



# BritClub News

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## A MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Brit Club members,

We have had a series of very enjoyable luncheons and evening socials in recent months and I hope to see many more of you coming out to join us. Our luncheons are always on the last Friday of each month and evening socials (formerly known as “pub nights”) are usually on a Thursday mid-month.

There will also be additional events such as the Coronation party on May 6<sup>th</sup>. This one is already being planned, so remember to set your DVR , VCR – or VHS recorders – so that you can watch the festivities going on in the UK after attending our party !

We continue to add new members to our club through either word-of-mouth, or, folks googling “British people in Sarasota” and finding our website. New members joining now will not have to pay another membership fee until 2024 – what a bargain !

We are overdue for an annual general meeting so we’ll be squeezing that in just before our party on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM sharp; this will provide an opportunity for the members to vote on appointing a new slate of directors and officers for the year. Official notice will be issued shortly, with an invitation for any member interested in joining the board, to put their name forward to the Nominating Committee, whose Chairman is David Welch. David’s email address is: [welchdw@gmail.com](mailto:welchdw@gmail.com)

There are two other events in the pipeline for the Spring; more details to follow.

Best regards,  
Peter Stokes, SBC President.



## RECENT EVENTS

### ***January Club Luncheon at 'Glory Days':***

The Club's first monthly lunch of 2023 was held at the Glory Days restaurant on Cooper Creek on January 27th.

Twenty-four members braved a cold (for Florida) day to enjoy a very convivial gathering. As usual, an abundance of fish and chip orders were placed!! The Club was delighted to welcome another new member, Bob Baldrey, relatively recently arrived in Sarasota. We were especially pleased to note that a very high proportion of members actually wore their membership badges! It certainly helps identifying people especially for those of us with declining memory capabilities! Members were advised that a venue for King Charles' Coronation on May 6th had been secured and that the Club had decided to hold two events at Christmas: one, the traditional evening Christmas Party; the other, a more sedate lunch for those whose preference that might be. Some members indicated they might be up for attending both!"



***January Evening Social at 'McGrath's':***

Some 23 members enjoyed an unexpectedly mild evening outdoors at McGrath's pub/restaurant in Lakewood Ranch to kick off the club's program of activities for 2023.

We were delighted to welcome two new members - Karen and Andrew Truter, originally from the UK but now residing in Canada. Members were able to catch up on each other's activities during the Christmas Holiday period and, in several instances, enjoy a plateful of fish and chips! We heard that, during February, McGrath's is planning to show some live (proper!) football matches which presumably will be games from the English Premiership but this has not yet been confirmed. But it will be another opportunity for the Brit Club, together with the Caledonian Society and the St David's Welsh Society to gather together to enjoy an afternoon/evening of typically British sporting activity.



**February Evening Social at 'Food and Beer':**

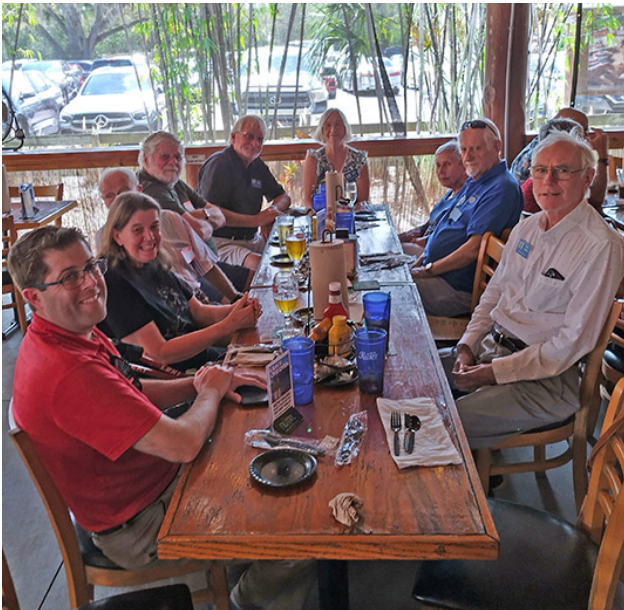


Another lovely evening with a light cool breeze passing by!  
It was ideal for our members to get together for a meal and a drink or two...  
We were munching and laughing loudly for about three hours until finally decided to go home long after it got dark.

It was such a nice atmosphere, a group of people meeting time after time, always happy to see each other and finding something to talk and laugh about!



**February Club Luncheon at 'Stottlemyers':**



Yes... we waited a long time for the food, mainly because we were the only large group at the restaurant but when the food arrived, it was really good.

The cheerful spirit of the Brit club goes on!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ***Celebrating His Majesty the King: Coronation 2023:***

The Coronation Ceremony will take place on Saturday 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey, London, it will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Ceremony will see His Majesty King Charles III crowned alongside The Queen Consort.

We will be celebrating on May 6<sup>th</sup>; we shall have our AGM and Coronation Party starting at 4pm.

The venue: Turtle Beach Pavilion, on Midnight Pass Road South, Siesta Beach, Sarasota, Florida.

We are looking forward to seeing you!



**Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> Evening Social:**

from 5:30 PM at 'Beckham's on the Trail', 8579 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34238.

**Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>:**

Club Luncheon at 'Parrot Patio Bar & Grill', at 12:00 noon on Friday March 31st, located at 3602 Webber St, Sarasota, FL 34232

**April 2023:**

an event is currently being planned and will be announced soon.

*We have Club Luncheons and Evening Socials every month; invitations are sent by email.*

**December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Christmas dinner party:**

with live band, more information to follow.

**December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Christmas lunch:**

please stay tuned for more details.



***From your editor***

Dear SBC members:

I just wanted to encourage you to attend our events; the luncheons and pub nights are good fun but still need more of your support.

To those of you who are able to come sometimes but are hesitating, please remember that you are always welcome and once you have made the effort you will enjoy yourself and go back home with a big smile on your face.

***Just a message on a road sign in Colorado:***



Many thanks to the members who have contributed to this edition with special thanks to Robert Schuler and David Welch for their photographs and written material.

*Your Newsletter Editor, Olga*



## Sarasota British Club name badges

Please obtain Club badges directly from **Sarasota Trophy, 6601 Superior Ave, Sarasota, FL 34321.**

**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.