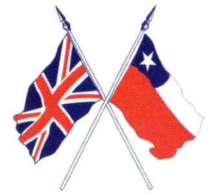


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INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS

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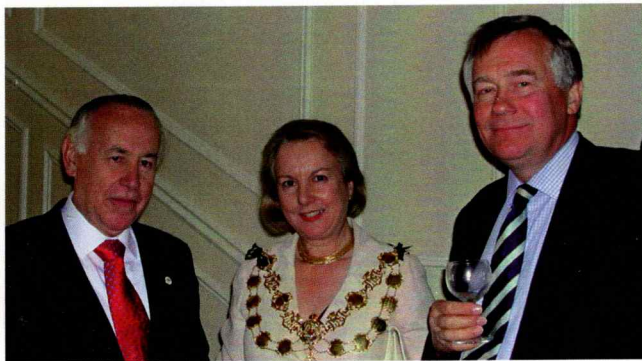
A reception was offered by H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno and Sra de Moreno on 18th September 2007 to celebrate Chile's National Day.



Welcoming the guests: H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno and Sra de Moreno, Mr Alex Geiger, former Military Attaché Colonel Bosco Pesse, Naval Attaché Rear-Admiral José M. Romero and former Air Force Attaché Group Captain Cristián Gómez.



From left to right: Mr Bill Treble, Mr Felipe Sáez and the Mayor of Richmond, Cllr Marc Cranfield-Adams.



From left to right: H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno, Cllr Carolyn Keen, Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Anthony Westedge OBE.



From left to right: Mr Juan Pablo Urrutia, Ms Elizabeth Leiva, Mr Jorge Marín, Mr George Silva-Rozzi and Mr Desmond O'Connor.

The Dieciocho Reception and Dinner

The Anglo Chilean Society, in association with the British Chilean Chamber of Commerce, held the celebration on 20th September at the Meliá White House Hotel, London NW1.



The Ambassador of Chile, Sr Rafael Moreno, receiving the guest of honour, HRH The Princess Royal.



From left to right: Mrs Isabel Cuadra, Mr Gonzalo Cuadra, Sra de Moreno and H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno.



From left to right: Sir Michael Craig-Cooper, Mr Alvaro Tejada, Mr Richard Wilkinson, H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno and Mr Desmond O'Connor.



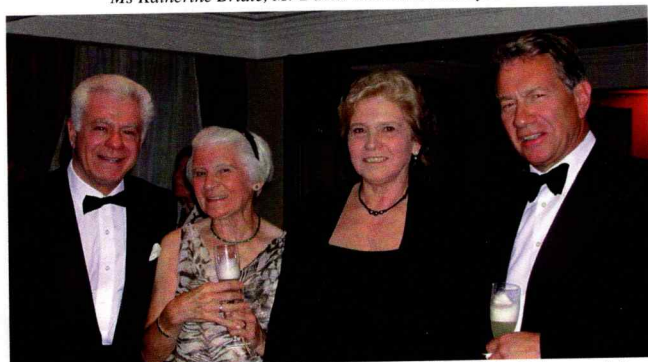
The Princess Royal in conversation with Mr and Mrs Robert Hart.

During pre-dinner drinks, the guest of honour, The Princess Royal, circulated amongst the guests. After an introduction by Mr. Richard Wilkinson, chairman of the Anglo Chilean Society, toasts were proposed to H.M. The Queen by H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno, and to the President of Chile by HRH The Princess Royal, who also addressed the Society on her recent visit to Chile.

The organisers wish to thank the following for their generous support of the event: Antofagasta plc, ASOEX, Cousiño-Macul, the Meliá White House Hotel, Pol Roger Ltd., J. Dollend Associates and Rowse Honey Ltd.



From left to right: Mrs Susannah Pérez de Herrasti, Mr. Michael Cox, Ms Katherine Bridle, Mr David Grant and Mrs Lynn Cox.



From left to right: Mr Pablo Halpern, Dr Judith Hart, Mrs Alicia Halpern and the Rt. Hon. Michael Portillo.

CHILEAN CELEBRATIONS AROUND LONDON

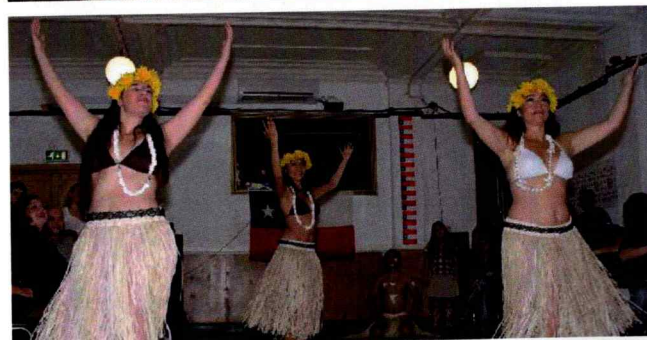
As in previous years, the resident Chilean community celebrated Chile's National Day in style.

One of the well-attended parties started early in the afternoon on Saturday, 15th September at "Los Cabros del Club", London N19. There were plenty of "empanadas", "pastel de choclo" and "anticuchos" with enough singing and dancing to keep everybody in the party mood.

Later that evening "Casa Chilena" held court at the London Irish Centre in Camden Town, London NW1, in the presence of H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno and Sra de Moreno. The Consul, Mrs Andrea Concha, read a message from President Bachelet conveying her best wishes to the Chilean community. The party included a presentation by the dance ensemble "Grupo del Sur", directed by Claudio Vera.

The third party of the day was organised by "Chilenos en Londres" in the Latin Palace, Vauxhall. This was the best-attended and, not surprisingly, went on until dawn!

A last celebration came towards the end of September. It was held in the Praxis building in Bethnal Green and with it came more "empanadas", wine, "cuecas" and toasts to the beautiful motherland.



ART EXHIBITION AT THE EMBASSY

On Wednesday, 7th September 2007, a large crowd, including H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno and Sra de Moreno, attended the preview of an exhibition by young Chilean artists of Central Saint Martins.

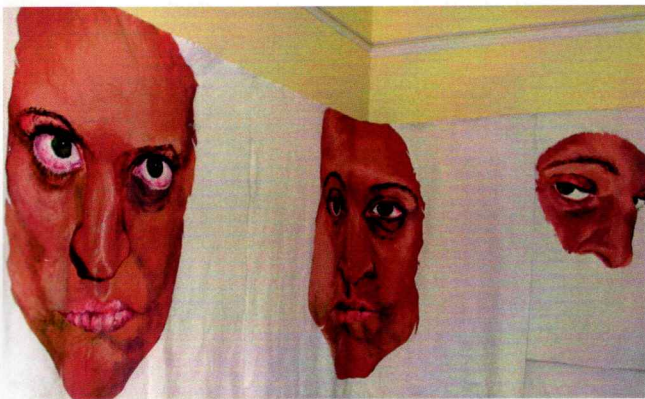
Nicolás González's idea of transforming the ordinary into something extraordinary, the impossible into something possible as demonstrated in his series of photographs inspired by "One Hundred Years of Solitude", by the Nobel Prize Winner Gabriel García Márquez.

Magdalena Novoa created "Venus Decollage" by pasting her illustration of a fat woman over posters and advertisements in the street. Other people pasted over these and, after recovering the advertisement, it is reworked in the studio, thus creating a new artistic representation. The works are intended to oppose the way a woman's body is portrayed in advertising, while rescuing the original female image.

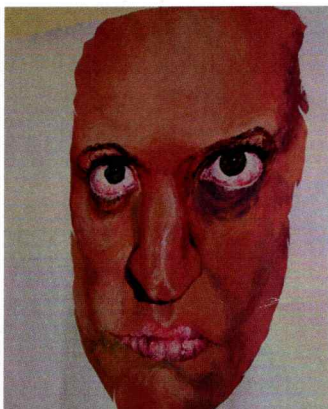


"Venus Decollage" by Magdalena Novoa

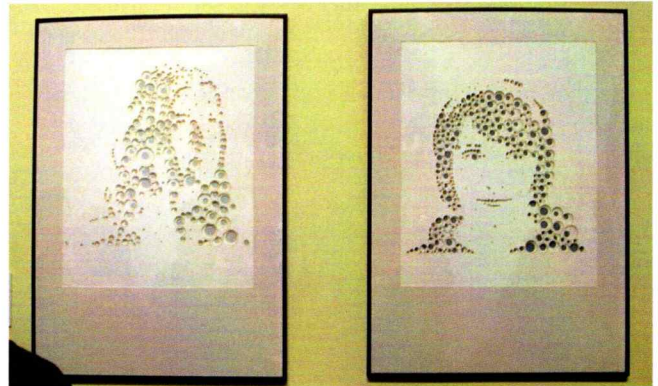
Adriana Rivera displayed several huge portraits of a face, entitled "The Persona". The portraits develop Jung's contention that we create a mask to exhibit publicly for social acceptance, a mask that we are continually destroying and rebuilding as dictated by society and the mass media.



"The Persona" by Adriana Rivera



Daniel Silva, studying Graphic Design, presented "Voice Abstraction": this work is the analysis and visualisation of the language, being inspired by the sound of the voice. As the artist wrote: "These frequencies and resonances were those that I had visualised in pictures, giving graphic values to each sound, obtaining as result the visualisation and abstraction of three people."



"Voice Abstraction" by Daniel Silva

HISTORIC FIND

by Pía Salcedo, "El Volantín", September 2007.

In an historic moment, the Chilean Embassy in Washington accepted the unpublished legacy of Chile's greatest poetess, the 1945 Nobel Prize Winner Gabriela Mistral. The bequethal, consisting of 500 letters, 400 notebooks, other manuscripts, personal effects, as well as photographs, had been in the possession of her friend and beneficiary, Doris Dana, for more than 50 years. The news was revealed last November following Ms Dana's death in Florida, U.S.A.

Ms Dana's wish was that the priceless collection should remain permanently in the American Library of Congress believing Chile could not provide suitable conditions for their preservation. Nevertheless, her niece, Doris Atkinson, decided to give them to Chile, after verifying that the country had the technology to preserve such documents.

Ms Paulina Urrutia, the Chilean Minister of Culture, declared that the return of Gabriela Mistral's legacy is the most significant historical cultural milestone that will take place between now and the year 2010, the Bicentenary Celebration of Chilean Independence. She highlighted the importance for the country to be given the opportunity to get to know a new Gabriela fifty years after her death and to learn more of her poetry and literature as well as her life.

The 100 boxes containing the material will be kept in a room already called "Salón Gabriela Mistral" of the Chilean Embassy in Washington. It is a special secure vault with smoke alarms, fire extinguishers and temperature controlled. Next to it is a room equipped for the specialists to register the pieces and prepare them for the move to Chile, a process that, according to the minister, will take place between the middle and end of 2008. This valuable material has already been insured.

According to Luis Vargas, the only Chilean to have reviewed the documents, there are more than 100 unpublished poems, several boxes of documents, around 500 letters and 5 leather albums with photos of Gabriela and her nephew Yin Yin. All this would change the actual paradigm that exists about her literary work and would prove that she wrote more than the five books of poetry for which she is known.

Among the addressees of her letters are: Pablo Neruda, Thomas Mann, Jacques Maritain, Eduardo Frei and Victoria Ocampo who, like Gabriela Mistral, is considered among the most important Latin American women of letters of the 20th century.

According to the stipulation made in the transfer document, the Franciscan Order in Chile will receive the copyrights and royalties, one of her three leather Bibles and the brooch she wore the day she was awarded the Nobel Prize. Also the Universidad de Chile and Universidad Católica will receive copies of the unpublished material, informed Pedro Pablo Ross, Dean of the Universidad Católica.

It could take some time for the legacy to reach Chile, declared Nivia Palma, Director of Libraries, Archives and Museums, the institution that will eventually have responsibility for housing the documents.

CHILEAN MINISTER FOR MINING HOLDS CONFERENCE

H.E. Mrs Karen Poniachik, the Chilean Minister for Mining, held a conference on "Chile's Mining Sector: Challenges and Prospects" on 9th October 2007 at Canning House. The conference, sponsored by Anglo American, BBVA and Río Tinto, and hosted by the British Chilean Chamber of Commerce and Canning House, also heard from Mr Alfredo Ovalle, President of the Chilean National Mining Society, representing the private sector in the Chilean mining industry.

The conference was attended by diplomats, representatives of various mining concerns, banks and commercial institutions, as well as members of the legal profession and academics. Following a brief welcoming speech by the chairman, Lord Brennan QC, the main speaker was introduced by Mr. George Silva-Rozzi, director of BBVA.

Mrs Poniachik explained that Chile was experiencing a second mining boom and outlined the importance to the economy of copper in particular. In 2006, mining contributed US\$11 billion, equal to 22% of the country's GDP, and exported products worth \$33 billion dollars (65% of total exports). In fact, Chile's economic and political history have been shaped in recent years by the mining industry, creating more jobs in the country (including support industries) than any other factor. In the Antofagasta Region alone, this has resulted in a 70% drop in people living below the poverty line.

In the first mining boom, from 1990 to 2006, investment in copper, gold and silver mining amounted to US\$33 billion. This enabled Chile to produce 5.4 million tons of fine copper in 2006, representing 35% of total world production. The second boom will see a further investment of US\$17 billion over the next seven years, at the end of which production should reach 6.4 million tons. The prospects for copper in the immediate future are good, with world demand, especially from China, increasing.

The minister also said that Codelco, the state mining company, was responsible for about a third of Chile's production, making it the largest company of its kind in the world. She also advised the conference that there were no plans to privatise the company, and that she hopes to see more private investment in the Chilean mining sector.

The future challenges facing the industry were defined as energy, water, exploration, innovation and building a world-wide reputation. Copper mining is very energy-intensive and, since Chile has no natural gas deposits, the country has to rely

on coal- or oil-fired generating plants. Current plans are to build more coal-fired plants in the southern area of the country and to increase oil storage facilities in the northern area. Water is also a problem, especially in the northern desert region. Both mining and agriculture make demands on aquifers, and research is necessary on the availability and capacity of these aquifers, as well as considering desalination plants. Chile is slipping down the league of countries investing in exploration, a fact which must be addressed. In the field of innovation, the country needs to invest in research and development to meet the technical and environmental challenges of the future. The government has set up a fund to focus on such areas as availability and efficient use of water resources, energy supply, environmental sustainability and improving mining processes. Finally, in the area of building a world-wide reputation in the mining business, the government is eager to export not just mining products, but technology and expertise. There is also a need to educate the Chilean public in the mining and usage of copper.

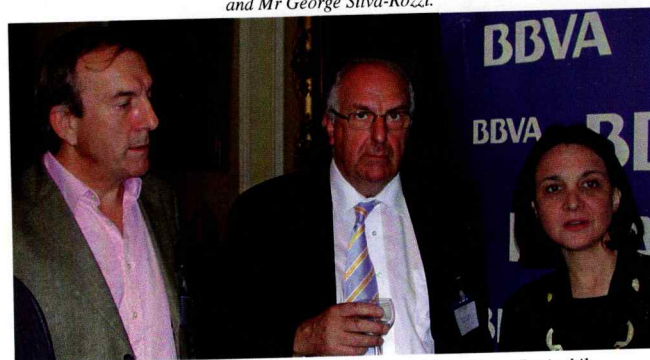
Mr Alfredo Ovalle then spoke, laying emphasis on the Chilean economy. The free market economy introduced in the 1970's has improved the lot of the population with per-capita income now at US\$13,000, inflation down to around 3% and an annual expansion of the economy of 5.5%. It has also produced political stability, independence of the different powers of State, guaranteed and clearly defined property rights, an autonomous Central Bank, financial and capital market supervision and regulation as well as an institutional, political, economic and legal framework that guarantees stability, security and confidence.

To confirm his belief that Chile represents a world of opportunities for foreign investors, Mr Ovalle explained that Chile leads other Latin American countries in the quality of its institutions. In terms of corruption perception, it is 22nd out of 180 countries, higher than such countries as Italy, Spain and Portugal, and in the latest study of Governance conducted by the World Bank, Chile is achieving par with OECD countries. The State of Chile is now a net creditor, investing the surplus income against any possible future down-turn in the economy.

Finally, delegates had the opportunity to relax with a wine-tasting sponsored by Wines of Chile and traditional Chilean empanadas.



Mr Alfredo Ovalle addressing the conference with Mr Ramón Jara and Mr George Silva-Rozzi.



Mr Michael Cox, Mr Christopher Morgan and Mrs Karen Poniachik, the Chilean Minister for Mining.



H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno, Mr Michael Cox and Mrs Karen Ponichik.

THE ANGLO LATIN AMERICAN FIESTA

The colourful culture of Latin America returned to Kensington Town Hall on Saturday, 13th October 2007 when more than twenty countries displayed their wares, food, drink and handicraft with the proceeds of the Fiesta going to the underprivileged children of Latin America.

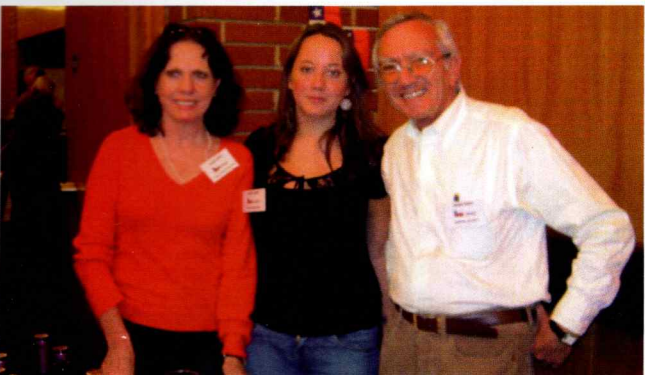
The Chilean stand again proved to be a favourite with the crowd. They were drawn by the irresistible aroma of the "empanadas" well washed down with the best of Chilean wines.



Henny Subercaseaux and Cristián León manning the stand with a smile on their faces.



Students from the 6th form of Epsom College, Surrey, visiting the Chilean stand. From left to right: Alexander Adams, Jacqueline Charlton, Jennifer Hedges, Heli Metsmaa-Petersons and Amit Roy.



Carmen Pearson, Michelle Pearson and Emanuel de Kad.

FLAVOURS OF THE MAPUCHE LAND

The food tasting and photographic exhibition organised by Canning House in association with the Embassy of Chile and the Anglo Chilean Society was a huge success.

The beautiful photography of Iberia Torres-West provided the images demonstrating the life and location of what was to come: an explosion of smells, colours and flavours of the culinary art of Elisa Cea Epuin, an indigenous woman from La Araucanía.

Guests were treated to a big selection of tasty dishes, all prepared with organic and native ingredients, a clear example of what simple and healthy cooking is all about.



From left to right: Mr Cristián León, Mrs Iberia Torres-West, Elisa Cea Epuin and H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno.



Elisa Cea Epuin with Sra de Moreno and the photographer Iberia Torres-West.



From left to right: Mr Peter Somner, Mrs Henny Subercaseaux, Mrs Carolina Somner and Mr Guillermo Echeverría.



Mr and Mrs George Silva-Rozzi.

NEW MILITARY ATTACHE TO THE EMBASSY OF CHILE

Colonel Jorge Salas was born in Antofagasta, Chile, on 5th March 1952. He graduated from the Military Academy in 1977 as a Second Lieutenant, specialising in Artillery.

As a Staff Officer, he has lectured at the Military Academy and the Army War Academy on "Artillery Tactics" and "General Tactics". He has a MA in Military Sciences and a MA in Security and Defence.

After being commissioned into the School of Artillery, Colonel Salas has served in the Military Academy and in two Artillery Regiments. In 1997-98, as a Lieutenant Colonel, he attended the Joint Advanced Command and Staff Course at the British Army Staff College in Bracknell, United Kingdom. In 2002, as a Lieutenant Colonel, he attended the National Defence University in Washington DC and obtained a MA in National Resources Strategy. In 2005-06 he was the Commandant of the Reinforced Regiment No. 5. In 2006-2007 Colonel Salas was the Commandant of the Chilean Army War Academy.



Colonel Jorge Salas.

He takes up his appointment as Military Attaché to the Embassy of Chile in London from January 2008 to January 2010. He is married to Adriana and they have two children, Ricardo and Loreto, who are both currently studying at University in Chile.

THE SIR LESLIE BOWES LECTURE

An illustrated talk entitled "From Aconcagua to Antarctica" was given by the noted mountaineer David Hamilton on Monday, 19th November at Canning House. The talk was held in conjunction with Canning House, the Anglo-Argentine Society and the British-Uruguayan Society.

Mr Hamilton, who has spent 20 years climbing the world's highest peaks, including three successful expeditions to Mount Everest, now leads expeditions in Antarctica to the South Pole. In a journey that took the audience from South America's highest peak, Aconcagua, to the end of the earth, the South Pole, he outlined the many problems in reaching and surviving in the inhospitable continent of Antarctica.

Everything necessary for survival has to be flown in to the eco-tourist base from Punta Arenas – including the fuel for the aircraft's return flight! Even in the Southern Hemisphere's summer, when the base is open, flights can be delayed by bad weather.

One of the reasons which brings the experienced mountaineer to Antarctica is to climb its highest peak. Although obviously a daunting task, given the freezing temperatures, the climber is aided by the fact that most of the mountain is actually buried under several thousand metres of ice so the climb "starts" near the summit! Another endurance test which attracts the most intrepid (and rich!) tourist is a trek to the South Pole. This consists of being flown by helicopter from the base to within 600km of the pole and then walking over the ice to the Pole. Although the Americans have a scientific base at the Pole and are building an impressive new

facility, they do not cater for tourists, and any expedition has to be self-supporting. One interesting fact revealed by Mr Hamilton is that the Polar ice shifts some 1 metre a year for some reason so far undiscovered. This means that the marker for the South Pole has to be relocated every so often.

After the talk, the appreciative audience enjoyed wine and snacks.



From left to right: The Ambassador of Argentina Sr Federico Mirre, the Ambassador of Uruguay Dr Ricardo Varela, Sra de Moreno and the Ambassador of Chile Sr Rafael Moreno.



From left to right: Mr Alan Macdonald, Mr Richard Wilkinson CVO and Mr Américo Hernández.



Mr Hallam Murray and Viscount Montgomery of Alamein.



From left to right: H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno, Mr David Hamilton, Ms Claire Marvin and Mr Anthony Westmedge OBE.

THE BRIGHT IDEAS DESIGNERS

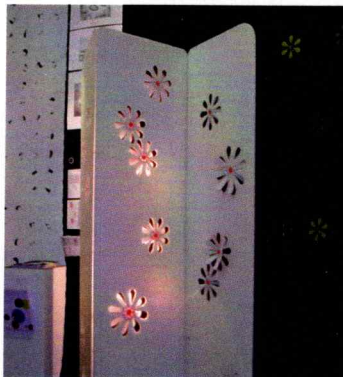
An exhibition was organised by Craft Central (previously Clerkenwell Green Association), 33-35 St John's Square, London, to encourage entrepreneurial spirit and the production of new work among exceptionally talented designers. Five

of the best were chosen, amongst them the Chilean Francisca Prieto, to present an original "bright idea" that could make it to the market place in six months and culminate in a group launch exhibition.

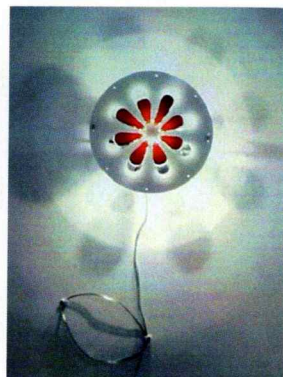
Francisca, having just recently exhibited at 100% Design at Earl's Court and "Origins" at Summer House, chose to produce a new pendant light to complement the Blossom Screen (Chilean News October 2007), The Blossom Light. Being made from Perspex, the owner can move and manipulate the Perspex petals to create different shadow and light effects. The Blossom Pendant Light has also been developed into a Blossom Wall Light alternative.



The Bright Ideas Exhibition: Francisca Prieto explaining her art to the visitors.



The Blossom Screen.



The Blossom Wall Light.



The Blossom Pendant Light.

PICK OF THE CROP

An informal and relaxed social gathering was offered by H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno and Sra de Moreno on Saturday, 17th November 2007 to welcome around 80 Chilean students completing post-graduate courses in the United Kingdom.

It was a sterling opportunity for the Chilean Ambassador and the Consul, Mrs Andrea Concha, to get to know a generation of young people of whom Chile can be justly proud. Many professions were represented: lawyers, doctors, teachers, artist and designers, most of whom are studying for Master's or Doctor's degrees. They are here on a variety of scholarships

such as that of the President of Chile (Mideplan), the British Council and the Alban Scholarship of the European Union, and all wanting to reach the one goal, the advancement of their education.



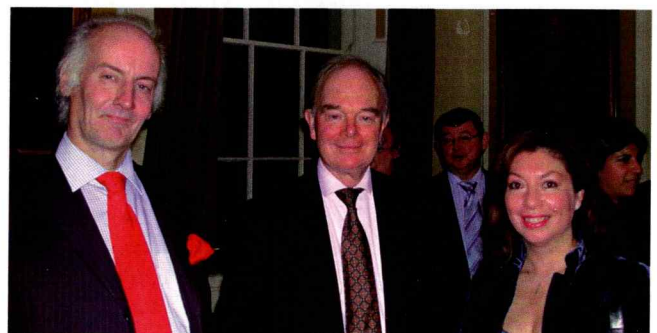
Chilean students sharing relaxed moments at the Residence.



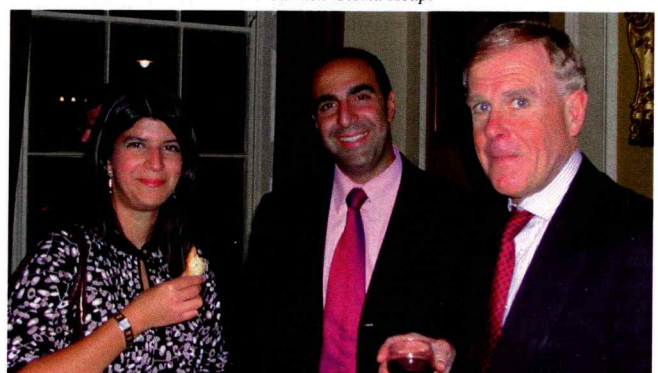
H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno in very good company.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

This was held on Tuesday, 12th December 2007 at Canning House. The evening started with a pisco and wine reception served with canapés and empanaditas. A buffet dinner consisting of "pastel de choclo" and salads, torta Mil Hojas and mince pies followed. The raffle was, as usual, the highlight of the evening.



During the reception: Mr Simon Hamm, Mr Peter Heap and Mrs Carmen-Gloria Heap.



Mrs Paula Rizkallah, Mr Hani Rizkallah and Mr Alan Macdonald.



Mr Alan Douglas, Mrs Joanna Douglas and Mrs Peggy Hart.



H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno enjoying the buffet dinner.

INVESTITURE AT THE PALACE

Professor Marcela Contreras received a DBE from H.M. The Queen for services to the Crown on 28 November 2007.

Her Majesty congratulated Dame Marcela for a distinguished career dedicated to the National Blood Service (Chilean News – October 2007). On asking her if the blood was uncontaminated, Professor Contreras assured H.M. that it was safer in the United Kingdom than in most places around the world, especially in underdeveloped countries where it is not only contaminated but scarce as well. At the Queen's suggestion that we should help with the problem, Dame Marcela explained that they were already dealing with it in Africa, South-east Asia and Latin America.

On this special day, the new Dame was in very good company. Among those to receive prestigious accolades were two members of the Royal Family: Vice-Admiral Timothy Laurence became a Companion of the Order of the Bath (Military Division) and his stepdaughter, Zara Phillips, received an MBE for her achievements in equestrianism.



H.M. The Queen pinning the decoration on Prof. Marcela Contreras.



Dame Marcela Contreras in the company of her proud children, Claudio and Loreto Guiloff.

CHILEAN NAVY APPOINTMENT

At a ceremony held in the "Salón Arturo Prat" at the Naval College in Valparaíso on 28th December 2007, the head of the Naval Mission in London, Captain José M. Romero, was promoted to the rank of Rear-Admiral.

The Anglo Chilean Society wishes to offer him warmest congratulations on the success of his career.



The Commander-in-Chief of the Chilean Navy, Admiral Rodolfo Codina, presenting the new Rear-Admiral José Miguel Romero with his sword.



Rear-Admiral José Miguel Romero and Mrs María Angélica Romero.



From left to right: Admiral Rodolfo Codina, Mrs Gloria Codina, Mrs María Angélica Romero and Rear-Admiral José Miguel Romero.

CLASSICAL GUITAR CONCERT

Soon after entrancing audiences at the last year Chilean Classical Guitar Festival, Luis Orlandini and Romilio Orellana were back for the first time as a duo on Friday, 11th January 2008 at the Bolívar Hall.

The Chilean and Latin American programme included pieces by Oscar Ohlson and Javier Farías, who themselves delighted us with their performances at the 2007 Chilean Classical Guitar Festival. A piece by the Brazilian Radames Canatalli brought a welcome feeling of tropical warmth to a cold dismal London night, and the programme finished with a work by the great Astor Piazzola from Argentina. For an encore the performers chose the contradanza "La Niña Bonita" from Cuba.

Wines and snacks were served.



The duo Orlandini-Orellana performing in concert at the Simón Bolívar Hall.



From left to right: Mr Stephen Potter, Ms Merilyn Potter, H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno and Mrs Paula Meehan.



From left to right: Prof. Michael Lewin of the Royal Academy of Music, Mr Romilio Orellana, Ms Thérèse Saba and Mr John Taylor.



From left to right: H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno, Mr Luis Orlandini, Mr Cristián Faúndez and Mr Humberto Inostroza.

FAREWELL TO CLAUDIA

After the January meeting of the Society's Executive Committee, the members gathered for drinks at the Meliá White House Hotel, London NW1, to say farewell to the retiring Vice-Chairman, Claudia Munro Kerr, on the occasion of her move to New York.

We cannot thank her enough for her unstinting hard work on behalf of the Society and we wish her well in her new life.



From left to right: Sitting, first row: Emanuel de Kadt, Alan Macdonald. Sitting, second row: Henriette Subercaseaux, Michael Roberts, Carmen Pearson, Claudia Munro Kerr, Richard Wilkinson, Alasdair Grant. Standing: Robert Hart, Georgina Roberts, Cristián León, Marika Brennan, Bartle Bull, Jonathan Cook

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was held on Thursday, 17th February at 12 Devonshire Street, London W1.

The chairman welcomed the members in attendance to the meeting. He recalled the major events carried out during 2007, in particular the piano recital by María Paz Santibáñez, the wine tasting given by Peter Richards and the highlight of the year, the Dieciocho Reception and Dinner in the presence of HRH, The Princess Royal. The Sir Leslie Bowes Memorial Lecture, presented jointly with Canning House, the Anglo-Argentine Society and the British-Uruguayan Society, was given by the explorer David Hamilton and the year ended with the traditional Christmas Reception and Supper.

Overall, these events raised £3,605. The Society donated a total of £5,350 during the year, including £1,029 to Orquestas Juveniles, £1,575 to Musiko Musika, £1019 to both the Escuela Gran Bretaña and Corporación para Salud Infantil in Valparaíso plus £500 to the Instituto de la Sordera in Viña del Mar. The difference between the donations and the monies received was due to the Society holding reserves in excess of those required by the regulation of the Charities Commission.

Four members of the Executive Committee had decided to stand down: Claudia Munro Kerr, Marika Brennan, Peter de Bruyne and Emanuel de Kadt. The chairman thanked them all for their contribution, especially Miss Munro Kerr who had served tirelessly as vice-chairman for several years.

The following members were re-elected to the Executive Committee: Alan Macdonald, Robert Hart (Treasurer), Carmen Pearson (Vice-Chairman) and Georgina Roberts. New members of the committee voted in by those present were Ms Vanessa García and Mrs Iberia Torres-West. The meeting agreed that the three existing co-opted members, Alasdair Grant, Jonathon Cook and Henriette Subercaseaux should be elected to the Executive Committee. It was also proposed that Cristián León be co-opted into the Committee because of his unique links to the British Chilean Chamber of Commerce and the embassy.

Mr Brian Moon has kindly agreed to continue as the Society's Independent Financial Examiner. The chairman offered his thanks to Georgina Roberts for her work as the Editor of the Chilean News, and to Michael Roberts as Secretary of the Society.



Mr Cristián León, Mr Jonathon Cook and Ms Vanessa García.



From left to right: Mrs Henny Subercaseaux, Mrs Yvonne Pines and Mrs Peggy Hart.



From left to right: Mr Alan Macdonald, Mr Robert Holland-Martin and Mr David Mizen.



Mr Richard Wilkinson, Mrs Carmen Pearson and Mr David Pearson.



From left to right: Mr Peter de Bruyne, Mr Alasdair Grant and Mr Colin Armstrong.

NEW AIR FORCE ATTACHE TO THE EMBASSY OF CHILE

Group Captain Eduardo Peña was born in Santiago, Chile, on 9th August 1961. He joined the Air Force Academy in 1978. Following his initial training as a Cadet he was commissioned in 1981. He qualified as a Fighter Pilot in 1982.

His early career was largely spent on operational duties at No. 1 Squadron. Attendance at the Fighter Weapon's School gained him a qualification as Weapon's Instructor and in 1987 as IFR Instructor, followed by a commission to No. 7 Squadron flying the F-5 between 1989-1994. While stationed there he completed a course in Electronic Warfare. In 1993 he attended Universidad Católica del Norte where he obtained a Degree in System Analysis. The same year he completed the "Information Course" at the Air War College.



Group Captain Eduardo Peña.

In 1997 he specialised in Avionics Evaluation Systems and in 2002 he obtained a B.Sc. in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Southern California, USA. Upon his return to Chile he graduated from the Staff College in 2003, subsequently gaining an appointment as Intelligence Military instructor.

He was Tactical Officer Commanding No. 12 Squadron (A37) between 2003-2005 and became Commandant of the Chilean Air Force Academy in 2006 which terminated at the end of December 2007. During his flying career Group Captain Peña has amassed some 3,155 hours of fast-jet flying mainly in aircraft such as T-34, T35, T37, A-36, A37, PA28, F-5 and PC7.

He takes over the position of Air Attaché to the Embassy of Chile in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and as Air Attaché Concurrent, with residence in London, to the Kingdoms of Sweden and The Royal Netherlands from 21 January 2008.

He is married to Ana-María and they have three sons: Eduardo, Adolfo and Ignacio. He speaks Spanish and English. He pursues a variety of interests, including reading, music, carpentry and gliding.

DONATIONS

Escuela "Gran Bretaña", Valparaíso.

27th November 2007
To The Anglo Chilean Society.

Dear Sirs

The School "Gran Bretaña" is an educational institution for children and young people with special needs such as mental deficiency, autism and motor neurone disease.

Our aim is to incorporate our pupils into the social, communal or family environment suitably prepared to be able

to fend for themselves in the future. To achieve this, we have a group of professionals, including psychologists, kinaesthesia experts, speech and occupational therapists and social workers. Their work is supported by academic and administrative staff.

The contribution of parents and guardians is fundamental in this undertaking, but at the same time we recognise the valuable contribution of external institutions in supporting our handicapped young people.

On this occasion we wish to thank you for your valuable donation [£1,000] which has allowed us to purchase such necessary items as a photocopier and thermo-laminator.

On behalf of the Escuela "Gran Bretaña" we extend an open invitation for you to visit our establishment to see the benefits of your donation.

(signed) Hector Souza Espinoza, Principal.

Corporación para la Salud Infantil, Provincia de Valparaíso, Valparaíso.

December 2007
The Anglo Chilean Society

Dear Sirs

We greatly appreciate the generous donation recently sent by your Society. The amount of US\$1,934.55 [£1,000] has been banked and will be used in early January 2008. This donation will make a great difference to the lives of the children who will be chosen for our summer camp. Thanks to your generosity both the children and their families will have the chance of a fresh start in life.

A professional team of doctors, nurses and social workers evaluate who will best benefit from this experience and we will be sending you photographs in due course.

Thanking you all once again and wishing you a peaceful Christmas

We remain, yours sincerely

(signed) Dr. Leonardo Rusowsky, Oenone Davies de Gray.

Hogar del Niño Sordo, Instituto de la Sordera, Viña del Mar.

25th January 2008
The Anglo Chilean Society

Dear Sirs

On behalf of the Dr. Jorge Duclós Home for Deaf Children, we would like to thank you for the donation of Ch\$500,000 [£500] for the purchase of mattresses needed for the children's dormitories.

We wish to send a very special thanks to Mrs Georgina Roberts whose valuable co-operation helped in making the donation possible.

Yours sincerely
(signed) Mario G. Navia Salinas, President, Institute for the Deaf, Valparaíso.

Public Library, Lontué.

A donation of books worth over £400 was presented by Mrs Magdalena Jones to the Public Library "Alejandro Méndez Amunátegui" in Lontué, a village south of Curicó, on behalf of the Group of the Chilean Ladies in London.

A thank-you letter was sent by the Junta de Vecinos N° 8 of Lontué.

Fundación "Techo para un Hermano."

This institution in Santiago was the beneficiary of text books worth £1038. The presentation was made by Mrs Mónica Ojeda on behalf of the Group of the Chilean Ladies in London.

In a letter sent by the chairwoman of the Foundation, Mrs Carmen Lepeley, she conveyed the thanks of the children for the contribution of texts that cover all aspects of the curriculum, adding that with such valuable material they would be able to advance the education of the children.

BIRTHS

Sugar and spice...

On 20th June 2007 at Dorchester, Devon, to Jonathon and Claire Cook, a daughter, Philippa Ann Pepperdine.



Isn't she lovely?

NEW MEMBERS

Mr Thomas Cochrane
Ms Joan Drummond-Hay
Ms Vanessa García
Mr Simon Hamm
Ms Isabelle Ireland
Dr Eva Loyola
Mr Omar Miranda & Mrs Susana Miranda
Mrs María Angela Moon
Mrs María Rita Phillips

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

21 May **Sir Leslie Bowes Lecture:** Canning House.
12 July **Asado al Palo:** Winchester College
September **Dieciocho Reception:** Date to be advised
18 October **ALAF Autumn Fair:** Kensington Town Hall
15 January 2009 **Christmas Party:** Canning House

OBITUARIES

Mrs Joan Richardson.

Mrs Joan Richardson died on 26th September 2007 and we apologise for the notification arriving after the October 2007 issue had gone to print.

She was married to Lt. Col. Leonard Richardson who was Vice-Chairman of the Society at the time of his death in 1972. He had been honoured with the "Orden del Mérito Bernardo O'Higgins" for his life-long connection with Chile.

In 1992 she started devoting her time to reviewing the many old files collected since the 19th January 1944, the day the Anglo Chilean Society, the brainchild of don Manuel Bianchi and Mr Arthur Loveday OBE, was founded and that could eventually tell the story of the early days of the Society.

Mr Douglas Cochrane.

Douglas Cochrane died on 21st October 2007. He was a 5th generation descendant of Admiral Thomas Cochrane, 10th Earl

of Dundonald, who commanded the Chilean Navy in the fight for Chilean independence.

Sir Frederick Mason CMG.

Sir Frederick, who served as Her Majesty's Ambassador to Chile from 1966 to 1970, and United Kingdom Ambassador to the United Nations from 1971 to 1973, has died at the age of 94. He was knighted in 1968 and was also awarded the Chilean Order of Merit.

In 1975, he was elected chairman of the Anglo Chilean Society.

He is survived by his wife, Karen, and three children.

Mr Bruce Lawrie.

Mr Lawrie, a life member of the Society, died at the age of 91 on Christmas Day 2007 in Menorca, Balearic Isles. We extend his family our deepest sympathy.

Mrs María Angélica García de Shaw.

It is with great sadness that we inform of the death of María Angélica Shaw, a long-serving member of the Society, on 7th February 2008 in the Kent & Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells.

María Angélica was born in Valparaíso on 13th January 1936. She graduated from the Villa María Academy in 1955, and kept in touch with many of her school friends up to her death.

After graduation, she worked first for the travel agency Turismo Cocha, and then for the Pacific Steam Navigation Company (PSNC). A chance meeting with Peter Shaw, an expatriate employee of Gibbs y Cia, who was picking up mail for a sick friend employed by PSNC, eventually led to their marriage in November 1963 at the Church of Nuestra Señora de los Angeles in Santiago.

The Shaw family, now including sons David and Robert, finally returned to England in 1968, taking up residence in Tonbridge, Kent.

Even with two young children, it was not long before María Angélica was helping with various charitable works. Later on she became a first aider with St. John's Ambulance in Tonbridge, attending a variety of events and, of course, collecting donations on

their behalf. She also taught first aid to scout and girl guide groups.

In 1970 María Angélica and Peter joined the Anglo Chilean Society and that was the moment she commenced the work which so many of us will best remember her for. We are indebted for her indefatigable work at the Society's many functions which included helping with the organising of the Chilean stand at a couple of Latin American Fiestas (ALAF). She was always the first to arrive and the last to leave in the days when the Fiesta did not finish until midnight.

She was, at one time, chairman of the Ladies' group, as well as serving as a Trustee. While head of the Ladies she undertook the task of catering for several social functions. On one occasion she made 120 individual "pastel de choclo", something she vowed never to repeat.

She will be sorely missed by all who knew her, but especially her husband, sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren.

Her poignant farewell was that of a true Chilean, with a picture of "copihues" and to the strains of "Si vas para Chile".



María Angélica Shaw.