

## Fr Gregorio Arrien

If we are considering who has gathered together most information and written most about the evacuation of the Basque children, then Fr Gregorio Arrien has to be at the top of the list.

He has written extensive and comprehensive books about the children who came to Britain as well as those who went elsewhere. His book *“La generación del exilio”* published in 1983 was probably the first book relating to the children evacuated to Britain. His latest, encyclopaedic book *“Salvad a los Niños”* was published as recently as 2014, with several others in-between.

Fr Gregorio has always been a keen supporter of our Association, and it is only now due to several health issues that he is slowing down his prodigious work rate.

It was a great pleasure to find this article by him on the blog of the *Euskal kultura* website. As is all his work, the article is in Spanish. When I contacted him he was very happy for us to put the link on our website and, as always, wished us well.

The article *“Las últimas andereños del exilio ingles”* recounts the life of possibly one of the longest living teachers, Ma Teresa Larrucea, who came to Britain on the Habana and died in 2016 aged 99.

*Carmen Kilner*

**Read Gregorio's Blog at:**

<http://www.euskalkultura.com/espanol/blogs/pulsando-la-memoria>