

Britsburgh Societies Launch 2017

Britsburgh Societies – Synopsis

Britsburgh Societies provide individuals, communities and organizations in Pittsburgh with an opportunity to engage in an interest, cause or purpose related to the UK; meet and associate with like-minded people with similar interests; enjoy and delve into themes or topics of interest, whether they be cultural, educational, historic, etc. Each society meets at least six times per year and sometimes more, depending on events and opportunities, to engage in an interest, cause or purpose related to the UK; meet and associate with like-minded people with similar interests; enjoy and delve into topics, themes or topics of interest, whether they be cultural, educational, historic, etc.

The Britsburgh Team is a group of Brits and anglophiles in the Pittsburgh region, who provide experiences for individuals, households and corporations at an affordable monthly membership rate. The Team is constantly seeking to expand the number of societies and events providing members with more opportunities where they can get that British experience - without getting on an airplane. Societies will meet throughout the year and all societies plan to meet during the week of the Britsburgh Festival (September 5-10, 2017). We believe that there are plenty of opportunities for our societies to get together to hold multi societies events. Members can join one or multiple societies individually or as a household. BACP will also provide a number of free memberships to deserving communities in Pittsburgh.

Joining is simple: <http://bit.ly/Britsburghmembership>. Join one society or for an extra \$2 per month upgrade to multiple (all) society membership.

Societies launched Feb 6, 2017:

Britsburgh Performing Arts Society

Pittsburgh's vibrant performing arts scene provides us all with multiple shows to enjoy year-round. The Britsburgh Team partners with performing arts organizations that are producing a show with British connections. The connection could be a British playwright or actor, a play, musical or opera. Once the Britsburgh Team has partnered with the organization, members of the society will have the opportunity to attend a pre-show meeting with members of the cast, its director and experts on the show, its author or playwright - to delve beyond the performance. Members will enjoy the benefit of discounted or free tickets to one or more of the performances. Post show, attend a cast party, debrief the performance, or watch and discuss the movie adaptation.

The Britsburgh Team is currently partnering with Pittsburgh Festival Opera (formerly Opera Theatre of Pittsburgh), Prime Stage Theatre, Mrs Shakespeare, The New Renaissance Theatre Company, Pittsburgh Shakespeare in the Parks and Arcade Comedy Theatre.

The Britsburgh Performing Arts Society meets for the first time on February 16, 2017 at the Industry Public House in Lawrenceville. The Britsburgh Team has collaborated with Prime Stage Theater to provide insights on British author George Orwell, an inside the cover look at the book '1984' and a behind the curtain glimpse of the play 1984, to run at the New Hazlett Theatre Center for Performing Arts - March 3-12, 2017.

Discussion leader Jeff Williams (CMU), play director Richard Keitel (Point Park University and Prime Stage) and cast members will present their views followed by a discussion moderated by Jeff Williams. Register for the February 16th event at <http://bit.ly/Britsburgh1984panel>

Britsburgh Art Society

Pittsburgh has a wide variety of museums, art collections and exhibitions for those of all tastes to enjoy. The Britsburgh Art Society will focus on art with British connections through local experts (and celebrities when in town), who can help us to delve beyond the canvas or work of art. The Britsburgh Art Society will provide opportunities for like-minded members to both enjoy and have a deeper understanding of art, collectors, and the art world.

The first event for the Britsburgh Art Society on April 18, 2017 is a co-sponsorship of an event at the Frick Pittsburgh: *Collecting Legacies – Titans in Tandem: Henry Clay Frick and Pierpont Morgan*. Two Brits, Robin Nicholson, Director of the Frick Pittsburgh and Colin Bailey, Director of the Morgan Library & Museum, NYC, will lead the event. Robin Nicholson, a BACP Board Member, will head the Britsburgh Art Society.

Societies to be launched in 2017:

Britsburgh Beer Society

The brewing and craft beer scene in Pittsburgh is vibrant and growing. There are now over 20 craft brewers in the region and a following that is thirsting for new and exciting brews. Local beers are crafted by brewers with a passion for experiment, a desire to craft an award-winning beer and a yearning to satisfy their customers' expectations. Many of the beers now being brewed are based on British beers such as IPAs, ESBs, Pale Ales, Etc. The Britsburgh Beer Society is a group of people interested in brewing, sampling and visiting breweries, pubs and bars and meeting with people that are in the brewing industry. British beers and local beers with a British style will be featured, but not exclusively. Members will learn from experts and be given multiple opportunities to get "beyond the pint." Members in the Britsburgh Beer Society will have the opportunity to meet with like-minded people to discuss and learn more about the beers that they enjoy.

Britsburgh Tea Society

Tea and Britain are almost inseparable. No matter what happens in Britain, misfortune, desperation, glee or ecstasy, the immortal words "let's have a cup of tea" often seem to be the antidote to all things. Downton Abby on WQED, the growth in the number of tea shops and the number of fine teas available in the Pittsburgh region have triggered a renewed interest in tea and tea drinking. The Britsburgh Team has collaborated with the Pittsburgh Tea Association, tea shops and other organizations to provide Brits, anglophiles and tea drinkers with an opportunity to learn more about tea and to enjoy afternoon teas in multiple different locations around Pittsburgh. Members of the Britsburgh Tea Society will meet people of like mind with a tea interest and discover more about tea and British traditions. Locations will be discovered and enjoyed, many with true British heritage. Members will attend tea events at special locations to celebrate British events (Royal Ascot, Queen's Birthday, Last night of the proms, etc.).

Britsburgh Literature Society

British authors are some of the most revered in the literary world. British literature is popular, with classic and contemporary British authors read voraciously. The purpose of the British Literature Society is to provide added value to the reading experience. The Society will ask the question "What the Dickens?" about British books and authors. We plan to get inside the cover of the book, to discuss and discover the life and times and places that authors and books reveal. In Pittsburgh there is an abundance of literary experts on multiple levels. The Britsburgh Literature Society brings like-minded people together to scratch beneath the surface of the authors and their great writing. The Society will meet at least six times per year and will start in the spring of 2017, in collaboration with the Britsburgh Performing Arts Society, with a meeting to discuss George Orwell.