



# Brit Club News

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## Coming Events

**The SBC Board Meeting will be held on Thursday June 9th** at the Village des Pins clubhouse, 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota @ 6:30pm. Members welcome.

**Quiz Night on Saturday June 11th.** See Page 6.

Arrive at 6pm to start the quiz at 6.30pm  
Village Des Pins Clubhouse (AKA Timberwoods)  
7964 Timberwood Circle Sarasota FL



**Raymond James' Art Gallery Tour.**

Please note that the original date needed changing as the guide would have been out of town. The new date is Friday **17th June** at 10am, The Raymond James Financial Center, 880 Carillion Parkway, St.Petersburg, FL33716

Forget the classic European art of Rubens, Constable etc, this is art that is relevant to the 20th and 21st century and particularly America. Contact Brian Thompson at [lakewood2@gmail.com](mailto:lakewood2@gmail.com), 941-388-8018 by 10th June. There should be an opportunity for car sharing. For those who may have previously toured this collection, there are more than 2,400 items and the tour does vary..

After the tour, lunch will be at 'The Moon under Water' at 332 Beach Drive NE, St.Pete. This is a

bayside British Colonial Pub with some favourite English fare such as Pasties, Cod and Chips, Banger and Mash and Curries. There is a \$5 off coupon - check their website on the menu page.

**Dinner at Cosimo's Restaurant on 23rd of June** to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. See Page 5



**Comedy Night at McCurdy's on July 9th.** See Page 4 for details.



### Coming Events

- Quiz Night June 11th
- Conducted Tour of Raymond James Art Collection plus Lunch in St.Pete—17th June,.
- Dinner at Cosimo's Restaurant, 23rd June
- McCurdy's Comedy Club July 9th

## President's letter – June 2016

The change in season is very welcome in our weekly schedule. Sundays in particular are now settling into a routine for us. We meet for Sunday brunch at Turtles on the south end of Siesta Key. (Members may recall that we enjoyed a Sunday brunch there last year). For \$10 they offer a wide range of breakfast dishes, together with a free Mimosa or Bloody Mary. Now that the snowbirds have left, the restaurant is wide open, and both the service and the food are prompt and consistent.

Following our pleasant waterfront breakfast, we adjourn to the newly renourished Turtle Beach. At a cost of over \$15million the beach, although not as sandy as the Siesta Beach, is three times as wide as it has been for the recent past. Now that the water has warmed, it makes a very pleasant respite after the breakfast. I reflect on my childhood trips to the seaside in England, Weston Super Mare (aka Super Mud), Blackpool and Butlins holidays in Pwllheli! How far we have come.

### Steve Adams' new book

Members will remember that Steve Adams, a past President of the British Club, joined a select group of over-60's by walking the entire length of the Appalachian Trail.

As some of you know, he sold his business in 2013 to concentrate on hiking the Appalachian Trail. He completed the 2,185.3 mile hike after 6 months in 2014 and has been writing his story ever since then. Many of you wanted to know when the books were complete - the books are available for only \$4.99 each on Amazon and Kobo, for either the Kindle or Sony e-readers.



He has plenty to say—it was a *really* long walk—so the book has been published as two volumes. They are *My Appalachian Trial I: Three Weddings and a Sabbatical* and *My Appalachian Trial II: Creaking Geezer, Hidden Flagon*.

My Appalachian Trial I: Three Weddings and a Sabbatical tells Steve's story of the hike from its origins, details his careful preparation and tentative first steps, and follows his faltering progress and eventual growth as a hiker. Often intimate, sometimes profound, and occasionally profane, My Appalachian Trial I explains why Steve was drawn to such an iconic trail, how he embraced it, and what happened when things went wrong.

**Amazon**

Steve encourages members to download the books at [www.steveadams.info](http://www.steveadams.info). If you sign up in this way, he'll send you a free copy of his next book, *Hiking the Appalachian Trail is Easy: Especially if You've Never Hiked Before*.

### Walk to end Alzheimer's

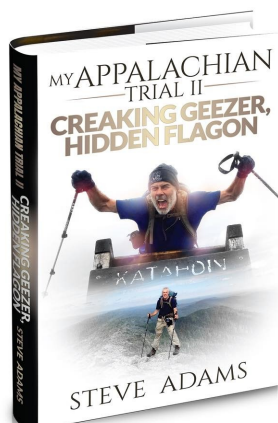
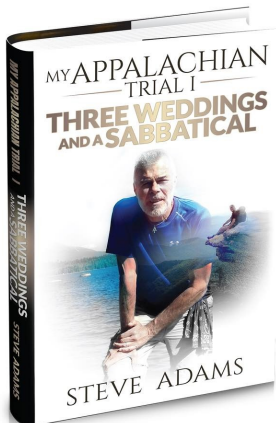
An early announcement that the Club will be sponsoring a team to walk round Benderson Park on the morning of November 12. Last year we made a \$500 donation to the local chapter of Alzheimer research, and this year we will walk in aid of this worthy cause. Please contact Paul Wilkinson at [pwilkinson18@comcast.net](mailto:pwilkinson18@comcast.net) if you wish to join our team this year.

### Board Vacancy

The date, location and time of each Board meeting is on Page 1.

Other commitments have caused Barry Evans to resign from his position as Director at Large. If you would be interested in joining the Board, please contact Paul Wilkinson. His contact details are below.

Why not come along to a Board meeting before volunteering?



## Precis of May 12, 2016 Board Meeting

The Treasurer's balance is \$4571.50. Membership stands at 185, unpaid members have received several reminders, cutoff for renewal is June 1 st . Newsletters will be electronically sent to potential members for 6 months, no copies will be mailed to non-members. Some changes to business links on our website. Tampa Bay Downs event was a success. The food and service was not as good as previous years. Reminder of Memorial Day services at the Arcadia cemetery. Reviewed all upcoming events and new options. Should the Club try and get a team together for the Alzheimer's Association walk in November? Steve Adams has published 2 books on his Appalachian Trail adventure; the newsletter will reflect a link to download the books.

*Submitted by Jane Jacobs*



## Joke

Three blondes are sitting by the side of a river holding fishing poles with the lines in the water. A Game Warden comes up behind them, taps them on the shoulder and says, "Excuse me, ladies, I'd like to see your fishing licenses." "We don't have any," replied the first blonde. "Well, if you're going to fish, you need fishing licenses," said the Game Warden. "But officer," replied the second blonde, "we aren't fishing. We all have magnets at the end of our lines and we're collecting debris off the bottom of the river." The Game Warden lifted up all the lines and, sure enough, there were horseshoe magnets tied on the end of each line. "Well, I know of no law against it," said the Game Warden. "Take all the debris you want. And with that, he left. As soon as the Game Warden was out of sight, the three blondes started laughing hysterically. "What a dumb Fish Cop," the second blonde said to the other two. "Doesn't he know that there are steelhead trout in this river?"



## Quotes

"What is a cynic? A man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing."

— Oscar Wilde

"It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end."

— Ernest Hemingway



## NOTICE FOR FANS OF LADY JANE GREY

A Sarasota based church and concert organist, Michael Bayus, is in the process of transforming a life-long interest in Lady Jane Grey into a narrative of her life via sound. Using her own words, he is creating a Radio Drama comprised of a series of up to 27 short episodes or vignettes of key events in her short life and tragic reign as Queen. Mr. Bayus unfolds her story via time-travel to the 21st century as The Lady herself attempts to debunk Victorian era myths and misinformation that have tarnished her place in history.

His is a work-in-progress having completed nine of his 27 chapters to date. He is actively inviting Lady Jane enthusiasts to upcoming voice casting calls for the next series of episodes. Those who are interested in his subject, his methodology of story telling or listening to a sample sound file or answering his casting call are welcome to contact him directly by email at [michaelbayus1@gmail.com](mailto:michaelbayus1@gmail.com) or phone 941-914-0515. A future website is planned where fans of the Lady can join Michael in actively participating in re-telling or re-enacting her story.

**Mark Malkasian**, Website Liaison

**Reminder** The Club's website [www.sarasotabritishclub.com](http://www.sarasotabritishclub.com) is our primary means of attracting potential new members. We look to current members to be our ambassadors familiar with our message and sharing it with those who might be interested in joining. Thank you.

Under 'Events' on the menu you can find the current newsletter and the newsletter archive.



## Join us for the World Series of Comedy



on  
Saturday July 9th  
7:00 pm  
at

McCurdy's Comedy Club  
1923 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota

*We* had such a great time last year we have decided to do it again!

The search is on for the best comedian in the United States. There are different comics every night in every show. 40 Comics in one week. The World Series of Comedy travels all around North America, holding comedy contests. Forty different professional comics from all over the United States and Canada will travel to McCurdy's Comedy Club to perform for a chance to win a trip to Las Vegas in You get to vote during the shows, helping to pick the winners!



EVERYONE MUST BE AT LEAST 18YRS WITH A VALID ID.

THERE IS A 2 ITEM MINIMUM PURCHASE PER PERSON FROM THE FOOD/DRINKS MENU.

Tickets are \$20.00 each on a first come/first served basis.

Please send your check made payable to Sarasota British Club to:

P.O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276

Please email me with your reservations (or questions) [jane60010@yahoo.com](mailto:jane60010@yahoo.com).

Last year we met for an early dinner before the show so if you are interested in doing that this year let me know and I will make reservations somewhere. If you have a restaurant suggestion, let me know the name.

*Jane Jacobs*



## JOKE

Once upon a time, a powerful Emperor of the Rising Sun advertised for a new Chief Samurai. After a year, only three applied for the job: a Japanese, a Chinese, and a Jewish Samurai.

"Demonstrate your skills!" commanded the Emperor. The Japanese Samurai stepped forward, opened a tiny box, and released a fly. He drew his samurai sword and \*Swish!\* the fly fell to the floor, neatly divided in two!

"What a feat!" said the Emperor. "Number Two Samurai, show me what you do."

The Chinese Samurai smiled confidently, stepped forward and opened a tiny box, releasing a fly. He drew his samurai sword and \*Swish!\* \*Swish!\* the fly fell to the floor neatly quartered.

"That is skill!" nodded the Emperor. "How are you going to top that, Number three Samurai?"

The Jewish Samurai, Obi-wan Cohen, stepped forward, opened a tiny box releasing one fly, drew his samurai sword and \*Swoooooosh!\* flourished his sword so mightily that a gust of wind blew through the room. But the fly was still buzzing around!

In disappointment, the Emperor said, "What kind of skill is that? The fly isn't even dead."

"Dead?" replied the Jewish Samurai. "Dead is easy... but circumcised?"



## Quotes

"There are amazingly wonderful people in all walks of life; some familiar to us and others not. Stretch yourself and really get to know people. People are in many ways one of our greatest treasures."

— Bryant H. McGill

I always prefer to believe the best of everybody, it saves so much trouble.

~Rudyard Kipling~



## Let's Raise a Glass to Celebrate The Queen's 'Official' 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday in June.



Thursday June 23, 6:00 pm  
Cosimo's Restaurant  
5501 Palmer Crossing Circle.

(off Clark just east of Honore in the same plaza as the  
Bealls Store)

**M**any of you know Jeremy Adams (former owner of Word of Mouth) who is the manager of Cosimo's. Jeremy (a fellow Brit) wants to help us celebrate Her Majesty's landmark birthday by offering this dinner at Cosimo's. As a Brit Club fundraising event; the restaurant will donate 5% of our collective 'tab' back to the Club.

This will have no impact on your cost, normal menu prices will be in effect and Jeremy has even offered to add a couple of special British items to the menu for us. You can view the regular menu online at [www.cosimos.net](http://www.cosimos.net)

If you cannot come for dinner you are welcome to come just for a drink, our group will have a reserved area in the restaurant.

Please let me know no later than June 20th if you plan to come, we need to know how much space to reserve.

**Jane Jacobs:** [jane60010@yahoo.com](mailto:jane60010@yahoo.com) (best way) or phone my mobile 847-370-2811

## Quotes

"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see."  
— Mark Twain

"To know what is right and not to do it is the worst cowardice."  
— Confucius

"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them."  
— Albert Einstein

"A healthy attitude is contagious but don't wait to catch it from others. Be a carrier."  
— Tom Stoppard



## Club Photos

**I**n recent copies of BritNews I provided links to on-line albums of photos from Club events. Most of these were my Picasa albums. On May 1st we were informed that Google has migrated to Google Photos. This means that those links will no longer work. I will re-post the links to Google Photos in a future edition.

For example the recent mini-golf photos are now at <http://tinyurl.com/jkzhxpz>

Meanwhile I'm pleased to say that Picasa photo editor still works. If you have not tried it, it is a free download that is available at [www.picasa.en.softonic.com](http://www.picasa.en.softonic.com). It is not being developed any more by Google.

It is very easy to use and photos can be quickly uploaded to on-line albums with enough free storage to suit many people.



**The Brit Club  
Presents  
A Not-the-Normal Quiz Night  
Quiz Master – Ivan Gould**



**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June  
6pm to start quiz at 6.30pm**

**Village Des Pins Clubhouse (AKA Timberwoods)  
7964 Timberwood Circle Sarasota FL**

Fed up going to quizzes where even when you are told the answer, you still don't understand the question?

Then come to our Quiz Night – we promise to test your artistic skill, sense of humour and ability to work as a team - without anyone getting the hump because they said the right answer and everyone ignored them!

Some general knowledge will be an advantage, but not essential.

Put together a team of between 4 and 6, or come along on the night and team up with anyone you think looks intelligent

(that will be the first test).

Don't sneak off behind the bike shed to look up the answers  
(or anything else)

**\$10 per person to include your main course and soft drinks  
and magnificent prizes**

**Please bring a dish to share – appetizer, side dish or dessert and BYOB**

**For reservations contact Ivan and Sharon Gould**

**[ivangould@hotmail.com](mailto:ivangould@hotmail.com) (best way)**

**or 941 323 9655**

**Let us know when booking if you are planning to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert.**

Timberwood Circle is off Beneva Road (east side) one light north of Sarasota Square Mall opposite The Fountains.  
Enter development, take 1<sup>st</sup> left and clubhouse is on the left.  
Please consider carpooling as car parking space is limited

## Visit to the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

**M**embers, numbering 17, enjoyed a two hour tour of the inner-workings of the Van Wezel PAH on May 11. The first portion of the visit was devoted to highlights of the art and paintings adorning the walls and mini-lobbies of the Center's outer ring. These are often overlooked in the crush and crowd when one is focused on finding one's seat for a performance. A long, lingering look accompanied by a well-versed, art-loving docent made the empty spaces come alive. Now we few also know where the Hall gets its 'purple' from. The second half of the visit offered a glimpse into the inner workings backstage. Some of the more theatrical members of our group took advantage of the rare opportunity of addressing the 1736 empty seats from stage-center. Interesting insights on the whims and fancies of the stars and cast members that have blessed the Hall with their performances were great fun in the hearing. Notable was a prominent sign in the star's dressing room on the proper pronunciation of the Center's name being "Van WAYzel" not the Carnivora order of similar name.

Après-tour, a fine, waterside lunch at Marina Jack was enjoyed by all.

Hats Off and Leg Kicks to Jane Thompson for all arrangements!

**Mark Malkasian**

Photos from Doug Schuler.





## Sarasota British Club name badges

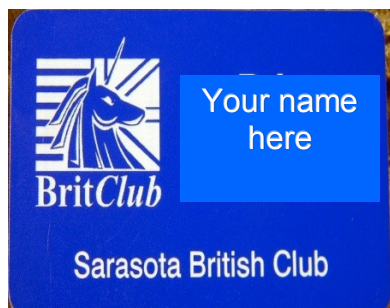
**P**lease obtain Club badges directly from:  
Sarasota Trophy 6601 Superior Ave, Sarasota  
FL 34231. 921-4339.

\$8 + tax for badge with magnet = \$8.56

\$6 + tax for badge with pin (without magnet) = \$6.42.

Badges can be collected in person

(M - F 8.30 - 5 or Sat 9 - 12) or shipped to home for  
\$3.75.



## Exchange Rates from [Moneycorp.com](http://Moneycorp.com), 27th May

From	To	Rate
<b>GBP</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>1.4649</b>
<b>EUR</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>1.1168</b>

**D**on'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'.



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