



BritClub News



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COMING EVENTS

SBC BOARD MEETING

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 12th 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

Lipizzan Stallion Event: Friday Feb 14th; 2:30-5:30 pm. 32755 Singletary Rd, Myakka City, FL 34251

Luncheon: February 28th, noon at The Grove in Lakewood Ranch.

A Day at the Races: Tampa Bay Downs, March 22nd; 11225 Race Track Rd, Tampa, FL 33626

Save the date!

Guy Fawkes
AGM

Christmas party: December 12th, 2020 at 6:00pm.

Eventbrite

A gentle reminder: please 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, FEBRUARY 2020

With the start of the New Year we began our adventures in our RV with a trip to Ormond Beach, on the east coast, just north of Daytona. As you know, we like to stay in State Parks, and we managed to find a few days at Tomoka SP, named for the Native American tribe that inhabited the area (until they were wiped out by the arrival of the European explorers). As you can see, our site was very secluded, and we were very comfortable, with warm days and cool nights.



One of the reasons that we like the east coast is that there are quite a few gorgeous dog-friendly beaches on which Yukon and Xian can enjoy themselves. We are very lucky that neither of them like the water, as a big wet dog would be even more of a problem in our small RV!

The lighthouse at Ponce Inlet is the tallest in Florida. It is no longer an active light but does shine at night as part of the museum campus on which it stands. It would be easy to spend a day here. Not only is the museum fascinating and very well maintained, the inlet has a dog beach, and is a popular spot with surfers.



Diana did not join me in climbing the 203 steps to the top of the light, but the view from the top was worth the effort! The stairs did look pretty amazing from the top too!

Next month we are off to see the manatees at Manatee Springs SP. I hope to share some pictures with you.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Précis of the December Board Meeting

The Treasurer's Report showed a Closing Balance of \$2,427.77 December 31st, 2019.

Our total membership at present is: 168 and it is comprised of 28 single and 140 family memberships.

Mark M. reported that the website committee (Paul; Sharon and himself), would review the website and make recommendations to the board.

Future events ideas such as a Picnic in Nokomis; Kayaking; Cooking demonstration; Social night and Bingo for the Summer were discussed.

The Sarasota British Club is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year



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Please bring cash!

February Luncheon:

This month's lunch will be held on Friday, February 28th, 12:00 noon, at the Grove restaurant located at 10670 Boardwalk Loop, Lakewood Ranch, ph:941 866-1294.

Because of the size of our group we will be ordering from a menu especially prepared for us. This menu includes, salads, Fish and Chips etc. Also, a combination of 1/2 sandwich with soup or salad.

March Luncheon:

It will be on Friday March 13, 12 noon, at Miguel's Restaurant located at 6631 Midnight Pass Road, Siesta Key, telephone: 941 349-4024

Miguel's are opening their doors especially for us and have a menu that includes soup or salad followed by a choice of 4 entrees, Salmon with lemon and capers; Chicken Marengo; Veal Piccata or Beef Tipped Diane and dessert. The cost is \$25 per person which includes a non-alcoholic beverage tax and tip.

A Day at the Races: Tampa Bay Downs

11225 Race Track Rd, Tampa, FL 33626

Price: \$35:00 per person which includes lunch and gratuities.

Sign up at the Eventbrite invitation and let us know you are coming so we can arrange carpooling to the venue.



Coming in November:

Annual General Meeting

Guy Fawkes Beach Party

2020 Annual Christmas party:

December 12th, 2020; at 6:00pm.

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

SPECIAL INVITATIONS:

Kayak Adventure coming in March 2020

This is a heads up for the possibility of a kayak trip on a weekday between Monday, March 23rd and Friday, March 27th, 2020. Scheduling is dependent on the Tidal & Wind Gods and the availability of our trusty, professional guide from the American Littoral Society.

Launch point and lunch details are to be determined.

Seats are limited to 17 folks in 11 single kayaks and 3 tandems (doubles) so, consider committing early. BYOB (boat owners) are welcomed to join our fleet. Launch fee for all essential gear is \$25.00.

All details are anticipated to be available in the March Newsletter.

In the interim feel free to contact the Event Coordinator, Mark Malkasian by email marqmalk@gmail.com or (941) 445-2890.

The Academy of St Martin in the Fields

We have been approached by a representative of SMF to advise members of a concert on February 15.

The Academy of St Martin in the Fields is one of the world's finest chamber orchestras, renowned for fresh, brilliant interpretations of the world's greatest orchestral music.

For more information and tickets please click here;

<https://www.vanwezel.org/boxoffice/academy-of-st-martin-in-the-fields-with-joshua-bell/>

Chamber Orchestra of Sarasota

Greetings Brit Club members:

We have been asked to let you know of an upcoming performance by the Chamber Orchestra of Sarasota featuring masterpieces of English composers, plus music inspired by the plays of William Shakespeare performed in collaboration with actors from Urbanite Theatre.

Here is the web site of the orchestra, with more information about the event, and a link to buy tickets.

<https://chamberorchestrasarasota.org/>



BRITISH NIGHT

Masterpieces by English composers, plus music inspired by the plays of William Shakespeare performed in collaboration with actors from **URBANITE THEATRE**

FEBRUARY 11, 7:30 P.M.

Church of the Redeemer | 222 South Palm Avenue
Tickets: Adults **\$25**, Students **\$15**
Tickets and information at www.chamberorchestrasarasota.org

RECENT EVENTS

January breakfast

A beautiful morning with friends getting together to have a full English breakfast, laughs and pleasant conversations!





Talking Turtles

January 22nd was a very cold day in Sarasota, still, a brave and happy crowd gathered at the VDP Clubhouse to hear about the Sea Turtles. Our speakers were Tim Thurman (president of The Long Boat Key Turtle Watch) and his wife Alison. They gave us an excellent presentation telling us about the Sea Turtle's life cycle, long journeys, their vulnerabilities and threats at sea and land and what we can do to minimize human impact on their habitats. We learned all that and more while enjoying refreshments and the delicious treats that Paul & Diana organized for us.





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

MEDIA MATTERS

On the movie front I hope that members have been able to see two movies on the Big Screen at your local cinema.

- ***Ford vs Ferrari*** is a very American movie telling the story of how Ford challenged Ferrari's dominance in motor racing in the early 60's. There are two British connections: one is that the lead driver of the Ford car was Ken Miles, from Birmingham, who is played by Brit Christian Bale; the other is that one of the two editors, ***Drew Buckland***, is the son of Club members Mike and Linda Buckland. Drew and Michael McCusker have already won multiple awards for their work on 'Ford vs Ferrari' and have also been nominated for an Oscar and Bafta awards; we wish them luck at the upcoming ceremonies.
- The other British movie is ***1917***, directed by Sam Mendes and telling the story of the terrible war in the trenches during the Great War. It, too, is nominated for several Oscars.

On ***Acorn*** we have been enjoying ***Finding Faith***, a tv series originally shot in Welsh, and set in the beautiful countryside around Carmarthen. Solid acting, although the plot is somewhat contrived.

On ***Amazon*** I highly recommend ***Our Man in Japan***. ***James May (Top Gear, Grand Tour)*** provides an entertaining and amusing insight into Japan's geography and culture. The photography is outstanding, and his witty comments will pass you by if you do not pay attention.

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

A note from Christine Green:

Just to let members know about an online site I use for books from the UK:
www.awesomebooks.com . It is absolutely brilliant!

You can buy new or used books.

I don't mind secondhand books especially if I can get my favourite UK author!

Usually works out at 3 books (paperback or hardback) in good condition for \$11.99 delivered to the US. The service is pretty quick too!!

Again, I thought other members would appreciate this.

Christine

REQUEST TO ALL MEMBERS

Dear members:

Facebook: the club needs a Social Media person to take responsibility of our Facebook account and keep it up to date. Volunteers are most welcome!

Thank you!

The editor wishes to thank all the club members who have contributed to this edition.



The Peak District, England

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; you can add your event photos to the wall.