



BritClub News

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COMING EVENTS

SBC BOARD MEETING

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 10th at Village Des Pins Clubhouse: 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota @ 6:15 pm. Guests welcome (*please let us know you are coming!*)

All members will receive emailed invitations to the events shown below. Please look out for them in your inbox, and be sure to add "Sarasota British Club" to your safe senders list.

April 26th
Lunch at Pelican Pointe Golf Club

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May 11th 2019

St George's Day Race Night
Please note the change of date!

May 27th

**Memorial Day Service for
WWII airmen lost in training**
Arcadia
Details Later

July 20th

World Series of Comedy
McCurdy's Comedy Club
Details Later

STAY UP TO DATE

To keep up to date on other activities and events throughout the local British community please visit the Links Page of our website

www.sarasotabritishclub.com



PRESIDENT'S LETTER, MARCH 2019

Season has been busy for us, with visits by friends from the frozen north, and our son from California (where he is a police officer in San Rafael). We enjoyed an evening baseball game at Ed Smith stadium, and a spectacular production of Lion King at the Van Wezel.

We have made three trips so far in our new RV, including most recently a visit to Koreshan State Park in Estero (Ft Myers). This park is the site of the Koreshan Unity, a commune-type sect founded in the late 1800's by Cyrus

Teed, who brought a group of followers to the site at the turn of the 19/20 century. Many of the buildings have been preserved and volunteers provide interesting tours of them, together with a fascinating demonstration of the early gasoline engine that powered an electric generator. Highly recommended. We have a Big Trip in the RV planned after Easter, to Texas and New Mexico, it will take us 3 weeks and we will cover 4,500 miles with our two dogs.

We enjoyed our Day at the races where the weather was perfect and the open buffet was excellent. Many thanks to Steve Pankhurst for organizing the event. As far as I know there were no big winners this year, except for Barbara Anderson, who was awarded a bottle of bubbly for best hat. This year's turnout was disappointing, and we made a loss of around \$250, which will mean that we shall have to rethink this event next year.

A reminder that membership dues are now past due if you have not paid. PLEASE SEND A CHECK if you want to continue to receive this newsletter and invitations to coming events

Also – a request that members *please wear name badges* to events as a courtesy to other members whose memory (like mine) may be failing!

Paul Wilkinson
President

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

2019 Membership Dues

REMINDER. The deadline for paying 2019 fees was March 31st; so far, we have received payments from only about half the membership. We don't want to lose you but memberships are automatically terminated if not renewed, so would all those existing members who haven't yet paid PLEASE treat the matter as urgent & send your payment off to the Sarasota British Club, P.O.Box 21063, Sarasota, Fl 34276. And remember, there is NO increase in the fees from last year - \$35 for a family, \$25 for single membership. We look forward to welcoming you to another fun-filled year of lunches & social activities!

Precis of the March Board Meeting

Bank balance as at 2/28 stood at \$3669. During March some 39 members have already renewed. Three members have, so far, indicated that they will not renew.

Membership numbers were reported as 148 Family and 27 Single, with 1 new member joining.

John Drinkell, our long time printer of the Newsletter, has sold his business and is retiring. John has done an excellent job for us over the years and at a significantly discounted cost. We will not be able to get the same discount going forward so the cost of printing and distributing paper copies becomes cost prohibitive. The decision was therefore taken that printed newsletters would no longer be provided. In case of hardship, however, Sharon offered to print and mail a small number of black and white copies.

St. George's Day Race Night: due to logistical difficulties this will now take place 5/11. Sharon will purchase race kit and fake betting money. Club will provide chicken and ham, with guests bringing pot luck and BYOB, as usual.

Ivan Gould,

Acting Secretary (Kevin Clayton was on vacation)

COMING EVENTS

April Lunch

This month's lunch will be held at 12 noon on Friday, April 26th. The event will be at Pelican Pointe Golf and Country Club, located at 499 Derbyshire Drive in Venice Florida.

Pelican Pointe has a 3 page menu which includes a large variety of lunch fare, soups, salads, omelets, sandwiches and a something for most everyone. Looking forward to seeing you at the lunch,

Vivienne Sivak

St George's Day Race Night

Race night will now take place on Saturday 11th May. Further details to follow.

RECENT EVENTS

Shirley Valentine

8 members enjoyed an excellent dinner at Pier 22 prior to the Manatee Players' production of Shirley Valentine on March 16. This one-woman production was excellent entertainment. Some of you may recall the movie of the same name starring Pauline Collins, and the play provided much the same content, but delivered in an intimate setting in the small playhouse. Highly enjoyable!

March Lunch

A group met for a very enjoyable lunch at the Curry Station. As usual, a good time was had by all and the food was yummy!





Tampa Bay Downs

We had a beautiful sunny day for our annual trip to the races. The coach ride to Tampa Bay Downs was comfortable and relaxing, the brunch was excellent and everybody had a good time!







RESIDENTIAL REALTY UPDATE

The Realty update will now be a quarterly feature. Next edition will be in the June newsletter.

COMMUNITY BOARD

This section of the Newsletter is available to members who wish to connect with our community to announce events and seek connections within the community. It is not available for commercial purposes or to advertise events outside the interests of our members. The rules for inclusion are simple: the Newsletter editor has the final call as to whether something is acceptable for inclusion! Please forward your items to stevepankhurst55@gmail.com.

In Memoriam

With deep sadness, we would like to inform members that loyal Brit Club member Terry Sweeney passed away March 18th.

Terry was one of our most faithful original members of the club. He was an invaluable member, serving many times on the Board, including President.

Terry was a true English gentleman, dignified, kind, and good all round, devoted to his wife Audrey for 60+ years, and their family.

We do not have information yet on a service or memorial.

Condolences may be sent to Audrey at:

588 Meadow Street Circle,
Osprey, Florida, 34229.

For information of further details please contact Sandra Cherry at Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com.

MEDIA MATTERS – VIEWING SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR MEMBERS

I have commented before on the BBC production of *Blue Planet II* on *Netflix*. By the time you read this a Netflix special production ‘*Our World*’ will be showing, and early indications are that it will be as compelling as Blue Planet. Both are narrated by *David Attenborough*, who is, in my mind, a National Treasure.

I came across *Fred Dibnah* on *YouTube* the other day. I well recall watching what was probably my first reality TV show in the late 70’s back in the UK. Fred is a Bolton steeplejack, renowned for his skill in demolishing over 200 Victorian chimneys in the North. Watching him climb a 200 foot chimney with a cigarette in his mouth and no safety gear is amazing. His broad Lancashire accent and unique commentary are not to be missed.

Paul Wilkinson

Sarasota British Club name badges

Please obtain Club badges directly from ***Sarasota Trophy, 6601 Superior Ave, Sarasota, FL 34321. Phone 941 921 4339.***

- \$8 plus 56c tax for badge with magnet
- \$6 plus 42c tax for badge with pin (no magnet)

Badges can be collected in person (M – F 8.30 – 5pm, Sat 9am – noon) or shipped to your home for \$3.75.

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Don't forget that Sarasota British Club is on Facebook. The Club's logo is the profile picture. Check out 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.