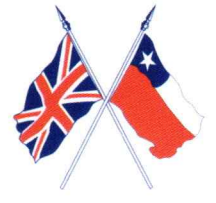


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ARMED FORCES CELEBRATIONS

Chilean Air Force Day

A reception was offered by the Air Attaché to the Embassy of Chile, Group Captain and Mrs. Teare on the 24th March, at the RAF Club, 128 Piccadilly, London W1.



Air Attaché, Group Captain John Teare, Mrs. M. Angélica Damm, Mr. Patricio Damm and Mrs. Jimena Teare.



From left to right: Group Captain Enrique Cisternas, Miss Adriana Concha, Group Captain Rodrigo Aliaga, Miss Rosita Rodríguez, Group Captain John Teare, Miss Laura Pérez and Sergeant José Pérez.



Group Captain John Teare, Mrs. Jimena Teare, Mr. David Taylor and Mrs. Karen Taylor.



Captain Enrique O'Reilly, Mr. Juan Pablo Crisóstomo and Mr. Cristián León.

Chilean Navy Day

The annual wreath-laying ceremony at the tomb of Admiral Lord Cochrane by H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández and the head of the Chilean Naval Mission, Captain Enrique O'Reilly, took place at Westminster Abbey on 21st May. A reception followed at the Church House.



Leaving the Abbey: H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández and the head of the Naval Mission, Captain Enrique O'Reilly.



Captain Cristián de la Maza, Mrs. Marcela de la Maza, Captain the Honourable Michael Cochrane, Lord Rathcaven, Mrs. Janet Cochrane and the Countess Dundonald.



From left to right: Mrs. Georgina Roberts, Mrs. Andrea O'Reilly, Mrs. Isabel Ossa, Mrs. María Isabel Torres and Mrs. Jimena Teare.



From left to right: Vice-Admiral Sir John Coward KCB, DSO, RN., Lady Diana Coward, Mr. Pablo Santa María and Captain Carlos Reyes.

CHAMBER MUSIC AT THE RESIDENCE

The second of a series of musical soirées took place on 24th February. It was offered by the Chilean harpist Sofía Asunción Claro and Danish flautist Lars Graugaard. The programme included such fine pieces as Ravel's "Pavane pour une Infante Défunte" for harp and flute, also "Scherzetto", a harp solo by Jacques Ibert. The non-traditional style of Carlos Salzedo was evident in Asunción Claro's rendition of "Song in the Night", but it was that memorable encore of the Argentinian composer Angel Lasala, "Quena", the second movement of the three-movement work "Poema del Pastor Coya", that brought thunderous applause.

The concert was followed by a drinks reception.

The event, organised by the Embassy of Chile, the Anglo Chilean Society and the British-Chilean Chamber of Commerce, was sponsored by Baker & McKenzie, one of the world's largest global law firms with locations throughout Latin America. The proceeds of the evening were in aid of Fundación de Orquestas Juveniles e Infantiles de Chile.



Lars Graugaard and Asunción Claro performing at the Residence.



From left to right: H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández, Ms. Marilyn Potter, the harpist, Asunción Claro, and Mr. Guillermo Echeverría.



H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández, Sra. de Fernández and Mr. Tony Lawson.



The flautist, Lars Graugaard, Dr. Hernán Sandoval and Mrs. C. Gloria Dunnage.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was held on 25th March at 12 Devonshire St., London, in the presence of the Deputy Head of Mission, Mr. Isauro Torres, representing the Ambassador.

In his opening remarks the Chairman, Mr. Julian Amey, spoke about the charitable events carried out in 2003 that helped to raise over £1,400 for Chilean charities. In addition, the Society, Cultural Department of the Embassy and the British-Chilean Chamber of Commerce organised a concert by the guitarist Luis Orlandini that brought in over £1,000 for youth and junior orchestras in Chile, the charity favoured by the First Lady, Sra. Luisa de Lagos.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as well as the Accounts and Treasurer's report.

The following were elected as Executive Committee members: Jonathan Cook, Peter de Bruyne, Alasdair Grant, Alicia Rickus and Henriette Subercaseaux. Mr. Peter Heap was re-appointed as Independent Examiner.

Re-elected as Executive Committee members were: Julian Amey (Chairman), Robert Hart (Treasurer), Sam Bell, Gordon Baker, Alan Macdonald and Georgina Roberts.

The Society was sad to hear of the resignation of its Secretary, Mr. Cristián León, and the Chairman thanked him for all his hard work.

THE LONDON WINE AND SPIRITS FAIR

A reception in honour of the Chilean Wineries attending the Fair was offered by H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández on 17th May 2004.

Officials of the Embassy and ProChile, the Chilean Export Promotion Bureau, were present as well as representatives of many of the Chilean vineyards.



From left to right: H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández, Mr. Guy Hooper, Export Manager for Viña Tamaya, Mr. Fernando Labra and Mr. Carlos Andrade of Viña Tamaya.



From left to right: Mr. Louis Blanchard, Ms. Sophie Jump and Mr. Laurent Savard.



From left to right: Mr. Santiago Elordi, Miss Kate Macdonald and H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández.



From left to right: Mr. Juan Pablo Crisóstomo, Mr. Hernán Sáez of ProChile UK., Mr. Winfried de Bernard, Export Manager for Viña Valdivieso, and Mr. Edward Schrab.



From left to right: Colonel Sergio Béjares, Mrs. Verónica Béjares, Mrs. Norma Montero, Mrs. Andrea O'Reilly and Captain Enrique O'Reilly.



From left to right: Mr. Felipe Torres of ProChile UK., Mr. Tomás Rodríguez, Commercial Manager of Viña Morandé, Mr. Juan Pablo Ruíz and Mr. Alasdair Grant.



From left to right: Mr. Isaura Torres, Mrs. M. Isabel Torres, Mrs. Antonella Torres and Mr. Felipe Torres.



From left to right: Mr. Luis Montero, Commercial Attaché, Mr. Ronnie Jansen of Viña Lapostol and Mr. Hugo Lavados, Director ProChile.



From left to right: Ignacio González (alto sax), Rodrigo Galarce (double bass), H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández, Federico Dannemann (guitar), Cristián Cuturrufo (trumpet) and Carlos Cortés (drums).

...AND ALL THAT JAZZ!

On the occasion of the "Chile Jazz" visit to the United Kingdom, H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández offered a reception in their honour on 20th May 2004. The high point of the evening was a performance by Chile Jazz, when their infectious virtuosity soon had everybody's toes tapping.

This is the first time a Chilean Jazz Quintet has toured this country and they had a very busy schedule. They performed at the city of Derry Jazz Festival of Northern Ireland, played in clubs in London and Leeds and also attended a private workshop at the Royal Academy of Music. The tour was organised by Mr. Tony Lawson of Vibe Connection Limited.

SON OF CULROSS, HERO OF SCOTLAND

By Mr. Jim Watson

The bust of Admiral Lord Cochrane was unveiled on Saturday, 12th June 2004, by Lord Douglas Cochrane, the 15th Earl of Dundonald. In attendance, apart from the people of Culross, were several of the Cochrane family, including Lord Charles Bruce and his son George; the Leader, Councillors and Members of the Administration of Fife Council; Culross Community Councillors; Commodore Ronald J. Sandford CBE, Naval Regional Officer - Scotland & Northern Ireland, for the RN; the Chilean Naval Attaché

in London, Captain Enrique O'Reilly, and his wife, attending as special representative on behalf of the Ambassador of Chile, and Mrs. Doris Sotomayor, Minister for Culture at the Embassy of Perú.

The Community Council was very pleased that Captain O'Reilly and Mrs. Sotomayor could come to honour this simple ceremony. They hoped that all the visitors enjoyed the day and left Culross with pleasant memories of this fine occasion, when Admiral Lord Cochrane's name was given its just place in Scottish history, a Son of Culross and Hero of Scotland.

During the reception, Captain O'Reilly enquired if anyone had made contact from Chile and I was able to affirm that they had. Culross is now the recipient of three fine volumes on the Life of Lord Cochrane while in Chile (all in Spanish).

The Cochrane bust is by the Scottish sculptor, Scott Sutherland.

HOMAGE TO THE HEROES

The 9th and 10th of July are important dates in the pages of Chilean history, for they are the anniversary of the Battle of La Concepción.

La Concepción was a town in the Peruvian Andes where, in 1882, the entire complement of 77 soldiers of the Chilean garrison was killed in a two-day battle against Peruvian forces of 2,800 cavalry, infantrymen and indians. Despite the huge odds, and the impossibility of retreat, the Chilean force refused to surrender, literally fighting to the last man.

In honour of the battle, the 10th of July was declared the Day of the Oath to the Colours, when every soldier and citizen swears allegiance to the flag.

To commemorate the day, the Association of Retired Members of the Chilean Armed Forces Abroad and special guests gathered together in the presence of Mr. Isauro



Attending the ceremony. From left to right: the 15th Earl of Dundonald and Lord Charles Edward Bruce.



From left to right: Chilean Naval Attaché, Captain Enrique O'Reilly, the Honourable George Bruce, Lady Cochrane of Cults, the 4th Baron Cochrane of Cults, Mrs. Andrea O'Reilly, the Earl of Dundonald, Mrs. Doris Sotomayor, Minister for Culture at the Embassy of Perú, and Commodore Ronald J. Sandford CBE, RN., Naval Regional Officer; Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Torres, the Deputy Head of Mission, to honour the heroes in the Sala Bernardo O'Higgins at the Chilean Embassy.

During the reunion, symbolic mementoes were presented to three retired members of the Chilean Army: Abraham Muñoz, Luis Blanco and Jorge Morales.

Wine and snacks were served.



Mr. Isauro Torres and Military Attaché, Colonel Sergio Béjares.



From left to right: Mr. Sergio Lontano, Mr. José Olivares, Colonel (R) Carlos Guerrero and Mr. Osvaldo Ahumada.

CELEBRATIONS OF THE LIFE AND WORK OF PABLO NERUDA

On the occasion of the award of the Pablo Neruda Centenary Medal, the Ambassador of Chile, Sr. Mariano Fernández, offered a reception on 12th July 2004. In his speech, the Ambassador highlighted the world-wide appeal and success of Neruda that has made him one of the greatest and most prolific Spanish-speaking poets of the 20th century.

With a great knowledge and interest in American history and politics, he became an active participant in the public life of his country. He joined the Communist Party, was elected to the Chilean Senate and held diplomatic positions in several countries around the world. Later, in exile, he would be admired and supported by world-renowned personalities.

The Ambassador then explained that the reception was to honour some of those who, in one way or another, were associated with Neruda's work and life. The medal being presented was symbolically made of copper, Chile's greatest natural resource. It came in a wooden box made of "raulí", a native tree from southern Chile.

The recipients of the Neruda Centenary Medal were:

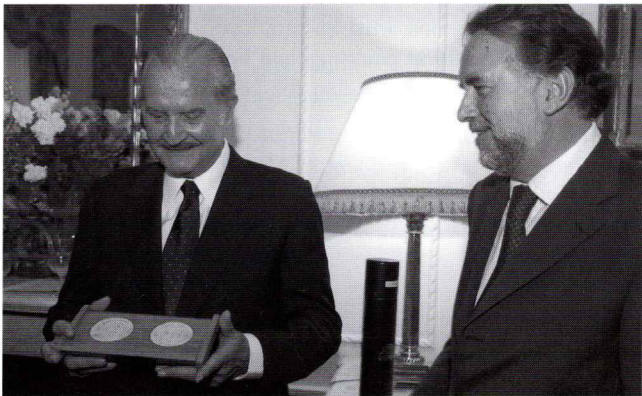
- Ms. Julie Christie, the Oscar-winning actress, for keeping his poetry alive in the English language through readings in Oxford, Warwick, London and The Hague.

- Mr. Douglas Cochrane, who was a member of Neruda's small circle of friends in Europe during the 60's. In fact, the poet wrote his epic "Lord Cochrane of Chile" after Douglas asked him not to forget his ancestor, a hero of the Chilean War of Independence, who defeated the Spanish fleet in the South Pacific and consolidated the liberation of Chile.
- Mr. Ernest Hecht, who for thirty years has been publishing Neruda's works in Great Britain and other English-speaking countries.
- Mr. Carlos Fuentes, one of the most brilliant intellectuals of Latin America as well as a prolific author, lawyer, academician and diplomat, who first met the poet some forty years ago.
- Mr. Robert Pring-Mill, a close friend of Neruda and the expert on the bard's work. He began in 1966 with "The Heights of Macchu Picchu" and since then he has published more than twenty-five books, monographs and articles about the poet.

The recipients thanked the Ambassador for the honour bestowed on them and Mr. Ernest Hecht accepted it on behalf of the independent publishers of Neruda's works.



H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández and Sra. de Fernández with Ms. Julie Christie.



Mr. Carlos Fuentes receiving the award from H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández.



From left to right: Mr. Douglas Cochrane, Ms. Julie Christie, Mr. Robert Pring-Hill and Mr. Ernest Hecht.

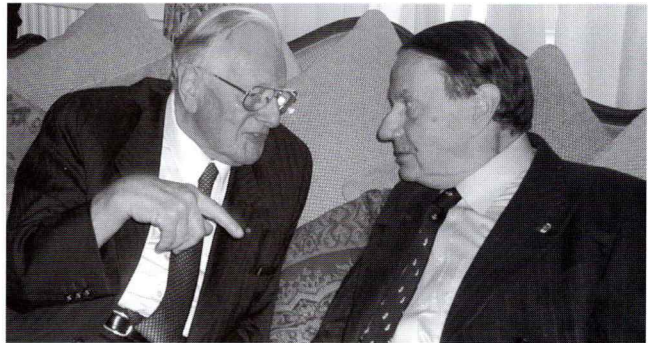
To celebrate the launch of four key books and a new biography, H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández offered a reception on 15th July 2004.

Souvenir Press has reissued the books "Residence on Earth" (Chilean News, March 2004), "Memoirs", in which the poet describes the world he shared with his friends, artists, poets and political leaders and "Isla Negra", a bi-lingual edition depicting the small village on the coast of Chile where Neruda spent part of his life and was the source of inspiration for the poems appearing in one of his best-selling books, "Twenty Love Poems and a Song of Despair".

Bloomsbury is launching the second and most comprehensive biography of Neruda in the English language to date. "Pablo Neruda: A Passion for Life" is the work of the writer and journalist, Adam Feinstein.



From left to right: H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández, Mrs. C. Gloria Dunnage and Mr. Adam Feinstein.



From left to right: Mr. Robert Pring-Mill and Mr. Douglas Cochrane.



Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Swinglehurst with Ms. Cristina Fuentes.



From left to right: Mrs. Rita Phillips, Mrs. M. Isabel Torres, Mrs. M. Angélica Fernández and Mrs. Georgina Roberts.

CARTIER INTERNATIONAL POLO

Chile and England played for the 1911 Coronation Cup on Sunday, 25th July 2004, at Guards Polo Club, Smith's Lawn, in Windsor Great Park.

The sporting event was a sell-out and held in the presence of H.M. the Queen. Also present were young members of the Royal Family, including Prince Harry, who played for the Prince of Wales Team in the first part of the programme. Their Excellencies, the Ambassadors of Chile and France, accompanied by their wives, were among the special guests.

It was a very exciting and hard-fought match, with Chile leading from the beginning. The teams entered the final chukka with Chile just ahead by 8-7, and they finally won 10-8 to the delight of the numerous Chilean supporters.

The match was preceded by a minute's silence in memory of Mr. Paul Clarkin, a well-known polo player from New Zealand who died from a fall at Cirencester Park, Gloucestershire.



H.M. The Queen next to Mr. Leonel Soffia, President of the Chilean Polo Federation, and the winning team, Gabriel Donoso, Jaime García-Huidobro, José Donoso and Alejandro Vial.



Alasdair Grant in the company of Lady Cara Boyle, Miss Lana McLaggan, Miss Samantha Grant and Miss Sophie Enyon.



Relaxing before the match: Mrs. Rita Phillips, Mrs. Sheila Baker and Mrs. Carmen Pearson.

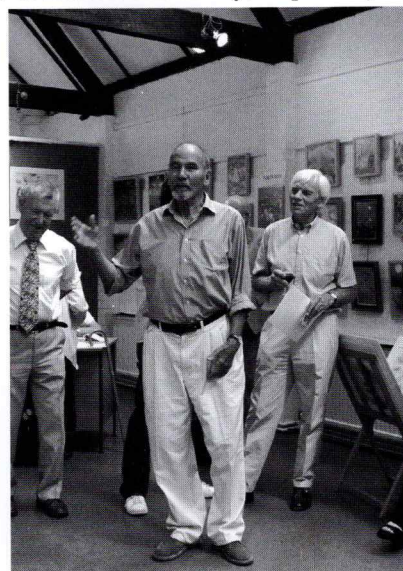
SWINGLEHURST IN HENLEY-ON-THAMES

An exhibition preview of oils, water-colours and drawings was presented jointly by Edmund Swinglehurst and Danielle Ijsselstein-Boccaro on Sunday, 15th August 2004, at Henley Exhibition Centre.

Danielle, a French artist born in Lyon, delighted the visitors with her floral paintings and landscapes. She has held exhibitions in London and the Netherlands.

Edmund Swinglehurst, an Anglo-Chilean artist born in Valparaíso and now a resident of Marlow, Bucks., has also successfully exhibited in London. Some of the Henley exhibits were a tribute to Neruda's centenary, inspired by the simple things the poet enjoyed in life, as described in his odes. Edmund is still steeped in the landscapes and culture of his country of birth as is demonstrated by his work depicting the pampas, volcanoes, fishing ports, dances, rodeos, fiestas, shellfish and vineyards of Chile.

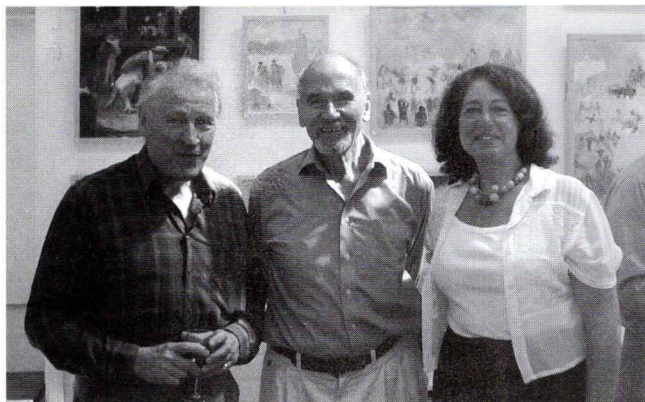
Chilean wine was served, of course!



The artist Edmund Swinglehurst, paying tribute to Neruda in his centenary year.



In the Royal Box. From left to right: H.E. the Ambassador of Chile, Sr. Mariano Fernández, Mme. Virginia Errera, the French Ambassador, M. Gerard Errera, Sra. M. Angélica de Fernández and Mr. Leonel Soffia.



Mr. Andrew Hurst, Edmund Swinglehurst and Danielle Ijsselstein-Bocarra.

O'HIGGINS BIRTHDAY

It was an unusual but beautiful sight to see the Chilean flag flying from the tower of St. Mary Magdalene Church in Richmond, Surrey, on a cool summer day. Gathered together at O'Higgins Square were officials of the Diplomatic Corps, Councillor Derek Beattie, representing the Borough of Richmond, members of Latin-American Armed Forces, and special guests, to honour the Liberator of Chile.

On Monday, 20th August 2004, in the presence of H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández as well as fellow ambassadors from Bolivia, Costa Rica, Ecuador and Honduras, the ceremony began with the national anthems of Great Britain and Chile followed by the laying of wreaths.

In his speech the Ambassador of Chile referred to the hero's early life and, most important, his strong links with England for it was in Richmond, the beautiful suburb of London, that O'Higgins attended school in 1795. It was here that, as a young man, he formed the basic ideas that led him to fight for the emancipation of his country.

Finally, he thanked and congratulated the Richmond Council on the proposal to enhance and improve O'Higgins Square, adding that the Embassy will do its best to contribute.

Councillor Derek Beattie, on behalf of the Borough of Richmond, replied as follows:

“Su Excellencia, Señores, Señoras:

That is all I shall say in Spanish as it is almost all the Spanish I know.

I am honoured to have been asked to be present here to pay respect and give thanks for the memory of Bernardo O' Higgins.

Richmond upon Thames was honoured, many years ago, to have been the place chosen where the young Bernardo O' Higgins lived for some four years while attending school. During his time in Richmond his ideas of independence took firm root and we like to think that “El Liberador”, when he left Richmond, was well on the way to his great renowned work.

It can be difficult for people in Britain to appreciate the magnitude of the task, which he undertook so successfully.

We have had many centuries in which to evolve – our political system, our public and private institutions, and our whole way of life - but Chile has not had that luxury of time, of gradual change, and, most importantly, of being independent. Bernardo O' Higgins was both the leader in the struggle for independence and also the founder of Chilean government.

It is good that great men and women who made our todays are not forgotten and indeed are venerated. It is all too easy to take for granted the good that we enjoy today. We are, sadly, becoming less aware of how much we owe to great men and women, who fought with sword or with words to ensure our liberty, our dignity and our standards of living. There are many children - and adults - who see the past only as a black hole, a void which has no relevance to today's conditions. It was a wise man who said “knowledge is a pyramid whereof history is the base”. What we are doing today is good, worthwhile, and, one might say, necessary.

I am especially pleased to be here. Today's ceremony is unique. This ceremony has taken place many times before, but today it is unique. It is the first time that the representative of Richmond upon Thames (that's me!), though British is also a Chilean citizen. It is improbable that this will ever happen again.

I was born in Antofagasta. My father, a Scot, worked in the caliche industry, my mother's ancestors settled in Valparaíso (later, moving to Viña) about 160 years ago. They always married other English people.

I am sorry, but that was the custom in those days!

Six years ago I spent five weeks in Chile, seeing as much of that beautiful, dynamic country as possible - from Atacama to Navarino Island. Last year I had the great honour of attending the grand ceremony at Chillán Viejo as the guest of the Chilean Army.

Today's ceremony is much smaller, but the respect is just as great.”

The ceremony was followed by a vin d'honneur at the Pitcher and Piano Bar.



From left to right: H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández, Mr. Patricio Damm and Mr. Luis Montero laying a wreath on behalf of the Embassy of Chile.



Councillor Derek Beattie delivering his speech at O'Higgins Square.



From left to right: Baroness Hooper, Mr. Isauro Torres and Mrs. M. Isabel Torres during the vin d'honneur.



From left to right: Prof. Emanuel de Kadt, Mrs. Pola de Kadt and Mr. Fernando Labra.



The Chilean flag flying in Richmond, Surrey.

THE ANDEAN PROJECT

The Andean Project, a registered charity aiming to promote sustainable development for the Aymara peoples of the High Andes, is holding a Reception at Canning House on Wednesday, 13 October 2004, preceded by a talk at 6.30 p.m. by Sue Minter (Horticultural Director at The Eden Project, a Trustee of the Horniman Museum and previously the Curator of the Chelsea Physic Garden) entitled "Chile at Eden". It is expected that the new Eden Project Desert Dome will include flora from areas such as the Atacama.

Tickets are available from the Treasurer, 59 Osterley Views, West Park Road, Southall, Middlesex UB2 4AF, telephone 020-8571-0737 or email to andeanproject@hotmail.com.

DONATIONS

The Society has donated £3,000 towards Fundación Nacional de Orquestas Juveniles e Infantiles de Chile, the charity favoured by the First Lady, Sra. Luisa de Lagos.



Sra. Luisa de Lagos (centre) receiving the donation from the Chilean Ambassador and Sra. de Fernández.

The Group of Chilean Ladies in London donated:

1. Three computers to Curacaví, a small, neglected town situated about 60 kms. from Viña del Mar. Two were destined for the El Pangué School and the third for the Cultural Corporation of Curacaví so that it can carry out its work for the benefit of the community.



Sras. Carmen de Escobar and Juana Subercaseaux, two hardworking residents of Curacaví.

2. £300 worth of medicines to "Hogar San Ricardo" in Bатуco, a rural district 25 kms. from the centre of Santiago. Hogar San Ricardo (Obra Don Guanella) takes care of 160 children and young men who suffer from severe mental deficiency and physical limitations (the majority abandoned by their relatives). The medicines are to help alleviate their physical and mental conditions.



Father Nelson Jerez (2nd from left), Director of Hogar San Ricardo, with some of the residents.

3. A 24" television and stand for an Old Peoples' Home in Linares (VII Region) which is soon to be opened.



Sra. Olga de Pickering (centre), President of "Las Gaviotas" in Santiago, and Sra. Patricia de Holzapfel, Treasurer, receiving a cheque on behalf of "Las Gaviotas" in Linares from Mrs. Georgina Roberts, President of the Group of Chilean Ladies in London.

NEW SECRETARY

The Anglo-Chilean Society welcomes a new secretary, Miss Francisca Parada, who takes over from Cristián León. Miss Parada was born in Chile and has lived in the UK for seven years. She studied International Business and is completing her Masters in Diplomatic Studies at the Diplomatic Academy of London.

Her previous experience includes working for the British & Colombian Chamber of Commerce and the Embassy of the Republic of Guatemala in London.

Her hobbies include calligraphy and archery and she is interested in international affairs.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In the March 2003 issue of the Chilean News there was a mention of The Encounter Exhibition held at the Mall Galleries, London SW1, on 26th November 2002. The exhibitors Ivan Contreras-Brunet, María Rita Phillips, Marika Hume Slack, Lindy Brockway and Stephen Lee donated a percentage of the proceeds from the sale of their works to the charity that supports youth and junior orchestras in Chile. A copy of the letter of 29th April 2003 from the wife of the

President of Chile, the original of which was lost, has been received, thanking the artists for their donation of £2,000.

A letter from the Executive Director of Fundación de Orquestas Juveniles e Infantiles de Chile, Sr. Fernando Rosas, has been received by H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández with thanks for the donation sent on behalf of the Embassy, the Anglo-Chilean Society and the British-Chilean Chamber of Commerce. This will allow the Fundación to continue with the program of youth and junior orchestras which now covers more than 140 such ensembles throughout the country.

Thank you letters from Sra. Olga de Pickering, President of the Group "Las Gaviotas" in Santiago and Sra. Raquel de Rojas, President of the Group "Las Gaviotas" in Linares were sent to the Group of Chilean Ladies in London acknowledging the gift of a television set and stand for the new Old Peoples' Home in Linares.

A letter from Batuco, Chile, dated 10th May 2004, addressed to the Group of Chilean Ladies in London and signed by Father Nelson Jerez Silva, Director of Hogar San Ricardo (Obra don Guanella), has conveyed the heartfelt thanks of the religious community and the 160 mental and physically disabled residents for the donation of the medicines which have served to improve their lives.

The Group of Chilean Ladies in London wish to thank the Naval Attaché, Captain Enrique O'Reilly, for his help in transporting three computers to Valparaíso. These were for the El Pangu School and the Cultural Corporation of Curacaví. The computers were shipped aboard the frigate "Almirante Williams" (previously HMS Sheffield) from Plymouth in December 2003.

LATIN-AMERICAN SOCIETIES GOLF TOURNAMENT

This took place on Friday, 4th June 2004, at the West Surrey Golf Club, near Milford, Surrey.

The results of the competition were as follows: The overall winner of the Ambassadors Cup was Mr John Armstrong of the Anglo Brazilian Society.

The winner of the Punta Arenas Cup was John Rickus of the Anglo-Chilean Society.

The Argentine Rosebowl was won by Tony Robinson and the Jangada for the best score by a member of the Anglo-Brazilian Society was won by David Thomas.

The Ladies Prize was won by Mrs. Susan McArthur of the Anglo-Peruvian Society.

The 2005 tournament will take place on the same date at the same venue.

FOOD AND DRINK

Avocado Oil - "Made in Chile"

from *El Mercurio*, 5th April 2004.

Now the avocado can be used for dressing salads, frying, and even to provide a home-made facelift, thanks to the Razeto family of Quillota who extract the oil from the fruit.

In 2001 they realised the olive oil extracting machinery they had imported from Italy at a value of US\$300,000 was

lying idle between April and June when the olives are not in season. So they investigated possible off-season uses. Bruno Razeto, an agronomist by profession, found out that avocado oil was being produced in Mexico and New Zealand for cosmetic and nutritive purposes. The family made a thorough investigation into the production of the oil in the Quillota area.

The Hass avocado was chosen as providing the best quality and quantity of oil from the pulp. An investment of US\$200,000, of which 37% was provided by CORFO, made it possible to plant 50 hectares of Hass avocado trees in the humid and sun-kissed area of Quillota, known as "the cradle of the avocado".

The oil is extracted by cold pressing so as not to lose any nutrients. This is followed by decanting and the oil is preserved in steel casks with nitrogen to exclude any oxygen. Finally it is filtered and bottled.

This year has been quite successful with 40,000 litres of the bottled extra virgin oil launched on the market at around £1.00 per 750ml bottle. Antonio Razeto, oil taster, says that although the oil has been on the market for only a couple of weeks, it has been in great demand among gourmets, who prefer it to prepare healthier dishes, and also women, who use it for cosmetic reasons. Lina Razeto, a chemical engineer, explained that the avocado oil has vitamins A and E, known for their anti-oxidant properties. These revitalise the skin and diminish wrinkles. The oil is also rich in non-saturated fats that reduce cholesterol.

The difference between olive and avocado oil are minimal, but the most important are the scent and flavour. Olive oil has a much stronger smell, while the avocado oil is milder and leaves a delicate texture on the palate. The fact that it doesn't burn until 255°C makes it an excellent oil for cooking as it can be reused several times.

The Razetos plan to produce more than 50,000 litres, initially for the internal Chilean market, but eventually for exporting to the USA and Italy.

Chilean Ulmo Honey

This comes from the coastal areas of southern Chile. It has a sweet and flowery taste with a loose pourable consistency. Try a couple of spoonfuls whizzed in a blender with a banana, the juice of an orange, a pot of natural yoghurt and a tablespoon of sesame seeds for an energising breakfast drink.

(Waitrose Summer Season magazine)

BIRTHS

On 1st April 2004, at the Kingston Hospital in Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey, to Mr. & Mrs. Felipe Chamás, a son, Antonio, a brother for Karim and Amira.

On 21st April 2004, in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, to Mr. & Mrs. Patricio Villa, a daughter, Martina Belén. A grandchild for H.E. the Ambassador of Chile and Sra. de Fernández, little Martina shares her birthday with her maternal grandfather, Sr. Mariano Fernández, and H.M. the Queen!

WEDDINGS

The wedding took place between Mr. Francisco Javier Goñi and Miss María Paz Valdés on 17th April 2004 in Santa Luz de Chicureo, Colina, Chile. The groom is the son of Mrs. María Clea Schneider and the stepson of Mr. Roy Schneider, formerly of Regent's Park, London NW1.



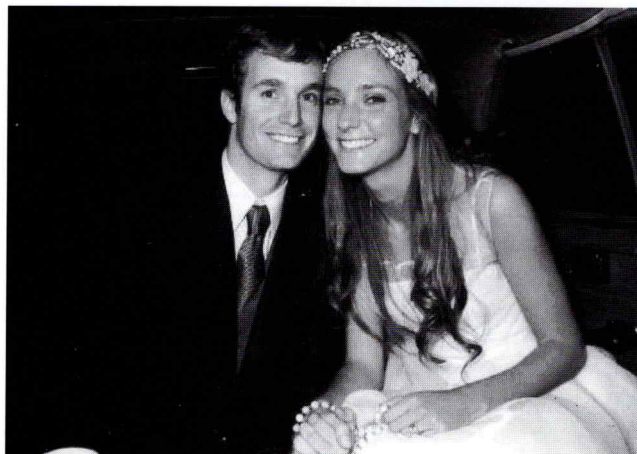
Mr. Francisco Javier Goñi and his bride.

The wedding took place between Lieutenant Andrés Balaesque and Miss María Ignacia O'Reilly on 17th April 2004 at the Nuestra Señora del Carmen Naval Chapel, Las Salinas, followed by a reception at the Casino in Viña del Mar, Chile. The bride is the daughter of Chilean Naval Attaché in London, Captain and Mrs. O'Reilly.



The happy couple with their parents. From left to right: Rear-Admiral Paul Balaesque, Mrs. Gail Balaesque, Lieutenant Andrés Balaesque, María Ignacia Balaesque, Mrs. Andrea O'Reilly and Captain Enrique O'Reilly.

The wedding took place between Mr. Juan Diego Valdés and Miss Clemencia Cabrera on 19th June 2004 in Santiago, Chile. The bride is the daughter of the Chilean Ambassador to the Peoples Republic of China and former Ambassador to the Court of St. James, Sr. Pablo Cabrera and Sra. Cecilia de Cabrera.



The newlyweds, Juan Diego and Clemencia Valdés.

OBITUARY

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Naylor, a long-standing and much loved member of the Society. He died peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday, 4th August 2004 in St. Wilfred's Rest Home, Chelsea.

The following obituary is contributed by his son, John Naylor.

John Naylor, who died in August, was born in Viña del Mar, Chile, on 13th November, 1913. He was the second of six children born to Arthur and Annie Naylor.

From 1924 to 1932 he and his two brothers were educated in England at Berkhamptead School. They returned to Chile and in 1936 John found work in Perú as a mining engineer with Cerro de Pasco. He married Betty Paton Johnson in 1941 in Lima. In 1942 they volunteered for military service and returned to Britain. John joined the Royal Engineers and was commissioned in 1944 and posted to Burma where he remained until 1946. He ended the War with the rank of Captain.

Following demobilisation in 1947, he and Betty returned to Perú. He worked for a few years as a mining engineer before deciding to set up in business as a surveyor of mines. This meant that he spent weeks at a time away from home up in the Sierras of Central and Southern Perú. His final commission took him to the Ferrobamba region near Cuzco, at that time a remote and lawless region. On several occasions he was involved in shoot-outs with locals attempting to steal his horses and equipment.

In 1951 he was hired by Cerro de Pasco to supervise the construction of a hydroelectric scheme, in the then all but inaccessible Paucartambo Valley on



the eastern slopes of the Andes, that was to provide electrical power for the company's smelters in Oroya. The project, the difficulties of which Cerro de Pasco had seriously underestimated, took five years to complete.

In 1956 John went to work for Tipton and Kalmbach, a firm of consulting engineers, on another hydroelectric scheme, this time in Quito, Ecuador. In 1960, Tipton sent him to Lahore, Pakistan, to work on the Indus Basin Project, a vast undertaking involving the construction of a system of huge irrigation canals.

At the end of his contract in 1968 he and Betty decided it was time for a rest: being fluent Spanish speakers and used to warm climes they bought a house near Alicante, Spain. It was to be a temporary respite from the discomforts of life in construction camps. In 1973 John and Betty went to Yemen to supervise an irrigation project that lasted, on and off until 1978. This was

followed by a year in Panama.

Sadly, Betty died in 1978 while visiting her daughter in Australia, and John came to live in London. He remarried, but the marriage didn't last.

His final job was an irrigation project in Northern Perú, in 1981. He finally retired in 1982. He became an active member of the Anglo-Chilean Society and was editor of the Anglo-Chilean News for several years. In 1995, in recognition of his work on behalf of the Society, he was made a Comendador of the Orden de Bernardo O'Higgins, something of which he was immensely proud.

He is survived by his son and daughter.

IN MEMORIAM

A mass was offered at St. Patrick's Church, Soho Square, London W1, on Monday, 2nd August in memory of the Chilean diplomats Roberto Nieto, Cristián Yuseff and Rocío Sariego who died during the attack on the Chilean Embassy in San José, Costa Rica.

The mass, in Spanish, was officiated by Padre Angel San Eufrasio, OAR, in the presence of H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández, Chilean diplomats and officials of other embassies in London, among them Mr. Alonso Gutiérrez, representing his father, the Ambassador of

Costa Rica to the Court of St. James.

The lessons were read by Mr. Patricio Damm, Consul General of Chile, and Mrs. Verónica Roach.

Prayers were also offered for the victims of the recent supermarket fire in Asunción, Paraguay.

The Ambassador of Chile thanked Padre San Eufrasio for an excellent service.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Martin Gardner Royal Horticultural Society Lecture:

South America (Chile) on Wednesday, 6th October 2004 at The Ondaatje Theatre, Royal Geographical Society, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR. Ticket office 020 7821 3408 (£7.00 if you are an Anglo-Chilean Society member).

The Andean Project on Wednesday, 13th October 2004. See article in this Chilean News.

The Sir Leslie Bowes Lecture on Monday, 18th October 2004 at Canning House.

Pablo Neruda: A Passion for Life. Talk by Adam Feinstein followed by:

Pablo Neruda: Closer to Blood than to Ink. Talk/Music on Wednesday, 27 October 2004 at the Purcell Room, Royal Festival Hall. Box Office 0870 401 8181.

ALAF Christmas Fair on Saturday, 20th November 2004 at Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8.

Concert at the Residence on Monday, 22nd November 2004 by ex members of Inti Illimani.

The Christmas Party on

Friday, 10th December 2004 at Canning House.

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