



BritClub News

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COMING EVENTS

SBC BOARD MEETING

Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 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.

October 26th at 12 noon
October Lunch at Linger Lodge

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November 4th
Guy Fawkes at Phillipi Park

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17th November
Annual General Meeting

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December 8th
Christmas Party

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Communication Update

Please be sure to watch your email for communications from the BritClub. If you are rusty or do not use email, please ask a fellow member to keep you updated with announcements.

February 2019
Visit to Bok Tower Gardens

Details in December/January

April 14th 2019
Tampa Bay Downs

Keep the date! Details in January

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, OCTOBER 2018

It is with great sadness that I must report that Jane Jacobs passed away early on the morning of October 4. She battled her cancer with great courage for 18 months, and her family was with her at the end.

Jane and Ross had been visiting from Chicago for several years before they finally moved here. During that time, she became friends with Sandra Cherry and helped out in Sandra's shop during her visits. So it was natural for her to join the club when she finally relocated here, and shortly thereafter she was persuaded to join the board.

As President, Jane guided the board with calm determination. She knew what she wanted and stood fast when faced with opposition. Her sense of humor livened our meetings, and her creative spirit was infectious. Nowhere was this more noticeable than the infamous 'Prancing Reindeer' at last year's Christmas Party!

Our thoughts and prayers are with Ross and Jane's family, who have asked for privacy as they grieve her loss. There will be a celebration of Jane's life at the Village des Pins clubhouse soon, where we will have an opportunity to remember Jane's vitality and courage. Members will receive an email invitation to the event.

Paul Wilkinson
President Elect



BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board meeting will be at **6:15 p.m.** on **October 10, 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 September Board meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT The bank balance stands at \$6,545.59 at August 31, 2018.

MEMBERSHIP – Current membership stands at 171, consisting of 148 family and 23 single members. There were 7 new members in August and 2 so far in September.

PROPOSED 2019 BOARD AND TRANSITION PLAN FOR 2018:

Paul Wilkinson presented a list of proposed nominations for the 2019 Officers and Directors. Since Jane Jacobs, the Immediate Past President, will not stand, that position will be replaced with a third Director at Large. It was confirmed that Kevin Clayton will be the nominee for Secretary and Karen Clayton will be nominated as a Director at Large.

The proposed 2019 Board nominations were approved.

Jane Jacobs will not be able to complete her term for 2018 and Sally Scott will not be returning to the Board; so Paul Wilkinson agreed to serve as President, Peter Stokes will serve as Treasurer and Kevin Clayton will be the Acting Secretary for the rest of this year.

OLD BUSINESS

By Laws Review

Ivan G. submitted the draft amended By Laws as developed by the By Laws Review Committee. He thanked the committee members for their work.

The current club Mission Statement with minor revisions was reviewed and approved by the Board. The Board approved the amended draft of the By Laws and it will be submitted to the members at the AGM for approval and adoption. The finalized proposed By Laws will be published in the November edition of the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

New Member Welcome Protocol – David Welch submitted to the Board a list of 5 recommendations for welcoming new members. These recommendations were approved by the Board, plus it was decided that the club will provide name badges to all new members joining from January 1, 2019.

OTHER BUSINESS

Christmas Party – Sandra Cherry now has an organizing committee of 10 members. Olga Stokes offered her house as the venue for preparing the Christmas baskets and Christine Green offered to prepare the flyer.

Peter Stokes, Acting Secretary

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

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the club:

- **John Garrick and Brenda Fiske**
- **James Hayward**

COMING EVENTS

October Lunch

The October Lunch will be **at Linger Lodge located at 7205 Linger Lodge Road, Bradenton, 34202**. For your GPS please use 7205 85th Street Court East, Bradenton.

The lunch is scheduled at 12 noon on Friday October 26th.

Linger Lodge began as a campground in 1945. The Lodge features a few rare and unusual "Florida Animals (stuffed). The restaurant was reopened under new management at the end of 2017 and as well as a traditional American menu the bill of fare includes "Tummy Teasers" Chunk of Skunk \$1.95, Shake'n'bake Snake \$2.25 (I hope they are kidding but you get the drift). Looking forward to seeing everyone. Vivienne Sivak

Guy Fawkes

Remember, Remember Sunday 4th November.....

OK, we will be a day early but Sunday evenings work better than Monday for most of our members. Location is dependent on the Red Tide and will be confirmed next month but provisionally planned for Phillippi Park. Come and eat, drink and enjoy the sunset.

Annual Christmas Party

Save the date for our 18th Annual Christmas Party

Saturday, December 8th, 6-10 pm, at Heritage Oaks Country Club

We will have fabulous Raffle Baskets, Father Christmas, Dancing, Silliness, and great food and libations etc etc

Any donations for the raffle baskets, would be greatly appreciated.....Gift certificates, wine, British goodies etc. Please contact Sandra Cherry, at 941-921-3162 (yourcuppateal@yahoo.com) if you have anything, and/or ideas for the party

Look for further information in the November newsletter, and be prepared for a right knees up evening!!!!!!

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, 14th April – hold the date

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.

RECENT EVENTS

Fish and Chip night at Beckham's

A large group (40) of us met at Beckham's on a Saturday evening. The restaurant did a great job of preparing hot, fresh and tasty fish and chips for all of us and everyone had a very enjoyable time.





Calusa Brewery

We returned to the Calusa Brewery for another evening of good beer, good company and games. As you can see from the photos, it was a relaxed and fun evening!



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](#)

RESIDENTIAL REALTY UPDATE

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

MEDIA MATTERS – VIEWING SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Here are some viewing suggestions for members;



This month we enjoyed:

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society. What a mouthful of a title, but a very enjoyable war-time drama set in Guernsey. Disappointingly, none of it was filmed on the Channel Island, but north Devon provided some very pleasant scenery. Lily James (*Downton Abbey*) also provided some pleasant scenery! Highly Recommended.

Magic for Humans is an entertaining 25 minute series that has nothing to do with the UK, but as I am a 'magic nut' it is recommended for like minds. The presenter, Justin Willman, is charismatic and inventive. His magic is more akin to trick photography, startling in its creativity.

We continue to enjoy the occasional episode of “**Escape to the Continent**”. We love the exploration of the countries and towns, and marvel at the naïve Brits who think it will be easy to throw it all up and move to a foreign country.



I am finding more and more good viewing on Amazon.

The Last Post. In the mid-60s, a unit of Royal Military Police officers and their families deal with the challenges of politics, love and war in the shimmering heat of British-controlled Aden. Incredibly, the officers at that time took their families into hostile territory – thereby providing the plot for this 6-part series.

The Diplomat is a 2-part Australian spy thriller with a twist. Set against the back drop of bickering intelligence agencies, fallible police forces and international tensions; "The Diplomat" is a spy thriller inspired by real incidents known to international security agencies, including the 1997 theft of five Soviet built nuclear "suitcase bombs."

We binged on “**Jack Ryan**” (excellent action!) and struggled with “**The Marvelous Mrs Maisel**” (perhaps too ethnic for us Brits).

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.