



BritClub News

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Coming Events

The SBC Board Meeting on May 15th at the home of Paul & Diana Wilkinson @ 6:30pm. Members welcome but please call ahead, see Page 3, as space is limited.

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 an 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.

Jane Thompson
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Memorial Day Service 26th May at Arcadia. Details see Page 3.

Games Night on June 14th. Details see Page 7.

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/knv7a6p>

NOTE: As there will not be a separate BritNews for June there will be a list of forthcoming events circulated by email A hard copy will be sent to those without a computer.

Brian Thompson

President's Letter May/June 2014

Yes, you did read the heading correctly—this is the May/June issue of the *British Club News*. We will forego a separate June issue this time around as our valiant Newsletter Editor, Brian Thompson, will be away next month on a well-deserved holiday and will not be able to produce a separate June newsletter. Notices of upcoming Club events or any other notices to the membership that would ordinarily be placed in a June issue will be circulated to the membership by email or will be sent by USPS mail to those few Club members who do not have email addresses.



I look forward to the Club venture to Tampa Bay Downs on the last Sunday in April. This day of horse racing, good food and SBC conviviality is always great fun—even if one doesn't fare spectacularly at the betting window. You may be interested in a bit of history about this horse racing venue gleaned from its website: It opened in 1926 as Tampa Downs under the aegis of investors Harvey Meyers and Colonel Matt J. Winn from Ohio and Kentucky, respectively. The track was taken over in 1943 by the U.S. Army and used as a training facility. After WWII, the racecourse was given the name, Sunshine Park, and sported modern enhancements such as an electrically-operated starting gate, tote board and photo finish. Throughout the fifties, Sunshine Park became a popular spot for a number of sportswriters who came to the area to cover spring training of baseball teams and was often referred to as the "Santa Anita of the South"—a reference to the well-known racetrack in the Los Angeles area. Further name changes for the Tampa racetrack were to come: in 1965, the track was given the name, Florida Downs; and in 1980, it reverted to the original name, Tampa Downs. Finally, under new ownership in 1986, the track was given its current name, Tampa Bay Downs.

As a closing note this month and especially for British vintage movie buffs, I refer readers to the item on page 5, "Great Britons of the Cinema," which is taken from the writings of a former colleague. See you at the races!



SANDRA'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH



I love soup in any form, any time, and this is one of my favourites, it is a lovely flavour using Roquefort cheese, but actually any cheese would be good, Stilton, Cheddar etc...it needs to be a strong cheese though. Because the cauliflower and celery have a higher water content this is one of my soups that does not freeze well. Hope you enjoy it, this is my version of an old BBC Good Food recipe.

Cauliflower Soup with Roquefort

- 1 medium size cauliflower
- 2 1/2 cups water
- 2 oz crumbled Roquefort
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 oz butter
- 1 medium onion, peeled and chopped
- 2 sticks celery, peeled and chopped
- 1 large leek, trimmed and washed well, chopped
- 1 medium potato, peeled and chopped
- 2 Tbsp creme fraiche
- salt and pepper

Trim the cauliflower into small florets, and put the left over stalk & green pieces and put into saucepan; add 2 1/2 cups of water with some salt and bring to a boil. Simmer about 20 minutes with a lid (Or you can use a vegetable stock and water) Melt the butter in a large saucepan, and add the onion, celery, leek and potato. Cover and let it very gently simmer about 15 minutes. Add the strained stock, the bay leaves and the cauliflower florets and simmer gently for about 30 minutes. Allow to cool, remove the bay leaves, and puree in a food processor or blender until smooth and creamy. Slowly reheat in pan, add the creme fraiche and cheese and stir until the cheese has melted.(...don't let it boil, or it will curdle.)

Yield 4-6- servings

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

Transportation to Club Events

The Board has 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.



SBC Board Meeting Precip April 10th 2014

The March meeting was held at the Lee home. This was the first meeting for our new Secretary, Barry Evans. Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$7,372.14, including membership renewals.

Membership currently down from last year. Board discussed how best to reach out to retain members. Mark Malkasian reported on the most recent meeting of the Website Subcommittee on revising the SBC website and condensing it to fewer, but more useful pages, particularly for recruiting new members. Specific suggestions on how best to accomplish the website revisions will be put forward at the May Board meeting. Recent and upcoming social events were discussed and the need for participants to make sure they have reserved their places with the event organizer. Tampa Downs event on April 27 fully booked. A new members' coffee/tea event was suggested and will be discussed further in May. As traditional, the Club will be represented at the annual Memorial Day service in Arcadia for the RAF pilots who died in local training during WWII. Next Board meeting will be held May 15th at the home of Diana and Paul Wilkinson.

Gary A. Lee, President

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Memorial Day at Arcadia

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 at nearby Carlstrom and Riddle flight schools during WWII.

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 Jack and RAF flags fluttering overhead add a further touch of Britain to the proceedings.

We do hope that many of our members, especially those of us who remember the dark days of World War II, will attend the ceremony this Memorial Day, 30th May to honor our countrymen who gave their lives for us. On the way home we plan to stop off for a light lunch.

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 Jack flying over the plot.

Bring lawn chairs as seating is limited.

For further information call Terry Sweeney at 941-918-0550

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'.

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



Steve Adams's Appalachian Trial

2013's President Steve started hiking the Appalachian Trail on 22nd March as mentioned in the March BritNews.

Some updates taken from his blog at <http://myappalachiantrial.com> : The most recent update was on 30th April where, after 40 days he had covered 377 miles and had reached Carver's Gap, near Burnsville, North Carolina . He aims to increase his daily rate now that he has his 'hiking legs'.



Days 31-35 Hot Springs to Erwin (Mile 342 since Springer Mountain) Steve says 'Hot Springs was a gorgeous place to spend some time' The improbably named Big Firescald Knob was encountered after miles of climbing through the mountains. He has occasionally met other hikers and they have given him a good feeling about the younger people. 'To a man, they are polite, intelligent, happy and, to be honest, some of the most delightful people I've met here'. Steve has also seen great kindness from locals on the route.



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

Days 35-40 Erwin to Carver's Gap.

Steve's wife Diane is covering a lot of miles going to meet him at various staging points and ensuring that his backpack is restocked with food for the next leg. Making phone contact to coordinate the meeting has been fraught when there is no cell phone signal.

Steve's trail name of 'Mighty Blue' refers to his love of Southend United. (see Steve's photo in their strip, which

would not include a woolly hat.) He has met other travellers with names that include Jersey Girl, Hat Trick, Buchanan, True Story, Hawkeye and Science Tooth and Little Foot so a perhaps a pseudonym is a requisite for this hike. The Appalachian Trail Museum's site at <http://www.atmuseum.org/trailnames.htm> features a few trail names.

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



"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.



UK Shopping.

About a year ago I mentioned that Marks and Spencer were offering mail order with free delivery to the USA. I can verify that this service is on offer at present. It is a shame that their food cannot be included too!

From their website, www.marksandspencer.com add the code USDELIVERY and with a minimum spend of \$30 the cost of delivery is deducted.

If you know of another UK business that 'panders' to ex-pats, let me know.

Brian Thompson

YOUR M&S

"Old friends pass away, new friends appear. It is just like the days. An old day passes, a new day arrives. The important thing is to make it meaningful: a meaningful friend - or a meaningful day."

— **Dalai Lama**

Great Britons of the Cinema

Unless you are of advanced middle age or beyond, the names Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger probably mean nothing to you. However, this prolific duo were responsible for some of the finest films coming out of England in the period of the 1930's – 1950's. Powell (Director) and Pressburger (Screenwriter and Producer) collaborated on 19 films, most being the great classics of the era. They were the Merchant/Ivory of their day. Of their many films, two recommended favorites are “A Matter of Life and Death” and “I Know Where I'm Going”.

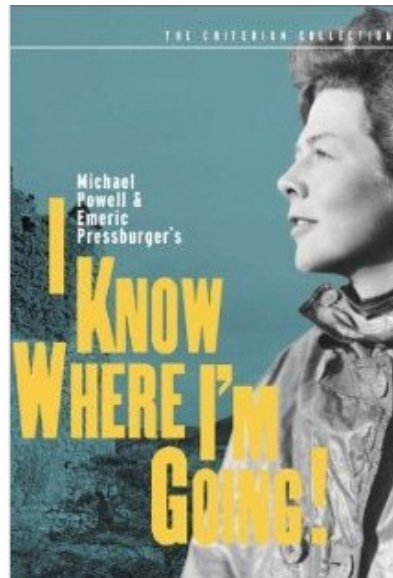
A Matter of Life and Death (1946)

was released in American movie houses under the title “Stairway to Heaven”. In this romance and fantasy set in World War II England, a RAF bomber pilot (David Niven) jumps from his burning aircraft without his parachute which has been destroyed. Instead of being collected by a supernatural conductor to heaven's processing room, he accidentally survives thereby throwing the celestial order out of balance. Back on earth our pilot meets and falls in love with an American woman in the US Army (Kim Hunter). Summoned by Heaven's messenger to surrender his life, our pilot appeals and stands before Heaven's court in judgement. He faces a prosecutor (Raymond Massey), who portrays an anti-British American who died from a British musket ball at the Battle of Bunker Hill during the American Revolution. The defense counsel is played by the outstanding Welsh actor Roger Livesey. Like so many of the Powell and Pressburger films, hope and redemption are the major themes.



I Know Where I'm Going (1945):

This film is a lovely romance, filmed in the closing days of World War II. It relays the spirit of hope Britain was feeling with the war nearly won and a bright new future dawning for the country. It starred the great talents of the young Wendy Hiller, Roger Livesey, and the particularly young Petula Clark. Shot in the Hebrides in black and



white, the cinematography is simply amazing. The story is of a modern and determined young Englishwoman travelling north to marry a local noble. Due to various circumstances she meets and falls in love instead with a handsome young naval officer. It is a sweet and moving story that emotionally challenges even the most cynical among

us. Current DVD releases of these films contain commentary by Director Martin Scorsese as he is a great admirer of Powell and Pressburger films.

Submitted by Gary Lee and adapted from essays on British films by Gary Beaver of the British Players in Washington, D.C.

Poster images from imdb.com, a great source of information about old and new films.



Easter Eggs

Easter has passed but ‘Easter Eggs’ is a term for hidden quirks on a computer. Often they are created by software geeks with nothing better to do. If you use the Chrome browser try searching ‘Google in 1998’ shows how its web page looked back then. Or search ‘Do a barrel roll’, this also works in Firefox apparently. Also try searching ‘Google gravity’ to see the Google page fall downwards.

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 on Page 3.

JOKES

Jim decided to tie the knot with his longtime girlfriend. One evening, after the honeymoon, he was cleaning his golf shoes. His wife was standing there watching him. After a long period of silence she finally speaks. "Honey, I've been thinking, now that we are married I think it's time you quit golfing. Maybe you should sell your golf clubs." Jim gets this horrified look on his face. She says, "Darling, what's wrong?" "There for a minute you were sounding like my ex-wife." "Ex-wife!" she screams, "I didn't know you were married before!" "I wasn't!"

THE WAY WOMEN THINK

Husband's Message (by mobile phone)
"Honey, I got hit by a car outside of the office. Paula brought me to the Hospital. They have been performing tests and taking X-rays. The blow to my head though very strong, will not have any serious or lasting injury. But, I have three broken ribs, a broken arm, a compound fracture in the left leg, and they may have to amputate the right foot."
Wife's Response:
"Who is Paula?"



Witty Quotations

The best cure for sea sickness, is to sit under a tree.
Spike Milligan

Lawyers believe a man is innocent until proven broke.
Robin Hall

Kill one man and you're a murderer, kill a million and you're a conqueror.
Jean Rostand.

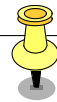
Having more money doesn't make you happier. I have 50 million dollars but I'm just as happy as when I had 48 million.
Arnold Schwarzenegger.

We are here on earth to do good unto others. What the others are here for, I have no idea.
WH Auden

If life were fair Elvis would still be alive today and all the impersonators would be dead.
Johnny Carson

I don't believe in astrology. I am a Sagittarius and we're very skeptical.
Arthur C Clarke

Hollywood must be the only place on earth where you can be fired by a man wearing a Hawaiian shirt and a baseball cap.
Steve Martin



Membership Fees were due by March 31

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Sarasota British Club
PO Box 21063
Sarasota, FL 34276

*Alas the end of March has come
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For fun and games and social events
And friends from home, ladies and
gents
The Club needs funds to pay our way
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For iPad, iPhone and Android

Microsoft has announced that there is an app so you will be able to open Word, Excel and Powepoint files. In order to edit these files you would generally need a subscription to Office 365 however go to Google Play or the Android link <http://tinyurl.com/qbve9lo> it says 'Sign in with a free Microsoft account to create, edit and save documents for home use.'



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one light north of Sarasota Square Mall opposite 'The Fountains'
Enter development, take the 1st left and the clubhouse is on the left.
Please consider carpooling as parking space is limited.**

JOKES

There are 3 spies that get captured. One is French, one is English and the other is Italian and named Luigi.

Their captors come into the cell and grab the French spy and tie his hands behind a chair in the next room. They torture him for 2 hours before he answers all questions and gives up all of his secrets.

The captors throw the French spy back into the cell and grab the English spy.

They tie his hands behind the chair as well and torture him for 4 hours before he tells them what they want to know. They throw him back into the cell and grab the Italian spy Luigi.

They tie his hands behind the chair and begin torturing. 4 hours go by, and the Luigi isn't talking. Then 8 hours, then 16, and after 24 hours they give up and throw him back into the cell.

The English and French spies are impressed, and ask him how he managed to not talk. The Italian spy Luigi responds, "I wanted to, but I couldn't move my hands!"



A doctor and a lawyer were talking at a party. Their conversation was constantly interrupted by people describing their ailments and asking the doctor for free medical advice. After an hour of this, the exasperated doctor asked the lawyer, "What do you do to stop people from asking you for legal advice when you're out of the office?"

"I give it to them," replied the lawyer, "and then I send them a bill."

The doctor was shocked, but agreed to give it a try.

The next day, still feeling slightly guilty, the doctor prepared the bills. When he went to place them in his mailbox, he found a bill from the lawyer.

REMINDER -

The 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

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“There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.”

— **John Holmes**

“The teacher who is indeed wise does not bid you to enter the house of his wisdom but rather leads you to the threshold of your mind.”

— **Khalil Gibran**

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