

Coming Events

The November SBC Board Meeting will be held at the home of Steve and Diane Adams on Thursday November 14th, 2013 @ 6:30pm. Members welcome but please call ahead, see Page 3, as space is limited.

Guy Fawkes Party on November 2nd— REMEMBER, REMEMBER!

In honour of the traditional Guy Fawkes' celebrations, the Club will hold an informal fire and hot dog event on Saturday evening, November 2.

We will meet at 5.30 pm until dark at **Oscar Scherer State Park**
1843 S. Tamiami Trail
Osprey, Florida 34229

The park entrance is on the East side of Rte 41, 2 ½ miles south of the Osprey Walmart.

There is a charge of \$5 per person to cover the cost of hot dogs and light refreshments provided by the Club. There is also a \$5 per vehicle fee to enter the state park (so fill your car with people).

Please contact Diana Wilkinson to confirm numbers attending, so that we can cater accordingly. Her number is 410-990-4698, or dwilkinson18@comcast.net

Notes for attendees: It is rural Florida so bring a flashlight and bug spray.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Saturday November 16th. At Lakeshore Village Club House Beginning at 6:30 pm, the business part of this evening, which is free to all, is to elect the SBC Board for 2014. Following the AGM, the Club will provide a catered meal: No charge for members; Non-members— \$12.00. The Club will also provide water and soft drinks. You may bring your own wine and beer.

Location of Club House: Lakeshore Village, Wilshire Blvd. Enter Lakeshore Village from Clark Road opposite the



Paddywagon Irish Pub, some 300 yards east of the intersection of Clark and Beneva Roads. The Club House is 100 yards on the left.

See candidates for the Board on Page 5

Lunch—Friday 22nd November; luncheon group @ 12.30 pm. We are going Italian this month. The

Mediterraneo—this restaurant has just refurbished and reopened its door at the end of October. It is across the street from the Hollywood Movie House 1970 Main Street, Sarasota, FL34236

Whether it's a sandwich, pasta, pizza or salad, your lunch comes to the table with true Italian flair. The Mediterraneo, if you haven't eaten at this restaurant before, is well worth a visit. All it needs is a 'Pavarotti' to sing to us...Please email me or call me to reserve a place ...941-751-3811.

or sueford@janbury.com

I look forward to hearing from you.

Hugs to you all

Sue Ford

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www.mediterraneorest.com



Christmas Party—Saturday December 14th at the Heritage Oaks Country Club, Cost \$40 Members - \$50 Non-Members.

For the menu and more details see Page 4.

Please fill in the slip on Page 5 with your names, guests and menu choices.

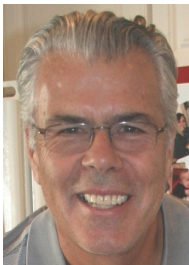
Have you looked at our website recently?

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.

President's Letter

With all the various gadgets and platforms available for communication, it has been a jaw-dropping nightmare to see the machinations of Congress in the weeks leading up to both the Shut Down and the Debt Ceiling fights. However, I was reminded of that great Churchill quote (all great quotes seem to be attributed to either Winston or Mae West). He apparently said "The Americans ALWAYS do the right thing, but only after they have exhausted every other alternative."



In this, I think, he was entirely on point. While we were all shaking our heads at the nonsense and talking points from both sides that were simply bullet points aimed past the intended listener and never a direct answer to a direct question, we have certainly seen the untidy, messy and thoroughly miserable process of democracy in action.

It isn't supposed to be easy or straight-forward. Our parents and grand-parents didn't fight two wars to have one side dominate the other and the genius of our system is that the checks and balances all kicked in over these past couple of weeks.

However, there were plenty of villains and very few heroes; and, for me, the most worrying part of this process has been the seeming belief by some that they have exactly the right answers and they are not willing to compromise in any respect. I don't know about you, but I've never met a single person who knew everything about everything and this system only works when you have people willing to compromise and listen to alternate points of view.

Let's hope that the eventual compromise (or capitulation to some) gives them renewed incentive to talk to one another again.

On an entirely different note, I thought I'd end with further evidence that age is catching up with me (and probably all of us).

The Thompson's arranged what, from all accounts, was a terrific cocktail party to celebrate the Club's 13th birthday on October 13th. We all know that 13 year olds all wake up the morning of their 13th birthday and change from being malleable, reasonable little darlings and morph into whining, flouncing and entirely unreasonable aliens from Hell. Well, in this case, it wasn't the 13 year old Club that changed, but the 60 year old President.

As we went into the weekend, I had every intention of being at the party and had, indeed, prepared a few words as President. However, waking up on the Sunday morning, the entire concept of a party had been erased from what remains of my mind and I went about my day. It was only while watching Sandra Bullock and George Clooney frolicking in space at the cinema in Osprey (by the way, I'm sure Sandra's boy shorts were purely for the men in the audience and unlikely to be NASA-issue), that I felt a vibration on my phone and, checking said

phone, saw the reminder that the party was just about to start. Looking down at my ensemble of flip flops, mucky shorts and sweaty t-shirt (Florida life has really turned me into a slob), I knew that my presence would not be welcome, so stayed put in mounting embarrassment until the film was over.

So, I guess that I can run my two themes together by pointing out that, when we reach 60, some of us pout and shout past each other while getting nowhere, while the rest of us simply feel that large portions of our brains are going AWOL with very little notice. On balance, I think I get less stress falling into the second category.

Cheers,
Steve Adams



SANDRA'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH

I know it is still summer-like weather here in Florida, but I always think of comfort foods such as casseroles this time of year. This is an old favourite of mine, simple and easy.



Flambéed Chicken Breasts with lemon and brandy

6 whole chicken breasts, skinned and de-boned
½ cup flour, seasoned with salt and pepper
1 tsp oregano
3 Tbsp butter
2 Tbsp lemon juice
2 Tbsp warmed brandy
2 Tbsp chopped parsley

Combine the flour, salt, pepper and oregano in plastic bag, drop the chicken breasts in the bag, seal and gently shake around to cover the chicken. Fry the breasts in the butter 6 minutes on each side until tender and no longer pink, don't overcook. Add the lemon juice and brandy. Light the brandy and when the flames have died down, serve on a bed of rice. Spoon the pan juices over the chicken and garnish with the chopped parsley. Serve with any vegetable.
6 servings



(Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Union Jack Food Columnist. I welcome any recipe requests and comments, and can be reached at Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com)

**Precis of Sarasota British Club Board Minutes;
October 10th, 2013:**

Bank balance \$ 7,774.39 / Currently 165 members (72 families and 21 singles) , Discussion on making up fliers to go to local Brit businesses, for information to prospective members/ Articles and ideas for the newsletter need to be submitted to Brian Thompson by the 20th of the month/ the Website is now updated, we would like members to give their feedback/ Trivia night Sept 14th, at the Soma Creekside Bradenton, about 32 attended, trivia quiz well favoured / Cocktail party scheduled for October 13th at the Polo Grill, which will be 13th anniversary of the Club's start / Kayak outing October 26th, still some openings/ Guy Fawkes Night scheduled for November 2nd at Oscar Scherer Park, cut off date for reservations October 25th/ AGM to be November 16th, catered at no charge to members. Proposed nominee candidates for the 2014 Board listed in newsletter/ Christmas party plans for December 14th, coming along well, will ask members in the newsletter if anyone would like to donate a raffle prize / Membership Name Badges are available directly from The Trophy Shop, in Gulf Gate / Board asked to consider a charity for the Club's annual donation/ Steve will put information in newsletter regarding a local video company interested in having ethnicity speakers/ Next Board meeting scheduled for November 14th, 6:30pm, at the home of Steve Adams, Parrish/ Thanks expressed to hosts Paul and Diana Wilkinson for their hospitality again for the Board meeting.

Sandra F Cherry, Secretary



Past Event

Many thanks to the 50+ members & guests who joined us to celebrate the Club's 13th birthday at The Polo Grill, Lakewood Ranch on Sunday October 13. Thanks also to Sandra Cherry for starting the Club all those years ago. The mix & mingle format allowed us all to talk to old & new friends & as usual, a lot of laughter was heard throughout the evening.

Jane Thompson



The "Bad News" is that time flies, the "Good News" is that you are the pilot.....

2013 Board of Directors

President:	Steve Adams	580-6458
Vice President:	Gary Lee	706-1172
Treasurer:	Linda Polsin	378-7821
Secretary:	Sandra Cherry	921-3162
Membership Chair:	Paul Wilkinson	410-990-4698
Newsletter/Website:	B. Thompson	388-8018
Director at Large1:	Jane Hersee-Lee	706-1172
Director at Large2:	Mark Malkasian	918-8360
Director at Large3:	Glen Stillwell	201-6324
Past President:	Sue Ford	751-3811

BADGES.

The Club has purchased these attractive badges for the members. They are free! Please ask about them at the next function that you attend.



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.



Joke

Morris Schwartz is on his deathbed. He is with his nurse, his wife, his daughter and 2 sons, and knows the end is near. So he says to them: "Bernie, I want you to take the Beverly Hills houses. Sybil, take the apartments over in Los Angeles Plaza. Hymie, I want you to take the offices over in Century City. Sarah, my dear wife, you take all the residential buildings downtown"
The nurse was listening to all this, and as Morris passes away, she said to his wife, "Mrs. Schwartz, your husband must have been such a hard working man to have accumulated so much property." She replies, "Property shmoperty. The schmuck had a newspaper route."

NEWSLETTER NON-DELIVERY—it happens!

Even your Editor fell foul of the US postal system and my copy of BritNews failed to arrive. If your copy has not arrived by the end of the first week of each month, please email me for the PDF version (in colour)
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Sarasota British Club Christmas Party
Heritage Oak Country Club



400 Chase Oaks Drive, Sarasota, FL
December 14th, 2013 - 6.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.
Cost: \$40.00 Members - \$50.00 Non Members

Menu Choice

Jubilee Salad

Poached Pear and Gorgonzola Salad with Candied Pecans
Baby Mixed Greens and Port Wine & Pear Vinaigrette

Choose One of the Two Following Entrees

Slow Roasted Prime Rib of Beef with
Baked Potato and Fresh Vegetable Medley

Or

Char Grilled Atlantic Salmon
Mascarpone Potatoes Cake, Fennel & Cherry Tomatoes

Dessert

Classic Bread Pudding with Sauce Anglaise or Vanilla Ice Cream

Coffee.
Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter

Reservation Form

All payments to be sent to 'Sarasota British Club', PO Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276
Please return slip with payments

Deadline for bookings is 11th December (all payments to be received by this date)



FULL NAME	MEMBER OR GUEST	CHOICE OF ENTRÉE
_____	_____	_____
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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Names of those you would like to sit with _____

PROPOSED MEMBERS OF THE 2014 SBC BOARD

- President: Gary Lee**
- Vice-President: Sandra Cherry**
- Treasurer: Mark Malkasian**
- Secretary: Diana Bradfield**
- Membership Director: Paul Wilkinson**
- Newsletter Editor & Website: Brian Thompson**
- Immediate Past President: Steve Adams**
- Director-at-Large: Jane Jacobs**
- Director-at-Large: Jane Hersee-Lee**
- Director-at-Large: Glenn Stilwell**



Gary Lee and Jane Hersee Lee



Hana Mares-Sirotkova and Mark Malkasian



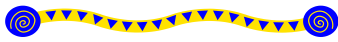
Ken and Ildiko Jukes



Jane Hersee Lee

Transportation to Club Events

The Board has recently 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.



As Emerson said, "Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself."



MANGO CHUTNEY

Ingredients

- 3 medium apples, peeled, cored, and chopped (I use Golden Delicious)
 - 2 large mangoes, peeled and chopped
 - 1/2 medium sweet red pepper, chopped
 - 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
 - 1 cup finely chopped onion
 - 1/2 cup sultanas (golden raisins)
 - 1/2 cup white vinegar
 - 1/4 cup finely chopped peeled ginger root
 - 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 - 2 teaspoons curry powder
- 1/2 teaspoon each: ground nutmeg, cinnamon, and salt

Preparation

1. Combine apples, mangoes, red pepper, sugar, onion, raisins, vinegar, and ginger root in a large stainless steel or enamel saucepan (I use a Dutch oven). Bring to a boil over high heat, reduce heat, and boil gently, uncovered, for 20 minutes or until fruit is tender and mixture is thickened, stirring occasionally. Add lemon juice, curry powder, nutmeg, cinnamon, and salt; boil gently for 5 minutes.
2. Follow the procedures for water bath canning. You will find lots of information about this on the internet. Makes five to six 8oz jars. I often double the recipe.
3. Bon appétit!

Eileen Schuler



Media Opportunity

The Brit Club were recently approached by a local travel representative looking for native English speakers to write and present short travel pieces at various vacation spots in the US for showing in the UK. Per diem expenses will be paid and the chosen presenters will earn about \$1,000 for each video.

If you fancy your chances as the next Alan Whicker, call Steve Adams on [941-524-9410](tel:941-524-9410) for more information.



In Our Continuing "On Your Computer" Series ...

Since our July entry we've found via the October 2013 issue of the Union Jack (Page 8 and Ad on Page 7) an Apple Mac and iPad compatible website to view loads of Brit TV channels. There are various non-contractual fee options. The Ad says if you quote "UJNEWS" you'll receive an extra week free!

Sign up at www.expattelly.com or email support@expattelly.com

You've NEVER seen a clock like this one.....

www.poodwaddle.com/worldclock.swf

Quite apart from the attractive analogue clock face, there are numerous changing figures for national and international statistics. Everything from 1300 million Google searches per day and counting (rapidly) to death, marriage, births etc. on a day/month/year basis.

On the 'Life' page there is a Life Expectancy Test. Calculate how long you will live with 14 questions to determine how long you have to complete your bucket list. Fortunately, every time I complete one of these tests my terminal age increases so life in the sun must agree with me!

Brian Thompson



Piddlehinton and more - Curious UK place names

Were any of our members born in Affpuddle or one of the other Dorset Puddles, or what about New Invention in Shropshire, or Booze in Yorkshire? Or how about Woolfardisworthy or Beer in Devon, or Wiggshall St Mary Magdalen and Wiggshall St Mary the Virgin in Norfolk or Great Snoring or Nether Wallop. There are so many more to make us smile and wonder over.

The above is courtesy of one of my favourite magazines "This England" (www.thisengland.co.uk)

Terry Sweeney



"There are always flowers for those who want to see them."

Henri Matisse

Up A Lazy River

September days...No hurricane sighted yet and the likelihood of said freak of nature (or God ordained revenge for gay marriage/Obamacare /American television programs depending on one's point of view) receding daily, the Shelleys head into Dixie in their quest to knock off another trip on their Bucket list ..before the last trip of all.

Memphis first. We arrived at our hotel by taxi late afternoon enlightened by our driver's knowledge of the place..He informed us ..per head of population ..more heads get blown off in Memphis than anywhere else..Chicago has Quantity, Memphis Quality in the murder Inc game of life and death. With this cheerful news in mind we decided to take a walk down Main Street to Beale Street which is the musical soul of Memphis..Cher had a hit record with a song called 'Walking in Memphis' ..Well if she did she was one of the few, no Main Street has ever been less populated..either the people were awaiting the Dixie Armageddon or it had already happened. There was life on

Beale Street, vendors, singers, acrobats..but an air of neglect pervades the place. For people like me brought up on Chuck Berry Memphis music it was a saddening experience.



Ever onwards ..ever upwards next on the agenda, a visit to Elvis's Palace, the one and only Graceland ..We were unsure what to expect, a glitzy fairground attraction or an over the top adulation shrine ..Happily enough it was neither and far better than

anticipated. A good deal of thought and money had been put into spiffing the place up..not by Elvis of course, but by his ex-wife who grabbed hold of the money reins as soon as his last visit to the bathroom proved to be his last visit anywhere 'cept the front garden where he and the rest of his family are buried. Priscilla..the ex-wife turned his decaying bachelor pad into a "thanks for the memory" top money making concern. All the suits/ guitars/gold records are there displayed behind glass ..The Presley cars /airplanes can also be viewed, only the upstairs is off limits..Maybe the conspiracy theorists are right ..he is still

with us...I definitely heard floorboard creaking in tune as though a pair of Blue Suede shoes were tapping out a long ago hit record..Mary my wife put the strange sounds I was hearing down to the Fish Creole I ate on Beale Street the night before and advised me to take a Tum..

Not everything turned out perfectly for the Presleys ..his daughter first married Michael Jackson..That particular honeymoon night probably defies description so we had better move on to number 2 Elvis's number one fan in all the world Nicholas Cage was next in line. What was going on in his head on that fated second

honeymoon night whilst lying next to the ex-Mrs Jackson and the only daughter and female lookalike of his hero will never be known..which is probably just as well..(I have cut all jokes/sniggers and innuendos out of the above paragraph..you will just have to imagine them yourselves.)

Time to leave..but a moment's reflection on Elvis when he really was King ..when he died it really was The day the Music Died.. and the end of an era.

We head for the docks.. and there awaits us in all its glory the paddle steamer ..the Mississippi Queen..our home for the next week as we gently make our way up the Mississippi river..via the Ohio River and the Columbus River..although it must be said there is not much difference between any of them..



Now you may think after reading the opening paragraph you are about to read of a fabulous luxurious and needless to say expensive vacation..expensive yep...the rest not so..It was OK..the food was average..the stops on the way ..unless you were interested in small civil war museums, of little interest..and in truth there is little to add to that..All things considered, not so much a bang-for-your-buck ..more of a Marie Celeste..should any reader be contemplating a Mississippi River boat trip..You have been warned..

The evening entertainment was a small exception to the rest of the trip in that it was entertaining although not always intentional..A Rod Stewart impersonator started the week off.."Do you think I'm Sexy" may not have been the ideal song for the 80+'s with us..but he soldiered on..asking members of his now shrinking audience if any were celebrating an anniversary or some such.."Yes" said a couple who had seated themselves at different ends of the Sofa during the performance "We have been married 55 years" "Well Done" cries Rod "and how old are you?" Before the couple could answer..a voice from the back row shouted.."Not that old, the girls marry at twelve in Kentucky.."This was met with smirks/sniggers and laughter from those of us still awake, the husband and his onetime child bride just glared into the distance

TO BE CONTINUED.

Norman Shelley..avalondistance@yahoo.co.uk

British TV on your computer.

Last Tango in Halifax is a comedy-drama series about romance and second chances that was recently on PBS, airing on Sundays and ended on October 13th. It stars Derek Jacobi and Anne Reid as an elderly couple reunited by Facebook. If you missed it you can find the episodes on the PBS website at <http://tinyurl.com/qaenbrl>



For £52 per year the BBC has started to promote its Global iPlayer for iPads which gives access to 'on demand' shows, but as yet this appears to be only available in Europe, Australia and Canada. Please let me know if you learn if/when this is expanded to the USA.

Brian Thompson

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'.

Recent photos include October's kayaking trip.



SAD NEWS

The Club sends its condolences to Colin Harris as his wife Brenda passed away in Tampa General Hospital on October 20th after serious complications following her third open heart surgery.

On the Brewer and Son's page at <http://tinyurl.com/odflh9y> there is a link where condolences can be sent to Colin and family.

Brenda Harris 81, of Osprey FL passed away on October 20, 2013. Brenda was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and homemaker. She was born in Manchester, UK and lived in Connecticut before moving to the Sarasota area 10 years ago. Brenda was an active member of the Daughters of the British Empire and a volunteer with the British Consulate. She enjoyed entertaining and had learned Cordon Bleu cuisine. Her leisure time extended her talents to knitting, sewing and making handcrafts.

Brenda is survived by her loving husband Colin; her son Paul Harris and his wife April of Chester, UK and their children Ted and Will; her daughter Jane Holmes of New South Wales, Australia and her children Emily and Lucy.

Brenda's family is asking that in lieu of flowers donations may be sent to the American Heart Association.



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