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Press Release

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BRITSBURGH



A FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN
IN PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh, PA, August 18, 2021: Nonprofit British-American Connections Pittsburgh (Britsburgh), today is delighted to announce the lineup for the **Seventh Annual Britsburgh Festival**.

“The Britsburgh Festival is back in person in 2021”, declares Robert Charlesworth, Britsburgh President. “We have planned a wonderful line up this year with one BIG finale! Partnering with Allegheny County Parks we are bringing [The British Invasion](#) band from Columbus, Ohio to Pittsburgh to perform at a FREE event we are calling [The British Invasion Band & Car Cruise Spectacular](#)”. On Sunday, September 12 the Ultimate Tribute To 60’s British Rock band will take to the stage at 1pm at Settlers Cabin Park. Earlier from 11am we are holding a car cruise for both American and British cars. There will be a DJ playing your favourite British and American tunes with food trucks and more. This is a Great British Family Day Out! Bring your lawn chairs, picnic baskets or feel free to tailgate before the concert. Calling all British Car and Motor Bike owners - Please get your polish out and bring along your vehicle to the car cruise.

“We haven’t forgotten there is a deadly virus out there.” says Charlesworth. “We want everyone to be safe, so we are following CDC guidelines as a minimum, with certain events requiring a vaccination to attend. My personal message to unvaccinated doubters is please speak to your doctor about your concerns and get your COVID-19 vaccination today!”

Our Festival kicks off on Labor Day, September 6th, with [Remembering HRH The Prince Philip In Words, Pictures & Music](#). This is a commemorative celebration of Prince Phillip’s life at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Highland Park at 3PM. Virtuosoic young organist, Jon Tyillian, Assistant Organist

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of Calvary Episcopal Church will play tunes associated with Prince Phillip culminating in the rousing British classic *Pomp and Circumstance*.

On Tuesday, September 7th, **East End Brewery** will tap the “Tony Knipling Cask”, the specially brewed [*Britsburgh Ale*](#), which this year is a light Old Ale or Stock Ale. At the low end of the ABV spectrum for the style, this Ale was brewed using both UK and US pale malt, Crystal malt, Roasted Barley, Fuggle hops, and Treacle syrup. We landed at 5.2% abv, dark brown in colour, roast and chocolate notes and light Fuggle noble hop character to balance. As we do every year, we try to brew our Britsburgh using some amount of US and UK ingredients, bringing together Britain and Pittsburgh through GOOD BEER. Can't get more authentic than that around here!! Britsburgh Ale is available across the City and distributed by Vecenie Distributing Company.

Wednesday, September 8th brings a [*Walking Tour of Downtown Pittsburgh*](#) with the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation highlighting British connections in the morning and in the evening a [*Behind the Curtain experience*](#) with The Pittsburgh Savoyards as the cast prepare for *Princess Ida*.

Celebrating the British connections with our friends in the Commonwealth we are also holding a [*Commonwealth of Nations dinner*](#) and talk on Thursday, September 9th called "Indian Spice Affair" at Spice Affair in Aspinwall

Friday, September 10th and Saturday, September 11th is for mystery lovers and history buffs with a chance to virtually meet and chat with Mystery author [*Anna Lee Huber*](#) about her new book; WQED's Jui Joshi talks about what we can expect on WQED in the fall. On the 10th evening join us at the Allegheny HYP club for [*The Lady with the Lamp and the French Celebrity Chef*](#) – a talk about the extraordinary collaboration between Florence Nightingale and Alexis Benoit Soyer. Dinner will comprise a menu of Soyer's best known creations such as Spotted Dick! On Saturday, virtually chat with the grandson of British Air Chief Marshal, Sir Trafford Leigh-Mallory and nephew of his famous uncle George Mallory of Everest in [*Through Adversity to the Stars*](#).

Other events include the [*all-female premier of Shakespeare's 'Hamlet' and talk-back*](#); a [*tour of the newly renovated stables complex*](#) at Hartwood Acres.

Please see the following pages for Britsburgh Festival Event details. Full detail can be found at Britsburgh.com

About Britsburgh (www.britsburgh.com)

During 2021 we introduced our new mission statement " Britsburgh enriches the Pittsburgh region with year-round programs and events about British history, tradition and culture that give participants opportunities to engage with one another in a lively spirit of camaraderie.". Britsburgh is a brand of BACP, a nonprofit 501c6.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

3:00 PM — 5:00 PM

Remembering HRH The Prince Philip In Words, Pictures & Music
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 5801 Hampton Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

NOTE: Attendees MUST ALL wear masks in the church!

Join us at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Highland Park as the 2021 Britsburgh Festival opens with an event honoring the life of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who died on April 9.

Participants will be welcomed to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, getting a chance to note its quintessentially English architecture and decoration. In the church sanctuary, Britsburgh Board Member Stephen Shandor will present a slide presentation with special focus on the years prior to Prince Philip's marriage to Princess Elizabeth, as well as lesser-known aspects of his life as consort.

The thoroughly British afternoon will continue with a 45-minute organ recital by the virtuosic young organist, Jon Tyillian, Assistant Organist of Calvary Episcopal Church. Jon's program will feature music associated with Prince Philip, including hymns sung at his wedding to Princess Elizabeth, music heard at his funeral and great soul-stirring British favorites, including Pomp and Circumstance.

The afternoon event will conclude with light refreshments on the St. Andrew's lawn (weather permitting).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

6:00 PM — 9:00 PM

Britsburgh Ale "Tony Knipling Cask" tapping @ East End Brewery
East End Brewing Company, 147 Julius Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Join us for our opening festival beer event at East End Brewery. This year's Britsburgh Ale is a light Old Ale or Stock Ale. At the low end of the ABV spectrum for the style, this Ale was brewed using both UK and US pale malt, Crystal malt, Roasted Barley, Fuggle hops, and Treacle syrup. We landed at 5.2% abv, dark brown in colour, roast and chocolate notes and light Fuggle noble hop character to balance. As we do every year, we try to brew our Britsburgh using some amount of US and UK ingredients, bringing together Britain and Pittsburgh through GOOD BEER. Can't get more authentic than that around here!

For every pint of Britsburgh Ale you drink at our opening event, Britsburgh gets \$1 towards the costs of putting on the festival. Thanks to Scott and his team at East End Brewery. So drink on my friends.

The cask tapping will kick off our event at around 6.15pm. Enjoy a lovely evening in EEB beer garden while listening to some British tunes. Great place for a session and some wonderful food!



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10:30 AM — 12 NOON

Walking tour of Pittsburgh highlighting British connections

Meet at Katz Plaza, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Karen Cahall, retired Education Coordinator from the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation will lead an entertaining walk through downtown Pittsburgh highlighting British connections. The 90 minute walk will start at Katz Plaza; explore British connections to well-known and lesser known places in the downtown Cultural District and surrounding area; and end at the Allegheny HYP Club where you are invited to join our tour guides for lunch. The price of the lunch is NOT included in the price of the tour.

7:00 PM — 9:00 PM

Behind the Curtain with The Pittsburgh Savoyards: Princess Ida by G&S

The Pittsburgh Savoyards, 523 Lincoln Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202

NOTE: Attendees MUST ALL have had their COVID-19 vaccination to attend!

Music director Michael McFaden presents a behind-the-scenes look at Princess Ida, which Pittsburgh Savoyards will present on October 8-10 and 14-17 at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall.

At 7:45pm we will walk across the street to Lincoln Avenue Brewery for a social hour.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

11:00 AM — 12 NOON

Exploring newly renovated Hartwood Acres Stable Complex

Hartwood Acres Park, Stable Complex, 200 Hartwood Acres, Pittsburgh, PA 15238

Did you know that Hartwood was built as an equestrian estate? The Stable Complex was designed by Alfred Hopkins to resemble an English Cotswold village and has been renovated during the last year. Take this opportunity to take a look at the renovated stables complex and learn more about this beautiful part of Hartwood Acres Park. (There are no horses at the Stable Complex.)



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

6:30 PM — 9:30 PM

Commonwealth Dinner: "Indian Spice Affair"

Spice Affair, 8 Brilliant Avenue, Aspinwall, PA 15215

Discover the history of The Commonwealth of Nations, created as the British Empire dissolved in the mid 20th Century. A buffet of authentic Indian cuisine will be provided by our host, Spice Affair in Aspinwall, while Professor John Mitcham of Duquesne University explains the reasons behind the Commonwealth of Nations and what it means to belong to this international group.

This event is a precursor to a new Britsburgh series, launching in 2022, that will explore the history and legacy of Commonwealth Nations and their history and relationship with the UK.

Registration required in advance. Members \$30; Non-members \$35

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

3:00 PM — 4:30 PM

Mystery Lovers: Anna Lee Huber talks about her new book; WQED Sneak Peek

This live event will be online using Zoom.

In this three-part event, participants will hear from best-selling author Anna Lee Huber, discussing her new release *Murder Most Fair*. Anna was our guest for a previous British Mystery Lovers event and we are thrilled to have her return to share her insights into this latest book in the popular Verity Kent series. Also joining us will be Jui Joshi, Director of Development at WQED. Jui will be giving us a sneak peek of the new mystery shows coming to WQED. And finally, Kristy Bodnar, co-owner of the Mystery Lovers Bookshop in Oakmont, will be talking about their subscription service for fans of British mysteries. Subscribers have access to works not yet printed in the US that are imported from UK-based publishers.

6:30 PM — 9:00 PM

The Lady with the Lamp and the French Celebrity Chef

Allegheny HYP Club, 619 William Penn Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1855

The Lady with the Lamp and the French Celebrity Chef is a history presentation on the lives of two of nineteenth century Britain's most outstanding personalities: Florence Nightingale, who revolutionized the nursing profession, and Alexis Benoit Soyer, the Victorian era's greatest chef, and their surprising collaboration saving lives during the Crimean War, 1853-1856.

The presentation, by Kim Szczypinski of Britsburgh's board and History Society, will examine ways in which both Nightingale and Soyer remain influential today. As a special treat, we'll also enjoy a tasting menu of some of Alexis Soyer's best known dishes, including his signature dish, Lamb Cutlets Reform,



authentically recreated by Chef Steven Kightlinger of Pittsburgh's distinguished Allegheny HYP Club. At the cash bar, you may wish to sample some of the notable cocktails that Soyer invented (Champagne au Soyer, which legend says he served to Queen Victoria), or included in the American Bar - Mint Juleps and Brandy Smashes - at his Symposium of All Nations international-themed restaurant, which operated concurrently (and across the street from) the Great Exhibition of 1851.

Registration required in advance. Members \$35; Non-members \$40

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

2:00 PM — 4:00 PM

The Tragedy of Hamlet from PSIP with Britsburgh Talk Back
Highland Park, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Set in Denmark, the *Tragedy of Hamlet* depicts Prince Hamlet and his revenge against his uncle, Claudius, who has murdered Hamlet's father in order to seize his throne and marry Hamlet's mother.

PITTSBURGH SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARKS stages an all-female cast for Shakespeare's masterpiece. Come out and join us for an afternoon in Highland Park. Enjoy the performance followed by a Britsburgh talk-back and Q&A with cast and crew.

3:30 PM — 5:00 PM

Through Adversity to the Stars: A Portrait of Trafford Leigh-Mallory
This live event will be online using Zoom.

An intimate portrait of renowned British Air Chief Marshal, Sir Trafford Leigh-Mallory, World War II commander-in-chief of the Allied Expeditionary Air Force for the Normandy invasion. His grandson, Trafford "Traff" L.M. Doherty, will share family remembrances of the Air Marshal, as well as of other members of the family, including Traff's well known uncle, mountaineer and Mt. Everest explorer George Mallory; and his mother, Doris Jacqueline "Jackie" Leigh-Mallory Doherty, who served as a captain in the WAAF during World War II and came to the United States as a war bride.

Special guest TRAFFORD "TRAFF" L.M. DOHERTY is distinguished in his own right. Currently he serves as Executive Director of the National Soaring Museum in Elmira, New York. He is past Executive Director of the Glenn H. Curtis Museum. Traff is an aviation historian and expert speaker on early aviation. He is also a commercial pilot and flight instructor in sailplanes with thousands of hours of experience.

Additional panelists for this program are a husband-and-wife team:

JAMES J. STRATTON - Jim has been a World War II history enthusiast since the age of ten. "While my classmates were discussing Star Wars, I was reading about the exploits of real heroes!" he explains.



He presented a well received program entitled, "The Few: Background to the Battle of Britain" for Britsburgh's 2020 Festival.

DANA C. DEL BIANCO - Dana has a degree in History from Carnegie Mellon University. She has studied World War II extensively, including conducting original research on the Eastern Front. Dana has developed several war-related presentations, including a very popular one about World War II's Operation Mincemeat for Britsburgh's 2020 Festival.

Moderator KIM SZCZYPINSKI is a member of Britsburgh's board and organizes its History events. She has a Masters in History from Duquesne University.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

11:00 AM — 3:00 PM

"The British Invasion" Band & Car Cruise Spectacular

Settlers Cabin Park, 635 Ridge Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Britsburgh is proud to bring the *Ultimate Tribute To 60's British Rock band* to this year's Britsburgh Festival - The British Invasion!

In partnership with Allegheny County Parks we will host *The British Invasion band & Car Cruise Spectacular* on the last day of our 2021 Festival. Join us from 11AM to check out all the fantastic cars which will include a special section for British cars and motor bikes. Why not tailgate, bring games and bring a picnic? We will have a DJ from 11AM - 1PM featuring your favourite British and American tunes along with food trucks and more!

Calling all British Car and Motor Bike owners - Please get your polish out and bring along your vehicle to the car cruise.

This Britsburgh Festival Event is entirely Free! It's our way of thanking you for attending all our wonderful events and festivals over the last 6 years and for the generosity of our sponsors, patrons and members.

Then at 1PM The British Invasion Band will hit the stage!