

# CHILEAN NEWS



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## THE CHRISTMAS DINNER

On 12th December 2013, the Society held its annual Christmas Dinner. For the third year running, this took place in the Dean's House, 170 Queens Gate, London SW7. Some 40 members and guests sat down to a traditional and delicious Christmas dinner, and were treated to an amusing speech by the guest speaker, Lord Naseby, chairman of the Cofradía del Vino Chileno, who chose, obviously enough, wine as his subject.



From left to right: Mrs Francesca Hopkins, Mrs Alicia Rickus, Mr John Rickus, Lord Naseby, Dr Heather Angus-Leppan, Mr Michael Hopkins, Lady Naseby and Dr Robert Guiloff.



From left to right: Mrs Magdalena Jones, Ms Carolina Arriagada, Mrs Gonzalo Alvarez, Mr Gonzalo Alvarez, Mr Alasdair Grant, Ms Gayle Young, Mr John Hooper and Ms Jane Carey-Harris.



From left to right: Mr David Pearson, Mrs Ingrid Lydon, Mr Michael Roberts, Mrs Carmen Pearson, Mr Peter Lydon, Mrs Peggy Hart, Mr Cristián León and Mrs Georgina Roberts.



Ms Rocío Opazo-Aniatz, Mrs Luíse Silva-Rozzi, Mr Cristián León and Mrs Magdalena Jones.

## CHILEAN AIR FORCE DAY

To mark the 84th anniversary of the creation of the Chilean Air Force (FACH) a reception was hosted on the 24th March 2014 by Group Captain Sergio Figueroa, in the presence of Air Vice-Marshall Edward Stringer.

In proposing a toast to FACH, the Group Captain acknowledged the assistance given in 1930 by members of the Royal Air Force in founding what was one of the first Air Forces to be an independent arm of the armed forces, separate from the Army and Navy.



Miss Paulina Figueroa, Mrs Marcela Figueroa and Group Captain Sergio Figueroa.



From left to right: Colonel Hans Eberhard, Defence Attaché to the Swiss Embassy, Rear-Admiral José Romero of the Peruvian Navy, Minister Counsellor Rodrigo Espinosa and Naval Attaché Captain Daniel Aguirre.



From left to right: Ms Viviana Talep, Colonel Moritz Traub, Colonel Patricio Torres and Mrs María de la Luz Traub.



From left to right: Mrs Carolina Veloso, Mrs Viviana Salgado and Mrs Agnes Aguirre.

**The Christmas Dinner (continued)**



*From left to right: Ms Carolina Arriagada, Mr Robert Hart and Dr Judith Hart.*



*From left to right: Mrs Luise Silva-Rozzi, Mr George Silva-Rozzi, Mrs Ann Volpin, Mr Mario Krustin, Mrs Mónica Volpin, Ms Rocío Opazo-Aniatz, Mr Angus Blackstone and Mr Michael Volpin.*



*From left to right: Mr Robert Hart, Dr Judith Hart, Mr Robert Freeman, Mrs María Eliana Robinson, Mr Paul Todd, Ms Elia Pinaud, Mr Eric Robinson and Mrs Elizabeth Freeman.*

**Chilean Air Force Day (continued)**



*From left to right: Assistant Naval Attaché Captain Jaime León, Mrs Marcela León and Captain (N) Pablo Lewicki, Defense Attaché to the Spanish Embassy.*



*From left to right: Mr Fernando Sánchez, Squadron Leader Humberto Fernández, Mr Alejandro Pérez, Mrs Paulina Bravo and Mrs Ingrid Araneda.*



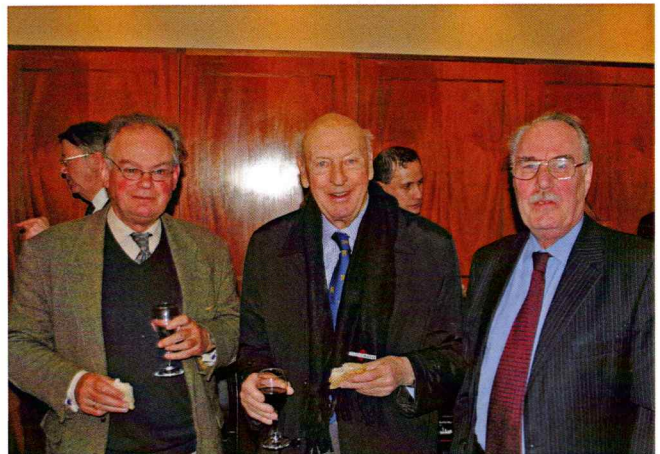
*From left to right: Mr Mauricio Muñoz, Mr Maximiliano Valdés and Mr Cristián León.*

**THE 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Society's Annual General Meeting for the year 2013 was held in the Embassy Reception Room on Wednesday, 19th February 2014.

Commencing with the chairman's opening remarks, detailing the Society's events and donations during 2013, the treasurer's Annual Report, showing a healthy state of the finances, was accepted. The Executive Committee was re-elected, although, for personal reasons, Mr Claudio Durán and Mr George Silva-Rozzi resigned. Mr Durán had also been the Society's representative on the ALAF Committee, while Mr Silva-Rozzi has proved invaluable in organising the Minister of Mining Conferences over the past few years. There were no new nominations to the Committee.

Following the AGM, drinks and sandwiches were served, ending a convivial evening.



*From left to right: Mr Richard Wilkinson, Lord Montgomery of Alamein and Mr Michael Roberts.*



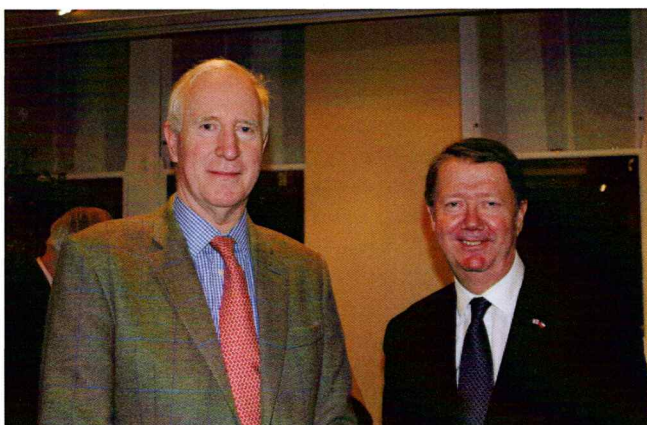
*From left to right: Mr Chris Hopewell, Mr John Rickus and Mr Brian Jones.*



*Mrs Magdalena Jones, Mrs Henriette Subercaseaux, Mr Cristián León and Mrs Carmen Pearson.*



*From left to right: Mr Richard Wilkinson, Mr Robert Hart and Mr Robin Kent.*



*From left to right: Mr Thomas Kelly and Mr David Pearson.*

## COMMODORE COCHRANE DECORATED BY CHILEAN NAVY

Commodore The Hon. Michael Cochrane, OBE, of the Royal Navy, on a social visit to Chile last October, was decorated with La Orden del Mérito Naval, Grado Oficial (Naval Order of Merit), to mark his 35 years of working with the Chilean Navy.

Commodore Cochrane is a descendant of Lord Thomas Cochrane, 10th Earl of Dundonald and Father of the Chilean Navy, who needs no introduction to members of the Anglo-Chilean Society.

The Commodore, who joined the Royal Navy in 1978, apart from the family link with the Chilean Navy, has sailed with several Chilean Naval officers under his command for training and cooperation. In 1995, whilst commanding the Mine Hunting ship HMS Brecon, he had attached a Lieutenant of the Chilean Navy, and again when he commanded the Frigate HMS Somerset. In 2008, as Director of Sea Training, he was responsible for training a Chilean Captain and team on the Type 23 Frigates, purchased by Chile from the UK. Finally, in 2012, when commanding the Portsmouth Flotilla, there was a Chilean Lieutenant seconded to his command.

During his October trip to Chile, Michael and his wife paid a courtesy visit to the head of the Chilean Navy, Admiral Larrañaga. On entering the Receiving Room at the headquarters of the Chilean Navy, the Commodore was surprised to find it crowded with most of the Chilean Admirals, their wives, and many of the Chilean officers with whom he had served over the years, plus – a military band! Quite taken by surprise, he was invited to stand in front of this distinguished gathering to receive the award.

However, this was not the only surprise awaiting our Commodore. In March this year, on his retirement from the Royal Navy, he did his final tour of the Portsmouth Flotilla on board the patrol vessel HMS Blazer. The crews of the flotilla lined the upper decks in ceremonial dress, and with three cheers, bid farewell to their Commander. It must have been a moving moment for Commodore The Honourable Michael Cochrane.

We look forward to meeting him again, wearing his decoration, at the Chilean Navy Day in May.



*Commodore The Hon. Michael Cochrane (centre) being decorated by the Commander-in-Chief of the Chilean Navy, Admiral Enrique Larrañaga.*



The assembled officers and wives with Mrs Cochrane, Commodore The Hon. Michael Cochrane, Mrs Larrañaga and Admiral Enrique Larrañaga.

## MICHELLE BACHELET ELECTED FOR SECOND TERM AS PRESIDENT

In November 2013, the Chilean people elected as President, for a second time, the Socialist candidate, Señora Verónica Michelle Bachelet Jeria, better known as simply Michelle Bachelet.



President Michelle Bachelet

The 53 year old President easily defeated her right-wing opponent, Evelyn Matthei, of the then-ruling Alianza coalition, despite the outgoing president, Sebastián Piñera, having a popularity rating of 50%. Perhaps Bachelet's 84% rating on her leaving the presidency in 2010 disposed the electorate in her favour in 2013.

One non-political fact for pub quizzers about the election is that on retiring as President in 2010, Michelle became head of the UN Women (formerly the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women). In the 2013 elections she fought against another woman, and at her inauguration she was presented with the presidential sash by Isabel Allende, President of the Senate and daughter of former President Salvador Allende. Not a male hormone in sight!

## ENSAMBLE TRANSATLANTICO DE FOLK CHILENO

The Alan Macdonald Endowment, through the Anglo-Chilean Society donated £1000 to the music group "Ensamble Transatlántico de Folk Chileno" (Transatlantic Ensemble of Chilean Folk) to assist them in presenting a concert at the Cervantes Institute on Friday, 7th March 2014.

The folklore group is based both in Chile and Europe, hence their name, and was visiting the UK, following a performance at the Umefolk Festival in Sweden. A mixture of Latin American and European musicians, the orchestra combines both traditional Chilean folklore and jazz, with a wide variety of instruments to produce a new and infectious slant on traditional music.

Although not the full orchestra, nine members of the group under their director Ernesto Calderón enlivened a chilly March evening with their exciting brand of music.



Back row from left to right: Joachim Brausch (Belgium), viola; Johan Herskind (Danish), double-bass; Jack Fawcett (Scottish), percussion; Ernesto Calderón (Chilean), leader and accordion; Fernando Andrés Figueroa (Chilean), saxophone, clarinet and queña, Mauricio Rivera (Chilean), saxophone. Front row from left to right: Maya McCourt (English), cello, Ross Anderson (Scottish), percussion and Andrew Mill (Scottish), guitar.

## CHILEAN ARCHITECTS AT ROYAL ACADEMY

The Chilean architect practice of Pezo von Ellrichshausen was invited to present a work as part of the "Sensing Spaces" exhibition, held by the Royal Academy of Arts in Piccadilly, from 25th January to 6th April 2014.

Described by the Royal Academy as "some of the most creative architectural minds from around the world ... set a challenge; to give a new perspective on architecture. Sensing Spaces: Architecture Reimagined will see the Main Galleries transformed by a series of large scale installation."

Pezo von Ellrichshausen created what first appears as a massive structure, almost biblical in appearance. In fact, it is four wooden cylinders with a small rectangular room on top, this occupying half of the gallery. Inside each pillar is a spiral staircase leading to the room, from which the hitherto inaccessible 19th century ceiling vaults can be viewed at close quarters.

Made of unadorned wood, the structure was constructed in Chile, and transported in modular form to London to be reassembled for the exhibition.

The architectural duo, Mauricio Pezo and Sofia von Ellrichshausen, founded Pezo von Ellrichshausen in 2001 in Buenos Aires, but are currently based in Concepción, Chile. Mauricio is Chilean and studied Architecture at the Universidad Católica in Santiago. His partner, Sofía, is Argentinian, and studied for her degree at the University of Buenos Aires.

The Royal Academy of Arts was assisted in bringing Pezo von Ellrichshausen to the United Kingdom by a grant from the Alan Macdonald Endowment through the Anglo-Chilean Society.

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## NEW CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES AT THE CHILEAN EMBASSY

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The Society welcomes Mr Rodrigo Espinosa's replacement, Mr Mathias Francke, who arrived just in time to attend the ACS Wine tasting on 10th April. He is now the Chargé d'Affaires at the Embassy of Chile in the United Kingdom. Prior to his posting to London, he was Director for Bilateral Economic Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Chile since July 2012. Previously, he was Chief of Cabinet and senior advisor



*Mr Mathias Francke*

to the Chilean Vice-Minister of Trade. As a Foreign Service officer since 1989, he has been posted to the Economic Section of the Chilean Embassy in Washington DC (1992-1996) and the Permanent Mission to the World Trade Organisation in Geneva (2000-2005 and 2006-2010, the latter as Deputy Chief of Mission). Back in Santiago he worked in the America's Bureau of the Trade Promotion Bureau, ProChile, and in the office of the Director General, both of these in the General Directorate for International Economic Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 2005, after returning from Geneva, he was asked to establish and implement a Dispute Settlement Unit in charge of the defense of the country's trade interest in bilateral and World Trade Organisation disputes.

Mr. Francke is a lawyer, who graduated from the Universidad Católica de Chile and has a graduate degree from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. He is frequently invited to give lectures and to participate in seminars and workshops in the areas of Trade Policy, particularly in dispute settlements, trade and environment. He has served as a panelist in World Trade Organization cases.

We look forward to seeing more of Mr Franke at our functions.

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## CHLOE ACHIEVES SECOND PLACE AT VIÑA DEL MAR FESTIVAL

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Chloe Larsson, daughter of Anglo Chilean Society members Geoffrey and Helbecia Larsson, represented England in the 2014 International Song Contest at Viña del Mar, Chile.

The festival is one of the largest music festivals in the Americas. This year's event played host to such major international stars as Rod Stewart, Carlos Vives, Ricky Martin and Laura Pausini.

The song contest is central to the festival and has been a vehicle for launching successful music careers for artists such as Shakira and Julio Iglesias.

With her original song, "Over The Line", Chloe beat contestants from Chile, Romania, Italy and Mexico to win second place in the festival. The 2014 International Song Contest winner was Canada's Jeffrey Straker with his song "Hypnotised".

Chloe now lives in Chile and is pursuing a career in music.



*Chloe in full flow*

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## NEW CONSUL AT THE EMBASSY

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With the departure of Consul Patricio Díaz to a post in New York, he has been replaced by Mr Sebastián Lorenzini, who was appointed Consul of Chile in London to the Embassy of Chile in the United Kingdom from January 2014.

Mr Lorenzini was born in Santiago, Chile, on 7th February 1984. He obtained a Law Degree from the Universidad de Chile in 2009, and his Master of Laws in International Law (LL.M.int.), Investments, Trade and Arbitration from the University of Heidelberg, Germany (2009-2010). In 2010 he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile, and continued his studies at the Diplomatic Academy Andrés Bello until 2011.



*Mr Sebastián Lorenzini*

Between 2011 and 2013, while at the Ministry, he worked in the General Directorate of International Economic Affairs, and in 2013 he was appointed to the European Affairs Directive.

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## CHILEAN SOPRANO PERFORMS IN LONDON

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During a quick stop-over in London, the young Chilean soprano, Andrea Aguilar, gave her debut UK performance at St James's Church, Piccadilly, on Monday, 17th March 2014.

Unfortunately, the lunchtime concert was restricted to 50 minutes, and with no encores, so the audience was treated to what can best be described as a brief introduction to the soprano's talent. In a varied recital which covered works from the 18th to the 20th century, from Vivaldi to the Chilean composer, Sergio Ortega, Miss Aguilar divided her concert into two sections: the first being songs from Latin America and Spain. "La rosa y el sauce" by the Argentinian Carlos Guastavino, "Melodía Sentimental" by the Brazilian Heitor Villa Lobos, "La noche en la isla" by Sergio Ortega, and finishing the first half with the Spanish composer Pablo Luna Carné's most popular zarzuela, "De España Vengo", in which she pulled out all the stops.

During a very short interval and after an amazingly quick change of dress, Miss Aguilar devoted the second half of the recital to operatic arias, which was not surprising, given that she has performed in many operas and won the XVI International Opera Singing Competition of Trujillo, Perú, in 2012. Vivaldi, Mozart, Bizet, Puccini and Verdi were all squeezed into the short time available and, as with the first half of the concert, Miss Aguilar left us all begging for more with a beautiful performance of "E strano... Ah, fors'è lue... Sempre Libera" from Verdi's La Traviata.

Throughout the concert, she was accompanied at the piano by Alice Turner, a vocal coach and répétiteur who works on the music staff of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.



*Ms Andrea Aguilar in a passionate moment.*

Miss Aguilar's next engagement will be Micaela in Bizet's "Carmen" in the Teatro Municipal, Sao Paulo, Brazil. It is hoped that we do not have to wait too long before we hear her in London again.

The St James's Concert was organised by The Iberian and Latin American Music Society in conjunction with London Lyric Arts.



*After a quick change, Ms Andrea Aguilar and her accompanist, Ms Alice Turner (left).*

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## FAREWELL LUNCH AT THE RESIDENCE

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On 19th March 2014, the departing Minister Counsellor of the Embassy of Chile in London, Señor Rodrigo Espinosa, offered a lunch for the Executive Committee of the Anglo-Chilean Society.

Señor Espinosa, the senior official at the Embassy following the departure of H.E. Sr. Tomás Müller as Ambassador, left London after 5 years as Counsellor.

He thanked the Anglo-Chilean Society for its untiring efforts in raising funds for charitable works in Chile, as well as bringing Chilean culture to the British public. The Society regretted his departure, at the same time wished him every success for his career in the future.



*Standing from left to right: Mr Cristián León, Mr Alasdair Grant, Mr Michael Roberts, Mr Rodrigo Espinosa, Mr Gonzalo Cuadra and Mr Thomas Kelly. Seated from left to right: Ms Carolina Arriagada, Mrs Georgina Roberts, Mrs Carmen Pearson, Mrs Henriette Subercaseaux and Mrs Mónica Volpin.*

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## DONATIONS

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The Society has made an initial donation of US\$1,700 to assist the people of Valparaíso who lost all their possessions, as well as their houses, in the devastating fire that swept through the poorer areas of the city last month, destroying over 3000 homes.

The donation was made to “Techo para Chile”, an organisation that specifically provides housing for poor people.

It is expected that the Society will make further donations to other organisations to assist the people of Valparaíso rebuild their lives.

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## BIRTHS

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On 5th November 2013, to Laurent and Catalina Samson, a son, Tristan Maurice, a sister to Amélie.

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## OBITUARIES

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### Mr Michael Cox (1951-2014).

It is with deep sadness that we heard of the death from cancer of Michael Cox, Managing Director of Wines of Chile, and a long-standing Corporate member of the Society. Michael died on 20th February 2014, and the following obituary has been written by Ms Anita Jackson, Campaign Manager for Wines of Chile.



*Mr Michael Cox*

“Michael Cox 17th July 1951 – 20th February 2014

Part of the Clark family that founded UK wholesaler Matthew Clark and with a grandfather who was involved in the founding of the Wine and Spirit Trade Association and the Institute of Masters of Wine, alongside his twin David, Michael was already steeped in the trade before becoming one of its stalwarts.

Beginning his career at Matthew Clark he also set up the UK subsidiary for Yalumba, Negotiants, in 1990.

It was however as the head of Wines of Chile (when his brother was simultaneously head of New Zealand Winegrowers UK) that he is perhaps best known and latterly as Master of the Vintners Company one of the oldest Livery companies in London – a position he saw through to the end despite his illness.

A letter from his wife Lynne describes how after six months of chemotherapy last year his cancer returned just before Christmas. Bearing this reversal of fortune, as was the character of the man, with “great stoicism and forbearance” he nonetheless managed a visit to Oxford just four days before he died which apparently left him “delighted”.

As well as his various roles in the industry, Michael was known as a keen party-goer and was, as Jancis Robinson MW notes in her own tribute, a “legendary dancer”.

Tireless, cheerful and ever helpful, Michael’s peers voted to award him the drinks business’ Lifetime Achievement Award last year which was presented by his brother David.

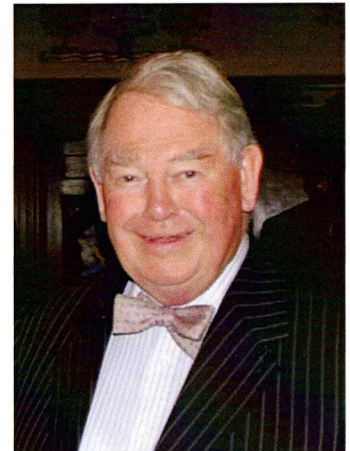
His commitment to Chilean wine in the UK also earned him the rare honour of being made a Comendador de la Orden al Merito de Chile – a Commander of the Order of Merit of Chile – which was presented to him in the presence of the President of Chile, Sebastián Piñera in 2010. It was a moment he described as “one of the proudest” in his 40 year career.”

A memorial service for friends and colleagues was held on 10th April 2013.

### Lord Ballyedmond (1944-2014).

Edward Enda Haughey, Lord Ballyedmond, was killed on 13th March 2014 when the helicopter in which he was flying came down in thick fog in a field close to his home, Gillingham Hall, Gillingham, near Beccles, Norfolk.

Lord Ballyedmond was a Vice-President of the Anglo-Chilean Society and the Honorary Consul of Chile in Northern Ireland, Cumbria, Lancashire and Greater Manchester.



*Lord Ballyedmond*

A great friend of Chile, he hosted several events to promote that country. He organized conferences in Northern Ireland, Manchester and London and contributed greatly to the visits of the Chilean presidents and ministers to the United Kingdom. Just before his death he had offered his house in Belgravia to the Anglo-Chilean Society to host a fundraising event. His death is greatly felt by both the ACS and the Embassy.

Educated at the Christian Brothers School in Dundalk, County Louth, in the Republic of Ireland, Haughey emigrated to New York after leaving school where he became a salesman with a pharmaceutical company, working his way up to regional marketing manager.

In the late 1960s he returned to Ireland and in 1968 set up Norbrook Laboratories in Newry, Co Down. A major breakthrough came with the patenting of a long-acting antibiotic for animals that offered a cost-saving one-shot therapy - especially welcome for farmers in the United States and Africa with cattle on the prairies.

Norbrook Laboratories has won the Queen’s Award for Export Achievement four times and the Queen’s Award for Enterprise in 2011. Since its beginnings the company has expanded into developing and marketing human medical products, and became heavily involved in HIV/Aids research in Africa. Now worth £660m, it exports more than 80 per cent of its products worldwide.

Haughey was appointed OBE in 1987, and in 2008 was awarded an honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. The Fianna Fail-led Irish government of Albert Reynolds appointed him first chairman of the newly-established Irish Aviation Authority in 1993. The following year Reynolds appointed him to the Irish upper house, the Seanad. He was reappointed by Bertie Ahern in 1997 and he remained a member of the house until 2004. In 2004 the Ulster Unionists under David Trimble nominated him to the House of Lords, where he took the title of Lord Ballyedmond of Mourne. He was a supporter of the Conservative Party and in 2007 he left the UUP to join the Tories.

Lord Ballyedmond is survived by his wife, Mary Gordon Young, his daughter and two sons.

### **Mrs Joan Macdonald.**

Mrs Joan Macdonald was the mother of Alan Macdonald, a Society member who served on the Executive Committee for several years before his most untimely death in February 2010.

Joan was married to Vice-Admiral Sir Roderick Macdonald who retired as Chief of Staff, Naval Home Command.

As her son, John, writes, being the daughter of, and married to, serving Naval officers had both its ups and downs. She determinedly followed her husband, against his wishes, with her two sons to Malta and Cyprus.

However, Joan was an artist at heart, in the fullest sense. Not only did she paint, but also wrote stories for her children, as well as poetry. In the late sixties she published her book "Shadows and Reality".

But she was much more. Apart from coaching young children in her neighbourhood at tennis, she also bred West Highland terriers, and, possibly, more importantly, was a consummate voluntary worker; amongst other of her charitable works, visiting Le Court, the Leonard Cheshire Home for disable people.

The Society was privileged to meet Mrs Macdonald at the inauguration of the Alan Macdonald Endowment, a fitting tribute to both herself and her son.

### **Mr Eric David Nock (1925-2013).**

We have recently been advised of the death of Mr Eric Nock in October 2013. Mr Nock was a long-standing member of the Society and had been on the Executive Committee at one time. Our condolences go to his wife, Anne, and family.

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## **NEW MEMBERS**

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Mrs Andrea Bateman

Mr William Dunstan

Ms Rosalie Langley Judd.

Ms Harriet McKenzie

Ms Jodi Teel.

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

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**Rotary Club Ramble** – 11th May 2014 at 09:30 a.m..  
Meet at Tattenham Corner, Old London Road, Epsom KT18 5NY for a sponsored stroll over the Epsom Downs to raise funds for the Society's charities.

**Anglo-Chilean Lecture** – 14th May 2014 at 7:00 p.m.  
An evening with Doug and Kris Tompkins, millionaire philanthropists who are setting up national parks in Chilean and Argentinean Patagonia. Cervantes Institute, 102 Eaton Square, London SW1W 9AN.

**Felipe Brown Concert** – 19th May 2014 at 7:30 p.m. A piano recital by the Chilean pianist at the Residence, 93 Eaton Place, London SW1X 8LW.

**Asado** – 20th July 2014 at 01:00 pm. Epsom College Cricket Pavilion.

**Dieciocho Dinner** – 23rd September 2014. Celebrate 70 years of the Anglo-Chilean Society at The Naval Club, 38 Hill Street, Mayfair, London W1J 5NS.

Details of these and other Society news can be found on the website, [www.anglochileansociety.org](http://www.anglochileansociety.org).