



BritClub News

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A MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Brit Club members,

As I sit down to start writing my newsletter introduction, the first word that comes to mind is: “Wow”. What an incredible journey we have been on these past few weeks; the passing of the Queen, a new King, all of the amazing parades and ceremonies. Now to top it off, one of the most devastating hurricanes to ever hit Southwest Florida, with all of the terrible destruction and loss of life.

Olga and I are so grateful to have come through the hurricane unscathed, but I wonder how our members are making out in in the Venice and North Port areas and even further south, Port Charlotte perhaps? Please reply to our sarasotabritclub@gmail.com email address with any news or any other comments or information you would like to share with me and I will pass it on to our membership.

Having experienced several hurricanes and tropical storms during my years living in the Bahamas, the best sage advice I can offer is patience. It can take months before our lives will return to normal and the mess is cleaned up, the shops are fully restocked and the trees and bushes start to recover. Unfortunately, for many, life will never return to normal.

Meanwhile, our club will continue to offer opportunities for you to socialize and, dare I say it while so many people are suffering – have some fun. Our next event will be a pub night on Thursday, October 13th at Miller’s Ale House at the corner of Bee Ridge and Cattlemen. In fact, if these pub nights continue to be well supported, they may become a regular feature like the monthly lunches. We have a lunch scheduled for Friday, October 28th at Beckham’s on the Trail. For additional events please read on below and look out for the invitations to arrive in your inbox.

Best wishes, Peter Stokes, Club President

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 13th: Pub night at Miller's Ale House at the corner of Bee Ridge and Cattlemen.

October 28th: we have a lunch scheduled at Beckham's on the Trail.

November 5th: **Guy Fawkes celebration** will be at the Sarasota County pavilion located near Turtle Beach at the southern end of Midnight Pass Road on Siesta Key. A \$15.00 donation will be collected on arrival, which will cover the cost of the food and supplies.

Chef Michel will be in charge of the BBQ, ably assisted by VP David. Please bring your own beverages. Plates, napkins, cups and cutlery will be provided by the club.

Don't forget to bring warm clothes; it was quite cold last year.



Images from Guy Fawkes' beach party 2021

November 19th: Queen Elizabeth II, a Celebration of Her Life

Venue: Village des Pins Clubhouse; 7964 Timberwood Cir. Sarasota FL 34238

This event will be hosted by Christine and Stewart Green and will be a time for celebrating the remarkable life of our late Queen. This will be a great opportunity to share your fondest memories and memorabilia and participate in some special activities.



December 3rd: Our Christmas Party will be at the Heritage Oaks and this one should be great fun based on all the ideas being banded around! Members are invited to volunteer to form a working sub-committee for the detailed planning. Please send an email to sarasotabritclub@gmail.com if you would like to participate in the preparations.

Since we can no longer use Eventbrite to collect credit card payments, all attendees will be asked to mail a cheque to the club's P.O. box 21063, in advance to confirm your place, plus your menu choices and seating preferences. More details to follow shortly.

December 13th: Our final event for the year will be another pub night at the British Open Pub, 367 Jacaranda Blvd, Venice, FL 34292. Its about time we held an event "down south"!

Linda has managed to reserve a separate room for us "The Library" where we can celebrate Christmas the old-fashioned way by singing Christmas carols and other festivities.

RECENT EVENTS

SBC members remembering Queen Elizabeth II on Local News Channel ABC 7

Local News Channel ABC 7 wanted to know the impact of the Queen's death on the British people of the Sun Coast, their feelings and thoughts for today and tomorrow. Board members were interviewed by Rick Adams and Michaela Redmond



Val & Martin Turner opened their home in the UK to Kelsie Cairns of WWSB Channel 7



September 16th: Happy Hour was held at The Public House, located at the corner of North Lockwood Ridge and University Parkway. Here is a report from David:

Words from David Welch:

Some 25 club members braved the Florida rain and I-75 traffic problems to enjoy a "Happy Hour" - which in the end lasted 3 hours! - at The Public House on University Parkway/N Lockwood Ridge Road.

Peter made a toast to King Charles III. The Club welcomed a number of new members including Andrew and Jayne Ward, Glenda and Richard Fellows and Michael Doxie (who is in fact a returning member). During the course of the evening, Terry Williams, who had come as a guest, decided to become a member as well!

Given the success of the evening, we hope to replicate this event in the future and, perhaps, make it a regular event.



September's Board Meeting: was held on Sept 20th at 6:30pm, at Village des Pins Clubhouse; 7964 Timberwood Cir. Sarasota FL 34238.

From your editor

Many thanks to News channel ABC 7 and their reporters for accompanying us during this time and also to the members who have contributed to this edition.



Autumn morning in the Smoky Mountains

Your Newsletter Editor

Sarasota British Club name badges

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Phone 941 921 4339.

- \$12.50 plus tax for badge with magnet
- \$12.50 plus tax for badge with pin (no magnet)

Badges can be collected in person (Mon.– Fri. 8.30 – 5pm, Sat .9 am – noon) or shipped to your home for an additional charge.

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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.