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**FREE TALK: Scot Kirsty Holstead** will be exploring "Scotland Behind the Myth" as part of the Anglo's lecture cycle at the Anglo Centro (San Jose 1426) from 6 to 7.30pm on 11 June. Book via [anglocultural@anglo.edu.uy](mailto:anglocultural@anglo.edu.uy)

## STOP PRESS 2

### FILM NIGHT: BACK TO THE 1940'S & 1950'S

British Movietone film newsreels from the 1940's and 50's, chez the O'Neills at San Lucar 1574, Carrasco, on Friday 18 June at 1930H. Nylon stockings, the Blitz, utility furniture...Tickets \$150 (paid-up BS members \$100). Light refreshments will be provided. Numbers limited to 30. Please confirm to [britsoc@gmail.com](mailto:britsoc@gmail.com) by Tuesday 15 June.

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## EX-HMA MAKES BBC HEADLINES



John Everard

John Everard, British Ambassador to Montevideo from 2001 to 2005, has been much in demand in the media over recent weeks because of his expertise on North Korea, where he went on to serve from 2006 to 2008. Having warned in May 2009 that the North appeared to be using new terminology in threatening military action against the South, Everard was proven right a year later when an international investigation blamed North Korea for sinking a South Korean warship. Interviewed on BBC World on 20 May, the ex-Ambassador said he believed there would be voices in the Chinese establishment arguing for a change of policy in view of the sinking. Now retired from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and about to take up a fellowship at Stanford University, Everard will be remembered in Montevideo not only for his linguistic skills but for his passion for cycling and his wife's collection of cats.

## OVERSEAS TAXATION

The interest on deposits held overseas by Uruguayan residents may become liable to national tax of 12% and net wealth tax at progressive rates of 0.7% to 2%, under a new draft bill announced by the Economy Minister on 24 May. The bill also taxes certain other overseas assets and gives judges greater freedom to lift banking secrecy on application from the tax revenue office. At present it appears that the exchange of information will be effective with those countries with whom Uruguay has a tax agreement: see our exclusive interview on p4 with Eliana Sartori, Uruguay director for international tax at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

## BRITSOC AGM 10 JUNE

The July Newsletter will be the last under current management, as after two enjoyable years doing the Newsletter the Editor will be joining the President and Secretary in moving on. The Treasurer is nobly staying at the helm. Please help shape the Society of the future, and say farewell to Richard Cowley and his team, by coming to the AGM at Christ Church (Carrasco: corner of Arocena and Lieja) at 7pm on Thursday 10 June. The Grand Council will be there too, at 7pm on Thurs 24th.

## HOME CHAIRMAN VACANCY

The position of Chairman of the Sir Winston Churchill Home and Benevolent Fund will also need to be filled at the AGM, as Martin Wells is stepping down after three years which he describes as 'very rewarding'. A well-deserved beer for Martin, and applications please to a Committee member or to [britsoc@gmail.com](mailto:britsoc@gmail.com).

## B&B OF THE YEAR



Stoneborough House in south Devon: see p 4

## WORLD CUP

Open house for BS members chez Lamb in Punta Carretas for the England fixtures: Sat 12 Jun at 15:30, Fri 18 Jun at 15:30 and Wed 23 Jun at 11:00 (and of course the final...). Call 712 6864 to book a place on the sofa. See p4

## PLAEHNS WIN CROQUET

Tim and Amelie Plaehn won the 4th British Society croquet championships on 8 May. Susan Drever won the prize for best hat, see p3. *More photos in July.*



## BIGGER PRINT

To help hard copy readers, Newsletter pages can now be printed on 2 sheets of A4 - at greater cost. If you need larger print, please call 712 6864.

## ROLLING STONES: AN INTERVIEW WITH DAVID FINZER



Photo: El Pais

*David, you've been living in Uruguay for four years as a financial guru and author of a very useful handbook, 'Living in Uruguay'. How have you found the healthcare?*

DF: Great. And I should know. I've been treated for numerous complaints in Central America, Europe and the States. I've had angioplasty, testicles removed, cataract surgery and an artificial cornea. For eight years I had an open leg wound with a streptococcal infection that no-one in those countries could cure. At one point I was on a box of codeine a day for the pain. Then I came here, and the excellent Doctor Fraga treated me successfully with a mixture of injected antibiotics, organic honey and oxygen.

*To breathe?*

DF: No, applied to the wound. But it was also found that I had sleep apnoea, where you stop breathing all the time in the night. Bad move! Now I have an apparatus that helps, and I feel a whole heap better. Losing weight too.

*What healthcare do you have?*

DF: SEMM for emergencies and the BPS for treatment. I pay BPS dues as an unipersonal. In the past I've been happy with COSEM.

*How have you found Uruguayan doctors in general?*

DF: Very few complaints. They don't have the constant threat of litigation that bedevils doctors in the States, and they can afford to be confident. I've noticed that when you're introduced to a doctor here at a party, it takes a while before you discover what they do. They just use their first name. In the States, doctors make sure you know their title right from the start. Here they also seem to share equipment between different hospitals in a sensible way. The mix between national, BPS and private healthcare may not be right, but at least having a public system helps to keep private costs down and having a private system helps to keep public standards up. The US has the second worst system after Canada, where there are no private options unlike the UK. They could both learn from Uruguay.

<http://www.sociedadssouthron.net>

## TALK ON BRITISH CINEMA

Very interesting talk on 28 May as part of the Anglo's cultural programme, sponsored by Lloyds and Bookshop. Visiting expert Robert White took us through key British films from the 40's to the 80's. The best summary of how things changed over the period is given in some of the titles: *Henry V* (1945), *Black Narcissus* (1947), *A Kind of Loving* (1962), *Darling* (1965), *Blowup* (1966), *If* (1969), *Performance* (1970), *A Clockwork Orange* (1971) and *Jubilee* (1978). Curious, maybe, in a survey of British cinema and society at the time, not to have a look at *Victim*, Ken Loach and mainstream stuff like the *Carry On* films, but with only 90 minutes you can't cover the whole waterfront. Great clips: may the Lord preserve this reviewer from ever having to sit through the whole of *Jubilee*. Robert White will be holding film seminars from June to August. The next talk will be Kirsty Holstead on *Scotland Behind the Myth* on 11 June, see p1. Free!

## OBITUARY - Brian Rathbone

Brian passed away on 13 May 2010. In 2009 he wrote:

Daphne and I left Montevideo twenty-six years ago. We first met on a train between Estación Central and Parada Polo, at the time a request stop for the Cricket Club, where I played rugby, cricket, hockey and tennis. We were married at Holy Trinity Church in 1956 and subsequently had four children. Daphne taught at St Andrew's and the British School. I worked for Alpargatas for many years, and later for Avon and for Frank Surgey S.A. We were involved with the Hospital Board and Guild as well as the Cricket Club Committee. We both enjoyed acting in numerous productions staged by the Players. We moved to England in 1983. I sold life insurance and Daphne teamed up with her sister distributing *Manos del Uruguay* ruanas. Later she became my Girl Friday until we retired in 1998. We retain great memories of our lives in Uruguay and of our many wonderful friends.

## OBITUARY - Frank Surgey OBE

At the age of 96, Frank passed away on 13 April 2010, just months before his 71st wedding anniversary. Husband to Mildred and father of Rita and Diana, Frank began his support for the war effort by using his motorbike and time to deliver messages sent out by Millington-Drake to different contacts in Montevideo. He and Mildred then volunteered and travelled to the UK where Frank joined the RAF. Unfortunately, two of his brothers were killed in the war. On his return, Frank became Assistant Attache for the Services and later joined the automobile import business, Austin and later Ford. But he also worked tirelessly within the community and many a family will remember Frank with affection and gratitude. In 1973 he was awarded an OBE.



## LETTER: ASH THURSDAY

Dear Ed,

In the May issue you asked if any BS members had been affected by the Icelandic volcano. Our daughter Antonia left Montevideo on 15 April, on her way to settle and find work in Ireland, a long and dearly-held ambition of hers. She flew Iberia, already knowing she was probably going to have a bit of wait in Madrid; the volcano was just beginning. The "wait" turned into 13 days! At first, and after queuing for seven hours, she was put up at a hotel near the airport, from which she didn't dare budge until she'd got the next leg to Dublin sorted out. After two days, having declined an attempt to route her via Budapest, she managed to get a booking on a regular Iberia flight leaving on 28 April. Then she was able to relax and enjoy Madrid, where an uncle rallied round and whisked her from the dismal airport hotel to parties, week-ends in the country, lunches, "tapas" meals and dinners. So after a great holiday, she is now beginning to settle in Dublin and is setting up job interviews - staying, for the time being, with John Biscoomb's extremely generous cousin Dorothy and her family.

- Marcela Bridal



Antonia  
Bridal

## One-off life membership

Please pay your \$1000 at the Anglo Institutes in Centro and Pocitos, or at the Anglo School near Portones; or to Treasurer Michael Brown by arrangement ([michaelb76@aol.com](mailto:michaelb76@aol.com), tel. 600 7110). Members who were paid up for 2009 do not need to pay. If the experiment with one-off payments works it will be prolonged beyond 2012. Prospective new members should write to [BritSocMem@gmail.com](mailto:BritSocMem@gmail.com). All nationalities welcome!

# Embassy News

EMBASSY WEBSITE  
[ukinuruguay.fco.gov.uk](http://ukinuruguay.fco.gov.uk)

1) On Saturday 15 May EU Embassies got together to celebrate Europe Day on the streets of the Ciudad Vieja. The British Embassy was represented by the Riverside Pipe Band. Despite the weather, lots of people followed the colourful band from the Plaza Matriz to the Plaza Zabala, where they gave a great performance.

2) Staff from the Protocol Division of the Uruguayan Foreign Ministry undertook English classes delivered by the Anglo. In the photo, four staff display their certificates, presented by HM Ambassador Patrick Mullee in a special event at the residence.



3) Vera H de Bergengruen MBE was distinguished with the Honour 'Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire' by Queen Elizabeth II. She received the award in recognition for all her hard work to bring British musicians to Uruguay. In the long years that Vera has been President of the Centro Cultural de Música, many trios, quartets, symphony orchestras, philharmonic orchestras, etc have performed in Uruguay. The honour was given to her by HM Ambassador Patrick Mullee at the residence on 20 May 2010 in a reception where Vera was surrounded by family and friends. More pictures: [http://www.flickr.com/photos/british\\_embassy\\_montevideo/sets/72157623982401329](http://www.flickr.com/photos/british_embassy_montevideo/sets/72157623982401329)

## RESTAURANT REVIEW

**Isla de Flores 1900, tel 410 5188**  
<http://www.islodeflores1900.com.uy>

Expectations at Isla de Flores should be high. The Chef/Proprietor, Francisco Molinari, an Argentinian married to a Uruguayan lady, trained at some of the world's best culinary establishments – including Chez Panisse in California which has consistently been voted one of the top 50 restaurants in the world and Mugaritz, a two star Michelin restaurant in San Sebastian, Spain, whilst his associate, Gaston, worked at the famous St. John's in London.

Located on Isla de Flores number 1900, not far from Parque Rodó, this discreet restaurant was formerly a butcher's shop. With only around twenty covers and an open plan kitchen, where you see the chefs preparing your dinner, the atmosphere is intimate and unique. The décor is white and floral and mainly tiled.

Open six days a week (Monday through Saturday) only in the evenings, the restaurant has no sign or name on the outside. The food does not disappoint. Typically, the menu consists of five starters, including their signature dish "Caracú con Perejil" (bone marrow served on the bone) for \$130, five main courses, including for example "Bife con boniatos" (beef and sweet potatoes) for \$430 or "Tortellini de Espinacas" (spinach pasta dish) for

\$420 and three puddings such as "Peras con Mascarpone" (pears with mascarpone cheese) for \$180. The menu is changed three times a week and on a Thursday, they offer a "Degustación" menu for \$1,000 which includes six courses paired with six wines, water and coffee/tea. Four such menus have been compiled to complement the Bouza wines. Last Thursday the dishes included "Matambre a la Leche" and "Pescado con Risotto Bianco y Chauchas".

The Montevideo restaurant closes during the summer months; the team move to Jose Ignacio to open their restaurant close to the lighthouse.

Price to quality ratio	5/5
Service	5/5
Ambience	5/5
Hygiene	5/5
Overall 'returnability rating'	5/5

*Ian Stanton*



## BEST HAT

*Susan Drever's magnificent millinery at the croquet tournament on 8 May. More photos in July.*

## PLAY REVIEW

The sandwich stage at the Players means you see the other half of the audience while you watch the play, and they were certainly rapt on 21 May as a mysterious selection process pitted four job candidates against each other in Jordi Galceran's play *The Grönholm Method*, translated by Marcelo Garmendia. Is one of the four candidates really a secret stooge from the hiring company? How come the company knows such intimate secrets about them all? Your reviewer will be going back to find out, as cast sickness brought the curtain down early on this performance, leaving the audience wondering at first if it was all part of the sinister plot. Hats off to the poor actor who struggled through three quarters of the play until collapsing backstage. The performances were good and the story was engrossing. It wouldn't be easy to do a play with Pinteresque pauses at the Players, though, because at key moments someone is always revving a scooter nearby. Pay your \$800 subscription (\$1000 if you don't get a move on) and maybe they'll put some of it towards sound insulation. Meanwhile, check out the play. We're still wondering who the stooge is - could it be the girl, portrayed with poise by Luciana Chouhy? No idea. Thurs to Sats until 12 June, adults \$160, students & OAP's \$90, groups \$70, members \$50 (what a saving). To book, mail [montevideoplayers@gmail.com](mailto:montevideoplayers@gmail.com) or call 099 087 776.

## WORLD CUP FIXTURES (URUGUAY TIME)

1	South Africa v Mexico	Fri 11 Jun 11:00
2	<b>Uruguay</b> v France	Fri 11 Jun 15:30
3	Argentina v Nigeria	Sat 12 Jun 11:00
4	South Korea v Greece	Sat 12 Jun 08:30
5	<b>England</b> v USA	Sat 12 Jun 15:30
6	Algeria v Slovenia	Sun 13 Jun 08:30
7	Germany v Australia	Sun 13 Jun 15:30
8	Serbia v Ghana	Sun 13 Jun 11:00
9	Holland v Denmark	Mon 14 Jun 08:30
10	Japan v Cameroon	Mon 14 Jun 11:00
11	Italy v Paraguay	Mon 14 Jun 15:30
12	New Zealand v Slovakia	Tue 15 Jun 08:30
13	Ivory Coast v Portugal	Tue 15 Jun 11:00
14	Brazil v North Korea	Tue 15 Jun 15:30
15	Honduras v Chile	Wed 16 Jun 08:30
16	Spain v Switzerland	Wed 16 Jun 11:00
17	South Africa v <b>Uruguay</b>	Wed 16 Jun 15:30
18	France v Mexico	Thu 17 Jun 15:30
19	Greece v Nigeria	Thu 17 Jun 11:00
20	Argentina v South Korea	Thu 17 Jun 08:30
21	Germany v Serbia	Fri 18 Jun 08:30
22	Slovenia v USA	Fri 18 Jun 11:00
23	<b>England</b> v Algeria	Fri 18 Jun 15:30
24	Ghana v Australia	Sat 19 Jun 11:00
25	Holland v Japan	Sat 19 Jun 08:30
26	Cameroon v Denmark	Sat 19 Jun 15:30
27	Slovakia v Paraguay	Sun 20 Jun 08:30
28	Italy v New Zealand	Sun 20 Jun 11:00
29	Brazil v Ivory Coast	Sun 20 Jun 15:30
30	Portugal v North Korea	Mon 21 Jun 08:30
31	Chile v Switzerland	Mon 21 Jun 11:00
32	Spain v Honduras	Mon 21 Jun 15:30
33	Mexico v <b>Uruguay</b>	Tue 22 Jun 11:00
34	France v South Africa	Tue 22 Jun 11:00
35	Nigeria v South Korea	Tue 22 Jun 15:30
36	Greece v Argentina	Tue 22 Jun 15:30
37	Slovenia v <b>England</b>	Wed 23 Jun 11:00

38	USA v Algeria	Wed 23 Jun 11:00
39	Ghana v Germany	Wed 23 Jun 15:30
40	Australia v Serbia	Wed 23 Jun 15:30
41	Slovakia v Italy	Thu 24 Jun 11:00
42	Paraguay v New Zealand	Thu 24 Jun 11:00
43	Denmark v Japan	Thu 24 Jun 15:30
44	Cameroon v Holland	Thu 24 Jun 15:30
45	Portugal v Brazil	Fri 25 Jun 11:00
46	North Korea v Ivory Coast	Fri 25 Jun 11:00
47	Chile v Spain	Fri 25 Jun 15:30
48	Switzerland v Honduras	Fri 25 Jun 15:30
49	Winner A v Second B	Sat 26 Jun 11:00 Last 16
50	Winner C v Second D	Sat 26 Jun 15:30 Last 16
51	Winner D v Second C	Sun 27 Jun 11:00 Last 16
52	Winner B v Second A	Sun 27 Jun 15:30 Last 16
53	Winner E v Second F	Mon 28 Jun 11:00 Last 16
54	Winner G v Second H	Mon 28 Jun 15:30 Last 16
55	Winner F v Second E	Tue 29 Jun 11:00 Last 16
56	Winner H v Second G	Tue 29 Jun 15:30 Last 16
57	Winner 53 v Winner 54	Fri 02 Jul 11:00 Q-finals
58	Winner 49 v Winner 50	Fri 02 Jul 15:30 Q-finals
59	Winner 52 v Winner 51	Sat 03 Jul 11:00 Q-finals
60	Winner 55 v Winner 56	Sat 03 Jul 15:30 Q-finals
61	Winner 58 v Winner 57	Tue 06 Jul 15:30 Semi
62	Winner 59 v Winner 60	Wed 07 Jul 15:30 Semi
63	Loser 61 v Loser 62	Sat 10 Jul 15:30 Third place
64	Winner 61 v Winner 62	Sun 11 Jul 15:30 Final

If you are a paid-up British Society member and would like to take part in a **free sweepstake**, in which the 32 teams are drawn at random, please mail [britsoc@gmail.com](mailto:britsoc@gmail.com) or call 712 6864 by noon on Wednesday 9 June. First come, first served. The draw will take place at noon on Thursday 10 June and allocations will be posted on the online calendar for that date. One entrant per family please. The winner will get two pound-shop prizes from the BritSoc Lucky Dip (eg a 2010 UK road atlas; a solar-powered light for the garden or balcony; 30 ball-point pens; 10 tubes of superglue; 100 Tetley's teabags). The runner-up will get one prize, as will the team or teams who score the fewest goals. There is no charge for entering - it's just another benefit of being a British Society member, so join up now! See p2.



Quickly they came  
To the teeth of it

No speeches  
No gestures  
No chorus  
No tunes

The sea came  
To meet them

Leapt

All around them

Their purpose was here  
It spilled from the dunes

Quickly they came  
To the death of it  
The howl of the Stuka and shell

Nine days  
They stayed on the beaches  
Nine days  
They laboured in hell

Quickly they came

Be proud of it

Quietly they came

Do not smirk

The freedom you ridicule  
Rests on it

That quickly they came

To Dunkirk

- Kit Coster

## DUNKIRK 70 YEARS ON

27 May - 4 June 1940

Quickly they came  
To the quick of it  
Downing their anger

The discarded tools  
Mute on the benches

Leaving the workshops  
The desks  
The schools

Quickly they came  
To the thick of it

Losing the shoreline  
The indifferent gulls

Cloudless the sky  
Impassive above them  
The clamour of diesel  
The cluster of hulls

## TAX AGREEMENTS WITH URUGUAY



Chapter and verse from Eliana Sartori, director in charge of international tax in Uruguay at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

NL: *Eliana, you must be one of the busiest people in town at the moment after the announcement of the new draft tax bill. Many thanks for finding time for the Newsletter. Our question is simple: what countries does Uruguay have a Dual Taxation Treaty with?*

ES: The answer is a little more complicated than the question. Up to now, the Government has announced that it has concluded treaties with certain countries. The agreements have been signed but not all of them are in force. Basically, Uruguay has concluded negotiations of Dual Taxation Treaties, following the OECD model, with Mexico (law passed), Spain (law to be passed in June), Portugal (as Spain), Switzerland, Finland, Liechtenstein, Malta, Belgium and Korea. There was a Dual Taxation Treaty with Germany which was being renegotiated, and this was recently announced to have been successful. In force since the late eighties is the treaty with Hungary, not in process of renegotiation.

NL: *Are there any more in the offing?*

ES: In February 2010 Uruguay signed a memorandum to cooperate over exchanging information with France. This would be a first step towards concluding an agreement. Don't forget that the Government has announced potential treaties with 15 other countries, including Malaysia, India, Vietnam, Costa Rica, Chile and Ecuador. At the moment there is none in prospect with the UK.

NL: *Many thanks!*

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## SPONSORED BIKE RIDE FROM BERLIN TO CARDIFF

*British Society member David Hoey is seeking sponsors for a team of soldiers from his regiment, the Queen's Dragoon Guards, who are cycling 1400 miles from Berlin to Cardiff in 8 days, arriving in time for Armed Forces Day on 26th June.*

'It's a tall order,' writes David, 'But I have confidence they will do it: the team contains two of my former troop sergeants and my former squadron sergeant-major and they have done some demanding distances before, including John O'Groats to Land's End in six days. The regimental team have set some good times in previous London to Paris races. The charities they are raising money for are the Army Benevolent Fund, which helps all sorts of soldiers from old boys struggling on a low pension to young privates injured in Afghanistan trying to raise a family. It is the main recipient of funds raised through *Help for Heroes*. 'Latch' is a local children's cancer charity based in Cardiff, where it does excellent work helping youngsters suffering from this awful condition, especially with leukaemia which is common amongst kids. Out here across the Atlantic the chance to show your appreciation of our Armed Forces and to help make up the shortfall in provision of support from the Government is rare, so I would urge all to please seize it heartily! All donations will be very gratefully received. The costs are being borne by those taking part so every penny raised will go to the causes. The justgiving page is at <http://www.justgiving.com/B2C> and the Facebook page is called *I support the soldiers cycling from Berlin 2 Cardiff*. Please join and encourage your friends.'

## LETTER TO THE SPECTATOR

Autocue comma

Sir: 'The Trades Union, said the High Court judge, is an absolute disgrace' (BBC World News). Sue the BBC, my Lord, for wilfully misrepresenting the truth: for only under threat of imminent litigation will the dumbdownocrats return our language to us, and hire newsreaders who can manage more than three words without inserting commas that turn all sense on its head.

## WHO SAID THE UK WAS EXPENSIVE?

Staying in Edwardian splendour at a bed & breakfast in Devon cost the Editor £40 (1160 pesos) in April. That included tea and coffee in the room, use of the residents' lounge, below, and a two-course breakfast which began with a fresh fruit platter of strawberries, melon, orange, de-pipped grapes and passion fruit, and continued with a Full English of bacon, sausages, egg, fresh mushroom, grilled tomato, black pudding and baked beans. See inserts. There were four types of marmalade, all home-made and also sold by the jar, including one with Galliano's. The bedroom had its own (enormous and pristine) bathroom opposite. Okay, £40 is per person, but to live in this style? Among lovely furniture, with everything immaculate? The owners' attention to detail must cost them a fortune. Worth it, though, because satisfied customers book a year ahead on leaving, which explains why the Newsletter's **bed & breakfast of the year** is so booked up in the summer.

Kathryn Hislop, **STONEBOROUGH HOUSE Bed & Breakfast**, 21a East Budleigh Road, Budleigh Salterton, Devon EX9 6HW. tel: 01395 445923. [www.stoneboroughhouse.co.uk](http://www.stoneboroughhouse.co.uk)



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## COOK IN RESIDENCE

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### WHISKY TODDY

For those dark winter nights to keep out the chill - good for colds too!

3 teaspoons sugar  
Whisky  
1 whole clove  
Half a thin slice of lemon  
Hot water



Into a heatproof glass put 3 heaped teaspoons of sugar followed by a finger thickness of whisky. Top up with hot water and add the whole clove and half slice of lemon. Stir, sit back and enjoy!!

- Joanna Mullee

## MAKE A DONATION

and we will thank you on every page! On behalf of a growing number of Uruguay's most affluent and influential movers and shakers, plus diplomats, international companies, recent settlers and language institutes.

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**FILM REVIEW.** *An Education*, with Carey Mulligan, by Lone Herfig and Nick Hornby. Rotten Tomatoes rating 94%.

What a performance. The lead role in this 1960's morality tale about a Twickenham schoolgirl seduced by a rich older man is such a plum that presumably almost any good young British actress would do it proud, but Carey Mulligan's depiction of emotional intelligence is itself so intelligent that it makes up for quite a bit else. This is her film: she is an education.

**JOKE** with thanks to Edison de León:

(Knock at door)

**Beautiful lady:** I can't come to the door! I've just had a bath and I haven't got any clothes on.

**Caller:** It's the blind man!

**Lady:** Oh, all right then. (Opens door)

**Caller:** Where do you want the blinds?



### OUT OF ORDER

A sculpture using real phone boxes by Royal Academician David Mach in Kingston upon Thames.

**IMPORTANT: IS YOUR UK PASSPORT EXPIRED OR ABOUT TO EXPIRE? PASSPORT APPLICATIONS CAN TAKE 4 WEEKS OR MORE TO PROCESS SO IF YOU HAVE A TRIP PLANNED CHECK THAT YOUR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS ARE IN ORDER.**

As published some months ago, **all passport applications now need to be sent to Washington.**

From 5 October 2009 any person in Uruguay wishing to apply for a British passport should apply direct to the UK Passport Service Centre for the Americas and Caribbean, Washington D.C., USA. This means downloading and completing the application form from the website below, downloading the credit card authorisation form so that the fee can be charged in the United States, and supplying the necessary documents. Once you have your application ready you must send it directly to Washington via a secure courier company. See <http://UkinUSA.fco.gov.uk> for detailed guidelines on how to apply.

**IN ORDER TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES WITHOUT A VISA YOU NEED A MACHINE READABLE PASSPORT. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE VISA WAIVER PROGRAM PLEASE SEE THE US EMBASSY IN MONTEVIDEO WEBSITE: <http://montevideo.usembassy.gov/usaweb/consular/VWP.htm>**

*Note from Ed: Like many others, no doubt, we moaned when the passport service was moved to Washington, but one of the family needed a renewal recently and it all went like clockwork. We had actually forgotten about the whole business when the new passport appeared at our door, avoiding the need to go to the Embassy and pick it up.*

## Coming events

### June

- Wed 2 Club de lunch: Dr. Fernando Puntigliano, Country Manager of Minera Aratiri
- Thu 10 BritSoc AGM, 7pm Christ Church
- Fri 11 Talk on Scotland, Anglo Centre, 6pm, see p1
- Fri 11 Anglo British film seminars start, see p4
- Sat 12 Junior Caledonian, British Schools gym, 2pm
- Fri 18 BritSoc Film Night: 1940's and 50's, see p1
- Thu 24 Grand Council Meeting, 7pm Christ Church
- Fri 25 St Andrews Society AGM, 630pm British Schools Pavilion
- Tue 29 WDA Bridge Tea at Christ Church, 2:30 p.m. For tables call Joan Lucas-Calcraft on 600 1836

### July

- Fri 2 Deadline for donating clothes, see below
- Sat 23 Used Clothes Sale, Lafone Hall, Reconquista 522, 2:00 p.m. Please donate good used clothes before July 2nd by leaving them at Lafone Hall or calling Joan Lucas-Calcraft on 600 1836

## Competition: Teuten comin'

Congratulations to Mark Teuten for being drawn from those who worked out that the first name of the pest A. Quito is Amos. Nobody has yet got the **May Day** crossword clue 'That's it!' signalled the sinking *Spaniard* (1.1.1.) though Rick Empson came very close. Meanwhile, a question for Spanish speakers, with thanks to Val Isaacs: what is the first name of the other Quito boy, the one who is always getting sat on? His name begins with E.

BRITISH EMBASSY REMINDER: Check your passport and allow at least four weeks for renewal. Is it machine-readable? See above.