



# Brit Club News

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## Coming Events

**T**he SBC Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday May 12th** at the Village des Pins clubhouse, 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota @ 6:30pm. Members welcome.

**W**ed May 11 **Van Wezel Tour** & optional lunch at Marina Jack. **THE VAN WEZEL TOUR IS NOW FULL**, but if anyone would like to join us for lunch please let me know. Members with reservations will meet in the main lobby at 9.50am, for a 2 hour tour from 10 - 12pm . Tour will include art work, sculptures, back stage & stage areas. \$5 cash per person (to be paid at The Van Wezel on the day). Wear comfortable shoes & a sweater. I have made a reservation for Marina Jack's 2nd floor dining room for 12.30, payment will be individual member's responsibility at the restaurant - view their extensive menu at...

<http://tinyurl.com/ho3a9qk>

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

### 3rd Friday Lunch

We have reserved the Pavilion at the Nokomis Beach for a Pot Luck picnic lunch on Friday May 20.

Meet at noon, bring a dish to pass, and wear your beach clothes!

The Pavilion is at 1000 South Casey Key Road, (the North Jetty Park).

There is ample parking, and facilities are close by.  
NO GLASS please

RSVP to Diana Wilkinson

[dwilkinson18@comcast.net](mailto:dwilkinson18@comcast.net)



**M**emorial Day Ceremony in Arcadia, Monday May 30th at 10.00am, followed by lunch at Mary Margaret's Tea and Biscuit, 10 South Polk Avenue, Arcadia, Florida 34266.

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### Coming Events

- Games Night
- Van Wezel Tour
- Arcadia—May 30th, Memorial Day Ceremony Oak Ridge Cemetery (Page 4)
- Quiz Night June 11th
- McCurdy's Comedy Club July 9th (Page 7)
- Conducted Tour of Raymond James Art Collection plus Lunch in St.Pete—27th May, details by email..
- Nokomis Beach Lunch

## President's letter – May 2016

Our annual outing to Tampa Bay Downs was a very pleasant day out. We enjoyed perfect weather, and a sumptuous buffet lunch. Judging by the lines of excited members at the Tote payout after every race, many of us came away ahead – or at least not having lost too much! I was reminded that this event sums up all of the goals



of the Club, to socialize with other members in a pleasant setting, with diverting entertainment. Special recognition and thanks go to Steve Adams who has taken on the task of organizing the event for the past few years.

Your Board is working on a variety of different events for the next few months, and if any members have any special requests or ideas, please let me know. We could also use some help from you in organizing the events – particularly the monthly 3rd Friday lunch. We try to alternate North, South, and Center for these lunches, and if we could find a willing member in each area, the task would only be needed once every three months. All that is needed is to approach a local restaurant to set up the location, and to keep track of members as they indicate they will attend. We will take care of the emails and announcements.

Finally, a special Happy Birthday to Her Majesty on her 90th. God Save the Queen!



Photo source: Flickr.com

## St. George's Day with the Englewood British Club

. Photos from Elaine Allen-Emrich



## Precis of April Board Meeting

Membership stands at 184. We have some outstanding renewals, Ivan is sending out reminders. Treasurer's balance stands at \$4255.66. Newsletter reported some members having difficulty accessing photos and Brian will investigate options. Website will put up links for car clubs and British American club of Englewood. Lunch at Pancake house was attended by 35-40 people but service was very slow. 'Travels with Margaret Thatcher' had 55+ attendees. Room was compact for so many people but everyone enjoyed Cynthia's talk. Talk on 'How to read the Race Card' was attended by only 7 members. Discussed other presenter options. Van Wezel tour has been arranged by Jane Thompson for May 11th. Brian Thompson is looking into a tour of the Raymond James Art Tour. McCurdy's set for July 9th

*Submitted by Jane Jacobs*



## CLEVER WORDS FOR CLEVER PEOPLE

### 1. ARBITRAITOR

*A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's*



### 2. BERNADETTE

*The act of torching a mortgage*

### 3. BURGLARIZE

*What a crook sees through*



### 4. AVOIDABLE

*What a bullfighter tries to do*

### 5. EYEDROPPER

*Clumsy ophthalmologist*

### 6. CONTROL

*A short, ugly inmate*

### 7. COUNTERFEITER

*Workers who put together kitchen cabinets*

### 8. ECLIPSE

*What an English barber does for a living*

### 9. LEFT BANK

*What the bank robbers did when their bag was full of money*

### 10. HEROES

*What a man in a boat does*



### 11. PARASITES

*What you see from the Eiffel Tower*

### 12. PARADOX

*Two physicians*



### 13. PHARMACIST

*A helper on a farm*

### 14. POLARIZE

*What penguins see through*

### 15. PRIMATE

*Remove your spouse from in front of TV*

### 16. RELIEF

*What trees do in the spring*

### 17. RUBBERNECK

*What you do to relax your wife*

### 18. SELFISH

*What the owner of a seafood store does*

### 19. SUDAFED

*Brought litigation against a government official*

### 20. PARADIGMS

*Diamond stud earrings*

*Submitted by Norman Shelley*

**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.

**Memorial Day, Monday May 30th**  
**ARCADIA AND THE ROYAL AIR FORCE**  
**CONNECTION**

Each year on Memorial Day a service coordinated by the Arcadia Rotary Club and the local American Legion is held to honor 23 RAF trainee pilots and their American instructor who were killed training at nearby Carlstrom and Riddle flight schools during WWII. This will be the 60th occasion.



Well over one hundred people, many of whom bring floral tributes, congregate at the beautifully maintained British Plot in the Oak Ridge Cemetery.

The one hour service, starting at 10:00 a.m. at which the Sarasota British Club is always represented, is dignified and moving. The Union Flag and RAF flags fluttering overhead add a further touch of the Britain to the proceedings.

We urge you to attend the ceremony this Memorial Day, to honor our countrymen who gave their lives for us. On the way home we generally stop off for a light lunch. (see column 2)

**Directions:** Go east on SR 70 (from Bradenton) or SR 72 (from Sarasota) for about 35 miles. Follow signs to Arcadia. As you enter the town on SR 70 the road forks.....take the left fork (Oak Street) to Lee and turn left (there's a bit of a right/left jog in the road at Whidden Street) till the road stops. Turn left and follow that road into Oak Ridge Cemetery. Drive straight on and look for the Union Flag flying over the plot.

Bring lawn chairs as seating is often limited. Also you may want to bring an umbrella for shade.

**Afterwards**

We have been contacted by Dr. Jennifer Harding from Birmingham, UK who is a daughter of a RAF cadet, posted to Florida in WW2. She writes a 6 page newsletter for No.5 B.F.T.S. Association. This is attached (file


name Newsletter Christmas 2015) for those receiving emails.

She writes and invites attendees to go to Mary Margaret's Tea and Biscuit, 10 South Polk Avenue, Arcadia, Florida 34266.

“Mary Margaret's Tea and Biscuit takes us back to the grandeur of the Victorian era. As well as lovely soups, salads and sandwiches, desserts include traditional British favourites, which 5BFTS cadets would instantly recognise, such as White Chocolate Bread Pudding (although the strict rationing of sweets and sugar in war time Britain meant that chocolate in bread pudding was a luxury not enjoyed by people back home), Sticky Toffee Pudding, Chocolate Log with Raspberry filling and of course, Scones with clotted cream and Strawberry Jam”

She suggests that those interested in lunch there contact her at [jen@jennyharding.co.uk](mailto:jen@jennyharding.co.uk) as space may be limited.

**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'.



## Did you know that March 4th was National Pi Day?

3.14% of sailors are pi-rates.

Never talk to pi. He'll go on forever.

Come to the nerd side. We have pi.

Simple as 3.141592...

The roundest knight at King Arthur's table was Sir Cumference. He ate too much pi.

The worst thing about getting hit in the face with pi is that it never ends.

What do you get when you take green cheese and divide its circumference by its diameter? Moon pi.

What was Sir Isaac Newton's favorite dessert? Apple pi.

What is the official animal of Pi Day? The pi-thon.

A pizza has a radius  $z$  and thickness  $a$ . Its volume is pizza (or  $\pi * z * z * a$ )

What is a math teacher's favorite dessert? Pi!

The mathematician says, "Pi r squared." The baker replies, "No, pies are round. Cakes are square."

Just saw American Pi. I gave it a rating of 3.14.

In Alaska, where temperatures get below freezing, pi is only 3.00. After all, everything shrinks in the cold.

What do you get when you take the sun and divide its circumference by its diameter? Pi in the sky.

How many pastry chefs does it take to make a pie? 3.14.

What do you get when you cut a jack-o'-lantern by its diameter? Pumpkin pi.

What is 1.57? Half a pie.

What is the ideal number of pieces to cut a pie into? 3.14.

How many calories are there in that slice of chocolate pi? Approximately 3.14.



## BRITISH ECCENTRICS—Chris Eubank

Christopher Livingstone Eubanks (born 8 August 1966), known as Chris Eubank, is a British former professional boxer. He held the WBO middleweight and super-middleweight titles, scoring victories over six world champions in a career that spanned thirteen years, and is ranked by BoxRec as the third best British super-middleweight boxer of all time. A slick, awkward and unorthodox fighter, Eubank had natural athleticism, coupling speed and one-punch knockout power used together with ease.

### USA Connection

When he was 16, his father sent him to New York in the U.S. to live with his mother in the tough South Bronx district. Eubank made a fresh start in New York, battling drug, alcohol and shoplifting addictions to attend church and school. In his spare time he trained at the

Jerome Boxing Club on Westchester Avenue. Eubank became obsessed with boxing training and went to the gym every day, even working as caretaker to pay his way. He won the 1984 Spanish Golden Gloves Tournament and also got to the semi-final stage of the main Golden Gloves tourney at Madison Square Garden at aged 18.

He was a world champion for over five years, undefeated in his first ten years as a professional, and remained undefeated at middleweight. His world title contests against fellow Britons Nigel Benn and Michael Watson helped British boxing ride a peak of popularity in the 1990s, with Eubank's eccentric personality making him one of the most recognisable celebrities of the period.

In his final years of boxing he challenged then-up and coming contender Joe Calzaghe in a bid to reclaim his WBO super-middleweight title, with a victorious Calzaghe later claiming that it was the toughest fight of his whole career. Eubank's last two fights were against WBO junior-heavyweight champion Carl Thompson, both of which were brutal encounters. In the rematch, Eubank was stopped for the first and only time in his career.

### Eccentricity

Speaking with a lisp and in affected upper-class tones; dressing as a stereotypically upper-class Englishman (in jodhpurs, bowler hat and riding boots; sporting a monocle) and carrying a silver-tipped cane.

His collection of vehicles included a customised Harley-Davidson and a huge American Peterbilt 379 truck cab – the largest truck in Europe. At one time he owned the only Hummer in the UK and Ireland.

He purchased the lord of the manor rights in Brighton at auction in 1996 and used the ancient right of this position to appoint a town crier in addition to the town crier employed by the local authority. In 1994 he took over a prime site in the city, which he called 'Buckingham Place'. He knocked down the interior whilst keeping the grade II façade intact and built 69 flats for the homeless, using £1,250,000 of his own money. The building was later sold for redevelopment in 2000.

In 2006, Eubank was sacked by his own public relations advisor, Richard Hillgrove, for being "too eccentric".

In November 2009, Eubank was declared bankrupt, owing £1.3 million in taxes.

Photo and info source: Wikipedia.com



Photos of the Tampa Downs Trip. Thanks to Sally Scott



## Join us for the World Series of Comedy



on  
Saturday July 9th  
7:00 pm  
at  
McCurdy's Comedy Club  
1923 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota

We had such a great time last year we have decided to do it again!

The search is on for the best comedian in the United States. There are different comics every night in every show. 40 Comics in one week. The World Series of Comedy travels all around North America, holding comedy contests. Forty different professional comics from all over the United States and Canada will travel to McCurdy's Comedy Club to perform for a chance to win a trip to Las Vegas in You get to vote during the shows, helping to pick the winners!



EVERYONE MUST BE AT LEAST 18YRS WITH A VALID ID.

THERE IS A 2 ITEM MINIMUM PURCHASE PER PERSON FROM THE FOOD/DRINKS MENU.

Tickets are \$20.00 each on a first come/first served basis.

Please send your check made payable to Sarasota British Club to:

P.O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276

Please email me with your reservations (or questions) [jane60010@yahoo.com](mailto:jane60010@yahoo.com).

Last year we met for an early dinner before the show so if you are interested in doing that this year let me know and I will make reservations somewhere. If you have a restaurant suggestion, let me know the name.



## New Members

### Welcome to Les and Linda Wright

Les enjoys golf, learning piano, soccer and cricket.

Linda enjoys pilates, cycling, all things Italian, travel, cats and wildlife. They heard about the Club via the internet.

They are retired, from Wakefield, West Yorkshire.

They spend about 5 months per year at their home on Perico Island, near Anna Maria Island, from where they can visit the great restaurants here. Apart from their individual pastimes they play tennis, biking, beach walks, learning kayaking and pickleball together. They have 3 adult children, plus a 5 month old granddaughter. They love the theatre and support local theatre groups when possible.



### Welcome to David and Lynn Leach

They live in Lakewood Ranch and spend summers in North Carolina, but love travelling anywhere.

Their hobbies are scuba, mountain biking, hiking (David)..

They have been married for 23 years.

David has 2 children who were born in Nairobi, as he lived in Kenya from 1957-'68 and 1976-'80.

They have 4 grandkids that they adore.

Lynn is American, David has dual citizenship having been born in Salford, and is consequently a Manchester United fan.

David has an MBA from Harvard and BA from Sheffield



## Quotes

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.

- Mark Twain

By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.

- Socrates

## Exchange rates from Moneycorp.com, 26th April

From	To	Rate
GBP	USD	1.4608
EUR	USD	1.1309

## 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.



## JOKES

Two Mexican detectives were investigating the murder of Juan Gonzalez.

"How was he killed?" asked one detective.

"With a golf gun," the other detective replied.

"A golf gun?! What is a golf gun?"

"I don't know. But it sure made a hole in Juan."

Why did the cows return to the marijuana field?

It was the pot calling the cattle back.

Two old men are drinking in a bar. One says, "Did you know that Lions have sex 10 to 15 times a day?"

"Aww, darn!" says his friend, "and I have just joined the Rotary"

What's the difference between a cat and a comma?

One has claws at the end of its paws and the other is a pause at the end of a clause.

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