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- Friday 27th March
 - ► Encuentros A La Puesta Del Sol, 18:30 hrs. at The Britsh Cemetery.



Nominations For Honorary Members

The British Society Executive Committee invites Active Members to propose individuals for Honorary Membership based on the following criteria:

- 1. Nominee must be an Active Member of the Society, but not necessarily a British passport holder.
- 2. Nominee will have made an outstanding contribution to Community life over a long period of time, aside from office holding.
- 3. Nominee will have acted unofficially, or informally, to support the community. These acts must be described in detail on a Nomination Form.

The Executive Committee will review the nominations and present acceptable ones to the Society for approval at the Annual General Meeting.

Please remember not to tell the individual nominated that his/her name has been put forward. This is to avoid embarrassment if the nominee is not accepted.

Nomination Forms and the detailed Procedures and Criteria may be requested from any Executive Committee member or by e-mailing a request to secretary@britsoc.org.uy.

Nominations must be returned to an Executive Committee member or to secretary@britsoc.org.uy.





President's Words

Dear readers.

This month starts with a new government, for whom we wish the best of luck in their new term and in the many challenges that await them.

We are starting our Lecture Supper cycle of the year this month by marking a significant moment in our recent history, for which its 70th anniversary approaches: 8th of May 1945, Victory day in Europe. We are pleased to have with us Professor Alberto Márquez, who will shed light on its development and consequences that have framed the world we come to live in. We hope you to see you.

A new AGM is approaching and preparation is well under way, so all members please reserve the 9th of April on your calendar, to have a review of the work done up to now, to take a vote on a few changes proposed for our committee for this following year, and as always, the healthy input of very welcoming suggestions and comments.

I hope you enjoy this month's reading,

Madeleine

"Middle age is when you're sitting at home on a Saturday night and the telephone rings and you hope it isn't for you." Ogden Nash

by H.M. Ambassador Ben Lyster-Binns

Featured Article

My Visit To The Falkland Islands

I recently made a fascinating visit to the Falkland Islands. It's a very British country. Overall it's about half the size of Wales, but it looked and felt to me more like Scotland. The landscape is windswept and rugged. It's not an easy environment. But there is a great sense of peace and freedom.

Anyone can visit the islands. Tourists come from all round the world to see the amazing pristine environment and incredible birds, especially the penguins. A good number of visitors are British and Argentine veterans of the war in 1982. They are welcome to pay their respects as I did in the British and Argentine cemeteries.

For me it must be one of the most developed, well-educated and competent self-governing communities of 3000 people in the world. The Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Falkland Islands government take difficult decisions on for example infrastructure, health and the islands future. They decide what the priorities are and how the island economy will fund them. The UK is responsible for foreign policy, though the islanders have a powerful voice themselves and MLAs often travel to other countries so they can explain Falkland Islands' reality. The UK is also responsible for defence and continues to provide the military presence on the islands as a deterrent. But Stanley is no garrison town. It's a normal place with normal people living normal lives. The

population is made up of over 30 nationalities. I met Falkland Islanders of Chilean, St Helenian, Argentine and even Uruguayan descent. They live there because they like it the way it is.

The Falkland Islanders feel a strong relationship with Uruguay going back a long way. Trade and agriculture continue to be an important common bond. There is also scope to extend joint activities in the fields of science, education and culture.

I much enjoyed my time there alongside my colleagues from Brazil and Chile. I came away with renewed respect for the people and their country. I am immensely grateful to all those who made my experience so valuable and memorable.







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Shakespeare Festival

Theatre, cinema and even a Shakespearean Walk are part of the programme of the first Shakespeare Festival coming to Uruguay. Director Patricio Orozco brought the idea from Buenos Aires, where he organised five successful similar festivals. During the launch held at the Ambassador's Residence, Orozco highlighted that the idea is to bring Shakespeare closer to all Uruguayans. Renowned British actor Michael Pennington will perform on the 3rd of March. Visit http://www.festivalshakespeare.com.uy/ for the full programme. Some activities are free of charge.

Back To School, Safely

The Embassy supported Fundación Gonchi Rodríguez's road safety campaign which launched last week "Vuelta a Clases Segura". At the press conference held at the Residence, Nani Rodríguez, Director of the NGO, and national authorities stressed the importance of using proper child seats and strapping them in for every trip. Don't miss the video that explains how to ensure children travel safely: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zu52tNhJCyc





Lecture Supper

Lecture Supper:

70th anniversary of Victory Day in Europe 1945: an incomplete victory.

It was not like the first, tragic act of May 14, a war to end all wars, but it was perhaps the good war.

The final chapter was written on the 7th of may 1945 during the ceremony of unconditional surrender in Rheims, France, of all German forces in Europe. In spite of the great military achievement, immeasurable sacrifice, and the freedom returned to the occupied countries of Western Europe, it was an incomplete and bitter victory. Poland, along with a dozen more countries in Eastern Europe were, thanks to the Yalta agreement, submerged by the Soviet armies, becoming suffering

Russian satellites for nearly half a century under the communist experiment.

As we approach the 70 th year anniversary of Victory Day in Europe, we invite you to our first Lecture Supper of this year's cycle, on Tuesday the 24th of March, 19:30 at the Anglo School Carrasco, Saldún de Rodriguez 2195, where Professor Alberto Márquez will explain the deep historical meaning of this period of hope and disappointment, the birthplace of the world we have come to live in.

The meal shall consist of Cold Chicken curry with rice and green salad, and Tartre Montmatre for dessert. A vegetarian menu is available for those who wish so. Please book your place by e-mail to secretary@britsoc. org.uy.





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UK EXPATS — DID YOU KNOW

YOU MAY BE ABLE TO VOTE

IN THE 2015 GENERAL ELECTION?



To register as an overseas elector you must have been registered to vote in the UK in the last 15 years.

You can now register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote









Encuentros a la puesta del Sol



ENCUENTRO I - 27 DE MARZO 18.30 H.

"Mujeres en la música del Uruguay" Mdame. Suhr -Renée Bonnet de Pietrafesa -Mercedes Olivera Disertante Prof. Concertista Julio César Huertas

Encuentro II- 24 de Abril-18,30 h será dedicado al industrial de la carne, empresario y multifacético emprendedor: JAMES SANTIAGO LOWRY (irlandés) fundador de Villa Independencia -hoy Fray Bentos- y del cementerio Inglés de esa ciudad, entre otras actividades a destacar. Diserta el Ing. Francisco Tourreilles, descendiente directo de J. Lowry. E invitamos a la investigadora **Demir Pereira** que nos mostrará el Cementerio Inglés de Fray Bentos y la riqueza de su patrimonio. El sábado 25 a las 15h. realizaremos la visita guiada "Senderos de la historia" tradicional.

Encuentro III- 29 de Mayo-18,30 h "A los 105 años de la CELESTE". La propuesta será una mirada sobre la historia del símbolo de nuestro fútbol. El conferencista es el **Dr. Alfredo Etchandy**, actual Viceministro de Deportes. El sábado 30 de mayo a las 15 hr.- Visita guiada en el nuevo "**Circuito CELESTE**" sobre las personalidades que iniciaron nuestro fútbol en recorrida por sus sepulcros.

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Classified Ads



Green Yard Sale

The Green Residence is hosting a Yard Sale, where Everyone is Welcome to come along to buy and sell.

It will take place: Saturday 21st, March From 11:00 am to 15:00 pm Avenida Italia 6485, casi Cooper

Places:

Table Space will be on sale. For reservations in advance please contact:



British Embassy Sells:



British Embassy sells through tender:

Toyota Land Cruiser Prado automatic

- Year 2009
- Silver grey
- 85000 kms
- Gas -oil (normal)

Minimum Price USD 35500

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Bids in sealed envelopes are received until 12 am March 20th 2015 inclusive.







Lamb Chops

by Jonathan Lamb vozinglesa@gmail.com

Players Quiz Goes To Punta, Wednesday 25 March

The Players were packed out by 80 people in 20 teams of 4 for their summer quiz, so they're taking it to Punta just before Easter. Get your names in quick to make up a team of 4 friends and answer Trivial Pursuit questions like 'Who played the heroine in Titanic?' Handsome and drinkable prizes. \$300 a head. Refreshments available. Bashsegur will be on hand to deal with anyone who already did the quiz in Montevideo. By kind offer of the Liga de Fomento, the evening will be in the Sala Edgardo Ribeiro at their HQ on Mansa Parada 1, at 7.30pm. Submit teams (with silly name, e.g. Hit Us and Go, The Turings, The Punta Potatoes etc.) to montevideoplayers@gmail.com.

Fifty Shades Of Gravy

This column's award for Funniest Female Rendition of Men in Audiobooks is a tie between Emilia Fox's Mellors the Gamekeeper in Lady Chatterley's Lover (www.csaword.co.uk) and Becca Battoe's Christian in the otherwise dismal Fifty Shades Darker (Random House). What a turn-off laughter can be. If two people are listening to Fifty Shades and one of them is feeling fruity, it only takes the other to say 'Oh Anastasia!' in Manspeak for both of them to fall about the bedroom eating the pillows.

Strike Me Pink

Has it really come to this? Such are your thoughts as you sit on a tube train (District Line) and look around at commuters of both sexes openly reading pornography. BDSM for the unshackled. If this is civilisation, then, as Gran would say, strike me pink.

Usted Sabe: OK Then



Away With Words

It must be really annoying if you're asked to do a column in some journalistic publication because the regular writer is on holiday, and at the end of your column they add apologetically in italics, 'The usual columnist is away'.

From The Memoirs Of John Turing

Alan foolishly but typically reported the loss to the police, who did not seem much interested in "the burglar." But they were greatly interested in the prospect of prosecuting a don, a near-Olympic runner and a Fellow of the Royal Society for homosexual practices.

Seen In The B.Bs.As: Crucial Wiper



Best Polish Moustache

Does anybody else find Oscar-winners' speeches deeply boring? With two shining exceptions, this year's were an instant switchover. Why don't they just show longer clips of the films? Or any clips at all, perhaps, if it's in some nugatory foreign class like 'Best Film Ever'.

Competition

Last month was a doddle. Señor y Señora Urgeonwhenyougrowup and their daughter Beatriz. This month: find the names of six men's tennis players in the following script:

WAITER: Channa Dal? Lentil curry from Punjab, sir. Very good. The deliciousness of this dish is terrific.

MR DINER: That'll do for me. Rebecca?

MRS DINER: Spicy, please. This lady's only happy when you've fed her a really hot one. Make it a Phal, pal, then I can give my man here a lip-smackin' romantic kiss.

WAITER: Certainly. So it's an anniversary! Would you like a drink on us? We have a 2015 Bourgogne...

The usual columnist is away.





Back In Time

by Tony Beckwith tony@tonybeckwith.com

Boys Like Us

We are seldom more conscious of our community than at the events known to British journalism as *Hatches, Matches, and Scratches*—the euphemistic terms used for births, marriages, and deaths. And it is at the services following the *Scratches* that we occasionally learn something about our departed friends and loved ones from those who are moved to reminisce about the deceased.

Hugh Rugeroni died on January 3, 2014. He was 75 years old. I was not at his funeral, but if I had been, this is the story I would have told. It is a modern epistolary story in the sense that it unfolds through a series of emails that Hugh and I exchanged in May 2011. In the interests of brevity and clarity I have edited and condensed our correspondence, but Hugh's words are his own.

"Dear Hugh. I was born in 1945 so am a few years younger than you. After you left school, you did something exotic, you went to work on an oil rig in Patagonia or something. I don't remember the details, but it was all about an older boy doing something out of the ordinary, and it really made an impression on me.

Boys like us were supposed to finish school and go to work at Alpargatas or Price Waterhouse or some company like that. In those days there weren't many other acceptable options and it all seemed a bit preordained, which made me nervous and rather claustrophobic, so your example opened a window for me. I often thought of you as I pursued a somewhat chequered career in various parts of the world, occasionally working at jobs that 'people like us' were not supposed to do, and I never got around to thanking you for what you taught me all those years ago, which is that we make our own boundaries. Un abrazo, Tony."

"Dear Tony. This is a first for me. I had no idea I had ever influenced anyone positively! Anyway, after a brief stint at Industrias Laneras del Uruguay, I left to do my military service in the Argentine Navy. Conscripto clase '38. After that I had to get a real job, and at age 22 was hired as camp manager for a seaweed and quano company on a beach nine hundred miles south of Buenos Aires. Two months later I had not been paid. Communication with the head office in BA was by shortwave radio. Whenever I asked about money they claimed they could not hear me. So, with the last of my funds I took the company truck to the nearest civilization point, abandoned it there and took a bus to Comodoro Rivadavia, where all the oil companies were headquartered. A pretty girl told me to go see Dowell Services, an oil well cementing company. Because I spoke English they hired me on the spot. My first request was for an advance on my salary as I was

hungry. They gave me that and placed me in a very nice two-bedroom apartment behind the office. There I created a purchasing department for the field camp. Ran that successfully for three years or so, saving my money. Dowell then lost its contract and I lost my lucrative job.

My brother lan had already moved to Canada with his wife and I was assured a free bed till I got a job. Four months later I finally got my papers and headed for Toronto. Had forty-five interviews in thirty days, then landed a sales job with Scott Paper Co. The good part was that it came with a company car. That was important back then. Got transferred to Windsor, across the river from Detroit, as area manager (nice title, no more money). Purchased a nice little sailboat and learnt to sail the hard way. Some friends represented a good sailboat manufacturer, but they had no interest in selling across the border to Michigan. I talked them into introducing me to the manufacturer. With great honesty I told them I hadn't a pot to piss in or a window to throw it out of, but how could I hurt them since they had no one representing them anyway? I guess it worked as they gave me half the state of Michigan. Three years later, after I had become their largest dealer, they admitted they thought they would never hear from me again. I spent thirty-five years as a successful sailboat and power boat dealer, but then the market went to hell and I closed down. I am now retired on a small income. My only activities are golf and my daily cocktail hour at the local pub where great political and other interesting topics are discussed.

So that's it, my friend. Thank you for telling me that I influenced you, it makes me proud. I forgot to mention that when I left the paper company to start my boat dealership I had no car and only \$25 in my pocket. A rather desperate situation. Someone suggested I should try modelling part-time, while getting the boat business going. Through the Yellow Pages I made contact with a modelling agency. Became reasonably successful, which funded the boat business and my new wife and soon-to-be-born daughter. Times were tough, but when desperation sets in, one makes it happen! Tough times seem to make one more tenacious and harder working than when you have the security of a pay check coming in regularly.

Needless to say, throughout all this I have had a marvellous time and led a humorous and very enjoyable life. I was helped a lot by good friends, a good education at the British School, and honesty and good values instilled at home and by the British community in Uruguay. To all those, Thank you! All the best, Hugh."





Medical Column

by Dr. Jorge Stanham, MBE jorgestanham@yahoo.com

Consumerism And Health Care

Some workdays I make it home early enough so as to watch the local evening news on TV: Telenoche, Subrayado and Telemundo dull my senses for about an hour, while I rest at the end of my workday and get updated with the headlines that cover politics, crime, sports, international news and the weather. But a significant part of the time, the screen is in commercial-mode and we get bombarded with offers of products, services and announcements of future events.

Every February, persons who are affiliated with the SNIS (Integrated National Health System) through FONASA (Social Security) are given the opportunity to switch providers, as long as they've been members for three years of their present mutualista. During this month, these organisations increase their visibility in the media, especially during the peak hours of TV audience. The purpose is twofold: in the first place, to try to entice members of other mutualistas to switch to theirs and secondly, to make sure their own members see their present coverage as good as or better than the potential alternatives. In the end, the total number of members who switch coverage averages about five per cent, give or take, although sometimes a significant part of this relatively small number has to do with persons bailing out of one or two organisations to join a new one, leaving the abandoned ship in worse shape than before.

The content of the propaganda seems focalised mainly on a few areas, that have to do with cutting or eliminating the cost of tickets (co-pays) for seeing primary or specialist physicians, for certain tests and medications. Other offers emphasise the presence of clinics in neighbourhoods where potential new members live and therefore expansion of the geographic area of coverage can be a significant lure. Flashy new buildings and state-of-the-art technology are also part of he menu. Surprisingly, these few items: immediate costs, geographical location, buildings and technology are emphasised above what probably matters most, but I suppose that marketing experts recommend this focus as the best strategy.

Personally, I would believe that other matters would be more important for affiliated members who are considering the option of changing coverage. Maybe I'm biased by the fact that I meet covered persons in patient-mode, when problems of access, coordination and continuity of care and compassion by caregivers, seem to matter most. Beyond my myopic view, I may have to acknowledge that persons in client-mode (usuarios) or consumer-mode (consumidores) seem to prioritise collateral aspects rather than what should be the core of services in healthcare.

We are sometimes given the impression of a cartoon of what matters reflected in good-looking actors impersonating as health care professionals with studied smiles relating to patients and families that have a surprisingly healthy look. Maybe the ninety five per cent who do not change coverage are bright enough so as not to be tricked into the change-trap.

St. Andrew's Society News

St. Andrew's Family Picnic

Sunday15th March 2015

Please reserve your place by telephone to: 099 157615 or 091 048937 Lamb, Hamburgers and Salads.

Bring your own Drink, Cutlery, Plates and Glass.

Adults \$250 - Ages 10 to 15 \$150 - Ages 9 and under Free

Venue: Centro Proteccion de Choferes.

Coronel Raiz 1153, between Avda. Millan and Bvar. Batlle y Ordoñez

Drive in, Turn left and Look for our Flags.

As we have tables and seats for 100 in the Parrillero it will not be cancelled if it rains, but bring you garden chair to sit outside.

For tea bring something to share and we'll provide freshly brewed tea.





Geoff the Chef's Corner

by Geoffrey Deakin gde@boskejo.com

Summer is still here but the nights are cooler so here goes a delicious chicken pie made from scratch with carrots, peas and celery!

Chicken Pot Pie

Original recipe makes one 9-inch pie

Ingredients:

- 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cubed
- 1 cup sliced carrots
- 1 cup frozen green peas
- 1/2 cup sliced celery
- 1/3 cup butter
- 1/3 cup chopped onion
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon celery (or sesame) seed
- 1 3/4 cups chicken broth
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 (9 inch) unbaked pie crusts

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 425° F (220° C)
- 2. In a saucepan, combine chicken, carrots, peas, and celery. Add water to cover and boil for 15 minutes. Remove from heat, drain and set aside.
- 3. In the saucepan over medium heat, cook onions in butter until soft and translucent. Stir in flour, salt, pepper, and celery seed. Slowly stir in chicken

- broth and milk. Simmer over medium-low heat until thick. Remove from heat and set aside.
- 4. Place the chicken mixture in bottom pie crust. Pour hot liquid mixture over. Cover with top crust, seal edges, and cut away excess dough. Make several small slits in the top to allow steam to escape.
- 5. For a nicer look, paint the top with some melted butter.
- 6. Bake in the preheated oven for 30 to 35 minutes, or until pastry is golden brown and filling is bubbly.
- 7. Cool for 10 minutes before serving (the pie is very hot inside!).

Thanks to my Canadian friend, Anne Lamont, for this month's recipe idea!

By the way... to make potpies ahead of time, let the filling cool, then assemble and freeze for up to 4 months. Bake at 425°F (220° C) for 1 1/4 hours (1 hour for small pies).

And remember, love and cook with wild abandon!



Silver River Lodge News

All our meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month from March through to November at the William G. Best Masonic Temple, located at calle Canelones 1429, Montevideo.

For further information please contact at us at <u>secretarysrl876@gmail.com</u> or call Mr. Martin Macadam at 096 001995.

This month's answer about Freemasonry is:

Question: Aren't you a religion or a rival to religion?

Answer: Emphatically not. Freemasonry requires a belief in God and its principles are common to many of the world's great religions. Freemasonry does not try to replace religion or substitute it. Every candidate is exhorted to practise his religion and to regard its holy book as the unerring standard of truth. Freemasonry does not instruct its members in what their religious beliefs should be, nor does it offer sacraments. Freemasonry deals in relations between men; religion deals in a man's relationship with his God.





Future Events

- Friday 9th May
 - ▶ St. Andrew's Society Ceilidh.
- Saturday 16th May
 - ► The V Shamrock Cup Indoor Piping International Competition at The Shannon Irish Pub.



The Far Side

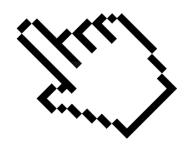
by Gary Larson



"And, as you shall soon observe, we are quite proud of our test tube baby progress."

Link Of The Month

The Actor's Art http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=94o-D2_k5ew



The Society At A Glance

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