



# Brit Club News

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Sarasota British Club, P. O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276

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## Coming Events

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

Please contact Sandra Cherry, at 941-921-3162, or [Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com](mailto:Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com) to secure your reservation.

### Le Barge Scenic Cruise of Sarasota Bay

“Come join us aboard Le Barge, a Sarasota landmark for 30 years. Our casual laid-back atmosphere is enhanced by our tropical décor and yes, the palm trees are real. Let the mermaids lead the way through the tranquil waters of Sarasota Bay.”



Details will be announced by email and the Club’s Facebook page.

### Guy Fawkes Annual Celebration

Sunday November 6th, and we will reprise our annual celebration of the dastardly event with hot dogs and baked potatoes at sunset on Siesta Beach.

More information nearer the date.

### Walk to end Alzheimer’s



We will be fielding a team to raise donations in a walk to cure Alzheimer’s Disease on the morning of November 12 at Benderson Park.

If you wish to join us, please let Paul Wilkinson know – [pwilkinson18@comcast.net](mailto:pwilkinson18@comcast.net)

### Come join us for a September Afternoon Tea

on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2-4 pm, at the British Accents Tea Room, in the British Corner Shop, 2236 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota, Florida, 34231. Featuring a set Traditional Afternoon Tea, with assorted finger sandwiches, Scones and Preserves and Devon Cream, a selection of cakes and pastries, and a choice of three teas. Everything is made on the premises and is authentic fare.

\$23.50 per person inclusive of gratuity and tax.

While there, plan to shop in Kathy and Lionel’s wonderful shop, with British groceries, wonderful

### AGM

Saturday November 19th.

Ivan and Sharon have agreed to host an abbreviated Quiz Night to liven things up! Times etc in the next issue.



“Wouldn't it be dreadful to live in a country where they didn't serve teas?”

*Noel Coward*

gifts, and all things British.

First Come, First Served...due to limited space, reservations are a must, no exceptions. Cut off date will be the 20<sup>th</sup> September.

### Coming Events

- Afternoon Tea 23rd September
- Le Barge trip TBA
- Guy Fawkes Party in November
- Sponsored Walk in November to end Alzheimer's Disease.
- AGM - November 19th

## President's letter – September 2016

At the risk of being accused of joining the Olympic overkill, this month I feel obliged to remark on lessons learned from the Rio Games

First, *“never underestimate the awesome power of enthusiasm.”* What joy it has been to share in the excitement of the young people who are living their dream

Second, *“it's all about the coaching.”* I once heard Mary Lou Retton speak about the relationship she had with her coach, Bela Karolyi. She talked about **followership** – the other side of leadership. That followers have to be prepared to be led, and that without absolute commitment to the guidance of the coach, that true perfection cannot be achieved.

And finally, that the true world-class performers are, on the whole, genuinely NICE people. And that showed through in even the 10 second interviews after their events. Sincerity cannot be falsified.

Oh - and one final lesson for our youngsters (which most of us have learned the hard way) **NEVER LIE!** Ryan Lochte will live with his attempts to cover up his indiscretions for the rest of his life. What a shame.

### GUY FAWKES NIGHT

Due to conflicts in schedules, our annual Guy Fawkes celebration has been moved to Sunday November 6. We will again meet at Siesta Key Beach for sunset hot dogs and baked potatoes. More information to follow next month

**Paul Wilkinson**



Also, Ron, the editor has decided to retire. The paper will be sorely missed.

It has been my privilege to have been the food columnist for 22 years; and I am so grateful to have made so many friends and contacts through the years. At last count I wrote 272 recipes!

I thought I would feature my very first column, in March 1994, for Shepherd's Pie, a perennial favourite. On a visit to friends in California many years back, we went to a big British Pub, and saw the paper there, when the owner recognised who I was, he made a big deal about the recipes, and stated that they use my Shepherd's Pie and Steak and Kidney Pie recipes in the Pub, very flattering.

Traditionally, Shepherd's Pie was a way to use up left over meat and vegetables, and usually used lamb. Generally if lamb is used it is called Shepherd's Pie, and if using beef, Cottage Pie, which also may use some grated cheddar cheese under the potatoes. I hope you like my version.

### Shepherd's Pie

- 2 lb minced beef or lamb
- 1 Tbsp oil
- 2 finely chopped onions
- 2 finely chopped carrots (*I like to blanch them first*)
- 2 Tbsp tomato paste
- 1 Tbsp flour
- 2 Tbsp Bisto, or cornstarch
- 1/2 tsp thyme
- salt and pepper
- 1 cup beef bouillon, I still like to use Oxo! Can use beef stock instead
- About 5 potatoes, peeled cooked and mashed
- Butter

*(Can also add any other left over vegetables such as peas, green beans etc)*



It is with sadness to announce the “Union Jack” monthly newspaper, is no longer being published. After 34 years, today's communication world and increased publication costs has caught up with the publishers, and there is less demand for the paper.



Brown the meat in the oil, discard the fat. Stir in the onions and carrots, cook 5 minutes or so.

Add the tomato puree/paste, flour, Bisto, thyme, salt and pepper, then stir in the beef bouillon/stock. Mix well over low heat until the mixture thickens a bit. Put in ovenproof casserole dish, and top with the potatoes. Smooth over and dot with butter. Place on cooking sheet ( to catch any spill over) and bake in a 350F oven about 30 minutes.

**Sandra Cherry**

## Precis of August Board Meeting

Treasurer's report bank balance is \$5254.50. Current membership stands at 167, 142 families and 25 single. Union Jack newspaper folded on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Flynn's British restaurant in Venice was added on the website. 35 members and guests attended the Sunday brunch at Turtles. August 9<sup>th</sup> lunch scheduled at Tandoor. September 23<sup>rd</sup> will be an afternoon tea at The British Tea Shop in Gulf Gate. Christmas party booked for December 10<sup>th</sup>, flyer will be out in October. Discussed Le Barge; decided sunset cruise in October would be a better choice. Club members encouraged to participate in Alzheimer's walk on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Guy Fawkes BBQ scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup>. Discussions regarding 2017 Board of Directors. AGM date set for Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>. Discussions re Red Rose Parlor Theater presenting a show to Club members.

*Submitted by Jane Jacobs*



## On your Computer

On our recent cruise there were daily 'Digital Workshops' on various topics related to Windows 10. These included using Microsoft's free Cloud storage, AKA OneDrive.

There is a blog with Microsoft handouts (at least 25 under 'Useful Stuff') and other articles at <http://tinyurl.com/zw82e72> (Holland America). There are numerous links listed under Popular Topics in the right column (some are repeated) or you can use the search at the top.

I found the most interesting were the tutorials on Photos and Windows Live Movie Maker. Movie Maker cannot be found with Windows 10 but Microsoft provides it as a free download as a part of Windows Essentials. (<http://tinyurl.com/hpv9of0>).

I'm a fan of Picasa, the free photo editor from Google, but I'll be using the Windows 10 Photo app, especially as I found that with 'Photo Fuse' you can even delete stray tourists etc. from your photos!

*Brian Thompson*



## JOKE

Two guys grow up together but after college one moves to NY the other to California. Every ten years they agree to meet in Chicago and play golf.

They finish their round at age 30 and go to lunch. "Where you wanna go?"

"Hooters."

"Why?"

"Well, you know, they got the broads, with the big racks, and the tight shorts. The legs..."

"OK."

Ten years later at 40 they play. "Where you wanna go?"

"Hooters."

"Why?"

"Well, you know, they got cold beer and the big screen TVs and everybody has a little action on the games."

"OK."

Ten years later at 50. "Where you wanna go?"

"Hooters."

"Why?"

"The food is good and there is plenty of parking."

"OK."

At 60 - "Where you wanna go?"

"Hooters."

"Why?"

"Wings are half price."

"OK"

At 70 - "Where you wanna go?"

"Hooters."

"Why?"

"They have 6 handicapped spaces right by the door."

"OK."

At 80 -

"Where you wanna go?"

"Hooters."

"Why?"

"We've never been there before."

**Reminder** 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.

## Club Photos

In BritNews I provided links to on-line albums of photos from Club events. Most of these were my Picasa albums. On May 1st we were informed that Google has migrated to Google Photos. This means that those original links will no longer work. 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.

### Ladies' Evening March 2011

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

### February 2016 mini-golf

<http://tinyurl.com/jkzhxpz>

### Guy Fawkes 2012

<https://goo.gl/photos/C2NDPEZ9fUzeJSoq7>

### 2012 Xmas Party

<https://goo.gl/photos/qFgBMgw7iCJLUgTV7>

### 2013 Xmas Party

<http://tinyurl.com/jsuyk6d>

### 2014 Xmas Party

<http://tinyurl.com/jsuyk6d>

### 2015 Xmas Party

<http://tinyurl.com/jjq33xf>

### Historic Spanish Point 2013

<http://tinyurl.com/zanc42g>

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?

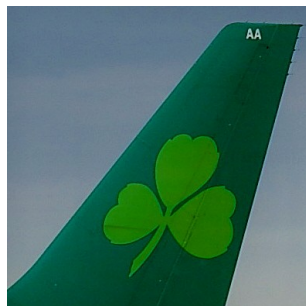
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## JOKE

Shortly after take-off on an outbound evening on an Air Lingus flight from Dublin to Boston, the lead flight attendant nervously made the following painful announcement in her lovely Irish brogue:

"Ladies and gentlemen, I'm so very sorry, but it appears that there has been a terrible mix-up by our catering service. I don't know how this has happened, but



we have 103 passengers on board, and unfortunately, we received only 40 dinner meals. I truly apologize for this mistake and inconvenience.

When the muttering of the passengers had died down, she continued, "Anyone who is kind enough to give up their meal so that someone else can eat will receive free, unlimited drinks for the duration of our 5 hour flight."

Her next announcement came about 2 hours later:

"If anyone is hungry, we still have 40 dinners available."



## QUOTES

"If we open a quarrel between past and present, we shall find that we have lost the future."

— Winston Churchill

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.

- Winston Churchill

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'.





A couple of months ago the Club was contacted by the British Consulate about the services they offer. Lack of space prevented more details. Below is a copy of the document that was sent.



British Consulate-General Miami  
1001 Brickell Bay Drive  
Suite 2800  
Miami FL 33131  
Tel: (305) 400-6400  
[www.gov.uk/world/usa](http://www.gov.uk/world/usa)

## Consular assistance offered to British nationals

The British Consulate General Miami is responsible for providing consular services to British nationals in Florida, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. Our focus is helping British nationals following the unexpected. We assist by providing support and offering practical advice to effectively help customers at a time when they may be the most vulnerable. We provide a wide range of services to our customers, with some examples shown below:

- Hospitalisations or cases involving Serious Illness/Communicable diseases;
- Deaths;
- Victim of Major Crime (i.e. Violent Assault, Robbery, Rape, car and villa break-in);
- Cases involving Juveniles at risk, such as a parent's arrest or a child taken in to State care;
- Customers sectioned under the Baker (mental health) or Marchman (substance abuse) Acts;
- Child Abductions;
- Arrests (adults and juveniles).

Other areas where we can offer assistance include providing information on transferring funds, details of local lawyers, interpreters, doctors, funeral homes and organisations that can provide specialist support where we are unable to.

British nationals living overseas are expected to keep their British passports current. In December 2013, the application process centralised and British nationals should now submit their passport application to Her Majesty's Passport Office in the UK. All the information required to make an application, and where to send an application, will be found at [www.gov.uk/overseas-passports](http://www.gov.uk/overseas-passports). If your passport has expired and you need to travel urgently, you may be able to apply for an Emergency Travel Document; please call us to determine eligibility.

### **During times of crisis, examples of the extra help we can provide are:**

- Working with local authorities to establish if British nationals have been involved and provide information and support to those who have been affected;
- Deploying expert teams to support British nationals and to reinforce our Embassy staff, if required;
- Supporting the families of any British nationals killed in an incident – in particular around the repatriation of remains to the UK;
- Setting up an information hotline, SMS and online webform facilities for people to contact us.

British nationals requiring consular assistance in Florida should contact our staff at the British Consulate General in Miami. There are also Consulates General in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, as well as the British Embassy in Washington who all provide consular services in their own regions. Our website at [www.gov.uk/world/usa](http://www.gov.uk/world/usa) has more information.

**Our telephone lines are open 24 hours a day**, but routine assistance is provided between 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday, excluding some public holidays.

**Tel: +1 (305) 400-6400 option 2, option 1**

We also operate a local number in Orlando if callers are unable to make long-distance calls – Tel: (407) 254-3300.

Customers in Central Florida should call **before** travelling to Miami, as we may be able to provide assistance in the local area.

Consular Assistance is available 24-hours a day at: +1 (305) 400-6400

## A Dog's Life

If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise.

- Unknown

Some days you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant.

- Unknown

Whoever said you can't buy happiness forgot about puppies.

- Gene Hill

In dog years, I'm dead.

- Unknown

To his dog, every man is Napoleon; hence the constant popularity of dogs.

- Aldous Huxley

A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down.

- Robert Benchley

Did you ever walk into a room and forget why you walked in? I think that's how dogs spend their lives.

- Sue Murphy

I loathe people who keep dogs. They are cowards who haven't got the guts to bite people themselves.

- August Strindberg

No animal should ever jump up on the dining room furniture unless absolutely certain that he can hold his own in the conversation.

- Fran Lebowitz

Ever consider what they must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul -- chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth!

- Anne Tyler

I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult.

- Rita Rudner

My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to 99 cents a can. That's almost \$7.00 in dog money.

- Joe Weinstein



If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons.

- James Thurber

You enter into a certain amount of madness when you marry a person with pets.

- Nora Ephron

Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful.

- Ann Landers

Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.

- Robert A. Heinlein

In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog that will worship him and a cat that will ignore him.

- Dereke Bruce, Taipei, Taiwan

Of all the things I miss from veterinary practice, puppy breath is one of the most fond memories!

- Dr. Tom Cat

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.

- Ben Williams

When a man's best friend is his dog, that dog has a problem.

- Edward Abbey

Cat's motto: No matter what you've done wrong, always try to make it look like the dog did it.

- Unknown

Money will buy you a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag of his tail.

- Unknown

The average dog is a nicer person than the average person.

- Andrew A. Rooney



## A Dog's Life continued

No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as the dog does.

- Christopher Morley

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.

- Josh Billings

Man is a dog's idea of what God should be.

- Holbrook Jackson

He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion.

- Unknown

If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man.

- Mark Twain

Things that upset a terrier may pass virtually unnoticed by a Great Dane.

- Smiley Blanton

I've seen a look in dogs' eyes, a quickly vanishing look of amazed contempt, and I am convinced that basically dogs think humans are nuts.

- John Steinbeck



## English TV shows

Club member Ron Platt has recommended 'Cuckoo' via Netflix as "daft but funny". This is a 2012-onward series from BBC Three, set in Lichfield, Staffordshire.

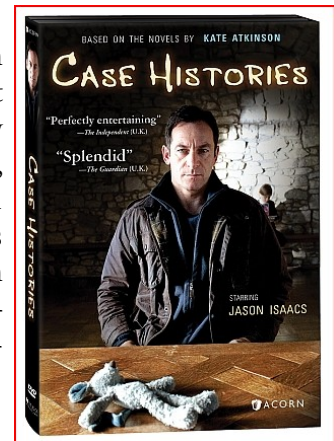
'Case Histories' has been available on PBS as part of its Masterpiece Mystery series. If you missed it, DVDs are available in Sarasota's libraries. This is a series about Jackson Brodie, an ex-soldier/ex-cop turned private investigator in Edinburgh.

Another source of DVDs of British shows is the PBS shop.

<http://www.shoppbs.org/>

For example—a year's episodes of 'Last of the Summer Wine' for \$34.99.

**Brian Thompson**



## 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.



## Exchange Rates from Moneycorp—29th August

From	To	Rate
 GBP	 USD	1.3070
 EUR	 USD	1.1168

### Board of Directors (1/1/'16)

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