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Press Release

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Pittsburgh, PA, August 15, 2017: Nonprofit British-American Connections Pittsburgh (Britsburgh), today is delighted to announce the lineup for the **Third Annual Britsburgh Festival**. This year's festival features events aligned with our [Britsburgh Societies](#) - Arts, Beer, Literary, Innovators and Tea. "We are pleased to launch two more societies at this year's Festival," says Robert Charlesworth, Chair of Britsburgh, "Our History Society and Commonwealth Dining Society will offer Britsburgh Society members more opportunities to learn about and enjoy the connections that link the Pittsburgh region with Britain and the Commonwealth of Nations."

Britsburgh Society Members receive discounted or free registration on most events available during the Festival and are able to register their friends at the same price (only available during the Festival). We welcome new members to join and participate in our growing Britsburgh Societies. Information on membership can be found on our website britsburgh.com.

Featured Festival events include, ['Music by Moonlight' at Hartwood Acres Mansion](#) (Weds, Sept 6th), a chance to dress up (if desired), wear hats, enjoy a wonderfully prepared picnic (BYOB) and be entertained by **Pittsburgh Savoyards** - H.M.S. Pinafore, **Musical Theatre Artists of Pittsburgh** - Hot Metal Musicals showcase and **Pittsburgh Festival Opera**- Rodgers and Hammerstein. A magical evening under a full moon!

Our **opening night event** at **East End Brewery** (Tues, Sept 5th), is a fitting tribute to the memory of our friend, Tony 'The Beerman' Knipling who passed away unexpectedly on July 26th. Tony was instrumental in getting our Beer Society up and running. Join us to tap the specially brewed [Britsburgh Ale "Tony Knipling Cask"](#) and raise your glasses to celebrate the life of Tony. There will be British

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food available and live music. “This is an evening of fun with great food and beer and I am pleased to toast the memory of Tony, ‘The Beerman’, Knipling – an event not to be missed” said Ken Vecenie of Vecenie Distributing Company.

This year we are also bringing back to the Festival - [A Very British Day Out II on Sunday September 10th, 11am-6pm](#). This is a family event where every generation can enjoy British and Commonwealth sports such as Cricket, Rugby and Football (that's played with a round ball); adult and children sports day events such as sack racing, three-legged race, egg and spoon race and wellie throwing; live music; British cars gathering; competitions - fancy dress and the Great British baking competition and more. In 2015 almost 1,000 people of all ages enjoyed the first Britsburgh – A Very British Day Out – this year’s event will have more for everyone. “Pack up your lawn chair, picnic and head for the park with grandma, the kids, aunts and uncles, the dog and don’t forget grandpa too!” said Roger Cranville, co-founder of Britsburgh and grandpa!”

“At this year’s Festival there are over 20 events and we are adding more each day. Hope to see you at one of the many events at this year's Britsburgh Festival”, concluded Charlesworth!

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

About Britsburgh (www.britsburgh.com)

Britsburgh is a brand of BACP, a nonprofit 501c6 focused on "Building bridges across communities by driving growth in British-American culture, education, history, tradition and trade in Pittsburgh". During 2017, BACP intends to establish a 501c3 charitable organization to better facilitate its mission.



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

6:00 PM — 9:00 PM

OPENING EVENT

Britsburgh Ale “Tony Knipling Cask” tapping

East End Brewery

On July 26th, we lost a great friend to Britsburgh and to the craft beer world of Western PA. Tony Knipling helped Britsburgh establish our Beer Society and it was Tony who encouraged Scott Smith, founder of East End Brewing Company to make a British style ale for Britsburgh. This event then seems a fitting tribute to "The Beerman". Join us as we celebrate the life of Tony "The Beerman" Knipling as we tap the "Tony Knipling Cask" of our Britsburgh Ale. The keg will be tapped by Ken Vecenie of Vecenie Distributing Company, very great friend of Tony and his boss for over 20 years. We will raise a toast or two to our friend's memory.

This year's Britsburgh Ale is an ESB. You know that as an 'Extra Special Bitter' but we are calling an 'Extra Special Britsburgh'....

The cask tapping will kick off our event at around 6.30pm. Join us as we enjoy an evening of good British food and great entertainment provided by the official band of Britsburgh - The Honeyriders.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

10:00 AM — 11:45 AM

British morning walking tour with Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation

Omni William Penn

Tour guides from the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation will lead an entertaining walk through downtown Pittsburgh highlighting British connections in architecture, art, literature, and even street names. You will hear what Charles Dickens and Anthony Trollope had to say about Pittsburgh, and tour civic, religious, and commercial buildings associated with the Penn family, William Pitt, James Grant, and John Forbes, among others.

Noon — 1:30 PM

“And did those feet...” William Blake and the legend of Jesus in Britain

Trinity Cathedral

Dr. Philip Wainwright, retired and a Brit, will lead an exploration, illustrated by some of William Blake's paintings, of the legend that Jesus came to England with Joseph of Arimathea and the relation to the legend of William Blake's poem, 'And Did Those Feet'. Did Jesus come to England? Was there an English Jerusalem? If not, where did the legend come from? What was the connection between Joseph of Arimathea and Glastonbury? There are more questions than answers, but more answers than you might think and some of them are surprising....

The presentation will end by those present singing "Jerusalem" followed by a tour of Trinity Cathedral led by historian William Kaiser.

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2:00 PM — 3:45 PM

British afternoon walking tour with Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation
Trinity Cathedral

As above.

2:30 PM — 4:30 PM

Great British Cathedral Music
Heinz Memorial Chapel

Experience Great British Cathedral Music, the likes of

- Edward Elgar - Land of Hope and Glory, Pomp and Circumstance
- Herbert Howells - Six Short Pieces For Organ
- Henry Purcell – Canon On A Ground
- Andrew Fletcher - Elegy
- Ralph Vaughan Williams - Two Preludes (Founded on Welsh Hymn Tunes)
- Alfred Hollins - A Trumpet Minuet

from the splendour of Heinz Memorial Chapel performed by some of the best organists Pittsburgh has to offer.

Programme:

2.30-2.45pm Tour of Heinz Memorial Chapel stained glass windows highlighting British Connections

3-4:15 Great British Cathedral Music on the Heinz Memorial Chapel organ

6:00 PM — 9:30 PM

Music by Moonlight
Hartwood Acres Mansion

We ordered in a full moon for a wonderful night of Music by Moonlight!

This special evening begins with the option to purchase a specially prepared picnic basket, at various prices to suit all tastes. (Must be ordered with ticket purchase by August 31st). Sit out from 6pm on Hartwood Acres Mansion lawn (BYO blanket or chairs) or sit under the glass roofed Grand Pavilion and enjoy a wonderful feast before or during the show.

Just like the [Glyndebourne](#) Opera Festival, but at 10% of the price!

Then at 7.15pm we will begin the entertainment provided by Pittsburgh Savoyards, Musical Theatre Artists of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Festival Opera. You will get a chance to learn about each piece of music and ask questions.

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Programme:

- 6pm - 7.15pm: Optional picnic
- 7.15pm - 8pm: Gilbert and Sullivan: H.M.S. Pinafore - Savoyards
- 8.10pm - 8.40pm: The music from Hot Metal Musicals showcase - Musical Theatre Artists of Pittsburgh
- 8.50pm - 9.35pm: Rodgers and Hammerstein - Pittsburgh Festival Opera

The event is outside but under the new Grand Pavilion. Please dress appropriately and warm in case of rain and a chilly evening. There is no dress code but this is a great opportunity to dress up and for ladies to wear hats!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

4:00 PM — 6:00 PM

A quintessentially British afternoon of Lawn Bowling

Frick Park

Britsburgh and The Frick Park Lawn Bowling Club (FPLBC) are thrilled to be hosting a quintessentially British afternoon of Lawn Bowling on the beautiful greens in the lovely neighbourhood of Point Breeze nestled next to Frick Park. Find out what the Brits love about the challenging, fun and historic sport of British lawn bowls while you enjoy a beautiful late summer's afternoon on the Club's gorgeous greens.

4:00 PM — 10:00 PM

The Quest for the Grail & Ale — a night of British comedy

The Leaning Cask, Springdale

Join us at the Leaning Cask Brewing Company pub in Springdale, PA (just 26 mins from downtown) for a night of non-stop British film and TV comedy shown on the breweries big screen, while sampling some great British style beers. The Leaning cask will tap a new beer for the Britsburgh Festival its calling "Springer Spaniel", a true to style Extra Special Bitter. All beers are available to sample. Just ask!

"Food Baby" food truck will be parked outside and will be providing British food such as bangers n' mash.

6:30 PM — 8:30 PM

The History of Rolls-Royce

The Frick Pittsburgh

Join us in the splendour of the Frick Pittsburgh's Car and Carriage Museum for a wonderful reception sponsored by The Frick Pittsburgh, UK Department for International Trade and Britsburgh Steering Wheel Club member - Rolls-Royce Nuclear Engineering Services (headquartered in Pittsburgh).



Programme:

- 6.15 - 8.30pm Food and drinks reception courtesy of the UK Department for International Trade
- 7-7.05pm Welcome by Robin Nicholson | Director of The Frick Pittsburgh and Britsburgh
- 7.05-7.10pm Ben Brierley | Head of Advanced Manufacturing, UK Department for International Trade
- 7.10-7.30pm Mr. Rolls and Mr. Royce - The History of Rolls-Royce presented by Michael Archer. Michael has worked for Rolls-Royce for more years than he cares to remember. He is a Senior Engineer, based in Pittsburgh working for Rolls-Royce Nuclear Engineering Services.
- 7.30-7.50pm Robin Nicholson | Director of The Frick Pittsburgh, will lead us in a tour of the Car and Carriage Museum with particular attention to the two Rolls-Royce motor vehicles in the collection.

Did you know that Rolls-Royce Nuclear Engineering Services, based in at its global headquarters in Moon Township, employs over 250 people in the Pittsburgh region, part of a 400 plus Nuclear Services business in the US? Thanks Rolls-Royce for being a great contributor to the Pittsburgh region and its economy!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10:30 AM — 11:30 AM

Beatrix Potter

Millvale Community Library

Beatrix Potter (Ann Troxell) will read her tales to children at Millvale Community Library, the likes of Peter Rabbit, Jemima Puddle-Duck and friends.

3:00 PM — 4:30 PM

Afternoon tea and the Story of Simon Girty

Tupelo Honey Teas, Millvale

Simon Girty was an American colonial of Scots-Irish birth who served as a liaison between the British and their Indian allies during the American Revolution. He played on both sides. Find out what happened to him and his connection to Pittsburgh.

Join us at Tupelo Honey Teas in Millvale and meet relatives of Simon Girty, check out memorabilia collected by the family and engage in a lively discussion.

Price includes tea and scones. There is only room for 20 people so sign up now please.

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Two Gentlemen of Verona— Unrehearsed Shakespeare Project

Hartwood Acres Mansion

Join us at Hartwood Acres Mansion for this one-night-only one-of-a-kind performance of William Shakespeare's hilarious comedy of friendship, young love and what happens when the two run headlong into each other. This show is fast-paced, family-friendly and a lot of fun! There is even a bit with a dog....

What is unrehearsed Shakespeare? It's a technique whereby talented actors and actresses perform a freeform Shakespeare play without having the benefit of prior rehearsal and not knowing the part they will play until the day of the performance and in some cases literally minutes before as their part can be chosen by the audience. Actors are given cue scripts that contain everything they need to know to act out their part. This technique provides for a lively and fast-paced evening. Join us for a great evening's entertainment for the whole family.

7:00 PM — 9:00 PM

Scandal! Mary Schenley revealed

English Nationality Room, Cathedral of Learning, Oakland

Join us in the English Nationality Room in the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning, for a talk on the life of Pittsburgh native, Mary Schenley, who at aged 15 was swept off her feet and married an English Captain of the British Army. We know her today as a philanthropist to our City of Pittsburgh, but where did her money come from? All will be revealed!

Programme:

7-7.15 Meet and greet

7.15-8pm Scandal! Mary Schenley revealed - A talk by Jake Oresick | Author of The Schenley Experiment: A Social History of Pittsburgh's First Public High School

8-30pm Q&A

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

11:00 AM — 2:00 PM

Downton Abbey Themed Tea

Hartwood Acres Mansion

Hartwood Acres Mansion is holding 10 tickets just for Britsburgh members! This event is otherwise SOLD OUT! (Watch Britsburgh.com for more teas during the Festival)

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Noon — 3:00 PM & 5:00 PM — 8:00 PM

Britsburgh Ale—Steel City Big Pour

Construction Junction, East End

Visit the Britsburgh table at this year's Steel City Big Pour and enjoy our Britsburgh Ale. The Britsburgh Ale is an ESB (Extra Special Britsburgh...) brewed by our friends at the East End Brewing Company. The Britsburgh Ale is made entirely from UK ingredients. Even the water is chemically changed in a process known as 'Burtonisation' to get the water to be the similar to from Burton upon Trent.

1:00 PM — 2:30 PM

Bushy Run Battlefield lecture and British pie tasting

Bushy Run Battlefield, Jeanette

1:00 PM — 3:00 PM

Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Six Napoleons

Old Town Buffet, Saw Mill Run Blvd.

Decades after the death of Napoleon, someone is breaking into British homes and smashing busts of the French emperor. The good news is that Sherlock Holmes is on the case and Dr. Watson is by his side to record “The Adventure of the Six Napoleons.”

Fans of Sherlock Holmes, Victorian-era London, classic mysteries and all things British are invited to join Sherlock Holmes enthusiast group - the Fifth Northumberland Fusiliers for a discussion about “The Adventure of the Six Napoleons” over lunch at the Old Town Buffet, (Route 51), at the south end of the Liberty Tubes. Lunch is available at a cost of about \$10.

You are encouraged to read the book ahead of the event. The meal will be followed by a brief talk by Fusilier Len Barcoucky, aka Sir Henry Baskerville, about Conan Doyle's 1923 visit to Pittsburgh to discuss, not Sherlock Holmes, but spiritualism. A quiz will then follow.

6:30 PM — 9:00 PM

Britsburgh Commonwealth Dining Society launch

Tamarind Flavor of India, Oakland

For its launch event the Britsburgh Commonwealth Dining Society is hosting a buffet dinner highlighting a sample of Southern Indian dishes at Tamarind Flavor of India. Also one of the more popular dishes in England these days! The event keynote will be a presentation about the cultural and ingredients of Southern Indian cuisine.

We welcome all to enjoy our launch event. It is the intention that in future this dining society to be members only.

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Programme:

- 6:30-7:00 PM BYOB Reception This is a BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverage) event.
- 7:00-8:00 PM Buffet dinner highlighting a sample of Southern Indian dishes. Appetizers, Entrees (Meat, Chicken, and Vegetarian) naan, rice, vegetable sides, and dessert will be provided.
- 8:00-8:30 Keynote presentation by the staff of Tamarind about the cultural and ingredients of Southern Indian cuisine. Q&A, discussion.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

11:00 AM — 6:00 PM

A Very British Day Out II

Linbrook Park, Sewickley

Yes, its back by popular demand and it's bigger and better than two years ago!

We will be staging a full game of Cricket starting at 11am, curtesy of The Pittsburgh Cricket Association. We welcome those with who want to play to dust off your willow and join a team (There is space for 4 players). If your interested please email events@britsburgh.com and put in the email title "Britsburgh Festival Cricket".

A Very British Day Out will include a sports day, including events such as:

Egg and Spoon race
Sack race
3 legged race
100m dash
Wheelbarrow race
Piggie back race
Welly (boot) throwing (Bring your own wellie)
Bat & Ball race
and much more.....

Yet be arranged: 5 aside football (soccer) and rugby sevens.

Try your hand at Badminton

COMPETITIONS:

FANCY DRESS (Judging, by Mrs Shakespeare, will commence at 3pm): Dress up in something that is iconically British. Prizes will be by age group - 0-3; 4-7; 8-15; 15+

GREAT BRITISH BAKING COMPETITION (Judging will commence at 2pm) - Prizes for Best Victoria sponge cake; Best Bakewell tart; Best scone; Best shortbread; Best gingerbread. All food will then be sold to raise funds for Britsburgh.

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A Visit with Will's Wife - Meet Mrs Shakespeare and mark her words about her life and love with the world's most beloved playwright.

Britsburgh's official band - The Honeyriders will be entertaining you with songs from their new album - Pow! Crash! as well as British favourites.

We will have Jaguars, Minis, vintage British cars and motorcycles on display - If you have one and want to participate please contact events@britsburgh.com to register.

Take a look art and crafts from the Commonwealth.

This is a big family day out, so please bring a picnic, chairs and blankets. All are invited to participate in the sports day, and in particular children, although there will be adult races too :)

1:00 PM — 4:00 PM

**Afternoon tea in the Officer's tent; Military miniatures
*Woodville Plantation, Bridgeville***

Join us at Woodville Plantation for a fun afternoon. Take a look at the Military Miniatures collections. Enjoy games for children (and parents); Watch re-enactment and a the Britsburgh flag raising ceremony.

There will be an Afternoon Tea in the Officer's Tent. (Members \$10; Non-members \$15). Kids will enjoy cooking S'mores on the army fire pit. (Free)

Come tour the house and grounds (Not included in registration price).

2:00 PM — 4:00 PM

**Henry V – Pittsburgh Shakespeare in the Park
*Highland Park***

O, for a muse of fire! Pittsburgh Shakespeare in the Parks' brings one of England's most legendary kings to life with the heroic history of drama of Henry V, an inspiring young leader who aims to win back territories through war with France. Some of Shakespeare's most inspiring and imaginative words have carried this story through the centuries while raising the question of the human cost of war in contrast to the elation of victory. Directed by Alan Irvine, Henry V features Lamar K. Cheston in the title role in a cast of eight professional players with the young Soldiers Company comprising Henry's troops on the fields of Agincourt.

Arrive by 1:30 pm with your blanket or chair to get your spot for opening words from Mrs Shakespeare (Yvonne Hudson) and a pre-show introduction from Irvine, also one of the region's top storytellers.

The event is FREE. Donations are very welcome and help both non-profit organizations. Picnics, dogs, and children are welcome at this 90-minute family-friendly performance.