

Coming Events

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

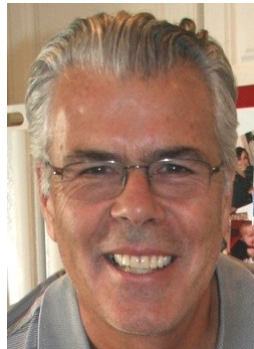
Players Theatre Visit to see the musical "Cabaret" on preview night Wed Jan 7 2015 at 7.30pm. The 'Early Bird' Dinner will be in the private dining room at Libby's Restaurant, reserved for 5pm, 1917 Osprey Ave, Sarasota 487-7300.

THIS EVENT IS FULLY SUBSCRIBED.

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.



An invitation from Sarasota Welsh Society for Saturday 17th January—see Page 3.



TAMPA DOWNS in April, horse racing trip.

Our ever-popular horse racing day at Tampa Bay Downs will be held on Sunday 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, and we have reserved 50 seats in the Sky Terrace for the brunch buffet and very inviting dessert table. The cost for roundtrip coach fare, brunch and entrance fee is virtually unchanged from last year at \$50. You can reserve your spot by calling Steve Adams on [941-524-9410](tel:941-524-9410), or emailing him at 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



Full information on coach pick-up points and times will follow.

Forthcoming Events—to be advised.

Curry Night



Rum Distillery Tour



Visit to Big Cat Habitat.



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'.

The page has been very busy. A few of the Christmas Party photos have been added.



President's Letter

First and foremost, I extend to you all my best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to you all. As I write this, the day after the Club's annual Christmas Party/Dinner Dance at Heritage Oaks Country Club, I think all who attended greatly enjoyed the festive evening of fellowship, good food, drink and general merriment in a lovely setting complete with a welcoming bagpiper and, of course, Father Christmas. There was also some particularly, rather free-spirited, inventive dancing increasingly displayed as the evening wore on, which added to the fun. Accolades to Sandra Cherry, Chair of the Christmas Party Committee, who organised the Club's biggest event of the year, and to Sandra's very able team of helpers. Thanks also to all Club members who donated and/or solicited items for the many raffle items. Our total income from raffle ticket sales was \$940. Well done! This raffle income helps fund the Club's annual charitable donations, which for 2014 were reported in last month's newsletter.



Turning to an earlier seasonal social, more than 60 Club members, old and new, and several guests turned out for Sue Ford's Christmas Coffee Morning on 10 December. The weather cooperated splendidly as it was a lovely, picture-perfect "Florida" day. The house, looking beautiful in its holiday attire, hummed with greetings and good conversation; and the dining table groaned with goodies befitting the occasion and brought by guests. Father Christmas—in the personage of Doug Schuler—added appropriately and delightfully to the mix. The Coffee Morning was a perfect lead-in to the Christmas season.

Finally, my enthusiastic thanks to last year's Board for their support and hard work on behalf of the Club. It was a splendid group and a pleasure to work with closely on the planning and mounting of a number of Club socials and activities. The new Board is very much the same as last year's; stepping down is the 2014 Immediate Past President, Steve Adams, and Jane Hersee-Lee, a Director-at-Large. New to the Board is Diana Wilkinson as a Director-at-Large. I look forward to working with each Board member in 2015. We have begun discussing and planning an interesting array of socials for the coming year. But, please let us have your own suggestions as well. We would be very pleased to hear from you on the outings and events you would like to see undertaken by the Board. The email addresses and phone numbers of Board members are published each month in the newsletter. In this issue, the contact information is on page 7.

Gary Lee

CURIOSITY—on your computer.

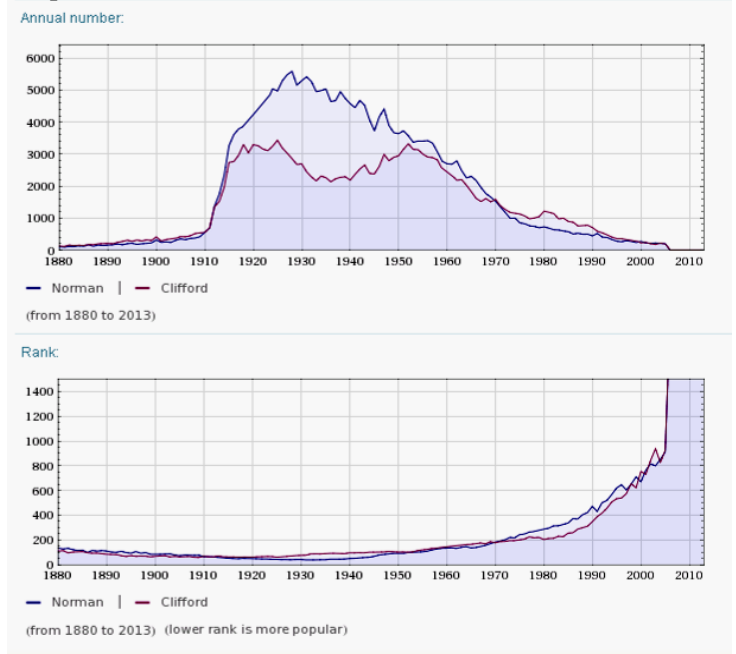
I have featured the Wolfram Alpha website before but here are further illustrations of the questions it can answer.

Everyone knows these names, but do more people know a Norman or a Clifford?

<http://www.wolframalpha.com/>

The graphs show that the Normans hit their US peak in the late 1920's and it has been downhill ever since. Cliffords have had two peaks without reaching the same popularity, see below. (Sorry Norman Shelley and Clifford Bradley)

I input Norman = Clifford to find this information.



Estimates for current population:

	Norman	Clifford
expected total number alive today	154 082 people	117 564 people
expected population fraction	1 in 1561 people (0.064%)	1 in 2045 people (0.049%)
expected rank	347 th	439 th
most common age	63 years	58 years

(using standard US mortality data)

It's a little known fact that Wolfram Alpha's 'true purpose' is to help you cheat at Words With Friends or Scrabble. What words contain the letters w-o-l-f? (the list has 33 words). The answer will also give anagrams and words containing the sequence of letters.

Brian Thompson

COME AND SING WITH US!

Saturday, January 17, 2015

An invitation from the Welsh Society.

Our Club has been invited to The Gulf Coast St. David's Welsh Society's First "Gymanfa Ganu" (Welsh Hymn Singing) prior to their Annual Meeting.

Learn together some of the beautiful Welsh hymns, led by John Garrison and Don Hughes.

Those of us who don't know "the language of the angels" will enjoy trying to learn some Welsh pronunciation.

If you are not a singer, come to listen and hum along.

Singing will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 17, at The Glenridge on Palmer Ranch, 7333 Scotland Way, Sarasota (941-552-5300)

12:30 p.m. Social time; 1 p.m. Lunch: \$14 adults, \$7 children Annual Meeting follows with recap of 2014, election of officers, memorials, and plans for 2015.

Reservations are essential for the dining manager's food count (no walk-ins, please): Give names to Ronnie Crain, 941-922-4801 or email, rcrain61@verizon.net by January 15. If you must cancel, let her know.

Directions: From Clark Rd. just west of I-75 take Honoré south 1.5 mi. to Palmer Ranch Parkway.

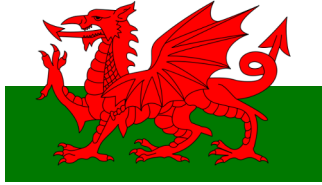
Turn left at the light, then left into The Glenridge; Mention the Welsh Society to the guard.

From the main entrance walk toward the curving staircase. Elevators are on your left.

Go to the 2nd floor, follow the railing then go down the hall to the MacIntyre rooms on your right.

If you have some favorite Welsh hymns you especially like to hear or sing, let John Garrison know in advance: 724-840-2812 or email, john.j.garrison@crabbywizard.net.

Thanks to those who were able to join Brian & myself for the tour of IMG Academy, the internationally



IMG
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renowned sports academy. The campus is like the Tardis - there is so much to see & learn. The most memorable fact was that the annual cost for a student is \$75,000 so it's not for the faint hearted! The tour was followed by coffee in the Academy Cafe & then lunch at Anna Maria Oyster Bar. For those 6 members that were unable to join us due to the event being fully subscribed, I will contact you next year as I plan on reserving another tour, probably in March sometime.

Jane Thompson

British One-Liners.

"I've been single for so long now, when somebody says to me, 'Who are you with?', I automatically say: 'Vodafone.'"

"I went to a restaurant that serves breakfast at any time. So I ordered French Toast during the Renaissance."

"A friend of mine always wanted to be run over by a steam train. When it happened, he was chuffed to bits."

"I thought when I was 41, I would be married with kids. Well, to be honest I thought I would be married with weekend access."

"I heard a rumour that Cadbury is bringing out an oriental chocolate bar. Could be a Chinese Wispa."

"I lost my virginity very late. When it finally happened, I wasn't so much deflowered as deadheaded."

"I'm sure wherever my dad is he's looking down on us. He's not dead, just very condescending."

"Hedgehogs. Why can't they just share the hedge?"

"Try shoving an ice-cube down your wife's front at night, saying 'There's the chest freezer you wanted.'"

"You know who really gives kids a bad name? Posh and Becks."

"Most of us have a skeleton in the cupboard. David Beckham takes his out in public."

"I've just been on a once-in-a-lifetime holiday. I'll tell you what, never again."

"I needed a password eight characters long so I picked Snow White and the Seven Dwarves."

"I waited an hour for my starter so I complained: 'It's not rocket salad.'"

"I told the ambulance men the wrong blood type for my ex, so he knows what rejection feels like."

Submitted by Paul Wilkinson

Christmas Party Memories—a few photos from 20th December.

For these (and Page 5 photos and more go to <http://preview.tinyurl.com/nc7a8uc>

From there you will be able to view, or you can download photos at full quality.

Thanks to Jo Jones for ably assisting taking the photos.

If you pass on the above web link to guests who are not SBC members then they will also be able to view/download.

Brian Thompson





THANKS!

The Club would like to thank the local businesses and members that contributed to our Christmas Raffle with prizes and to members for buying tickets. As announced last month it has been decided to donate \$500 to each of three local non-profits.

Contributing Businesses were:

- Scots Corner, 17th St, Sarasota
- 20 minutes to Fitness, Lake Osprey Drive, Lakewood Ranch
- Bentleys Boutique Hotel, SR41, Osprey Wagon Wheel
- Yellow Strawberry Salon, San Marco Plaza, Lakewood Ranch
- Simon's Coffee House, SR41, Sarasota
- SouthBay Hair Studio, SR41, Sarasota
- White Horse Pub, University Parkway, Sarasota
- Sarasota Welsh Society
- MacAllisters Tavern, Main Street, Lakewood Ranch

Contributing Members were:

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| Sandra Cherry | Barry Evans |
| Joanne Farbec | Maggie Hughes |
| Mark and Jean Malkesian | Jane Jacobs |
| Audrey and Terry Sweeney | Penny Mulak |
| Jane and Brian Thompson | Gary and Jane Lee |
| Paul and Diana Wilkinson | |



Scots Corner



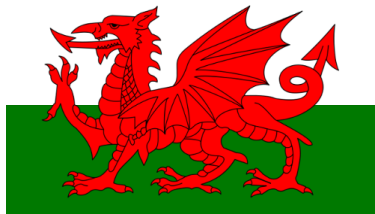
MINUTES TO FITNESS

Bentley's
Boutique Hotel



coffee house

**Eclectic Whole Foods
Eatery & Catering**



SB+ SouthBay
Hair Studio + Spa



QUOTES by Phyllis Diller (1917-2012)

Whatever you may look like, marry a man your own age.
As your beauty fades, so will his eyesight.

Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?

Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is
like shoveling the walk before it stops snowing.

The reason women don't play football is because 11 of them
would never wear the same outfit in public.

Best way to get rid of kitchen odors: Eat out.

A bachelor is a guy who never made the same mistake once.

I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford.
Then I want to move in with them.

Most children threaten at times to run away from home.
This is the only thing that keeps some parents going.

Any time three New Yorkers get into a cab without an
argument, a bank has just been robbed.

We spend the first twelve months of our children's lives
teaching them to walk and talk and the next twelve years
telling them to sit down and shut up.

Burt Reynolds once asked me out. I was in his room.

What I don't like about office Christmas parties . . .
is looking for a job the next day.

The only time I ever enjoyed ironing was the day I
accidentally poured gin in the steam iron.

His finest hour lasted a minute and a half.

Old age is when the liver spots show through your gloves.

My photographs don't do me justice - they look just like me.



I admit, I have a tremendous sex drive. My boyfriend lives
forty miles away.

Tranquilizers work only if you follow the advice on the
bottle: Keep Away From Children.

I asked the waiter, 'Is this milk fresh?' He said, 'Lady, three
hours ago it was grass.'

The reason the golf pro tells you to keep your head down . .
is so you can't see him laughing.

A smile is a curve that sets everything straight.

My cooking is so bad my kids thought Thanksgiving was to
commemorate Pearl Harbor.

You know you're old if your walker has an airbag.

There's so little money in my bank account, my scenic
checks show a ghetto.

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“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.”

– **Oscar Wilde**

“The best index to a person's character is how he treats people who can't do him any good, and how he treats people who can't fight back.”

– **Abigail Van Buren**

New Club Members

-Lynne and Peter Townshend

Peter worked for Rolls Royce in Coventry, and in 1979 accepted a transfer to Montreal, where he and Lynne completed 44 years with the company. They are now retired and spend the winters here in beautiful Sarasota. Peter is a golfer, and Lynne an avid tennis player.

Please give them a warm welcome!

New British Business in Sarasota.

The British Corner Shop, located at 2236 Gulf Gate Drive in Sarasota, opened in mid-December.

The retail portion of the store is run by Kathy Wilson (from Scots Corner), and Lionel (from Highland Glenn Foods) will operate the tea room, which is due to open in mid-January.

Their telephone number is

941-346-6004 if you would like further information.



Precis of the December Board Meeting.

Board meeting held Dec.4th; Current Bank Balance \$4,502.31; 175 members with 153 families and 22 singles; AGM on Nov. 23 was a great success with about 60 attending; Final organization meeting for Dec. 20th Christmas Party to be held Dec.11th; IMG Sports Academy visit on Dec. 11th is fully subscribed; The By-Laws Committee has completed its work and the committee was officially dissolved. Upcoming events include: Christmas tea/coffee morning at Sue Ford's on Dec. 10th; Theatre and Dinner Evening on Jan.7th; Appalachian Train Presentation on Jan 16th; Horse Racing/Tampa Downs Trip on Apr 12th;

Next Board meeting to be at Timberwoods, Jan 8th. (Submitted by Maggie Hughes, Secretary)

Did you know?

The Club has a “Sunshine Club” which will send a greeting to a member when we hear of a special happy, sad or momentous event in that member’s life. Please let us know of such events. Contact Sandra Cherry , her details are below.

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