



**BRITISH  
BENEVOLENT  
SOCIETY**

## 2017 BBS Officers and Board of Directors

A huge welcome to our new Officers: Karen Thomas, Paul Llewelyn, Stuart Keirle and Stacey Archbell.

Karen, the new President, accepts the role after completing her time as Vice President for the BBS and after years assisting with the Events, Finance & By-laws and Relief Committees. Paul, our new V.P., will also serve as Director and Honorary Legal Advisor to the BBS. Paul co-founded Lewis & Llewellyn LLP, a San Francisco litigation boutique specializing in complex civil litigation. Stuart, our new CFO, has been a BBS trustee for many years and more recently joined the board. He also has over 30 years of banking experience with Barclays Bank PLC in Europe, Africa, Far East and North America and with the Commercial Bank of San Francisco. Stacey, our new Secretary, moved to the US in 1999 where she has since enjoyed many years working in the financial industry in both Silicon Valley and the San Francisco East Bay.



Learn more about all of our Board of Directors by visiting the [Directors page](#).

## Annual General Meeting

A huge thank you to all of the members who were able to attend the AGM earlier this month. The pictures on [Instagram](#) highlight only some of the wonderful moments of the evening.

Directors and members all enjoyed the event and one of our former Directors was generous enough to label it as "The Best AGM Ever"!



**Stacey Archbell, Karen Thomas and HMCG Andrew Whittaker**

## An Introduction to our New Executive Director

April marks the first month that Jennifer Baker will begin working for the BBS as Executive Director. After four successful months as a consultant for the organization, she is very excited about the opportunity



to help lead the organization.

Jenn comes to us after working for many years at the British Consulate in San Francisco. While working at the Consulate, she managed internal and external communications for all British Consulates in the Americas, she facilitated and organized events and trainings, managed communication budgets and implemented digital media strategies. Jennifer studied Political Science and International Affairs at the University of Nevada-Reno and has lived in the Bay Area since 1998. Jenn has always had a passion for engaging with ex-pat communities and can't wait to help build a strong BBS community!

## BBS Relief Update



The past two months have involved assisting a number of folks brought to our attention by our partners at the British Consulate. One instance involved assisting a mental health and welfare case where the individual suffered from severe mental illness. Due to this, the individual had a difficult time looking after himself and was frequently homeless. He found himself in a cycle of getting arrested, serving some time, being released and being

homeless, getting arrested again, etc. He very much wanted to return to the UK where he would have his mother's support. The BBS was able to partner with the Consulate and help successfully arrange for repatriation back to Wales. The gentleman is now with his mother and receiving regular medical attention.

## Curry Night with the BBS Date: Wednesday 24 May

Please join us in Mill Valley at [Prabh Indian Kitchen](#) for curry and socializing with fellow BBS members!

Members and non-members are welcome to come along and enjoy a night of curry! Cost per person is \$45 including tax and tip. Tickets includes a variety of chicken, lamb and curry dishes along with one drink (wine or beer).



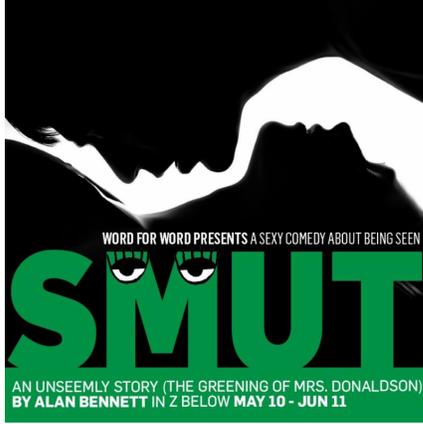
Please pre register on [Eventbrite by 17 May.](#)

## Brit Night Out at the Theater: Date: Tuesday 6 June

Interested in meeting fellow BBS friends, old and new, for a night at the theater? Join us at Z Space where they have offered to arrange a talk with the director and actors of this British production. All for a discounted group rate!

If you are interested, please contact [Jenn Baker](#) for further details.

[\*Smut: An Unseemly Story \(The Greening of Mrs. Donaldson\)\*](#)



One of England's finest and most loved writers, Alan Bennett (*The History Boys*, *The Lady in the Van*), explores the uncomfortable and tragicomic gap between people's public appearance and their private desires in this tender and surprising story. In *The Greening of Mrs. Donaldson*, a recently bereaved widow finds interesting ways to supplement her income by performing as a patient for medical students, and renting out her spare room. Quiet, middle-class, and middle-aged, Mrs. Donaldson will soon discover that she rather enjoys role-play at the hospital, and the irregular and startling entertainment provided by her tenants. A master storyteller dissects a very English form of secrecy with this story of the unexpected in otherwise apparently ordinary lives.

## SF Pride Parade Float

### Date: Saturday 25 June

Our friends at the BABC are joining up with the British Consulate-General San Francisco by participating in their 3rd annual Pride Parade!

The Consulate float usually consists of a classically British car (i.e., mini cooper, Black cab), with staff and friends of the British Consulate walking alongside.

If you are interested in joining this event, please contact [Jenn Baker](#).



## About the BBS

The British Benevolent Society (BBS) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a mission to build and nurture our diverse community through advice, support and relief when needed in the United States. Based in San Francisco our mission is to protect, support, prepare and connect.



- Protect: Emotional and Financial relief in times of need
- Support: Transition support and education for new arrivals
- Connect: Create connections and advance British cultural education and interests

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