



BritClub News

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COMING EVENTS

SBC BOARD MEETING

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

August 24th

August Luncheon at Spinners on St. Pete's Beach followed by Dali Museum visit

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September 15th

Beckhams's Fish and Chips night

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September 27th

Calusa Brewery Game night

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17th November

Annual General Meeting

Hold the date!

December 8th

Christmas Party

Hold the date!

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, AUGUST 2018

Well, it is that hot and steamy time of the year and, no I don't mean here in Sarasota, I'm talking about southern England! Talking to friends over the water it seems they are having a Florida summer without air conditioning – ugh, not a good combination.



The England football team gave us all some hope and cheer with their World Cup performance. It was nice to see the youngsters play with confidence and do so well. For the football fans out there the future looks a lot rosier.

I have some friends, formerly from Chicago, in town – that is true friendship, visiting Florida in mid-summer. I think a few card games will be played while we stay indoors in the cool! As you can see from the Murder Mystery photo, I am still hoping for another excuse to wear my beautiful dress again!

Sorry that I missed the July lunch at Miguel's, I hear that we had an excellent turn out and everyone had an enjoyable meal. I hope that you are all having a great summer and enjoying any trips or adventures that come your way,

Jane

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board meeting will be at **6:15 p.m.** on **August 15, 2018** at the Village des Pins Clubhouse. Please let one of the Board Members know if you would like to attend.

Precis of minutes of July Board meeting

The bank balance at June 30th, 2018 was \$6,440.93... **Membership** stands at 140 family, 22 singles for a total of 162 members. ... Visit to the **Salvador Dali Museum preceded by lunch at Spinners Revolving Restaurant** is on August 24th...**Calusa Games Night** is being scheduled for September 27th....**Beckam's Fish & Chip Night** is scheduled for September 15th.... **Annual General Meeting** will take place on November 17th... **Christmas Party** is scheduled for December 8...Next meeting will be at **6:15 p.m.** on **August 15, 2018** at the Village des Pins Clubhouse. Please let one of the Board Members know if you would like to attend. (Please note this is a week later than the normally scheduled 2nd Wednesday of the month.)

Sally Scott

Secretary

Bylaws Review Committee:

The Board is forming a committee to review the Club bylaws. If you would like to participate on the committee or have comments/suggestions please contact Ivan Gould ivangould@hotmail.com by 15th August.

2018 AGM

The 2018 AGM will be held on Saturday 17th November. Full details of the venue, candidate selection process and potluck will be in the September newsletter.

COMING EVENTS

August lunch and visit to the Dali Museum

We are planning a trip to the **Dali Museum** in St. Petersburg, FL, after having lunch at the **Spinners Revolving Restaurant** at St. Pete Beach, on Friday, August 24, 2018.

The lunch cost will be dependent on your selections and entrance to the Dali Museum will be between \$19 and \$24 depending on whether we have enough people to get a group rate. Private tours of the museum can be arranged for an additional \$10.00 per person.

If you need further information, please contact Peter Stokes at: peter13454@gmail.com Peter is also willing to help arrange with car sharing to minimize the number of people needing to drive to this event.

Fish & Chip supper

Beckhams on the Trail, Saturday evening September 15th, 6pm.

The welcome home destination for the Toad Rally teams, Beckhams is located at the Plaza at Palmer Ranch, 8579 S Tamiami Trail. Price will be \$11.99 p.p.

Calusa Brewery Games night

Calusa Brewery, Thursday 27th September, 6pm.

Back by popular demand, we return to the Calusa Brewery for an evening of games, good company and fine beer! Details to follow next month.

RECENT EVENTS

July Lunch

Approximately forty members met at Miguel's on Siesta Key for the July lunch. Good food and excellent company made for a winning combination. We met one of our new members and discovered that one of our members attending was a GI bride!







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.

The red tide has been causing many people respiratory problems this year. If you want to check conditions at the beach before you go, here are a couple of useful websites:

www.visitbeaches.org is run by the Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium;

www.tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov and select southwest Florida under the Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Forecast.

We are always looking for ideas for new events. Please contact Steve Pankhurst (stevepankhurst55@gmail.com) with your suggestions.

RESIDENTIAL REALTY UPDATE

Hi fellow Brits, a shorter write up this month as our 'slow season' is proving to be my busiest season – don't you find that life is strange like that, while I am looking for a rest and to grab a day on the beach, my clients all want me to look for homes! This is the ongoing theme with realty in Sarasota and Manatee at the moment, increasing home sales, rising prices and lower inventory.

This June we had 2,097 closed sales, which is up 5.2% over last year. In the Condo market, Sarasota sales increased 3.8% to 384 units, Manatee again increased by an impressive 20.9% to 278 sales. Single Family homes sales in Manatee were up 4.8% with 637 units while Sarasota continued their slower sales trend but still increasing by 1.7% with 798 units.

Every month this year our inventory of available properties has been dropping and this month it continues, compared to last June we have less property listed but overall the figures are only slight! We are down 3.4% on Sarasota single family homes and down 1.1% in Manatee. For Condos Manatee is down 2.8% and bucking the trend Sarasota inventory is up 1.9%! Taken as a whole, we have less than 5 months inventory so supply is tight and demand is increasing.

So with low inventory and increased sales, what do we have... rising prices. Compared to 2017 median sales prices for Sarasota single family homes increased 1.6% to \$279,500 Manatee was up 0.8% to \$300,000. Condo prices in Sarasota increased 2.7% to \$221,250 and in Manatee, where condos appear to be hotter than the heat wave they are having back home, prices went up by 4.9% to \$191,500.

Although I am not usually good at self promotion (is that a British trait?) I was chosen to be interviewed this month by ABC Channel 7 for their property program. So in case you didn't meet me at the Brits 'Murder Mystery party' and want to match a face to these articles, look out for me on 'Out and About' on Sunday August 19th at 11:30am on ABC 7.

Data taken from The Realtor Association of Sarasota and Manatee (RASM).

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Realtor
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MEDIA MATTERS – VIEWING SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR MEMBERS



The Staircase is a true-life documentary about the death of a wealthy Carolina wife and mother, and the subsequent arrest and trial of her husband for murder. Spanning 17 years, we are a fly on the wall to the entire justice process, and numerous surprising twists and turns. While this is not a 'British' production, we were gripped by the tale, and you will be too!

10 seasons of **Dad's Army** are available, including the first pilot episodes (in Black and White!). This classic British comedy is timeless and well worth dipping into.

Talking of classic comedy, the two seasons of **Fawlty Towers** are also now available.

Escape to the Continent follows the format of Escape to the Country, which I have previously recommended. The host accompanies a couple to a destination on the Continent, and we follow their search for a new home. Along the way we learn more about the destination locale, and get to see lovely scenery and homes along the way.



A Very British Scandal is the true story of Jeremy Thorpe's fall from the leader of the British Liberal Party in the early 70's. Starring Hugh Grant (who masters Thorpe's mannerisms exactly), and directed by award-winning Stephen Frears this 3-part series is both entertaining and astonishing in its portrayal of Thorpe's paranoia and the trouble it created.

The Worricker Trilogy stars Bill Nighy, the engaging and slightly goofy prolific British character actor. He plays an MI5 officer whose life has just been turned inside out. When his boss and best friend dies suddenly, Worricker is left to deal with a contentious Top Secret file that threatens the entire MI5 organization.

ps **Mission Impossible 6 – Fallout** should not be missed on the Big Screen!

And, pps.....for a rainy afternoon chick flick we hear that **Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again** is just the ticket. Lots of British actors and actresses being silly!

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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