



# Brit Club News

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## Coming Events

**T**he SBC Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday 8th June** at the Village des Pins clubhouse, 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota @ 6:30pm. Members welcome.

**J**oin us for our 3rd annual Comedy evening at **McCurdy's Comedy Club** in Downtown Sarasota.

**Saturday July 8th, 7:00 pm**

We have 30 tickets for this event, priced at \$20 each. Please respond by email to Paul Wilkinson at [pwilkinson18@comcast.net](mailto:pwilkinson18@comcast.net).

First Come, First Served!

*(We will meet for an early dinner at a convenient venue tbd)*

### Elsewhere

**T**o keep up to date on other activities and events throughout the local British community please visit the Links Page of our own website <http://www.sarasotabritishclub.com/links>

Upcoming events in the planning stage:

Scavenger Hunt (September)?

Florida Native Plant Nursery (to learn about landscaping with native plants)



**P**lanned for **August.**

An evening at the Calusa Brewery. At 5701 Derek Avenue. Just north of Clarke Road. More information next month.



### Coming Events

- Talk on bees by Doug Schuler on June 9th
- McCurdy World of Comedy on July 8th
- Calusa Brewery visit in August

## President's Letter

Hi All

This has been such a happy and sad week for us all. What a terrible shock it was to us all when we heard about that despicable attack in Manchester on Monday. The Jacobs household was certainly reeling a bit as several younger members of Ross's family were at a 'Take That' concert in the same Manchester arena on Saturday night. This hit waaaaay too close to home! But Isn't it wonderful to see The Queen just ignore the terrorist warnings by stepping out with HRH to go and 'comfort the young victims' in the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. One amazing grannie, the epitome of British 'stiff upper lip'!

One minute I feel like I'm scared to travel or go anywhere and the next I'm furious at myself for thinking that way! But we can't let any of these cowardly b..... terrorists stop us from living life exactly how we want!

This past weekend was an exciting time for us, we saw our one and only grandchild graduate from high school on Sunday. It gave me a big kick to see all the grads march into the gymnasium to the tune of 'Land of Hope and Glory'. After my recent surgery I was not sure I was going to be able to attend but my surgeon gave me the go ahead on Thursday and we jumped on a flight to Chicago on Friday (with very few of the right clothes of course). Saturday night our family went to our favorite Chicago Korean BBQ restaurant, our whole family loves Korean BBQ and this little place actually brings a pot of red hot charcoal to your table to cook over – no gas grills here! We all waddled out licking our lips wishing we could find such a place near Sarasota so if you know of a good Korean BBQ place nearby, please let me know.

During our recent drought the water level in the lagoon behind our house was very low and Ross decided to do a bit of exploration and was amazed to find all these



sharks teeth along the waters edge. He later did a bit of digging just by the side of our lanai and discovered even more 'jewels'. Amazing since we live at least a mile from the ocean!

Thanks to Maggie Hughes for stepping up for the position of 2018 Newsletter Editor.

## Jane Jacobs



## PRÉCIS OF MAY 11TH, 2017 BOARD MEETING

There is no Treasurer's report this month.

There are currently 188 members; 160 family and 28 singles.

Annual dues should now have been paid; those who have not paid will be removed from the Membership List in a few days' time.

The Board is still looking for someone to do the Newsletter next year. Brian Thompson is stepping down after years of dedicated service.

**Life of Bees** There is still time to sign up for this talk by Doug Schuler on 9th June at the Village Des Pins Clubhouse from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Discussions for a possible **New Member Tea** have been postponed to the June meeting, as have discussions for a **Scavenger Hunt**. Other events in the works are **McCurdy's Comedy Theatre** on July 8th. More information will be forthcoming together with the name of the selected restaurant for a meal before the show. **Calusa Brewery** evening tentatively set for August 2nd; more information to follow. **Murder Mystery** is planned for sometime in October.

The **Memorial Day** ceremony at the RAF Memorial at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Arcadia is on May 29th.

The next meeting of the Board will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, 8th June at Village des Pins Clubhouse.

Submitted by **Sally Scott**  
Secretary



## Club Photos

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.

### President's Party 2017

<https://goo.gl/photos/Bndrmkj1krY7iBZp8>

### Christmas Party 2016

<http://tinyurl.com/zevh25g>

### Christmas 2016 Charity Donation

<http://tinyurl.com/jsjeepg>

### Walk to end Alzheimer's November 2016

<http://tinyurl.com/jt2b97e>

### Guy Fawkes 2016

<http://tinyurl.com/hefcj3n>

### Miguel's October 2016

<http://tinyurl.com/zhtt5oy>

### Visit to Van Wezel—May 2016

<http://tinyurl.com/hkxj4xb>

### Afternoon Tea on 23rd Sept 2016

<http://tinyurl.com/htw7k7b>

### Ladies' Evening March 2011

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

### Royal Wedding Party May 2011

<http://tinyurl.com/z7fl7or>

### February 2016 mini-golf

<http://tinyurl.com/jkzhxpz>

### Guy Fawkes 2012

<https://goo.gl/photos/C2NDPEZ9fUzejSoq7>

### 2012 Xmas Party

<http://tinyurl.com/jbep48m>

### 2013 Xmas Party

<http://tinyurl.com/zky3ba8>

### 2014 Xmas Party

<http://tinyurl.com/zqjgn3u>

### 2015 Xmas Party

<http://tinyurl.com/j79pb2u>

### Historic Spanish Point 2013

<http://tinyurl.com/jd5q4x4>

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?

**Brian Thompson** [lakewood2@gmail.com](mailto:lakewood2@gmail.com)



## HELP NEEDED

The Sarasota British Club only functions because our members contribute to its success. We have 200 (ish) members but are sadly lacking in volunteers to help arrange activities. Your Board tries very hard to organize an activity and a luncheon every month; but it is very hard for a small group to take the responsibility of organizing everything. PLEASE, can't you step up and help?

We have a very popular club and this has a lot to do with how active we are. We are very grateful to all the people who willingly volunteer every year, some of you have been doing this for over 15 years but we need some 'new blood'.

Please get in touch with me (Jane) or a member of the Board if you can find a few minutes to participate in your Club's activities.



## Quote

"Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared."

— Buddha

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

**R**eminder The Club's website [www.sarasotabritishclub.com](http://www.sarasotabritishclub.com) is our primary means of attracting potential new members. We look to current members to be our ambassadors familiar with our message and sharing it with those who might be interested in joining. Thank you.

Under 'Events' on the menu you can find the current newsletter and the newsletter archive.



## Thank You from Sandra Cherry

I would like to express a big thank you for so many of you sending me condolences on the passing of my dear Jack, on April 6th. I know many of you didn't know him, but he was a big part in helping to get the Club going and continuing for a long time. He was a dear man, and loved by many, and I am so blessed to have had him as my soul-mate for over 50 years, he is so missed. Our children and grandsons have been amazing also, and I am very grateful.

Also thanks for a wonderful arrangement of flowers and plants sent on behalf of the Club, quite beautiful. Blessings to you all, and I look forward to seeing you again at our Club activities.

Hugs,

**Sandra**



### Quote

“If you have an opportunity to make things better and you don't, then you are wasting your time on earth.”

— Roberto Clemente

### Trivia Question

What did Hyman Lipman do in 1858 that made life easier for students?

Answer at foot of next page.

Some Club members attended the St. George's Day celebration with the British American Club of Englewood.

Thanks to Sally Scott for the photos.



## JOKES

A lawyer had a wife and 12 children and needed to move as his rental agreement was coming to an end for the home where he lived but was having difficulty in finding a new home.

When he said he had 12 children, no one would rent a home to him because they knew that the children would destroy the home.

He could not say that he had no children, he could not lie, after all, lawyers cannot and do not lie.

So, he had an idea : he sent his wife for a walk to the cemetery with 11 children.

He took the remaining one with him to see homes with the real estate agent.

He liked one of the homes and the agent asked :

"How many children do you have?"

He answered : "12 children, but only one is with me now.

The agent asked "Where are the others ?

The lawyer answered, with a sad look, "They are in the cemetery with their mother.

And that's the way he was able to rent a home for his family without lying.

**MORAL** : It is not necessary to lie, one only has to choose the right words.

Lawyers don't lie ...they are creative .....and don't forget: Most politicians are lawyers.....



The story goes that Putin, Trump and Sturgeon died and went to Hell. Putin spotted a red telephone. "What is that for?", he asked. "For calls to Earth", the Devil replied.

Putin immediately made a one-minute call. "That will be \$1,000,000" said the Devil, and Putin paid up.

Trump made a six-minute call and paid the Devil \$6,000,000.

The Wicked Wee Witch was on there for 40 minutes. The Devil asked her for no money. When the other two protested, the Devil said, "Since Mrs Sturgeon took over as First Minister, Scotland has gone to Hell - so this was a local call for her."

Submitted by *George Copeland*



While enjoying their evening cocktails, the woman asks her husband, in a very seductive voice, "Have you ever seen twenty dollars all crumbled up?"

"No," said her husband.

She gave him a sexy little smile, unbuttoned the top 3 or 4 buttons of her blouse, and slowly reached down into the cleavage created by a soft, silky push-up bra, and pulled out a crumpled twenty dollar bill.

He took the crumpled twenty dollar bill from her and smiled approvingly.

She then asked him, "Have you ever seen fifty dollars all crumpled up?"

"Uh... no, I haven't," he said, with an anxious tone in his voice. She gave him another sexy little smile, pulled up her skirt, and seductively reached into her tight, sheer panty hose... and pulled out a crumpled fifty dollar bill.

He took the crumpled fifty dollar bill, and started breathing a little quicker with anticipation.

"Now," she said, "have you ever seen \$50,000 dollars all crumpled up?"

He said "No!", trying to hide his excitement

She said: "Check the garage."



A man goes to the doctor. The doc checks him over, and says "I'm so sorry sir, you have yellow 24, a nasty virus, so called because it turns your blood yellow . I'm afraid there's nothing at all I can do for you and you only have about 24 hours to live- just go home and enjoy your final precious moments on earth."

So he trudges home to wifey, and breaks the news. Distraught, she asks him to accompany her to bingo that evening so he can experience her idea of a night out, as he's never been there with her before.

He gets his 1st card, and wins 4 corners - prize £350, and then gets any line and wins £3,200. He also calls for a full house - and wins a grand. then the national grid comes up and he wins a further £380,000.

The bingo caller gets him on stage, and says "son - I've never seen you in here in all my life, but you won 4 corners, any line, full house & the national grid - I've never met anyone so lucky."

"Lucky??" he screamed, "lucky? I'll have you know I've got yellow 24!"

"Bloody hell!," says the bingo caller. "You jammy sod, you've only gone and won the raffle as well!"

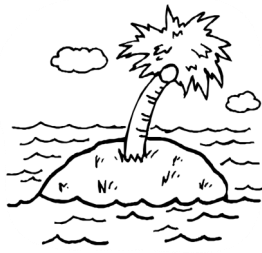
Answer from Page 4

He combined the pencil and eraser.



## Fun Florida Facts

- Amelia Island is the only US territory to have been under eight flags. French, Spanish, British, Patriot, Green Cross, Confederate, and the US.
- At over 1300 courses, Florida has the most golf courses of any state in the USA.



## Exchange Rates for 25th May

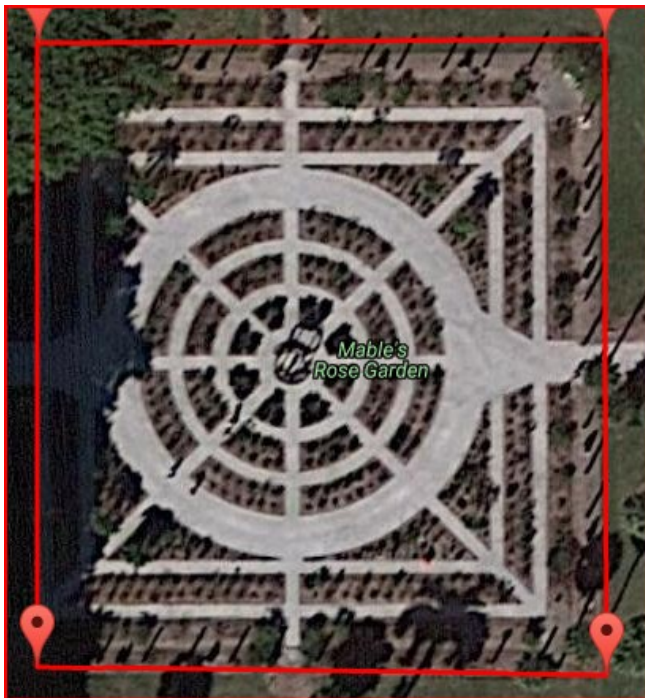
From	To	Rate
 GBP	 USD	1.2953
 EUR	 USD	1.1212

From Moneycorp.com

## On your Computer

In June 2010 I featured a website [ypike.com](http://ypike.com) (Virtual turnpike) At the time this site offered the ability to 'drive' a route so you might visualize it. Sadly that option has been taken away, but one potentially useful tool is land measurement. Google Earth enables you to measure straight lines anywhere and Google Maps measures the length of a road with all its changes of direction but this site enables you to 'draw' your area on the satellite or map view. By example, this way I found that the Mable Ringling Rose Garden is approximately 220 yards around the perimeter and 0.62 acre.

*Brian Thompson*



## Lunch at Flynn's

Twenty-two of us enjoyed a very pleasant lunch at Flynn's on Venice Avenue on May 19<sup>th</sup>, a huge thank you to Mike and Di Kirk for making all the arrangements and to Sue Flynn for making us feel so welcome. We were very pleasantly surprised when a piper showed up playing God Save the Queen. I think our friend Hana had something to do with this. REMINDER: If you make a reservation and are unable to attend, please have the courtesy to let us know especially if (as in this case) meals have been pre ordered as The Club gets stuck with the bill.



## *English Eccentrics*

Charles Waterton 1782 – 1865

**B**ritain has always had many eccentrics throughout its history and scientist Charles Waterton was certainly one of them. Born to the Roman Catholic landed gentry, his ancestral home was Walton Hall in West Yorkshire. He was descended from a Saxon noble, as well, a lineage that included eight saints and four historical figures found in the works of Shakespeare. His family suffered greatly during the reign of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I which accounted for his hostility towards Protestants throughout his life.

During his lifetime he was a noted explorer, naturalist, early environmentalist and skilled taxidermist. Whatever his accomplishments, he was also considered by many of his contemporaries as a loony and prankster with a vindictive streak. Spending much of his time in South America, he discovered the medicinal uses of curare and introduced it to the medical community of Britain. He spent much of his time hiking barefoot, rode a crocodile, punched out a python and, with an interest in the properties of bloodletting, would sleep under a mosquito net leaving his foot exposed in hopes of being bitten by a vampire bat.

At home in Britain he was known to sport an unfashionable crewcut and married a 17 year old, mixed-race Guianan girl when he was in his mid-forties. He was also reputed to dress as a scarecrow and sit in trees, pretended to be his own butler and then tickled his guests with a coal brush, and pretended to be a dog and bite the legs of guests as they came into his house. As a taxidermist he would create imaginary creatures to fool the fellow scientists and the public to include facial features that resembled well-known Protestants. One of his major hobbies was writing essays damning his scientific nemeses, namely John James Audubon and Charles Darwin. In truth, he considered most scientists his enemies, as he was regarded as an unhinged kook by the naturalist community. The most minor disagreements set him ranting and raving; after a manifesto-length screed against Audubon spurred by a quibble over the olfactory faculties of vultures, one prominent scientist declared him “stark, staring mad.” When magazines would no longer publish his invectives, he printed them on pamphlets and sent them to everyone.

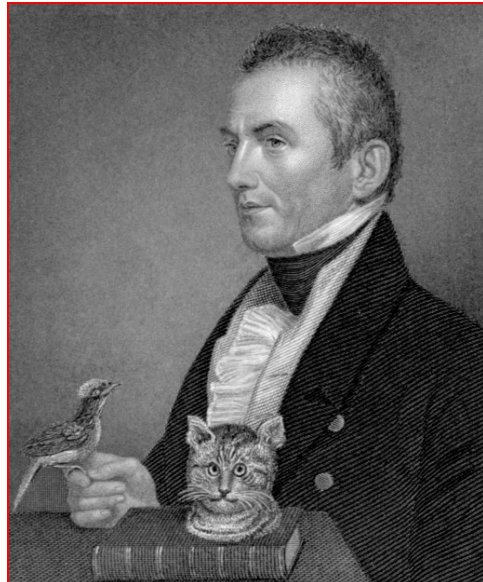
At the ripe old age of 83 he suffered a fall causing internal injuries that proved fatal whilst walking on his estate. David Attenborough has described him as “one of the first people anywhere to recognize, not only that the natural world was of great importance, but that it needed

protection as humanity made more and more demands on it”.

Submitted by *Gary Lee*

*Courtesy of Gary Beaver, The British Players, Washington, D.C.*

*Pictures from Wikipedia and Geograph.org.uk*





## 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.



**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'.



### 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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