



# BritClub News

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## Coming Events

**The SBC Board Meeting** will be held on Thursday December 4th at the Village des Pins, 7964 Timberwood Circle Sarasota @ 6:30pm. Members welcome.

### **IMG Academy Tour Thurs Dec 11**

A guided tour of IMG Academy Bradenton (5500 34th St W Bradenton, FL (941) 755-1000.) on Thurs Dec 11. IMG is an internationally renowned sports academy for tennis, golf, baseball, soccer, football etc. [www.imgacademy.com](http://www.imgacademy.com)

Starting at 10.00am for approx 1 - 1.5 hours, visiting all areas of the campus followed by refreshments at the Academy Cafe. The tour is via a golf cart, if interest proves popular another tour can be arranged for next year. For those who wish to join us for lunch we will drive 3 miles to Anna Maria Oyster Bar on SR 41. **NOTE: This event is full.**

*Jane Thompson*



It's that time of the year again for a get-together at my home in Bradenton. Sue's Coffee Morning for the last few years has been very well supported. It's a social and low key event where we stand or sit around meeting old friends and making new ones. If you are a new member it's a great chance to meet your fellow members before the Christmas party. There will be a raffle. (proceedings to go to the charity of S.B.C choice) For new members needing my address and directions please contact me [sueford@janbury.com](mailto:sueford@janbury.com) Sadly, Father Christmas may not be able to get into see us this year. But, there is always a chance of a surprise. As in past years, I request you bring a savory or sweet finger food dish to share for the table. (Please take home your dish if not fully eaten). Of course, the coffee morning isn't a substitute for the main event of the year—our Christmas Party at Heritage Oaks Country Club. It is however an opportunity for us girls to talk about what you are going to wear or maybe your new outfit, while the men raise their eyes and think of how much we girls might have spent ...LOL. I look forward to hearing and seeing you.

Have a Wonderful Christmas ....

*Sue Ford.*

**Christmas Party on December 20th** at Heritage Oaks, The flyer and reservation form was emailed on 25th November and are on Pages 5 and 6. Happy Hour bar prices all evening, Dancing, Games, -1-

Live music, Raffle prizes, and so much more. We welcome suggestions and ideas from you all, which can be sent to Sandra Cherry ([Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com](mailto:Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com) or 941-921-3162)

Hope to see you all there!!!



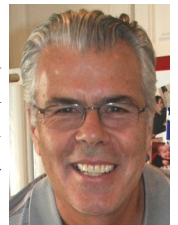
**Players Theatre Visit** to see the musical "Cabaret" on preview night Wed Jan 7 2015 at 7.30pm. I have reserved 20 tickets for \$15 each which is payable to me at the time of booking. I have also booked the private dining room for 5pm for 20 at Libby's Restaurant, 1917 Osprey Ave, Sarasota 487-7300. The "limited menu" (similar to the "early bird special"), is \$21.92 each inc tax & gratuity with \$6 deposit required at the time of booking & balance to be paid individually on the night at the restaurant. [www.libbyscafebar.com](http://www.libbyscafebar.com). Please contact Jane Thompson on [lakewood2@gmail.com](mailto:lakewood2@gmail.com) or 388-8018 to reserve your theatre tickets & let me know if you also require meal reservation. We can arrange to park at the theatre for 4.30pm & then car pool to Libby's as parking is limited near to the restaurant or meet inside the restaurant if that is preferred. Reservations **MUST** be made by Monday Dec 29.



*Jane Thompson*

### **My Appalachian Trial**

Steve Adams will be sharing his stories and pictures from his Appalachian Trail hike in a presentation to members on **Friday, 16th January 2015**. The location will be Panera Bread, 215 North Cattleman Rd, just opposite the new UTC Mall. Panera will be providing members with half a sandwich, salad, chips and cookies, as well as iced tea and lemonade for a total cost of \$10 per member. The event starts at 2.30pm, with Steve planning to speak from about 3.15pm after we have eaten. We only have sufficient room for 20 people in the small private room, so please book early by contacting Steve on 941-524-9410 or email him at [sha@adamsiac.com](mailto:sha@adamsiac.com).



**TAMPA DOWNS** in April, horse racing trip see Page 8.



## President's Letter

**H**ere we are again almost at Christmastide. The Club's big event this month is, of course, our annual Christmas Party at Heritage Oaks Country Club on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> December. The event comes a bit later this year as another group beat us to the punch for the earlier 13<sup>th</sup> December date. Sandra Cherry and her industrious helpers have been busy for some weeks in organizing the event to make sure it will again be a super evening of dining, dancing, raffle prizes and lots of merriment. AND, if you haven't yet sent in your payment with desired menu choice and seating for the festive Party, please do so now. See the flyer and reservation form on pages 5/6. On that note as well, contact Sandra (sandra.f.cherry@gmail.com or 941-921-3162), re donating items for the annual raffle at the Christmas Party. Proceeds go toward the Club's annual contribution to one or more charities, which this year is \$500 each to Humane Society of Sarasota County, Sarasota Senior Friendship Centers and Loveland Center (Venice).



## SANDRA'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH

**A** couple of years ago, I found this recipe in a food magazine whilst in England, and used it for our Christmas Dinner. It was delicious and made a nice change, I love parsnips any way, but this is tasty and easy, and super healthy. (Make sure you use free flowing grains or cornmeal for the polenta, not the block form).



### Roast Parmesan Parsnips

- 2Tbsp polenta
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1/4 tsp grated nutmeg
- 2 lb parsnips, peeled, cored and quartered
- 3 Tbsp olive oil

Heat oven to 425F. Mix together the polenta, cheese and nutmeg, set aside. Par-boil the parsnips in water for about 7-8- minutes.(..not completely cooked), Drain. While still hot, toss with the polenta cheese mix. Heat up the oil in a roasting pan, add the parsnips and turn to coat with the oil. Bake about 10 minutes, then turn the parsnips over and cook until golden brown, about 15 minutes more. Serves 4

(Recipe from Sandra F Cherry, *Union Jack* food columnist, who can be reached at [Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com](mailto:Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com).

I welcome requests, comments and recipes)

In this last newsletter of 2014, I am gratified that the Club has had a busy and productive year and has enjoyed enthusiastic turnouts at all our social events and activities. Especially impressive, despite the driving rain, was the attendance by some 35 stalwarts who enthusiastically braved the elements and turned out at last month's Guy Fawkes Night at Potter Park. Wellies were the suitable foot attire for the evening and several pairs were in evidence. (See related, anonymous poetic account on page 3). Organized by Diana and Paul Wilkinson, the spread of enormous baked potatoes, hot dogs grilled on the spot with assorted trimmings, the desserts, etc.--all were first-rate, eagerly awaited and rapidly devoured. And, importantly, we were gathered at picnic tables in a lighted pavilion, where close quarters inspired a jovial mood overall. Not to be overlooked was Paul's enthusiastic reading of a traditional poem detailing the dastardly gunpowder plot to blow up the House of Lords by Guy Fawkes and accomplices on 5 November, 1605.

By the time you read this letter, the Club shall have had it's AGM and elected the 2015 Board, which looks nearly identical to the current Board as only one current Board member, Jane Hersee-Lee, did not stand again and will be replaced by new Board member, Diana Wilkinson, who was elected as a Director-at-Large. The 2015 Board looks forward to the New Year and will be planning a number of interesting events for the membership.

On that note, I wish you a very happy Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

**Gary Lee**

## Welcome New Members

**W**e warmly welcome the following new members;  
**Jo Jones** is an American who lived in the UK a few years ago and left her heart there! She recently moved here from Colorado and has a full-time job here, so she is a year-round resident. She is widely traveled and is looking forward to sharing memories with other members.

**Peter, Diane, and Ellie Moss** moved here from London recently, and are establishing a cleaning business in Sarasota and Manatee counties. Peter is a soccer fan, and Diane likes gardening and interior design.

**Tim and Moira Ravenscroft** are Brits who have lived in the US for 14 years. They have moved several times, from NC, To DE, NJ, MA and finally were driven to move to Florida by the Northern weather!

**Marilyn Schubert and Jack Wilcox** lived in the DC area for 25 years before moving here in July. They enjoy travel, cooking, bridge, and theater.

**Vivienne and Larry Sivak** have been here for many years, living in CA, TX, NY, WI, NJ, VA, before moving here in August. Their children and grandchildren still live in Wisconsin, and we are sure that the Grandparents will welcome them for Spring Break next year!

## Hardy Club Members Celebrate Guy Fawkes in the Rain

**R**emember, remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November  
Gunpowder Treason and Plot  
The rain came down on our BritClub event  
And will never (ever) be forgot!

A hardier group there never was  
That met in Potter Park  
To eat hot dogs and potatoes  
And swat mosquitoes in the dark

The show must go on, the Brits did cry  
While other members looked on by  
Mike cooked the Hot Dogs in the rain  
With beer in hand to ease the pain

Huzzah we cried, we valiant few  
No fire, no fireworks, what to do  
Just good friends – a soggy lot  
And glass of wine to hit the spot.

Next year we'll do it all again  
Just **PLEASE** hold off the rain!



## On your computer

**A**part from a nostalgic look at the 'old country' on the website Britain from Above ([britainfromabove.org.uk](http://britainfromabove.org.uk)), you might be able to help by identifying some of the aerial pictures.

The project will soon be coming to an end as the final upload has taken place. They have completed the conservation, digitisation and cataloguing of the earliest 95,000 images in the Aerofilms Collection.

Even though the project is coming to an end, you can still continue to add your contributions to the images, and set up and join groups.

For example I was able to see a photo of my family home being built in 1928 and I could add the street names to the photo. You might be able to help in a similar way or by identifying one of the 428 image locations that remain unidentified.



My family home (starred) being built in Essex in 1928. Eventually the Shell Haven oil refinery would be built to the south east. (Top of the photo)

In similar vein, in 2008 there was a 6 part BBC TV series 'Britain from Above'. Clips from this show can be seen on YouTube. The full series is available from the BBC Shop and iTunes.

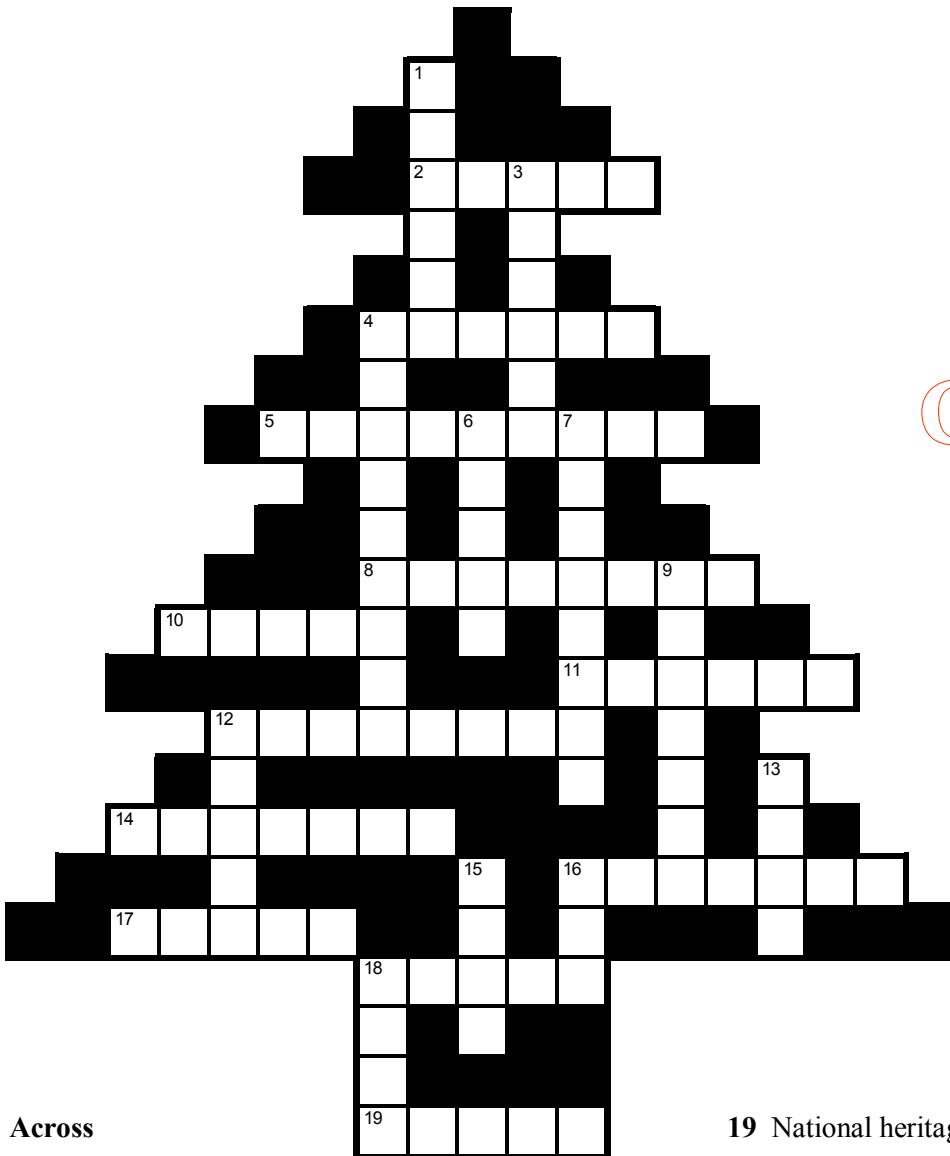
**Brian Thompson**



*“The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively.”*

**Bob Marley**

**A Christmas tree puzzle with a local theme. Solution on Page 8.**



A Merry  
Christmas to  
our  
members!



**Across**

- 2 A Road to Casey Key (5)
- 4 First name of Kentucky born businesswoman/  
socialite/philanthropist. (6)
- 5 This avenue passes Five Point Park (9)
- 8 District of Sarasota that is north of Fruitville Road  
(8)
- 10 U.S. department store chain (5)
- 11 Julia -----, celebrated Miami resident shared a name  
with this Sarasota Avenue (6)
- 12 Pass along Siesta Key (8)
- 14 Selby ----- in Sarasota. (7)
- 16 Plenty for everyone on this coast (7)
- 17 Suburb of Bradenton (5)
- 18 Gardens in Sarasota (5)

**Down**

- 19 National heritage of the Amish (5)
- 1 This Avenue passes the Federal Building in Sarasota  
(6)
- 3 Local brewery (3,3)
- 4 Developer of University Town Center Mall (9)
- 6 Religious group (5)
- 7 Large local bugs (8)
- 9 A round building or room (7)
- 12 ----- Ringling (5)
- 13 ---- Ringling (4)
- 15 Bobby Jones was known for this. (4)
- 16 Tree in the water? (3)
- 18 Sculpture medium (4)

# Sarasota British Club Christmas Party Heritage Oaks Country Club



4800 Chase Oaks Drive, Sarasota, FL 34241  
December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - 6.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.  
Cost: \$42.00 Members - \$52.00 Non Members

## *Menu*

### *Salad*

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

Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter

### *Entrées*

Choose from these two

Slow Roasted Prime Rib of Beef

Baked Potato and Fresh Vegetable Medley

Or

Pan Seared Atlantic Salmon

Buttermilk Whipped Potatoes and Fresh Asparagus

### *Dessert.*

Lemon Cream Vanilla Bean Crème Brûlée with Fresh Berries

Coffee and Tea

# RESERVATION FORM

All payments to be sent to: Sarasota British Club, PO Box 21063, Sarasota , FL 34276

Please return this form with payments.

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

Full Name	Member (\$42) or Guest(\$52)	Choice of Entrée (Beef or Salmon)
<b>Total amount enclosed:</b>	\$	

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

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**QUOTES**

*Home cooking. Where many a man thinks his wife is.*

**Jimmy Durante**

*In hotel rooms I worry. I can't be the only guy who sits on the furniture naked.*

**Jonathan Katz**

*If toast always lands butter-side down, and cats always land on their feet, what happens if you strap toast on the back of a cat?*

**Steven Wright**

*“Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years. We grow old by deserting our ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.”*

**Samuel Ullman**

*“Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend.”*

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

*“If two friends ask you to judge a dispute, don't accept, because you will lose one friend; on the other hand, if two strangers come with the same request, accept because you will gain one friend.”*

**Saint Augustine**

## Silent Water Adventure Trip Report

On a delightfully sunny November 12 morning, club members and their guests – 12 in all – embarked on a nearly effortless kayak trip off Nokomis Beach. First timer and veteran paddlers alike were treated to views and vistas rarely appreciated from landside. Our three-hour journey traced a lazy figure eight among the mangroves, islands and Mac Mansions dotting the Intra- Coastal Waterway centered on Casey Key. A sizeable wake-bearing cruiser that jiggled our boats and oars like matchsticks rudely interrupted the bliss of our one “wilderness” stop astride a “No Wake Zone”. The recovery of our hardware and cheery spirits was rapid and successful but at the expense of one flip phone drenched in salt water. A fine excuse for replacement with the latest smart model!

Après kayaking was enjoyed at a near-by waterfront eatery where tales of the silent seas were transformed to those of the high seas.

**Mark Malkasian**

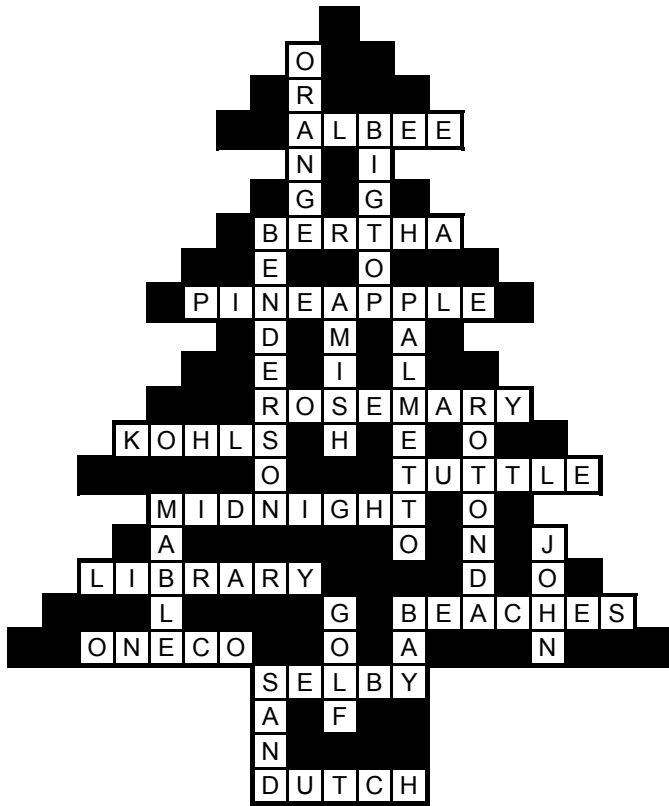


Photos courtesy of Penny Mulak..

### **2014 Board of Directors**

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**Solution to puzzle from Page 4.**



**Quote**

*“You never lose by loving. You always lose by holding back.”*  
 – **Barbara De Angelis**

**Precis of November’s Board Meeting.**

**B**oard meeting held Nov 13; Current Bank Balance \$4,102.44; 175 members with 153 families and 22 singles; Improv night on Nov 1 went well with 18 attending; 5 members attended the Joint British-American Club of SW Florida brunch; the Nov 8 Guy Fawkes Celebration was attended by 34 - lower than anticipated participation due to poor weather; 12 people had a pleasant kayaking outing on Nov 12 which was followed by lunch;

Upcoming events include: AGM on Nov 23, Christmas tea/coffee morning at Sue Ford's on Dec 10; IMG Sports Academy visit on Dec 11 is fully subscribed; Three charities were chosen for annual donation of \$500 each: Humane Society of Sarasota, Senior Friendship Center, and Loveland Center of Venice; Next Board meeting to be at Timberwoods, Dec 4.

(Submitted by Maggie Hughes, Secretary)

**Tampa Bay Downs Horse Racing**

**O**ur ever-popular horse racing day at Tampa Bay Downs will be held next year on April 12th. There is the usual 52 seater coach that will pick up in both Sarasota and Bradenton, starting 15 minutes earlier this year, at 9.30am, for the same price and we have reserved 50 seats in the Sky Terrace for brunch. The cost is unchanged from last year at \$50 and you can reserve your spot by calling Steve Adams on [941-524-9410](tel:941-524-9410), or emailing him at [sha@adamsiac.com](mailto:sha@adamsiac.com). Once you have reserved your place, you need to mail a check for \$50 per person, payable to Sarasota British Club, to Sarasota British Club, PO Box 21063, Sarasota FL 34276

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