



# BritClub News

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## COMING EVENTS

### SBC BOARD MEETING

Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> 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.*

August 9<sup>th</sup>  
Social Evening

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August 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Lunch at The Boatyard Waterfront Grill

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September 21<sup>st</sup>  
Appalachian Trail Presentation

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November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Guy Fawkes picnic at Siesta Key

Hold the date!

Dec 14<sup>th</sup>

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](http://www.sarasotabritishclub.com)

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER, AUGUST 2019

### President's Letter

July 6 saw our 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. What a long way we have come. Diana and I were childhood sweethearts in our homes in Worcester, where Diana worked for Worcestershire County Council and we met through my mother.

We married in 1974 at the Malvern Hills registry office, and moved to Manchester where I worked for Marks and Spencer after university. Shortly afterwards I joined Rentokil, where I moved steadily upwards in the company until they asked me (in 1984) if we would move to the USA for 3 years. Diana was enthusiastic, we hated the weather in Manchester, and I had spent time in Vermont as a student. So we loaded up our home and 4 Persian cats and moved to Pittsburgh.

At the end of the 3-year term, just as we were about to move back to the UK, a management change resulted in my being asked to move to Ft Lauderdale, and soon after our son, Mark was born. We won our Green Card in a lottery and decided to stay permanently. In 1990 we were transferred to Chicago, and in 1994 moved again to Boston. In 2001 I left Rentokil and we moved again to Annapolis, MD. Our final move came in 2012 when we visited Siesta Key on a spring break and decided to make this our final home.

I retired two years ago, and I am sure you all know that Diana and I love to travel in our RV with our two dogs Yukon and Xian.

While we are still in the heat of summer, we are making plans for the Holidays and next year. We had a good response to our request for help with the Christmas Party and I am looking forward to this fun event.

***I have been given notice by some board members that they do not intend to stand again next year, and if any members wish to join the board, I encourage you to reach out to me.***



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## BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Precis of the July Board Meeting**

Treasurer reported that the account balance is \$5058.

Membership reported at 157 members total: 136 Family and 21 Single members. It was also noted that 26 members have been members for 10 years or more.

Chairman requested Board members to notify him of their plans/availability for Board membership in 2020.

Paul Wilkinson has volunteered to head up the Christmas party committee this year. Heritage Oaks is booked as are Tony and Tasha for the entertainment.

### **Christmas Party Request**

Will any members who are willing to help in organizing the party please contact Paul Wilkinson - [pwilkinson18@gmail.com](mailto:pwilkinson18@gmail.com)

After many years of outstanding service, Mark and Jean Malkasian are stepping down from leading the *Christmas Party seating plan committee*. Please contact Paul Wilkinson if you are interested in participating on this committee.

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### August Lunch

The August lunch will be held on *Friday, August 23, 12 noon*. The restaurant is the Boatyard Waterfront Grill, 1500 Stickney Point Road, Sarasota, located 1.5miles from Siesta Beach, telephone number 941 921-3718

The Boatyard menu includes a large variety of seafood, American and Italian dishes. Looking forward to seeing you in August at this lovely location, Vivienne

### Social Evening

Come and enjoy an evening of good company with friends on *Friday, August 9, 2019* from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM at:

Village Des Pins Clubhouse  
7964 Timberwood Circle  
Sarasota, FL 34268

### Appalachian Trail Presentation

September 21st

Steve Adams has graciously agreed to speak with the Club about his recent adventures on the Appalachian Trail. At the time of writing he has only 300 miles to complete the 2,200 mile journey for the SECOND TIME! If he completes the trek he will be one of only 15 60+ year-olds to finish the Trail twice. Further details to follow next month.

### Guy Fawkes Picnic

After last year's hiatus due to Red Tide, we will again celebrate Guy Fawkes attempt at solving the Parliamentary impasse on Siesta Key. We have the Sea Turtle Pavilion booked for *Sunday November 3*. Further details to follow next month.

### Christmas Party

The Annual Christmas Party will take place on *14th December at the Heritage Oaks Country Club*. Further details to follow in the coming months!

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## RECENT EVENTS

### July Lunch

The July lunch was held at Demetrios Pizza & Grill. It's the summer travel season so it was a smaller group than usual, but everyone had a really nice time, very relaxed and the food was good. We all got to meet a couple who are new members: Clare and Nick, who recently moved to Sarasota.

### McCurdy's Comedy Club

A small group attended the World Series Of Comedy at McCurdy's. A good time was had by all!

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## MEDIA MATTERS

I wrote last month about two British shows, *Line of Duty* and *Outlander*. Since then we have become hooked on both.

*Line of Duty* is possibly the best police procedural that we have ever seen. Spanning several years over 5 seasons, the 30 episodes follow the adventures of the police Anti-Corruption team, AC-11. While each season stands on its own, the entire series cleverly unravels a deeply rooted criminal conspiracy within the police force in a fictional midland city. While it requires a \$4.99 monthly subscription to Acorn (a channel inside Amazon Prime), it is a bargain.

*Outlander* started for me as a bodice-ripping historic chick flick. WOW! Has that changed! This is an adult series with strong scenes of violence and sex. That said, we are hooked, and recommend it to those with broad minds.

I have written in the past about *Detectorists*, a quirky British show about a couple of metal detector enthusiasts. I binge watched Series 3 on Acorn – an Amazon Prime channel. Outstanding!

## 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](mailto:stevepankhurst55@gmail.com).

**In Memoriam:** Cyril Smith passed away recently. A private man, he attended many of our functions despite a condition that required him to use portable oxygen. His partner, Valerie, was always by his side, and we understand that she has moved to: Inspired Assisted Living at Lakewood Ranch, 5424 Lena Road, Bradenton 34211

### 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.