursday).

A big round of applause for your hard working Board Members. I am very fortunate to have so many colleagues willing to step up and research, organize and manage events and ready to offer assistance anywhere they might see a need.

The Jacobs' have bought kayaks which is probably why the weather has been so lousy. The kayak trips Mark has arranged have made us realize how much we enjoy being out on the water under paddle power. I know other members also kayak so perhaps in the future we could arrange a kayaking group?

Jane Jacobs

THE LIFE OF BEES



I had a wonderful time giving a talk on bees to members and guests of the Sarasota British Club today at the Village Des Pins Clubhouse. It was beekeeping 101: equipment used in beekeeping, configuration of a hive, types of bee in a hive, decline of bees, how honey is harvested, care and time to be a beekeeper and samplings of 10 honeys from different countries collected on my travels. Even some from Cuba, a gift from a recent traveler to that country. All washed down with some Mead (honey wine from NC).

My thanks to Jean, the chair, and her helpers Sandra, Jane, Diana, Ross, Mark and Paul.

Doug Schuler



LUNCH AT CAFÉ BACI

More than 40 members met for a Savor Sarasota lunch at Café Baci on South Trail on June 23. We enjoyed a tasty 3 course lunch that at only \$16 per person was generally agreed to be excellent value. Jane Jacobs welcomed everybody and gave an update on the coming events for the remainder of the year (see elsewhere in this edition of the BritClub News).



CALUSA BREWING GAMES EVENING – **AUGUST 2, 2017 AT 7PM** 5701 DEREK AVE, SARASOTA

Come and join us for a fun evening of craft beer (wine also available) and games, with a food truck available outside. Whilst Calusa offer a pool table, dominoes, cards and chess (amongst others) you are free to also bring your own board games – so please do so!

In case you've not visited before here's some background on the place

Who Are Calusa: Calusa Brewing is a family-owned and operated craft brewery based in Sarasota, Florida. We are committed to creating quality brews inspired by Florida's rich aquatic heritage & culture. The Calusa Brewing Tasting Room is open Tuesday-Sunday. Visit our 8,500 sq ft Brewing Facility & one-of-a-kind Tasting Room at 5701 Derek Avenue in Sarasota, FL. We are proud to feature Calusa Craft Beers, French Roast Coffee & Florida's Top Food Trucks.

RSVP next month

SCAVENGER HUNT ... ROAD RALLY ... TREASURE HUNT



Call it what you will, but the Hunt is on for **Sunday, September 10th at 2 p.m.** So save the date on your calendar NOW as you won't want to miss this fun afternoon, driving around Sarasota with your closest friends, trying to decipher clues written by two crazy people from Liverpool and one equally crazy Scot!!

What you will need

- a local map if you do not have GPS available,
- a cell phone (to call us if you get totally lost, use the navigation system or perhaps to take candid snapshots!?!?),
- good friends to share the ride with (it is always more fun to have more than two in the car, especially if you are married and wish to remain so,
- a very good sense of humour.
- The last item is essential. More details will follow in the next newsletter
- *RSVP Next Month*

**I went to a fortune teller and she looked at my hands.
She said 'your future looks pretty black'
I said 'Are you kidding? I've still got my gloves on!'**

The 2017 UK General Election

In case you are not too sure what the repercussions of the UK general election are, here's the explanation.

- The Conservatives won... but lost.
- Labour lost... but won.
- The SNP lost in Scotland... but still won.
- The Conservatives won in Scotland... but still lost.
- The government was Tory, but now can't be even though it is.
- They need to make some Irish chaps Tory so they can be in charge, even though they already were in charge and still are.
- These Irish chaps (DUP) won because they are needed by May.
- But by becoming Tory they will ultimately lose. (See LibDem)
- LibDem won as they got 3 more MPs making their total 12.
- But ultimately they lost as they had 57 MPs when they became Tories in 2010.
- UKIP lost but because of Brexit they had already won.
- 1 Independent won, but because there is no Independent party, they lost.
- But these 18 Independents are now MPs so they won.
- Sinn Fein can never win as they refuse to turn up for anything.
- But Sinn Fein do win as they can still claim expenses.
- Plaid Cymry (Wales) won as they have equalled their best ever result.
- But they lost as that's only four MPs so will continue to be useless.
- The winner (May) is being told to resign because she didn't win.
- But she won't resign because she won even though she lost.

Hope that clears it up for you.



When did you last have a "Full English"?

Join us on
Sunday, July 23 at
The British Corner Shop,
2236 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota.

The menu will be the same for everyone:

- 2 Fried Eggs
- 2 Pork Sausage Links
- 2 Rashers of English Bacon
- Fried Cherry Tomatoes
- Fried Mushrooms
- Heinz Baked Beans
- White or Wheat Toast
- Unlimited Tea



The cost, including tax and tip, is \$25.00 per person (includes tax and tip).

Please arrive between 10:00am and 11:00am.

Unlike afternoon tea, the food cannot be prepared in advance, so the owner has asked that we stagger our arrival times in order for everyone to be served with a freshly cooked breakfast. Champagne and Mimosas will be served while you wait.

We are limited to 25 people, so it will be first-come-first-served.

Please send an e-mail to Glenys Oldham at travelgal90@comcast.net if you wish to attend.

Your check should be made out to the British Club of Sarasota and mailed to;

P.O. Box 21063, Sarasota FL 34276

The deadline to sign up is July 14th. If more have 25 people sign up, we will keep a waiting list.

“I’m on a whisky diet...last week I lost three days!”



Paul Wilkinson is leading a team to raise funds for the way to Alzheimer's first survivor by participating in the Alzheimer's Association

Walk to End Alzheimer's®. Currently, more than 5 million Americans have Alzheimer's and that number is expected to grow to as many as 16 million by 2050. Our future is at risk unless we can find a way to change the course of this disease.

The Walk will take place on Saturday, November 11, please join us or make a donation to help us meet our goal of \$1,000

Contact **Paul Wilkinson** with questions – pwilkinson18@comcast.net

Thank you for joining the fight against Alzheimer's!

[To join the team - CLICK HERE](#)

[Donate to the team - CLICK HERE](#)

TREASURER REPORT

The Club has a balance of \$6428.50. The Board agreed to make a donation a suitable charity that supports efforts to mitigate childhood hunger in our community this summer.

2017 World Rowing Championships



The World Rowing Championships are looking for volunteers to help with the organization and logistics of the Event.

There are multiple opportunities available where members of our organization will be able to interact with the athletes and coaches representing Great Britain. Opportunities include volunteer positions such as, Team Ambassadors and Translators.

Moreover, during the week of the event, they will be hosting students from Sarasota and Manatee counties for their Adopt a Team program. These students have learned about specific countries participating at the 2017 World Rowing Championships, including Great Britain. They would be thrilled if members of our organization would be willing to participate.

For more information on how to get involved in this exciting endeavor, please contact Stephanie Manzano at: Stephanie@wrch2017.com or (941) 200-3607.

**‘Two cannibals were eating a clown – one said to the other
‘Does he taste funny to you?’**

FRUITY BREAD AND BUTTER PUDDING

One of the fun things at our Board meetings, is our potluck we do after the official meeting. There are so many variations of the old fashioned bread and butter pudding, and we all bring luvly stuff, and this is one I concocted which all enjoyed....didn't go home with any of it! Thought I would share it after being asked for the recipe !

½ cup dried fruit (*I used apricots, sultanas, cranberrys*)
2 Tbsp Grand Marnier
3 Tbsp Chunky orange marmalade (*I used half regular and half with ginger*)
8 slices of good bread, crusts cut off
Grated rind of 1 orange, and juice
3 eggs
2 cups milk
3 Tbsp demerara sugar
3 Tbsp runny honey

- Roughly chop the dried fruits, and place in bowl, then pour over the Grand Marnier and let sit for one hour to marinate.
- Preheat the oven 350 F. Butter an ovenproof dish and smear the marmalade around the base and sides.
- Butter the slices of bread.
- Drain the fruit saving the liquid, add the orange juice and peel.
- Place the bread and fruit in the baking dish, distributing the fruit evenly between the slices of bread.
- Whisk the eggs with the milk and sugar in a bowl, add the soaking liquid, and pour over the layers of fruit and bread. Let stand for about 30 minutes.
- Drizzle the honey over the top of the pudding, and bake 40-60 minutes, until lightly set (test with a knife, should come away clean) leave to stand about 10-15 minutes before serving. Lovely served with pouring cream.

Yield 6-8 servings
Sandra Cherry

‘My doctor told me to drink a bottle of wine after a hot bath, but I couldn’t even finish drinking the bathwater!’

NETFLIX SUGGESTIONS

Members should feel free to recommend BRITISH TV shows and movies that they have enjoyed by emailing Paul at pwilkinson18@comcast.net

We will start the ball rolling with the following shows that have entertained the Wilkinsons recently:

The Crown (Netflix) is an outstanding series (the first of six) that follows the first decade of our Queen Elizabeth II reign. It is doubtful that anyone will have missed the press buzz, especially since it won several Emmys. We found it lavish and entertaining, with sharply drawn characters. We dare you to watch only one episode at a sitting! **5***

The Fall (Netflix) stars Gillian Anderson (of X-Files) as a London detective transferred to Belfast to hunt a serial killer. Spanning 3 series, this is an outstanding police drama with an unexpected twist in the last series. **5***

Detectorists (Netflix) is a charming series that does not take itself seriously. Two amateur metal 'detectorists' search the beautiful English countryside in search of Saxon treasure. **4***

Escape to the Country (Netflix) has 25 episodes showcasing a different English county as we follow couples searching for the perfect retreat from the city. Beautifully photographed, this BBC docuseries is informative as well as entertaining. **4***

“I took saxophone lessons for six months until I dislocated my jaw. How was I to know that I was supposed to blow in the small end?” **

**** All jokes attributed to Tommy Cooper**

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.



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'.



Quotes

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning."
— Albert Einstein

"Associate yourself with people of good quality, for it is better to be alone than in bad company."
— Booker T. Washington

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