



BritClub News

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Coming Events

The September SBC Board Meeting will be held at the home of Paul & Diane Wilkinson on Wednesday September 11th, 2013 @ 6:30pm. Members welcome but please call ahead, see Page 3, as space is limited.

Gourmet Dining and Trivia Night **September 14th at Soma Creekside.**

The Brit Club have a great opportunity to get a sneak preview of a wonderful new restaurant in Bradenton. Dave Shiplett, formerly of the very tasty Soma Diner, has expanded his business by moving to the very heart of Bradenton in a wonderful new space, called Soma Creekside, formerly the site of Jennifer's Café at 1401 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton.

He is letting a number of groups take over the restaurant in preparation for his opening to the public at the end of September. The Brit Club will be in attendance on Saturday 14th September, with a special \$30 menu to choose from, and choices need to be made when members sign up. We are going to start at about 5pm, thus allowing those who don't like driving in the dark to join in the fun.

Steve Adams will be hosting a light-hearted trivia competition, so we'll pair off in teams on the evening.

For the more energetic amongst you, Steve will be happy lead a walk at about 4pm along the recently opened Bradenton Riverwalk; a wonderful way to work up an appetite.

Email Steve at sha@adamsiac.com or call him directly on [941-524-9410](tel:941-524-9410).

Remember to include your menu choices, see Page 7, and any guests you are bringing.

Lunch at the Bimini Bar and Grill, Osprey on Friday September 27th at 12:30pm. Please RSVP to Sue Ford sueford@janbury.com or 751-3811.

This restaurant is at 576 Blackburn Point Road, Osprey overlooking Casey Key. For menu and prices see www.biminibarandgrill.com

Come celebrate Sarasota British Club's 13th birthday on Sunday October 13.

Event: Cocktail Party.

Venue: Polo Grill Lakewood Ranch - we can mix and mingle

in the lounge/bar area which provides inside seating and a covered/non-covered area outside. The manager said he can accommodate any number and he can section off areas so that we are together in the same way as for the Queen's Jubilee event last year.

Time: Happy Hour 5.30 - 7pm. (PLEASE NOTE **5.30 START AS POLO GRILL DOES NOT OPEN UNTIL 5.30 ON SUNDAYS**).

Cost:

Drinks- Happy Hour Prices - \$2.50 Polo lagers, \$3.50 house wines, \$4.50 well martinis.

Food -\$5 appetizers - pushcart beef samosas; minced chicken & lettuce cups; frito mixto (shrimp, scallops, calamari); duck cashew spring rolls.\$10 hand crafted pizzas - add toppings for \$1.25, \$10 trio of sliders - Vietnamese banh mi; fish filet, Rosa's Farms beef.

If desired following the event, more substantial meals are available to order at the Polo Grill or there are several other restaurants available within walking distance - American/Scottish; Italian; Japanese; French; Pincher's Crab Shack; Fast & Fresh. Also, there are many other restaurants available 2 miles away at Cooper's Creek Boulevard, just off University Parkway west of I75.

Members & guests welcome but reservations must be made by Sunday Oct 6, to enable extra staff to be available if necessary.

Please call Jane Thompson with your reservation on 388-8018 or lakewood2@gmail.com

Kayak Outing on Little Sarasota Bay 8.30am for 9am start on Saturday October 26th,

\$25 each, contact Mark Malkasian, more details on Page 4

Guy Fawkes Party on November 2nd—details in October's newsletter.

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 6.



President's Letter

We were all taken by the arrival of Prince George and I was approached by ABC News 7 on the day of the birth to make a few comments on camera for the evening news. I don't recall exactly what I said to land me on the cutting floor, though when I saw the news later (who could resist seeing if you are going to be on the telly?) I saw that they had gone for a couple of barmaids and, frankly, that would likely be the choice I would have made. Busty barmaids always trump a grey-haired bloke.



something the rest of the world has envied, yet cannot understand, in almost equal measure.

Long Live the Queen!!

Cheers,
Steve Adams



However, turning my thoughts after the interview to the birth, it struck me that George is the first in the next generation of royals who, in all likelihood, will be the King of England at the turn of the NEXT century. Now that is a fascinating thought.

I recall the true majesty of the Queen, particularly from my schoolboy days, when our teacher put a large, very pink, map of India on the wall for us to track her stately progress round her minions' new country. I'm pretty sure the pink map was to emphasize lost empire, though she still looked like the boss as she did the rounds.

She has retained that majesty for me over the years, with her kids proving to be something of a disappointment to her legacy, as they carelessly shed marriages one after the other. The marriage ceremonies themselves seemed perfect, though I was never convinced that Mark Phillips was likely to be up to the task of taking on the formidable Princess Anne, my favorite royal.

And then there was Diana.....

If ever a woman died at the height of her powers and iconography, it was Diana. She had played the media to such an extent that she seemed to be the next generation of royals herself, sucking the oxygen from everybody in her presence. Even towering over Prince Charles seemed to be a willful act of defiance. Her death was a terrible shock to all of us, though hardly a surprise. She had something of Elvis and James Dean in her and never seemed likely to make old bones.

The funeral and the outpouring of grief in the nation proved to be something of a turning point in England, with the Queen steadily and slowly regaining the faith of the nation, while even Prince Charles turned out to be a caring, thoughtful man.

Diana's boys proved to be hip and the nation continued watching them in a fascination that culminated in the Royal Wedding between William and Kate. Now we have their son, and our own children and grandchildren will form their own attachment to him as he slowly but certainly ascends to the throne. Whether or not this "firm," as they call it, will be such an important part of the public consciousness in the 21st Century will depend upon how these new royals conduct themselves.

All I know is that I have been proud over the years to have had

SANDRA'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH

This month's recipe is an easy one and makes a great supper or lunch dish, and it was a popular choice in the Tea Room.



Leek and Potato Bake

- 2 ½ peeled potatoes
- 1 lb leeks, washed, trimmed and sliced
- ½ tsp nutmeg
- ¼ cup whipping cream
- 4 oz grated sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 tbsp fresh breadcrumbs

Place potatoes in saucepan with salted water and parboil for 3 minutes. Place the leeks in a greased ovenproof dish, and season to taste with pepper, sprinkle the nutmeg over. Arrange the potatoes on the top, and pour the cream over. Cover with foil and bake in a preheated oven 375F, (*I often use my toaster oven*) and bake 45 minutes or until the potatoes are tender. Sprinkle the cheese over the top, and cook under grill until the top is browned.

Yield 4-6 servings.

(Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Union Jack Food Columnist)



photo: happyzhangbo

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**Precis of Sarasota British Club Board Minutes.
August 2013:**

Bank Balance \$ 8,073.01 / 1 new member in July, will remove 36 outstanding memberships from list/ Website now updated, will ask members for their feedback/
Some concern from the evening at Bentleys, which was most enjoyable, but 12-15 members had not booked with Glenn, and just turned up; extra food needed to be prepped, also there were some who did not leave a gratuity, Board agreed to give Bentleys additional to cover extra gratuity for the three employees. In future, any outside venue will have the tax & gratuity added to everyone's bill/ Casino night outing on the 10th/ Bowling night for the 17th/ Pub Night at the British Open on the 24th/ Luncheon at the Olive Garden on the 30th/ Trivia night to be Sept 14th, at the new Riverfront park in Bradenton/ Guy Fawkes night scheduled for November 2nd at Oscar Sherer Park/ AGM still being planned/ Christmas party plans coming along/ Cocktail party scheduled for October at the Polo Club/ Discussed need to have printed information for local businesses to hand out about the Club/ Still need nominees for 2014 Board./ Next Board meeting scheduled Sept 12th at the home of Paul & Diane Wilkinson/ Thanks expressed to Linda and Patrick Polsin for hosting the Board meeting

Sandra F Cherry, Secretary

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.



Market Update for 27th August 2013
Courtesy of Moneycorp

CURRENCY	Daily Max	Daily Min	Daily Mid
GBPUSD	1.55900	1.55420	1.55490
EURUSD	1.33890	1.33530	1.33630

2013 Board of Directors

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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

Bowling Night at the AMF Lanes, Sarasota

We had a lot of fun on Saturday evening, August 17th at Mark Malkasian's Bowling Night. Hana won the prize for best 'Bowler Who Has Never Bowled Before'. She even got a strike in her third game. Afterwards most of us went to Beckhams for a meal and the prize presentation. Thanks to Mark for putting it together and to everybody who turned up.

Hana showing us how bowling shoes should be worn.



Marks and Spencer UK

Many English major stores have been unable to penetrate the US, but online shopping can avoid that obstacle.

If you are missing high street favourite M & S.

Amazing but true - Jane has informed me that since March this year Marks & Spencer have **NO** shipping charge for a limited time to the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand . USA and Canada delivery is approximately 7-10 days. Check it out on: www.marksandspencer.com This was last checked on 28th August. It is likely to be £15 when the offer ends.

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Word of the Day?

Poka-yoke (ポカヨケ) is a Japanese term that means 'mistake-proofing'. The original name Baka-yoke meant 'Idiot Proofing' but was changed when someone took offence. Devised by a Toyota engineer in the '60s, the term is used in industry, but we can encounter Poka-yoke in our daily lives. The goal of poka-yoke is to engineer the process so that mistakes can be prevented or immediately detected and corrected. For example when your car only starts in 'Park' with your foot on the brake, or the electric plug that can only be inserted one way, inflammable gas cylinders that have a left-hand thread. There are many such examples that have been around long before the term was coined.



Kayaking on the Bay

The Bay beckons adventurous souls for a three-hour jaunt on the low seas! Our excursion begins at the water's end of Vamo Drive, a RIGHT turn nine-tenths of a mile down Vamo Road from its intersection with RT 41 and Beneva Road. You will be met by our professional guide John Sarkozy, who has many years of experience running local kayak trips under the auspices of the American Littoral Society <http://littoralsociety.org> and our Event Coordinator, Mark Malkasian. Please arrive by 8:30am on Saturday, October 26, 2013 with launching planned for 9am.

The route will take us at its furthest point to Palmer Point Park, normally only accessible by boat or foot, on the southern end of Siesta Key <http://www.discovernaturalsarasota.org/listing/palmer-point-park-siesta-key>. In addition to our visit to the park, there will be upwards of two stops – usually one at Bay Preserve in Osprey where there are rest rooms – during the round trip. Our return to launch point should be approximately at noon.

John provides all the necessary equipment and safety gear and especially welcomes first time kayakers on his silent seas adventures. In a matter of minutes he'll have you quite comfortable on the water. He can accommodate up to 11 paddlers in single kayaks and two-somes in up to three double kayaks or 17 guests in total.

Fees are \$25 per person, \$5 if you are a member of ALS or \$5 if you bring your own kayak. Recommended personal items are: a sun hat, plenty of water, sunscreen, quick-dry clothing and shoes that you don't mind getting wet. John usually has granola bars for the Park stop.

Après-kayaking we will adjourn for lunch at a nearby eatery most likely on Rt 41.

Checks payable to the Sarasota British Club and your lunch suggestions if you wish to offer same should be sent to Mark at

678 Crane Prairie Way, Osprey, FL 34229. For more info and insights feel free to call him at (941) 918-8360. Please note checks and participation commitments are due by Saturday, October 19. This cut-off date allows Mark time to coordinate carpool arrangements since parking at the launch-head is quite limited.



The Brit Club Enjoys a Mirthful Meal at the British Open Pub

Saturday evening, 24th August found an energetic group of some 35 Brit Club members happily ensconced at the British Open Pub on U.S.41 enjoying jolly company, very tasty pub favorites (think fish & chips, bangers and mash, for instance) and an assortment of beer, ale, Strongbow cider and other spirits.

Sandra Cherry, who organised the merry evening included a pre-dinner sing-along of old British Music Hall standards, led by Jane and Gary Lee. The happy band sang out with gusto, thereby providing some unexpected entertainment (it is hoped!) for the non-Brit Club patrons seated near the Brit Club group. Sandra also devised an interesting and diverse after-dinner quiz (with prizes) to test the remaining brain cells of the happy lot. It was a very good evening indeed.

Gary Lee



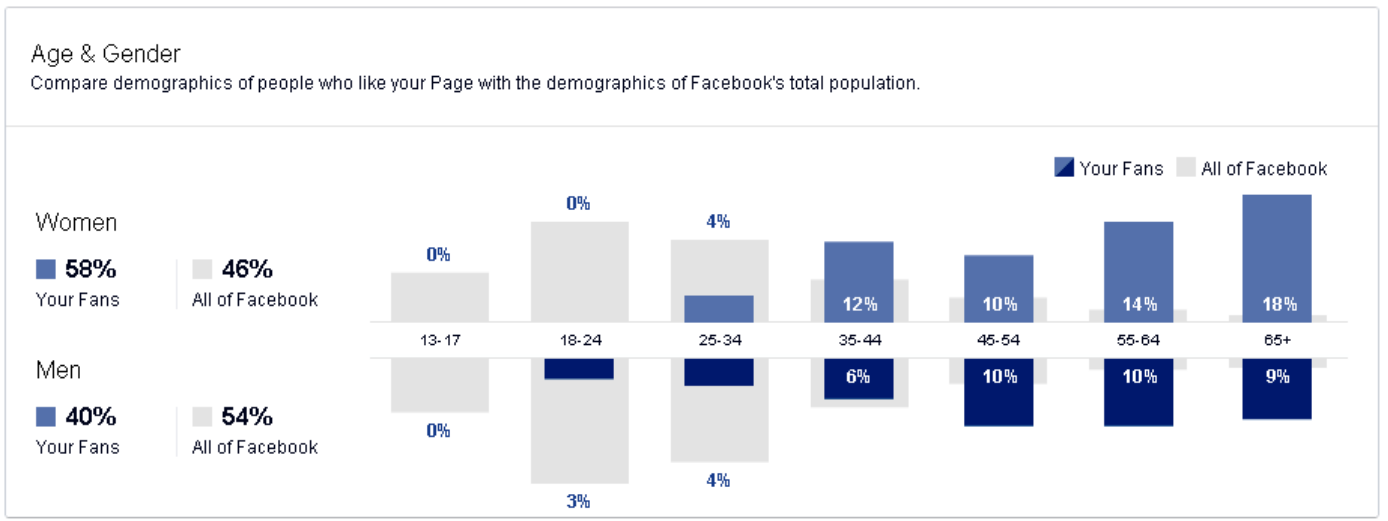
JOKES

I used to work at a shoe recycling plant, but I had to leave - it was sole destroying.

I hear that Cadbury's are looking into expanding into the Asia market, but it might be a Chinese Wispa.

Sarasota British Club on Facebook

The statistics provided by Facebook shows information such as the age and gender distribution of our 'fans'. See Table below. This is not the same as our Club membership as we do not ask for ages!



Below is just part of the screen showing the distribution of our fans. It is surprising that we have fans in Turkey and the Far East. See Table below.

Geography & Language

The estimated location of people who like your Page and their default language setting.

Country	Number of Fans	City	Number of Fans	Language	Number of Fans
United States of America	83	Sarasota, FL	47	English (US)	86
United Kingdom	14	Bradenton, FL	4	English (UK)	13
Morocco	1	Osprey, FL	4	French (France)	2
Canada	1	Venice, FL	3	Indonesian	1
Turkey	1	Tampa, FL	3	Hungarian	1
Hungary	1	Derby, England, United Kingdom	2	Turkish	1
Thailand	1	North Port, FL	2		
India	1	Northampton, England, United Kingdom	2		
Indonesia	1	London, England, United Kingdom	2		
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The number of fans has increased by 10% in the last 3 months. Why not join them?

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.



After the Ashes 2013

(England won 3-0, two tests were drawn)

What do you call a world-class Australian cricketer?
Retired.

Why can no-one drink wine in Australia at the moment?
They haven't got any openers.

What is the difference between Cinderella and the Aussies?
Cinderella knew when to leave the ball.

What does an Australian batsman who is playing in The Ashes have in common with Michael Jackson?
They both wore gloves for no apparent reason.

Who spends the most time on the crease of anyone on the Australian cricket team?
The woman who irons their cricket whites.

What's the height of optimism?
An Aussie batsman putting on sunscreen.

What's the difference between Michael Clarke and a funeral director?
A funeral director doesn't keep losing the ashes



The Sarasota British Club Christmas Party

At the Heritage Oaks Country Club
400 Chase Oaks Drive, Sarasota FL 34240

Cost \$40 Members - \$50 Non-Members

*With live music by
The Glass Onion band*

Saturday, December 14
6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Menu Choices

*Poached Pear and Gorgonzala Salad with
Candied Pecans, Baby Mixed Greens and
Port Wine and Pear Vinaigrette*



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

OR

*Blue Crab Stuffed Flounder, Rice Pilaf and
Baby Carrots with Chive Butter Sauce*



Classic Bread Pudding with Sauce Anglaise

Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter





AGM, the Club will provide a catered meal. Members are invited to stay at no charge. Non-members will be asked to pay \$12.00. The Club will also provide water and soft drinks. Please bring your own wine and beer.

Call for Candidates for SBC Board

Most of you know me, Sue Ford. I have been a member of SBC for 12 years and have served on the Board for 10 terms. I joined the Club in 2001. Sandra Cherry, Bill Mason, Andy Reeves, Tina Smith and Kath Curtin were the Board that started the ball rolling with their enthusiasm and foresight in seeing the Club's growing into a social and networking group of those originating from the UK along with others who come from or who have lived in, other parts of the world and who appreciate British customs and culture.

It is now time again to ask members to give thought to becoming an SBC Board member. The current Board needs to present a slate of candidates for a new Board in time for the AGM this autumn. The commitment expected of a Board member is not onerous. Firstly, it is an honor to come onto the Board and you will find the experience both enjoyable and rewarding. As we are a social club, it is recognized that Board members are volunteers. Importantly, there is no pressure on any one person as we work as a team. However, Board members are expected to commit one evening a month for the Board meeting. It is recognized, of course, that we each encounter unforeseen events and may, for instance, have planned holidays in advance of coming onto the Board, which conflict with scheduled Board meetings. Under our Bylaws this becomes an issue only if a Board member has three consecutive Board meeting absences. The Board normally meets at a Board member's home on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 9:00pm. It is asked that each Board member be willing to hold one Board meeting a year; organize and chair one Club event a year; and to work as a team player on other Club events as needed. Importantly, there is a duty that a Board member keeps private the membership information of each Club member as this information must not be used for any personal purpose. With these caveats, please give some thought to putting your own name forward to stand for the Board. This is important as the Club always needs new blood with new ideas. If you are interested in putting your name forward or have questions about the Board or positions, please contact me at sueford@janbury.com or 941-751-3811. Alternatively, contact Gary Lee at glee01@verizon.net or 941-706-1172.

Candidates for the Board have been called for in previous Club Newsletters and the slate will be provided to the membership at least 20 days before the AGM. Note that under our Bylaws, no nominations will be accepted from the floor during the AGM.

Location/directions to Lakeshore Village Club House: Lake Shore Village, Wiltshire Blvd. Enter Lakeshore Village from Clark Road opposite Mr. Big's Cocktail Bar, some 300 yards east of the intersection of Clark and Beneva Roads. The Clubhouse is 100 yards on the left.

As we must know numbers for catering purposes, PLEASE let Gary Lee know (glee01@verizon.net or 941-706-1172) if you will attend and include names of any guests.



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 feedback through me at lakewood2@gmail.com.

Brian Thompson

SOMA CREEKSIDE MENU CHOICES For September 14th (see Page 1 for more)

South Florida Caesar Salad with Hearts of Palm

Or

Tomato Salad with Bacon Baby Spinach Gorgonzola & Sicilian Lemon Vinaigrette

Mahi Mahi Sweet Onion-Crusted with Thai-Fried Jasmine Rice

Or

Roast Filet Mignon with Natural Jus with Resin Potato Cake and Sizzling Spinach

SoMa's Brownie, Vanilla Ice Cream Mashup with Cashew

Or

Key Lime Pie Crème Chantilly and Lime

Remember to let Steve Adams know your choices.

HEAR YE!, HEAR YE!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 9

Do note the date, Saturday, November 9, for the Club's Annual General Meeting. 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

FLORIDA S T A N D A R D

The latest edition of the 'Florida Standard', the online magazine for expats is available at <http://www.thefloridastandard.com/>



LIMERICKS

There was a young lady from Venice
Whose life was an absolute menace
She made love on Court One
With the king and his son
And was never again to play tennis.

By Doreen Wilson

There was a young man from Devon
Whose email was absolute heaven
His sweet lovely nurse
Approved of the verse
And especially his Mum's cerebellum.

By Doreen Wilson's son (in Devon)

Locations to Hold Our Events

We put out a call to all members who could offer their clubhouse as a location for Sarasota British Club (SBC) events, and members have generously responded. So... A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE INDIVIDUALS. The Board will be busily organizing and coordinating events for those locations at our monthly meetings—we'll keep you posted. This keeps our events affordable to all members, and adds diversity for our get-togethers. The SBC will cover overhead charges, and our members generously volunteer to help with the set-up and clean-up. If other members can offer their clubhouse, please contact Steve Adams (with suitable dates and locations). Thank you for your support.



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BUSINESS GLIMPSES: We would like to hear from our members who have found their business niche in and around Sarasota. If you would like to write to us, we'd enjoy catching a glimpse of your business enterprise in our local economy. Your article can be sent to lakewood2@gmail.com, and we will select one 'Business Glimpse' each month.



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'.