



# BritClub News

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## COMING EVENTS

### **SBC BOARD MEETING**

Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 9th 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 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Thomas Miller: A History of British Medicine at 6:30 pm**

**October 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Appalachian trail presentation at 6:00 pm**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Guy Fawkes BBQ at Siesta Key Beach at 5:00 pm**

**November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Alzheimer's Walk at 8:00 am**

**November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Annual General Meeting at 6:30 pm (*Note venue change!*)**

**Dec 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Party at 6:00 pm **Hold the date!****

### ***Eventbrite***

**A gentle reminder please to use the Eventbrite system to let us know that you are coming to our events. Many events require us to notify the venue of numbers attending. At several recent events members have arrived without advance notice, and this causes confusion and seating difficulties.**

***In future members who have not signed up will be asked to wait until registered members are seated and we hope you will understand that it is only fair that we should give priority to members who have used the system.***

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER, OCTOBER 2019

After last month's epic Rhine River Cruise, we spent a few weeks at home before organizing our trip to Atlanta to see Mark Knopfler (Dire Straits) in concert. We have seen him many times over the years, and love his music. We decided to take the RV and take a week in the N Georgia mountains to get away from the Florida heat. Little did we know that the heat would travel with us!

After an initial panic over the path of Dorian, we set off with our dogs, and ran into a wall of heat in Atlanta, where it was 108 degrees as we drove through downtown. We turned on the generator and bumped up the A/C and spent the night following the concert in the parking lot at the amphitheater.

The following day we made our way to Tallulah Gorge, almost in N. Carolina, and at last found some relief from the heat for 3 nights. The dogs enjoyed walks through the woods, and we swam in the lake both afternoons we were there.

Next stop was Helen, GA. What a peculiar place! It is a Bavarian-style town where every building has a red pitched roof (even the Wendy's and the gas station!). We had a Bratwurst lunch and rolled back to our campsite mid-afternoon, where I promptly ruptured my calf muscle. Four hours later I escaped the ER with crutches and a boot, and we crashed for the night on pain meds and wine. The following day my Princess did most of the driving on our 650-mile, 13 hour trip home!

I am happy to say that after 2 weeks in the surgical boot, and extensive PT, I am now back to my old self and looking forward to our next trip in October to San Francisco to visit our son, Mark. We will be flying this time!



***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.***

## BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Précis of the September Board Meeting**

The club currently has \$5,432.50 in the bank; there are 138 family members and 22 single members for a total membership of 160; the next meeting will be held on October 9th at the Village des Pins clubhouse, starting at 6:15 pm.

### **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday November 16, 6:30pm, at Village des Pins Clubhouse. Members will be asked to ratify the selection of Board Members at this meeting.

Refreshments will be provided at the meeting, and an Eventbrite invitation will be sent prior to the event.

### **Christmas Party Plans**

Volunteers to the Christmas Party Committee so far: Tessa Cooper; Glenys Oldham; Maggie Cassidy; Diana Wilkinson; Beryl Perry; Olga Stokes; Hazel & Steve Pankhurst (table placement)

We are looking for donations for the popular gift baskets.

If any members have items that would make good gifts, please contact Diana Wilkinson: [dwilkinson18@comcast.net](mailto:dwilkinson18@comcast.net)

**We also need BASKETS!** Now is a good time to recycle last year's baskets!



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**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm:**

### ***A History of British Medicine***

Our presenter, Dr. Thomas Miller, is a physician, Board Certified in Internal Medicine. He has a particular interest in the history of British Medicine and has offered to share his passion with us.

Dr. Miller resides in Virginia and will be visiting Sarasota in late September/early October. His talk will cover interesting and humorous anecdotes, to highlight some of the trials and successes of developing surgical treatment and to tell a bit of the history behind them. Join us at the Village des Pins Clubhouse 7964 Timberwood Circle Sarasota.

The club will provide snacks, BRING YOUR OWN ADULT BEVERAGE!

**October 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:30pm:**

### ***Hiking the Appalachian Trail -twice!***

Steve Adams is a Past President of the SBC. In 2014 he became a member of a select group of 60+ year-olds to hike the length of the 2,200 mile Appalachian Trail.

This past 6 months he has done it for a second time! With a following of thousands on the podcasts describing his adventures, he finally arrived at Mt Katahdin in Maine on August 23. Now is your chance to share his adventures in our regular venue at Village des Pins.

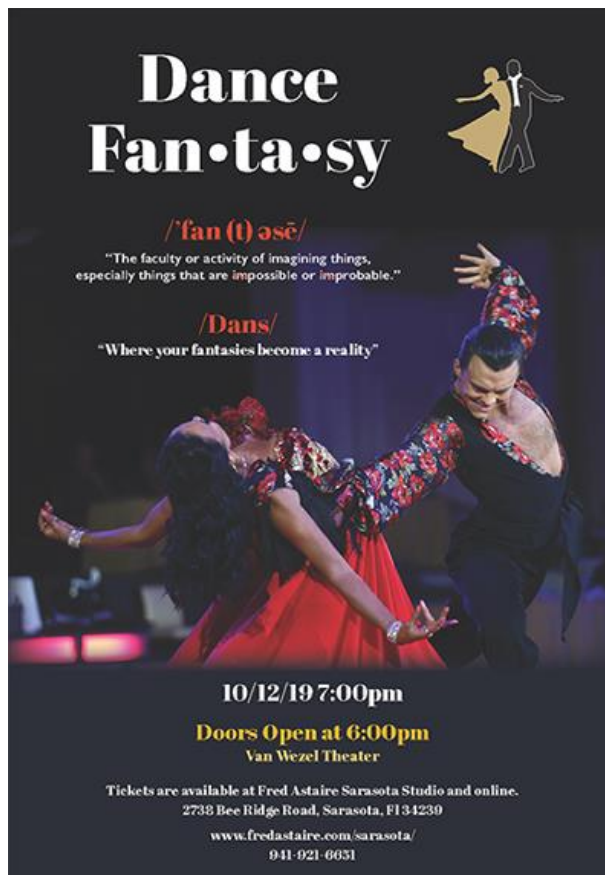
See you at the Village des Pins Clubhouse, 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota

The club will provide snacks, BRING YOUR OWN ADULT BEVERAGE.



October 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm:

You are invited to: "Dance Fantasy", at Van Wezel Theater



Come and see two of your Board Members on stage at the Van Wezel on October 12th. The evening promises to be a great event, with over 25 show dances taking place. All of the dances are either Pro Am or Amateur Couple. Indeed, Sharon and Ivan will take part in no less than four routines - a Viennese Waltz to Perfect by Ed Sheeran; a Theater Arts to Shallows of A Star Is Born fame; a mash up to The Greatest Showman and Sharon performs with Tiana in one of the last scenes from Chicago!

Tickets are \$50 for General Admission or, for a special dinner and "meet the Dancers and Professionals" VIP passes are available at \$75. PLEASE NOTE there are only 75 VIP passes available so get in quickly!

Tickets can be purchased from the Fred Astaire studio on Bee Ridge or on line at <https://www.fredastaire.com/sarasota/> using the "Buy Tickets" button on the home page.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:pm:**

***Guy Fawkes BBQ*** at Siesta Key Beach



**November 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am:**

***Walk to End Alzheimer's: an invitation from our president***

“As a participant in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's®, I am leading the way to Alzheimer's first survivor — but I can't take on this disease alone. Will you join me on this important day by walking beside me? With you on my team, together we can make a real difference in the fight against the nation's sixth-leading cause of death”.

Registration is easy; simply visit my Walk to End Alzheimer's participant page and join my team. If you're unable to participate, please consider making a donation to my fundraising campaign. I have kicked this off with a personal donation of \$100. Every dollar advances the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association®.

Thank you!

My page: [Donate to Paul's Walk](#)

**November 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm:**

***Annual General Meeting,***  
Village des Pins Clubhouse  
7964 Timberwood Circle; Sarasota FL, 34238

Members will be asked to ratify the selection of Board Members at this meeting.

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**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm:**

***Annual Christmas Party***

Heritage Oaks Golf & Country Club,  
4800 Chase Oaks Dr. Sarasota, FL. 34241

We are busy planning our annual Christmas Party, and we are looking for donations for the popular gift baskets. If any members have items that would make good gifts, please contact Diana Wilkinson: [dwilkinson18@comcast.net](mailto:dwilkinson18@comcast.net) .



## 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)

## RECENT EVENTS

***Downton Abbey-the movie***

We had a great turnout of forty members who thoroughly enjoyed a screening of Downton Abbey at the Sarasota AMC theater on September 25th.

Afterwards we adjourned to Beckhams for their famous Fish and Chips and Steak and Kidney pie! Excellent!





### September Lunch- Connors

Twenty five members enjoyed an excellent lunch at Connors on the last Friday of the month. With Fish and Chips for \$10 and Prime Rib sandwich for \$14 this was excellent value for money and you can be sure we will be back! Thanks to Vivienne Sivak for her tenacity in securing this venue for us.



## MEDIA MATTERS

We binge watched the two series of **Outlander**, and we have now subscribed to **Starz** (on Amazon Prime) so that we can watch series 3-5.

I mentioned **Grand Designs** last month, and we have watched all of the episodes available on **Netflix** (for some reason they have seasons 10 and 15?). I was delighted to find a lot of episodes on YouTube, and we watched the 1999 first series and laughed at the fashions and the youthfulness of the host, Kevin. [Paul Wilkinson](#)

## 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: [peter13454@gmail.com](mailto:peter13454@gmail.com)

### In Memoriam: Anne Wolfe

Anne E. Wolfe, 80, died after an extended stay at the Lakewood Ranch Medical Center on September 16, 2019. The cause of death, in part, was stage three Ovarian Cancer.

Anne was born in Cambridge, England, on June 22, 1939, the daughter of Leslie and Louisa Richards. She married Dr Michael Wolfe on January 7, 1964, in Baltimore, Maryland and spent 42 years working for the American Express Company (AMEX) in accounting, retail, and business services, and received numerous outstanding performance awards throughout her career.

Several members attended a service for Anne at the Sarasota National Military Cemetery on September 24.



### ***Shore Birds Nesting Season***

During this past summer, the birds, once again returned to nest in our beaches and there were colonies in Lido, Siesta and Longboat Key.

The Black Skimmers had a very productive year; the count in August was: 784 adults, 327 nests and 322 fledged chicks.

The Least Terns had two ground nesting colonies with a total of: 204 adults, 111 nests and 80 fledged chicks.

The Snowy Plovers sadly, had low numbers and no productivity: there were at most 3 breeding pairs and 7 nests which were lost due to ghost crabs, overwash and crows.

By now, the Black Skimmers have spread out leaving Lido and the Least Terns have made their way to South America for the winter; instead, we are seeing our migratory wintering species arrive, like Sanderlings, Ruddy Turnstones, Black Bellied Plovers and Willets.

This information was provided by Kylie Wilson from the Audubon Society. If you wish to volunteer as a bird steward next year please contact: [kwilson@audubon.org](mailto:kwilson@audubon.org)



### ***Thank you!***

The editors wish to thank all the club members who have contributed to this edition.

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## 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.