



BritClub News

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COMING EVENTS

SBC BOARD MEETING

Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 14 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.

17th November
Annual General Meeting

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December 8th
Christmas Party

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February 17th
Valentines Dinner Dance

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February 2019
Visit to Bok Tower Gardens

Details in December/January

April 2019 (Date to be confirmed)
Tampa Bay Downs

Details in December

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, NOVEMBER 2018

We mourn the passing of Jane Jacobs, and offer our deepest condolences to Ross, Linda, Dominick, and the rest of her family. Jane would have been very pleased with the number of people who attended the memorial service at Village des Pins, where we were able to share Jane's life and remember the way that she impacted all our lives. I was particularly touched by the presence of Ross' Coast Guard comrades, and the speech made by his Commanding Officer. (See Ross' letter below)

As the cooler weather finally shows signs of arriving, we welcome our snowbird members and look forward to sharing the Season with them. ***Saturday November 17*** will be a busy day, with the annual Alzheimer Walk in the morning, and the Annual General Meeting in the evening. ***December 8*** is the Christmas Party, and I am delighted to announce that the Club will be subsidizing the cost for members. We look forward to a strong turnout, with our usual entertainment and raffle prizes. This year the proceeds of the raffle will be used to make contributions to two worthy charitable organizations.

Your Board has some great ideas for 2019, and I am grateful to the new members for stepping up and giving their time and energy to ensure that we meet the goals of our newly revised mission statement:

The Sarasota British Club welcomes those of British heritage, their partners and others interested in British culture in the Sarasota, Manatee and Charlotte County regions. The Club fosters the British expatriate community in a spirit of friendship and mutual support. Its goals are to provide a social setting for newcomers in the area as they adjust to the American way of life; promote social events for members; recognize nearby British-owned businesses; and promote community outreach by supporting local charitable organizations.

Paul Wilkinson

IN MEMORIAM

5449 Beneva Woods Way

Sarasota FL34233

November 4th 2018

Dear Paul:

On behalf of our family in the US, UK and Australia please pass on our most heartfelt thanks to the Board and members of the British Club for the kindness in memorializing Jane and the life she and I shared together for the past forty-five years.

Jane was the anchor of our family and will be sorely missed as we adjust to our new 'normal' and will be sorely missed by us all. Jane loved the British Club and as you know very well, was a strong-willed girl with a great sense of humor. She would have been looking down on us at her Memorial with a twinkle in her eye and a quiet laugh on the great festive turnout and the joy at seeing her friends, hearing music and pictures of her life and waiting to see if the prancing reindeer crew was on the agenda!

Janes ashes were spread at the base of the beautiful twin palm planted in her honor outside the VDP club house with ashes also carried by her sister Linda to her family in Australia and in the spring, by my son and I to her roots in England.

From the bottom of our hearts we thank you all for your kindness and support during this time of great loss and grief.

Kindest Regards



Ross Jacobs

2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Sarasota British Club (BritClub) will be held on **SATURDAY November 17 AT 6.00PM** at the Lakeshore Village Clubhouse. Members will be asked to ratify your Board for 2019

Note that our By-Laws prohibit nominations from the floor

- If your surname begins with A-G please bring an appetizer plate to pass
- If your surname begins with H-R please bring a side or salad to pass
- If your surname begins with S-Z please bring a dessert plate to pass
- Soft drinks will be provided. Please bring your own adult beverage.
- The Club will provide fried chicken and ham.

Directions

6051 Wilshire Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34238

Enter Lakeshore Village from Clark Road, 1/4 mile EAST of Beneva Road, opposite the Paddywagon Irish Pub. The clubhouse is 100 yards on the left.

We will send you an Eventbrite invitation, please respond so that we have numbers for catering.

Sarasota British Club **2019 Board of Directors**

President	Paul Wilkinson
Vice President	Ivan Gould
Treasurer	Peter Stokes
Secretary	Kevin Clayton
Membership	David Welch
Newsletter	Steve Pankhurst
Website Liaison	Mark Malkasian
At Large 1	Sharon Gould
At Large 2	Karen Clayton
At Large 3	Christine Green
Emeritus	Sandra Cherry

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER YOU ARE



Naughty
OR
Nice

YOU ARE STILL INVITED TO "JINGLE AND MINGLE"
AT THE SARASOTA BRITISH CLUB
18TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018
6:00 – 10:00 PM



HERITAGE OAKS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB
4800 CHASE OAKS DRIVE, SARASOTA

MUSIC AND DANCING BY TONY AND TASHA

\$37.50 PER PERSON (MEMBER PRICE)
\$57.50 PER PERSON (NON-MEMBER PRICE)
CASH BAR



**PLEASE SEND YOUR PAYMENT USING THE INVITATION THAT YOU WILL
RECEIVE VIA EMAIL. SEND YOUR MENU CHOICES USING THE FORM BELOW**

MENU

**Artisan Salad with Pomegranates, Orange Supremes,
toasted Frangelico Almonds,
Goat Cheese and Citrus Dressing**



**Slow Roasted Prime Rib of Beef
Dauphinoise Potatoes, Fresh Asparagus & Horseradish Sauce**

or

**Roasted Turkey Breast
Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Green Beans & Turkey Gravy**

or

Vegetarian Option (upon request .. call Sandra Cherry)



**Individual Pavlova with Macerated Berries
Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter ... Coffee and Tea**



Please choose one main course per person (beef or turkey)

Name: _____	Menu Choice: _____
Name: _____	Menu Choice: _____
Name: _____	Menu Choice: _____
Name: _____	Menu Choice: _____

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

RSVP: By Saturday, December 1, 2018
Please mail your meal choice and seating preferences to:
Mark & Jean Malkasian, 678 Crane Prairie Way, Osprey, FL 34229
Tel: Jean (941)918-8360 or Mark (941)445-2890
Email: Mark & Jean Malkasian (jeanmalk@icloud.com)

Save the Date! Sunday February 17, 2019

Last year's Valentines Dinner Dance will be repeated at the Meadows Pub. Tony and Tasha will provide entertainment, and we have secured private use of the back room. We will have a limited menu, including the ever popular Fish and Chips supper. More details to follow after the Holidays.

Bok Tower Gardens – February 2019

A day trip to Bok Tower Gardens is being planned for February 2019. Further details later this year.

Tampa Bay Downs, April – date to be confirmed

One of our most popular annual events returns again with Sunday Brunch in the Skyline Terrace while we watch the races. Coach transportation will be available from Sarasota to the event.

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

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.

HELP – Storage Space Needed!

The Club needs a place to store the materials that we use for our events, mostly disposable dinnerware, and decorations. Currently we are using a storage facility that has raised its cost to \$40 per month, which means that we use the membership of 12 members to pay for storage! We will provide two free tickets to our annual Christmas Party in return for allowing us to store our stuff in your garage! We have a cart and half a dozen tote boxes. Contact Paul Wilkinson if you can help. (410) 990 4698 or pwilkinson18@comcast.net



For the 4th year Paul Wilkinson is leading a team to raise funds for the way to Alzheimer's first survivor by participating in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's®. Currently, more than 5 million Americans have Alzheimer's and that number is expected to grow to as many as 16 million by 2050. Our future is at

risk unless we can find a way to change the course of this disease.

The Walk will take place on Saturday, November 17, please join us or make a donation to help us meet our goal of \$1,000

Contact Paul Wilkinson with questions – pwilkinson18@comcast.net

Thank you for joining the fight against Alzheimer's!

[To join the Team - CLICK HERE](#)

[Donate to the Team - CLICK HERE](#)

****** We still need donations for the Christmas Party Gift baskets******

Please bring your donations to the AGM or contact Sandra Cherry at yourcuppateal@yahoo.net

From the Englewood British Club

Hello Brits, to carry on the tradition some of us are going to Oak Ridge Cemetery in Arcadia to pay our respects at the British Plot on Sunday. This is an informal gathering of friends and is not affiliated with any other groups that conduct the memorial service in May. There will be a short program starting at 10:40am culminating with the traditional playing of the Last Post and two minutes of silence at 11:00am . All are welcome to attend. This year as you well know it is the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that ended WW I.

After the program we are stopping at The Flavors of India (former Royal India) for lunch on the way home. You are welcome to join us , or you may wish to stay in Arcadia and eat at Mary Margaret's Tea Room.







RESIDENTIAL REALTY UPDATE

Hello my fellow Brits

Where has this year gone! Suddenly it is Autumn, or 'Fall' as they call it – hasn't that come round quick! Do you want to know what else is moving quickly – condo sales in Sarasota and Manatee! Someone forgot to tell condo sales that this is our 'quiet' month!

This month I thought I'd try something a little more visually pleasing to show the marketing statistics (with a little help from my 'techy' hubby Stewart!), though I have also included the text version for those who prefer to read the 'numbers' so you can see where I gathered the information.

For the end of August, compared to last year, our condo sales are up 10.1% in Sarasota and a stunning 26.9% in Manatee, while single family homes are pretty stable with Sarasota down 1.2% and Manatee up 0.2%. Median sales prices also continue to rise, year on year, sales of Sarasota single-family homes increased by 9.9 percent to \$283,488, while Manatee increased by 3.2 percent to \$296,000. Condo prices in Sarasota increased by 9.1 percent to \$232,950 and in Manatee they increased by 3.8 percent to \$190,000.

CONDOS	Sales compared to this month last year.	Average Sale Price
	 10.1% Sarasota	\$232,950
	 26.9% Manatee	\$190,000
SINGLE FAMILY HOMES		
	 1.2% Sarasota	\$283,488
	 0.2% Manatee	\$296,000

Any questions or help regarding Real Estate please do not hesitate to give me a call 941-914-2463.

Brought to you by Christine Green, a Florida REALTOR®

Data compiled from My Florida Regional Multiple Listing Service

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?