



BritClub News

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COMING EVENTS

SBC BOARD MEETING

Next meeting will be **Wednesday**, November 8th (**Note the change of day!**). Village Des Pins Clubhouse: 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota @ 6:30 pm. Guests welcome (*please let us know that you are coming!*)

GUY FAWKES NOVEMBER 5

We will convene for the annual Guy Fawkes celebration at 5 pm on SUNDAY November 5 at the Sea Turtle Pavilion on Siesta Key Public Beach.

The Club will provide Hot Dogs, Baked Potatoes and soft drinks. Bring your own adult beverage but remember that GLASS IS NOT ALLOWED ON THE BEACH. Sunset is at 5:40 pm, and we encourage you to watch on the beach.

As this is a Sunday event, the famous Drum Circle will start around 4 pm - if you have not seen it we recommend arriving early to do so. There will be additional crowds for this event but there should be enough parking.

If you want to come and have not signed up and paid the \$10 per head fee, please call Paul Wilkinson ASAP! (410 990 4698) We cater for the correct number and need your cooperation to ensure that everyone gets a hot dog!



WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S NOVEMBER 11TH

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](#)

CHRISTMAS PARTY SAT DEC 9 SEE PAGE 6
FOR MENU , RESERVATIONS ETC

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

SARASOTA, FL 34276
PRESIDENT'S LETTER

This article should have been in the **October** newsletter but somehow missed so you can read it this month instead.



Well, what an interesting couple of weeks we have all had weather wise. I am pleased to report that apart from lengthy power outages and one roof sustaining tree damage I have not heard any of our members suffering much from the effects of Irma.

Ross and I had decided to stay home and sit the storm out but once the dire warnings of a direct hit reached us we realized that although we have a new roof with hurricane straps etc. our windows are circa 1978! We evacuated to Osprey to friends with a newer home and hurricane shutters! Fortunately, our house sustained no damage just large amounts of debris on the yard.

Most of us had a lucky escape from Irma. But could it have been something else protecting us? We have all heard of the legendary blessing that Sarasota supposedly has. The story goes something like this:



Sarasota is protected from hurricanes because American Indians once lived here because they knew it was a safe place.

Reality: Historians have no idea which tribes even lived in Sarasota County

The American Indians who once lived here blessed this place to make it safe from hurricanes.

Reality: If true, more of them might have lived in Sarasota. History shows more of them moved inland at certain times. Was this due to storms or mosquitoes?

American Indian burial grounds scattered throughout the county are keeping storms at bay.

Reality: The native burial ground on Historic Spanish Point offers few clues, only that people lived in the area as early as 3,000 B.C.

The magic powers of Siesta Key's white sand beaches and underwater crystals. I don't see anything dispelling this myth.

Personally, I like the idea of Sarasota having an ancient Indian blessing on it, I have to wonder why Sarasota escaped severe damage from Charlie and Irma. Meteorology or myth??

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our Christmas Party in December. Every year we try to add a new dimension to the venue, sometimes it works and sometimes not so much but you can look forward to something a little different again this year.

2017 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thank you to the members who emailed me to offer comments on turkey vs salmon for the 2017 menu. We always try to listen to our members, we heard many of you were disappointed salmon was not on the menu last year so asked for your opinions and turkey was the most popular choice for those not eating prime rib. Heritage Oaks has agreed to offer roast potatoes this year (instead of mash) to be a bit more British Christmassy. See Page 6

Jane Jacobs

PRÉCIS OF OCTOBER 9TH, 2017 BOARD MEETING

The bank balance at September 30, 2017 was \$4,453.86. Those members who had paid their \$10.00 per car for the postponed Road Rally (Scavenger Hunt) will have their funds placed into Escrow. The Rally is rescheduled for next April and the members who have already paid are thus ensured a spot for their car.

The Club currently has 168 members; 142 family and 26 singles.

The Annual General Meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 21st. The venue will be the Lakeshore Village Clubhouse.

Walk for Alzheimer's 2017 will take place on November 11th. The Club is looking for participants both for the walk and for donations. The Club is donating \$200.00 to the Charity. **Christmas Party** is on December 9th. More raffle prizes would be appreciated.

A Committee has been formed to look into amending and updating our current By-Laws. Members of this committee are Ivan Gould, Mark Malkasian and Sally Scott. Sandra Cherry will be invited onto the Committee when she returns from Europe. Recommendations will be submitted to the Board and voting will take place at the 2018 AGM.

A Special Meeting is being called at 6:15 p.m. on November 8th at the Village des Pins Clubhouse. The purpose of this meeting is to amend the slate of Board Members to include Director Emeritus positions and to nominate Sandra Cherry to be the first incumbent. This meeting will precede the regular monthly meeting of the Board.

Submitted by **Sally Scott**
Secretary

Brit Club Christmas Party

Can you donate something for the raffle baskets?

A bottle of wine, some chocolates, biscuits, lotions, potions, anything good.

A gift certificate for a local store, restaurant, hair stylist, nails or golf course.

Please contact Jane Jacobs

jane60010@yahoo.com (best way)

You can call 847-370-2811

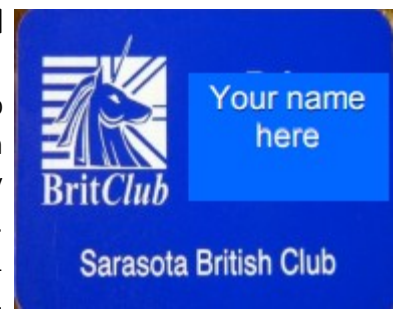
OR contact any board member.



Club Badges and price update.

Please obtain Club badges directly from Sarasota Trophy 6601 Superior Ave. Sarasota FL34231 Phone 921-4339.

Magnet badges \$8.50 +tax, Pin badges \$6.50+ tax. Shipping \$4.25 (no shipping for walk-ins.)



HURRICANE IRMA RELIEF FUND DONATION:

The Sarasota British Club Board of Directors elected (on your behalf) to make a donation to the Hurricane Irma Relief Fund. After discussion on the various options we decided to make the donation to the American Red Cross and designate it for hurricane Irma relief.

Club Member John Drinkell of the UPS Store at 5020 Clark Road, Sarasota, FL34233 prints and mails newsletters.



Food Spoilage Guide, A Guide For The Rest Of Us! (Finally, a way to know what to pitch and what to save!)

THE GAG TEST—Anything that makes you gag is spoiled (except for leftovers from what you cooked for yourself last night).

EGGS—When something starts pecking its way out of the shell, the egg is probably past its prime.

EXPIRATION DATES -This is NOT a marketing ploy to encourage you to throw away perfectly good food so that you'll spend more on groceries. Perhaps you'd benefit by having a calendar in your kitchen.

DAIRY PRODUCTS- Milk is spoiled when it starts to look like yogurt. Yogurt is spoiled when it starts to look like cottage cheese. Cottage cheese is spoiled when it starts to look like regular cheese. Regular cheese is nothing but spoiled milk anyway and can't get any more spoiled than it is already. Cheddar cheese is spoiled when you think it is blue cheese but you realize you've never purchased that kind.

MAYONNAISE- If it makes you violently ill after you eat it, the mayonnaise is spoiled.

FROZEN FOODS -Frozen foods that have become an integral part of the defrosting problem in your freezer compartment will probably be spoiled - (or wrecked anyway) by the time you pry them out with a kitchen knife.

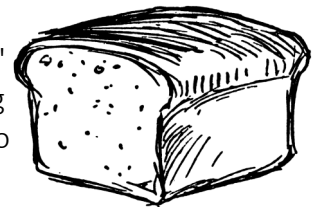
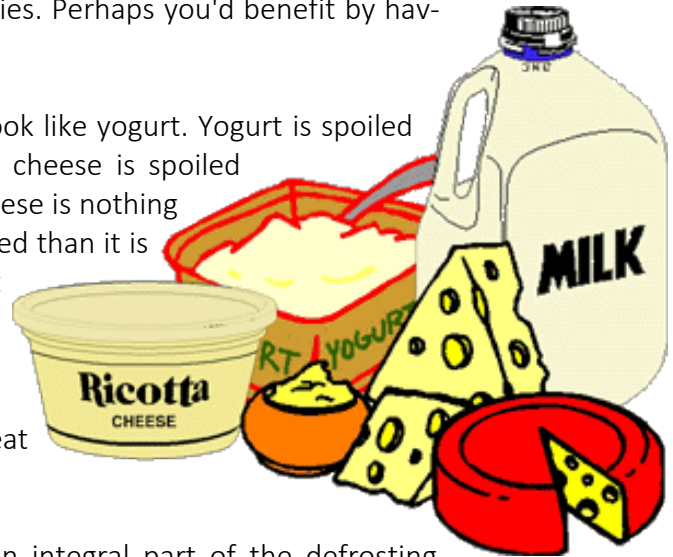
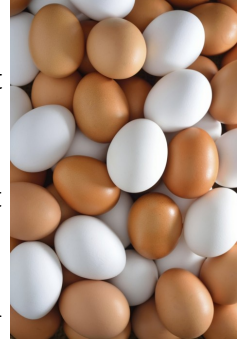
MEAT -If opening the refrigerator door causes stray animals from a three-block radius to congregate outside your house, the meat is spoiled.

BREAD—Sesame seeds and Poppy seeds are the only officially acceptable "spots" that should be seen on the surface of any loaf of bread. Fuzzy and hairy looking white or green growth areas are a good indication that your bread has turned into a pharmaceutical laboratory experiment.

FLOUR -Flour is spoiled when it wiggles.

SALT -It never spoils.

CEREAL -It is generally a good rule of thumb that cereal should be discarded when it is two years or longer beyond the expiration date.



LETTUCE -Bibb lettuce is spoiled when you can't get it off the bottom of the vegetable crisper without Comet. Romaine lettuce is spoiled when it turns liquid.



CANNED GOODS -Any canned goods that have become the size or shape of a softball should be disposed of. Carefully.

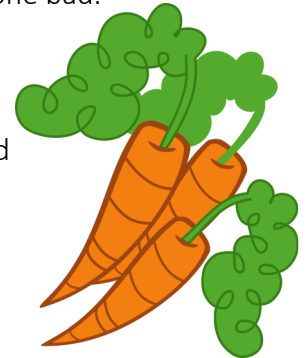
POTATOES—Fresh potatoes do not have roots, branches, or dense, leafy undergrowth.

CHIP DIP—If you can take it out of its container and bounce it on the floor, it has gone bad.

RAISINS—Raisins should not be harder than your teeth.

EMPTY CONTAINERS—Putting empty containers back into the refrigerator is an old trick, but it only works if you live with someone or have a maid.

CARROTS—A carrot that you can tie a clove hitch in is not fresh.



UNMARKED ITEMS

You know it is well beyond prime when you're tempted to discard the Tupperware along with the food. Generally speaking, Tupperware containers should not burp when you open them.

GENERAL RULE OF THUMB

Most food cannot be kept longer than the average life span of a hamster. Keep a hamster in or nearby your refrigerator to gauge this.





Sarasota British Club 2017 Christmas Party

Saturday December 9th. 6-10 PM at
Heritage Oaks Country Club
4800 Chase Oaks Drive, Sarasota FL 34241

MENU

Salad:

Artisan Salad with Pomegranates, Orange Supremes, Toasted Frangelico Almonds,
Goat Cheese and Citrus Dressing

Entrée Choices Please select One:

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

OR

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

Dessert

Individual Pavlova with Macerated Berries

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

ALL RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 1st

<u>Name</u>	<u>Member or guest</u>	<u>Entrée Choice (beef, Turkey, Veg**)</u>
_____	_____	_____
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Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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

A LIFE EXPERIENCE EXCHANGE!

Subject: The Road to Resurgence
A History and the Return of the Electric Vehicle

Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018

Time: 10am

Place: Village des Pins Clubhouse: [7964 Timberwood Circle](#) (off Beneva Rd.) Sarasota

SPACE LIMITATION: 20

Open Menu meal to follow at the nearby First Watch Breakfast Restaurant (approx. 11:30am)

Presentation Summary

Presentation Time: 40-45 minutes

Q & A to follow

A Club member and electric vehicle owner-enthusiast traces the history of the EV through several rises and falls from the turn of the 19th century to the present day. The chronological journey offers insights into the earliest motorized 'contraptions', the first 'steamers', 'combustions' and 'crude electrics'; the impact of the Ford Model T on the early EV movement and the roles that batteries and the AC motor play in advancing electric mobility.

The story recounts the intrigues behind the "War of the Currents" between Thomas Edison (DC) and Nikola Tesla (AC) and the strange, short life of GM's "Cult Car", the EV1 — why it was killed and who-by — and the subsequent arrival of the foreign hybrids and their US rivals.

An introduction to the infrastructure used to charge EVs both at home and on the road prefaces a summary of the **five** issues the Presenter believes will influence the future success of EVs: **Advocacy**, **Awareness of Environmental Impacts**, **Advances in Technology**, **Alternative Transport Modes** and **Acceptance by the Mainstream**.

Approx. 50 slides and liberal use of animations and sound effects enliven the spoken narrative.

Presenter: Mark Malkasian, P.E., Osprey, FL • [\(941\) 445-2890](tel:9414452890)

TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT: Contact Mark, the Event Coordinator & Presenter at marqmalk@gmail.com or [941-445-2890](tel:9414452890). Please indicate if you wish to join us at First Watch.

Special Note: If there are any Club members currently driving an electric vehicle maybe we can offer a car show after eating.



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Don't forget that the Club has a Facebook page. The Club's logo is the profile picture. Why not 'friend' us for another way of keeping in touch. Why not add your event photos to the 'wall'.



THE WORLD FAMOUS 'TOAD RALLY' - Update

We were all so disappointed that Irma forced us to postpone the 'Toad Rally' but do not despair we will reschedule this event. I (Jane) can personally guarantee this event will be such a lot of fun and a tremendous amount of work has gone into developing the 'divorce inducing' clues, at this time we do not have a definite date but as we have a pretty busy October then its Thanksgiving, Christmas and 'season' we are looking to reschedule for April or May 2018. Everyone who submitted payment checks will be contacted in the next week or so.

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