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BBS Relief & Covid19 Assistance

In April the BBS provided just under \$13,000 in relief. This included two \$1,500 Covid19 Grants as well as more traditional assistance in helping a Brit stranded at SFO.

Our most notable case this month involved providing assistance to a woman in her 70s. Ms. H suffered a stroke while she was alone in her apartment. Kaiser reached out to the BBS asking for financial assistance

in covering costs for home care after Ms. H returned home. Because she did not have long term health care her ability to remain independent at home was limited. The Relief Committee provided a cash gift, hopefully giving Ms. H and her family a little respite as they assess the longer term implications of how life will now look. We wish her the best as she continues to make progress with her recovery.



We received two applications from essential workers who had contracted Covid19. They both worked at a grocery store and suffered tremendously after being infected by the virus. For one of them, returning to work has been close to impossible. She no longer remembers basic information, is exhausted and is undergoing long term treatment at UCLA. After receiving word that they would receive a Covid19 Grant, one recipient wrote:

I am lost for words and crying at the same time! THANK YOU! It will help so much. Seriously people have no idea how Covid affects your whole life and body.

The BBS worked with the Consulate in San Francisco to help repatriate a young man who was stranded at SFO after missing his connecting flight. He tried to rebook, but because the original booking was made through a 3rd party website, the airline was only willing to refund the 3rd party. He couldn't afford to pay for a one way ticket to the UK and was also unaware of the required Covid test kit package needed to book ahead of arrival. The BBS helped by quickly paying for a new flight and the Covid test kit package.

We continue to receive ongoing requests for assistance. Many of the cases are not always caused by Covid but the circumstances are made worse as the pandemic continues to touch all levels of society. As always, thank you for your donations and support as the BBS continues to provide relief to Brits in need.

Great British Bake Off

A big thank you to all who were able to join the BBS for our first ever Great British Bake Off! This was an incredibly fun event where bakers really went all out with their submissions.

Some baked goodies included:

Carrot Cake
Lemon Peep Cakes
Raspberry Soufflé
Bakewell Tarts
Cake Pops
Rum Cake
Blackberry Crumble

A big congratulations to our winners! Check out the recipes from our 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners! A special thank you to our amazing judge, Ian Archbell who was so entertaining and thorough with his evaluations. We can't wait until next year!



1st place Simnel Cake,
Isabella Cockerton!

Recipe [can be found here.](#)



2nd place: Karen Thomas,
Hot Cross Buns

Recipe [can be found here.](#)



3rd Place: Jane Brayon,
Swiss Rolls

Recipe [can be found here.](#)

Upcoming Events



Midsummer's

EVE CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 12 JUNE | @ 3-7 PM | ARK ROW TIBURON, CA

When: Saturday 12 June
Where: Ark Row, Tiburon, California
When: 3-7PM

Registration: Free

Join us for an afternoon of entertainment, food, drinks and fun on historic Ark Row in Tiburon.

This event is free and registration is not required. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. As always, we welcome any donations to the BBS.

Further details about the event can be found [on our website](#).

BBS Fall Bike Ride: Save the Date

When: Sunday 17 October

Where: Marin County, Routes Announced Closer to the Date

Registration: Announced Closer to the Date

Mark your calendars and join the BBS for a bike ride! There will be three options available:

- 5-10 Mile
- 40 Mile
- 60 Mile

This family friendly event is still in planning stages and we will be in touch with further details.

Annual General Meeting: Save the Date

Tuesday 19 October
Annual General Meeting

Please mark this date for our annual meeting.



Who We Are & How We Help

In 2020 the BBS provided just under \$130,000 in aid including forty three \$1,500 Covid19 Grants. This pandemic still ravages through communities throughout the world and we continue to deliver immediate assistance to British nationals who simply have no where else to turn.

Please help us continue to spread the word about the BBS. If you are in a position to make a [donation](#), the time is now.



Donations

Did you know that you need to reset your AmazonSmile charity of choice every six months? By designating the BBS as your preferred charity on [AmazonSmile](#) you are making a simple and easy donation!

Don't forget that you will need to set up the BBS as your charity of choice on your mobile device as well.

Make the change today!

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