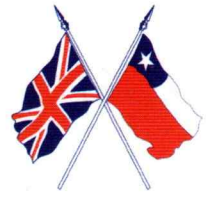


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## ARMED FORCES CELEBRATIONS

### Chilean Air Force Day

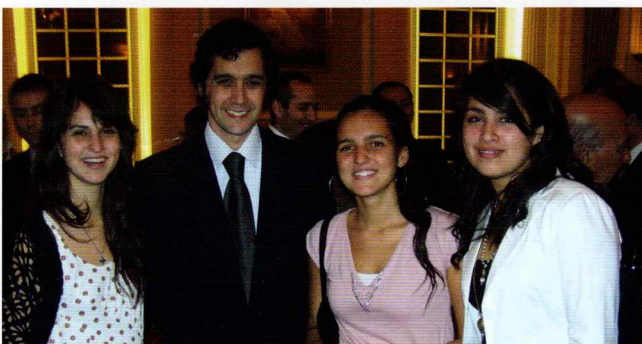
A reception was given by the Air Attaché to the Embassy of Chile and Mrs Gómez on 21st March at the RAF Club on the occasion of the 77th anniversary of that institution.



Group Captain Christian Gómez and H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno accompanied by their wives.



From left to right: Military Attaché Colonel Bosco Pesse, Group Captain Christian Gómez, Mrs Vania Gómez and Assistant Naval Attaché Captain Harald Sievers.



From left to right: Miss Cristina Gómez, Mr Cristián López, Miss Mariana Gómez and Miss Jessica Bugeño.



Mr Alan Macdonald, Mrs Georgina Roberts, Mr Michael Roberts and Group Captain Christian Gómez.

### Chilean Navy Day

The annual wreath-laying ceremony at the tomb of Admiral Lord Cochrane took place at Westminster Abbey on 18th May.

The customary elegant reception followed at the Institute of Directors in Pall Mall.

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Welcoming guests at the Abbey: Naval Attaché Captain José M. Romero and Mrs Romero, Assistant Naval Attaché Captain Harald Sievers and Mrs Sievers.



From left to right: Lt Miguel Navarro, Chilean Navy Reserve, Mrs Janet Cochrane, Lt Gabriel Abramovicz, Chilean Naval Reserve, and Captain the Honourable Michael Cochrane.



Mr Gonzalo Cuadra, Mrs Isabel Cuadra, Mr Cristián León and Ms Susana Miranda.



From left to right: Military Attaché Coronel Bosco Pesse, Vice-Admiral Gudelio Mondaca, Mrs Aline Geiger, Mrs María Inés Mondaca and Mr Alex Geiger.



In his toast to the Chilean Navy, the head of the Naval Mission, Captain José Romero said:

"Today the Chilean Navy wears its Sunday best in celebration, and on this day it is tradition to pay tribute to two distinguished sailors, who during their lives had an influence on the defence and freedom of Chile. I refer to Admiral Lord Thomas Alexander Cochrane and Commander Arturo Prat.

Without describing their life achievements in detail, I would, however, like to emphasise the significant contribution Admiral Cochrane made to the consolidation of the independence of Chile, when he gained control of the seas, and subsequently, by leading to the creation of our national fleet.

And to Commander Prat, who through his demonstration of heroism in combat and love of the fatherland moved the nation's soul, and with that motivation he gave us necessary energy for the country to enter into battle with our neighbours that none of us wanted but it was necessary to ensure the survival of the country.

Today, at the dawn of the twenty-first century, relations between our people are characterised by harmony, integration and co-operation that, without a shadow of doubt, are a product of the effort, work and dedication of our predecessors, who yesterday plotted the course we follow today with hope and optimism.

In the name of the Chilean Navy, I thank you all for your presence here, which enhances this celebration, gives life and reinforces the bond of friendship between our navies and our people."

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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This was held on Thursday, 22nd March at 12 Devonshire Street, London W1.

The chairman welcomed those present and read the minutes of the last meeting. An apology was received from the President of the Society, H.E Sr Rafael Moreno, who was unable to attend. He was with his wife celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary! Congratulations to the happy couple.

The chairman then mentioned the different events organised during 2006 that had generated the modest funds that made it possible to aid Chilean charities: Guitar Recital by José A. Escobar, Flavours of Chile, Asado 2006 in Hampshire, Dieciocho Celebration at Buck's Club in Mayfair, The Sir Leslie Bowes Memorial Lecture given by Antonio Lara and Martin Gardner on the Conservation of Araucaria and, finally, the Christmas Party. These events raised £3,326 and allowed us to donate £1,100 to the 14th Compañía de Bomberos – the traditional British Company of Firemen in Santiago, to furnish their new headquarters. One thousand pounds were contributed to Rainforest Concern and a further £1,200 went to Fundación de Orquestas Juveniles de Chile.

The members of the present Executive Committee were re-elected and there were no new nominees. Henny Subercaseaux, Peter de Bruyne, Alasdair Grant and Jonathan Cook were co-opted as members of the Committee.

Peter Heap, to whom we are grateful for having been our independent Examiner for many years, stood down and Mr Brian Moon has taken over the post. Michael Roberts was re-appointed as Secretary and thanks were given to Georgina Roberts for her work as Editor of the Chilean News.

The meeting ended with a talk by Mr Howard Drake, the

British Ambassador to Chile, who outlined the various aspects of the current Anglo-Chilean relationship. Militarily, Britain is currently selling 3 frigates to Chile, continuing a very long-standing tradition between the two navies. Also, British and Chilean Defence Staffs hold regular talks, an unusual association, rarely witnessed outside NATO. In the political field, Lord Triesman recently visited Chile to meet with both Government and Opposition parties. He discussed, amongst other matters, climate change, energy and carbon-trading. The Secretary of State for Works and Pensions, John Hutton, has also visited Chile to discuss pensions. Chilean Senators visiting Britain recently included the Ministers of Transport & Communications, Health, Economy and Defence. A further group of Senators will be holding talks with the Home Office on the British experience of crime and public security.

Mr Drake also mentioned the visit of The Princess Royal at the beginning of this year. Amongst her other commitments, she visited the new headquarters of the 14th Compañía de Bomberos in Santiago and travelled to Valparaíso to see how that city was approaching the problem of child poverty.

Finally, the Ambassador highlighted two social aspects: the recently opened branch of the English Speaking Union in Chile, and the awarding of University status to the former Instituto Chileno-Británico. (See "The Chilean British University in Santiago".)



*From left to right: Mr Cristián León, H.E. the British Ambassador to Chile Mr Howard Drake, Baroness Hooper and Mr Robin Holland-Martin.*



*Mr Alan Macdonald, Mr Emanuel de Kadt, Mrs Peggy Hart and Mr Dick Wilkinson.*



*From left to right: Mrs Peggy Hart, Mrs Henny Subercaseaux and Mrs Barbara Davies.*





*From left to right: Mr Brian Moon, Lady Gillian Spedding, Prof. Juan Monroy and Mr Robert Hart.*

## **“ALMIRANTE LYNCH” ENTERS SERVICE WITH THE CHILEAN NAVY**

The Commissioning and Handover Ceremony of the former HMS Grafton, renamed FF07 Almirante Lynch, took place on 28th March at H.M. Royal Naval Base in Portsmouth.

Patricio Lynch, of Irish extraction, was born in Santiago, Chile, in 1824 and graduated from the Army and Naval Academy in 1837 at the age of 13.

In 1840 he served as an exchange officer on board the Royal Navy ship “Electra” and then transferred to the frigate “Calliope”. He returned to Portsmouth in 1843 after participating in the Opium Wars in the China Seas for which he earned the Queen Victoria Distinction Medal and promotion to Lieutenant in the Royal Navy where he had served for seven years.

At the end of his distinguished career he was appointed Ambassador to Spain.

The Frigate Almirante Lynch was formally accepted by the head of the Chilean Naval Mission in London, Captain José M. Romero, in the presence of H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno, Major-General Malcolm Wood DG LOG SC, Vice-Admiral Paul Boissier CB, deputy CinC Fleet and Commanding Officer of Frigate Lynch, Captain José M. Rivera.

A superb reception and presentation of souvenirs brought the proceedings to a close.



*From left to right: Vice-Admiral Paul Boissier CB, deputy CinC Fleet, H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno and Assistant Naval Attaché Captain Harald Sievers.*



*From left to right: The head of the Chilean Naval Mission Captain José M. Romero, Mrs M. Angélica Romero, Captain Harald Sievers and Mrs Ximena Sievers.*



*From left to right: Mrs Carolina Echeverría, Mrs Gloria Codina, Mrs M. Angélica Romero and Mrs Gloria Moreno.*



*Mr Claudio Ojeda, Mrs Vania Gómez, Mr Patricio Damm and Mrs Mónica Ojeda.*

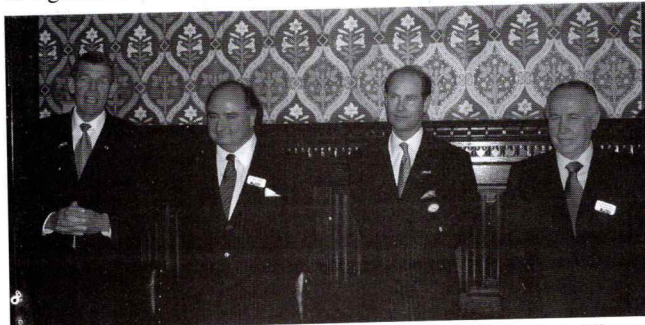
## **THE CHILEAN BRITISH UNIVERSITY OF SANTIAGO**

In the presence of HRH The Earl of Wessex, Patron of the Chilean British Institute, a ceremony took place to mark the launching of the Universidad Chileno-Británica de Cultura on Monday, 23rd April in the Houses of Parliament. A distinguished group that included H.E. the Ambassador of Chile, Señor Rafael Moreno, Mr Bob Blizzard MP, Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary British-Chile Group, Mr Pedro Pfeffer, Chairman of the Board of the Chilean British University and members of Parliament attended the signing of the agreement between the University and the Universities of Cambridge, Warwick, Lancaster, London Institute of Education and the Open University. The aim is to promote and encourage the exchange of knowledge and experiences in various fields.

In his speech H.E. Señor Rafael Moreno said: “Chile is fully participating in a very open world. For us, globalisation has meant that we have signed trade agreements world-wide. In the present era, English is the language of business, as well as technological and scientific innovation. Based upon this perception, my country is supporting the teaching of the English language in the most efficient possible manner. Today,



Chileans understand that English is a wonderful tool. It must be taught at an early age and improved at all levels so that every citizen can have real possibilities of living and working in a globalised and competitive world."



From left to right: Mr Bob Blizzard MP, Mr Pedro Pfeffer, HRH The Earl of Wessex and H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno.



Academics attending the ceremony included: Prof. Anna Siewierska of Lancaster University, Dr Elizabeth Vallance and Ms María Cristina Briebe, Vice-Chancellor Chilean British University.



HRH The Earl of Wessex, Mr Pedro Pfeffer and Prof. Marcial Echenique.



From left to right: Mr Alex Geiger, Mr Tomás Undurraga and Mr Gonzalo Cuadra.



Viscount David Montgomery, Ms Claudia Munro Kerr and Ms Veronica Scott.



Ms Andrea Concha, Mrs Lynne Long, Dr Piotr Kalewczak and Mrs Georgina Roberts.



Mr Guillermo Echeverría, Mr Robert Hart and Mr. Cristián León.

## NEW MINISTER COUNSELLOR TO THE EMBASSY IN LONDON

Mr. Alex Geiger assumed the position of Deputy Head of Mission to the Embassy of Chile in London in March 2007.

Mr. Geiger is a Senior Foreign Service Officer with the rank of Minister Counsellor who has held a number of positions within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. His last assignment in Santiago was as Deputy Director for North American Affairs.



Mr Alex Geiger.

Minister Counsellor Geiger is a graduate student from the School of Diplomacy of Chile. He pursued post-graduate studies in International Relations at the State University of San Francisco, U.S.A., and at the University of Tunis School of Languages. Mr. Geiger also holds a diploma in Diplomatic and Commercial Negotiations from the University of Chile.

Previous postings abroad include the Embassies of Chile in Canada, Lebanon, Syria and the Consulates in Puerto Rico and Toronto. Mr. Geiger speaks English and French, with an intermediate knowledge of Arabic.

He is married to Aline Faddoul and has two daughters, Tracy and Jocelyne.



## CHILEAN CLASSICAL GUITAR FESTIVAL

This series of concerts was presented by the Chilean Embassy in association with the Latin American and Caribbean Cultural Society (LACCS) with the idea of introducing the British public to Chile's rich musical heritage. They took place at the South Bank Centre and the Leighton House Museum.



*The guitarist José Antonio Escobar.*

On 12th April a large audience attended the opening of the festival by the talented young guitarist José Antonio Escobar. The repertoire included music by Heitor Villa-Lobos, the famous Brazilian composer, celebrating the 120th anniversary of his birth and the world première of "Alucinación" by the Chilean composer Christian Vásquez and dedicated to José Antonio Escobar.



*From left to right: The Ambassador of Uruguay Señor Ricardo Varela and Señora de Varela in the company of the Ambassador of Chile, Señor Rafael Moreno.*

A second musical evening was held on 1st June at the South Bank Centre in the presence of H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno and Señora de Moreno. On this occasion the young guitarist Carlos Pérez made his debut performing 18th century European baroque music, 20th century Spanish classics as well as contemporary music from Chile, Argentina and Venezuela.

The programme featured the world première "Variaciones Sobre el Pregón del Manzanero" by the Chilean composer Ana María Reyes, and the European première of "Tres Ensayos Sobre un Boceto de Kandinski" by the Argentine composer Máximo Diego Pujol.



*Carlos Pérez in concert.*

On 2nd July, the opulent surroundings of the Leighton House Museum were the venue for a concert by Luis Orlandini. The gifted and experienced classical guitarist delighted the audience performing works by international composers ranging from Bach to Ginastera. The world première of "Refocilaciones" (Enjoyment) by the Chilean composer Santiago Vera-Rivera was specially written for the event.



*Luis Orlandini at the Leighton House Museum.*



*Mr Alex Geiger, the Ambassador of Hungary Madame Borbalá Czákó and Ms Erzsébet Krahulecz.*



*From left to right: Mr Gonzalo Cuadra, Mrs Isabel Cuadra, Ms Andrea Concha and Mr Ricardo Camargo.*



*Mrs Hely Abbondati, Cllr Barbara Campbell and Mr Anthony Westledge OBE.*

An evening of music for baroque guitar and theorbo was offered by Oscar Ohlsen and Eduardo Figueroa on 7th August at the Leighton House Museum.

The concert started with 17th century guitar pieces by Gaspar Sanz, the greatest Spanish guitarist of his time, and progressed to anonymous Peruvian and Chilean pieces. The performers introduced the European première of "Cifras Selectas de Guitarra - 1722" (Selected Methods for Guitar - 1722) by the Spanish composer, Santiago de Murcia. The manuscripts were discovered in Santiago, Chile, in 2005 by the musicologist Alejandro Vera.



*From left to right: Oscar Ohlsen playing the baroque guitar and Eduardo Figueroa playing the theorbo.*





From left to right: The Ambassador of Perú Señor Ricardo Luna and Señora de Luna with the Ambassador of Chile Señor Rafael Moreno and Señora de Moreno.



The Ambassador of El Salvador Señor Vladimir Villalta, Mr Alex Geiger, Mrs Aline Geiger, Mrs Graciela Campaña and Ms Deborah Salgado, Chargé d'affaires of Ecuador.

On 13th September Romilio Orellana brought the first Chilean Guitar Festival to a close playing favourite pieces of Latin American folklore. "Elegía a Nino García" had its world première. It was specially written for the festival by Javier Farías as an homage to Nino García, a Chilean composer who died in 1998, and dedicated to Romilio Orellana.



Romilio Orellana in concert.



From left to right: Mr Reginald Francis, Ambassador of the Principality of Andorra H.E. Mrs María Rosa Picart and Mrs Tina Kokalj, wife of the Ambassador of Slovenia with H.E. Señor Rafael Moreno and Señora de Moreno.



The Ambassador of Belarusse and his wife with Ms Sarah P. C. Wu, Director-General of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office.

## TEST OF ENDURANCE

The hot days of summer still seemed a long way away but on Sunday, 24th April this year London woke up to bright sunny weather. That day some 35,000 runners answered the call of the Flora London Marathon to raise money for worthy causes.



Valentina, aka "Vale", on her way.

By early afternoon they were running in a heatwave and thousands needed treatment by the St. John's Ambulance, while others had to be taken to hospital.

Valentina Carmona, 42, a Surrey housewife from Los Angeles, Chile, and mother of four was there to answer the appeal for "Children with Leukaemia". Her only previous experience was running half-marathons since arriving in this country. But she was fit, felt inspired, and took on a rigorous 6-month training routine. Valentina covered the 42 kilometres in 4 hrs. 25 mins. At the finish, husband and children were there yelling support alongside the cheering public.



"Vale" crossing the finishing line.



The group helping "Children with Leukaemia".

## O'HIGGINS BIRTHDAY

It was a cool sunny day on 17th August with the Chilean flag fluttering on top of the tower of St. Mary Magdalene Church in Richmond, Surrey, when Chilean nationals, representatives of the Diplomatic Corps and the Borough of Richmond gathered together in O'Higgins Square to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of General Bernardo O'Higgins. The National Anthems of Great Britain and Chile were followed by the speeches of H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno and the Mayor of the Borough, Councillor Marc Cranfield-



Adams. Wreaths were laid at the bust of the Liberator by representatives of the Instituto O'Higiniano, the Association of Retired Members of the Chilean Armed Forces, the Mayor of Richmond and the Embassy of Chile.

In his speech, the Ambassador said:

"The English and Chileans gather today in Richmond to pay tribute to Bernardo O'Higgins, Chile's founding father, a visionary man, our national hero, who will always be remembered as an inspiring example.

Through the years, this ceremony has turned into a meaningful tradition for the Chileans in the United Kingdom. We feel united with the people and authorities of Richmond-upon-Thames in the defence of heartfelt values such as freedom and independence of sovereign nations.

I want to take the opportunity to thank the authorities of Richmond-upon-Thames for their permanent support to the Embassy of Chile in the organisation of this yearly commemoration that means so much to us."

A vin d'honneur was offered at the end of the ceremony.



H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno with the Military and Naval Attachés paying their respects.



From left to right: Mr Bill Treble, Ms Tricia Friswell, Cllr Marc Cranfield-Adams, Mayor of Richmond, and Colonel Bosco Pesse, Chilean Military Attaché.



Captain Horacio Gatica, Sergeant Max Harris of the Band of the Scots Guards and Mr Salvador Guerrero.



From left to right: Ms Diana Chávez, Minister Counsellor of the Embassy of Panamá, Ms Cristina Acosta, Minister Counsellor of the Embassy of Paraguay, Mr Osvaldo Jáuregui, Minister of the Embassy of Argentina and Ms Deborah Salgado, Chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of Ecuador.



Claudio Vera and Tatiana Unda, members of "Grupo del Sur", in the company of Mrs Carmen Pearson and Mrs Gloria Moreno.

## THE QUEEN HONOURS CHILEAN FOR SERVICES TO HEALTHCARE

Professor Marcela Contreras received a DBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2007, for 35 years of service to Healthcare.

A BSc graduate of the School of Medicine, Universidad de Chile, specialising in immunology and immunohaematology, she arrived in this country in 1972 where she has had a distinguished career, holding many senior positions in the National Blood Service, part of the NHS. Professor Contreras



Dame Marcela Contreras.



Argentine Naval Attaché Carlos Madero, Mr Desmond O'Connor and Mr George Silva-Rozzi.



has also published several books and many articles on her area of specialisation.

Having served as president of the British Blood Transfusion Society between 2001 and 2003, she retired this year as National Director of diagnostics, research and development for the National Blood Service.

She was also professor of transfusion medicine at the Royal Free Hospital Medical School and is working on the fourth edition of her book "The ABC of Transfusion".

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## AN EVENING OF CHILEAN WINE

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Peter Richards, one of the UK's leading award-winning wine writers and an international wine judge, gave an illustrated talk followed by a tasting of Chile's best on Tuesday, 15th May at Canning House. This was an amusing and erudite presentation enlivened with many personal anecdotes.

Peter started his working life in Chile in 1999, where he wrote a tourist's guide to visiting Chile's vineyards. He returned to the UK in 2000, where his writing earned him the Webster's Young Wine Writer 2001 Award. Now a freelance writer and broadcaster, he has recently published his second book "The Wines of Chile". (See Book Review.)

Among the wines he presented were a 2005 Sauvignon Blanc from the Garuma Vineyard of Viña Leyda, a new wine-growing area in San Antonio. There followed a single vineyard Chardonnay from De Martino in Limarí and two Concha y Toro wines, a 2006 Cono Sur Gewürztraminer, and a 2006 Cono Sur Pinot Noir. Finally, two wines from lesser known vineyards, a 2004 Syrah from Falernia in Elqui and, from the Colchagua region, Misiones de Rengo Carmenere 2005.

At £5.94 from Majestic, the Concha y Toro Cono Sur Pinot Noir was an exceptional bargain amongst an outstanding selection of wines. This was Peter's favourite wine. "Simply fantastic", he said.



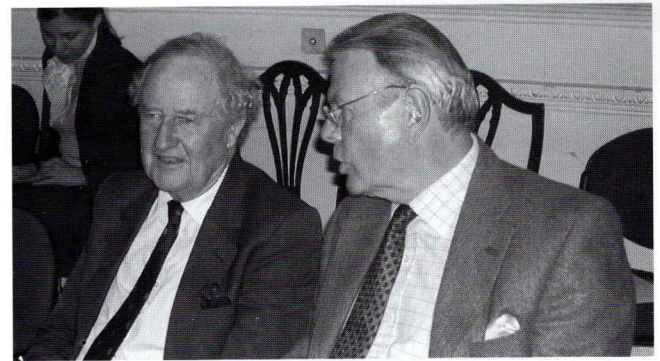
*Peter Richards giving his talk.*



*From left to right: Mr Alasdair Grant, Mr Robert Hart, Mr Dick Wilkinson and Mr Peter Richards.*



*From left to right: Mrs Peggy Plant, Mr Robert Willans, Mr Roger Lumby and Mrs Cristina Willans.*



*From left to right: Mr Colin Armstrong and Mr David Grant discussing the wines.*



*From left to right: Mr Paul Togg, Mrs Jill Togg and Mr Cristián León.*

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## NEW CONSUL TO THE EMBASSY IN LONDON

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Ms Andrea Concha has been appointed new Consul to the Embassy of Chile in London, replacing the outgoing Consul General, Mr Patricio Damm.

Ms Concha was born in Santiago, Chile, where she received her Degree in Governance and Public Management from the University of Chile, and then her Masters in Conflict Resolution from Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Spain.

After graduating from the School of Diplomacy of Chile she worked for the Ceremonial and Protocol Office (2002-2004), followed by a posting to the Embassy of Chile in Russia (2004-2006).



*Ms Andrea Concha.*



In February 2006 she was posted as Third Secretary to the Embassy of Chile in London.

Her main interests are travelling and meeting people. She enjoys music and reading. She is married to Ricardo Camargo who, like his wife, graduated from the School of Diplomacy of Chile and is presently studying for a PhD in Politics at Sheffield University..

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## A CHILEAN EVENING IN HERTFORDSHIRE

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The Anglia Parents Club, a group of residents from Essex, Hertfordshire and Suffolk who organise regular cultural and social events for their members, gathered together for a Chilean evening on 25th May in Manuden, a quaint Hertfordshire village.

This was the brainchild of Peter and Carmen-Gloria Heap together with David and Carmen Pearson, two Anglo-Chilean families who reside in that county.

The programme started with a forty-minute illustrated talk on the history of Chile, its geography, people and culture. There was a section on the wine industry showing the different wine-growing areas and the types of grapes in each area.

A Chilean food-tasting followed. The guests were offered "empanadas" and "chancho en piedra", all washed down with a selection of ten Chilean wines from various regions. As for dessert, what could be more Chilean than "torta mil hojas" and "postre de tres leches".

It was such a successful evening that the organisers have been asked to repeat the event .

The Society had its first contact with the village in 1997. The Manuden Singers came to entertain us during our Christmas Party. Then, a year later, 9-year-old Christopher Heap came back from holidays in his mother's homeland and was instrumental in instigating a geography project on Chile at his school in Bishop's Stortford. ("Anglo-Chilean Heritage", Chilean News April 1999.)



*Mr Peter Heap addressing the meeting.*



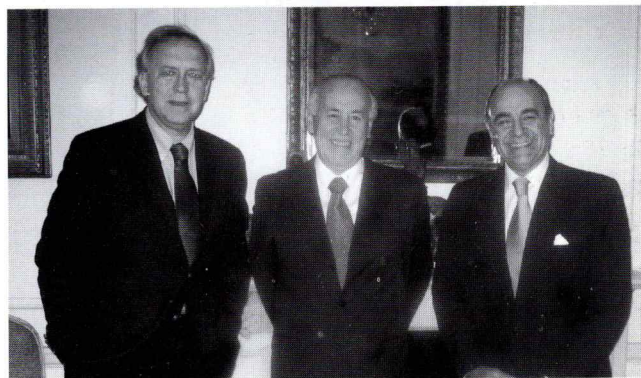
*Mrs Carmen-Gloria Heap, Mrs Carmen Pearson and Mr David Pearson.*

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## AT THE RESIDENCE

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A private dinner was offered by H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno and Sra de Moreno on Monday, 25th June in honour of visiting Chilean parliamentarians.



*From left to right: Mr Jorge Burgos, H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno and Mr Alberto Cardemil.*



*Mr Ramiro Mendoza, Ms Odette Magnet, Vice-Admiral Francisco Martínez and Mr Rafael Blanco.*



*From left to right: Mr Claudio Salinas, Mr Alberto Espina and Mr Alex Geiger.*



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## AMBASSADOR MEETS CHILEAN ORGANISATIONS IN LONDON

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A meeting of H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno and Ms Andrea Concha, the newly appointed Consul, was held on 17th July with representatives of the various organisations and groups so they could familiarise themselves with the activities and exchange ideas for future working relationships.

Among those present were members of social and cultural centres such as Instituto O'Higgiano and Veterans of the Chilean Armed Forces, many of them members of the Chilean Bicentenary Commission.

The Ambassador explained that both the embassy and the consulate wish to offer their help and support so that Chileans, regardless of their religious or political beliefs, can feel close to their native land.



*H.E. Sr Rafael Moreno and Consul Ms Andrea Concha with some of the representatives.*

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## CHILEAN HONOURED AT WELSH FESTIVAL

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A three-day festival was dedicated to the great folklore artist and human rights activist Victor Jara (1932-1973). It took place this August in the town of Machynlleth, down in the Welsh valley of Dyfi.

The festival brings speakers and performers from as far away as Latin America, with a variety of subjects ranging from poverty and climate change to music and poetry.

Appearing was the dance ensemble "Grupo del Sur", directed by Claudio Vera, which interpreted dances from southern Chile and Easter Island.



*"Grupo del Sur" performing in Wales.*

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## THE NEW COMMERCIAL ATTACHÉ TO THE EMBASSY

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Rodrigo Rojo has been appointed Commercial Attaché to the Embassy of Chile in London.

Mr Rojo has a BA in Management from Universidad Santo Tomás of Santiago, Chile. Prior to taking up his

present post, he was head of the Services, Investment and Transport Department (SERINTA) at the Chilean Ministry of the Exterior, as well as head of the General Offices for International Economic Relationships (DIRECON).

He is married to Patricia Contreras, a Civil Engineer in Biotechnology, who will be studying for a PhD while in the UK.

They have a daughter, Dominga, and a baby son, Clemente.

Mr Rojo enjoys gardening, football and skiing.



*Mr Rodrigo Rojo.*

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## ASTERISKS, CALENDARS AND CLOCKS

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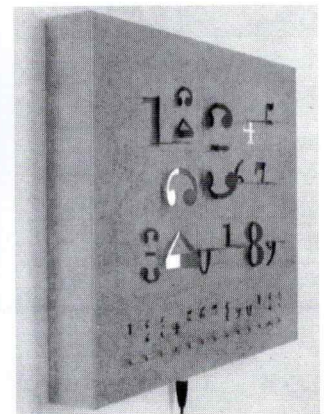
Francisca Prieto, 32, is a Chilean designer who has had a meteoric career since arriving in this country some six years ago where she obtained a Master of Arts from Central Saint Martins in London. She formed part of the group "Hidden Art" that exhibited at 100% Design, the most important annual British exhibition of contemporary design, which took place this September at Earl's Court and where she launched the "Blossom Screen", a model that uses the Japanese binding method rather than hinges so as not to spoil the aesthetic. Also exhibited, the Asterisk Bookend made of laser-cut stainless steel and the vitreous enamelled Asterisk Coasters. This was followed by her participation in the Design-Nation exhibition at the Nicolas James Gallery in Hatton Garden.

She next introduced the Timeless Steel Calendar at "Origins" at Summer House. The "Blossom Lamp" will be part of the Bright Ideas Award from 1-25 November at the Bright Ideas Exhibition at Craft-Central Clerkenwell Green Association ([www.craftcentral.org.uk](http://www.craftcentral.org.uk)). It was developed to complement the "Blossom Screen". Francisca has also designed an award-winning wall clock, the "Anti-Clock Wise", twice mentioned in the Icon Magazine.

Francisca Prieto has won awards and sells in the UK and internationally. She has been featured in books and magazines around the world, while her work is in the British Museum, Victoria & Albert and the Tate Gallery.



*Francisca Prieto with her Asterisk bookend.*



*The Timeless Steel Calendar.*



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## BOOK REVIEW – “THE WINES OF CHILE”

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Members who attended the Chilean wine-tasting evening reported in this issue will appreciate the humour and knowledge of Peter Richards when talking on his favourite subject.

Peter has now published a book entitled “The Wines of Chile” The publishers, Mitchell Beazley, state that this is “A ground-breaking book, written in a lively and informative style, which puts a spotlight on the modern face of Chilean wine and examines its intriguing range of producers, terroirs, and wine styles within an engaging and vivid context.”

Part of the Mitchell Beazley Classic Wine Library series, this is the first book to take a region-by-region approach to Chilean wine. It is an in-depth tour of the winemaking areas, including 10 detailed maps, and features no less than 127 wine producers, 82 of which have major profiles. It is a definitive text on one of the world’s fastest growing and dynamic wine nations, highlighting the increasing importance of Chilean wine for consumers, particularly in the UK and US.

Peter Richards is one of the UK’s youngest award-winning wine writers. He appears regularly, both in print and on television (such as BBC1’s Saturday Kitchen and Sky One’s Taste series). His special area of expertise is Chile, having lived and worked there, as well as now regularly visiting the country, where he judges in, and chairs, wine competitions. Peter’s first book, published by Mitchell Beazley in 2004, was *Wineries with Style* which won him the Gourmand Award for Best Wine Tourism/Atlas, to add to his Webster’s Young Wine Writer Award of 2001.

The Wines of Chile is published by Mitchell Beazley at £20.00 for the hardback edition.

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## INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE AWARDS

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On 12th September 2007, the Chilean winemaker Alvaro Espinoza was named “Personality of the Year” at the International Wine Challenge Awards Dinner. He is one of the world’s leading experts on organic and bio-dynamic viticulture.

Not only does Alvaro run his own bio-dynamic estate called Antiyal in the Maipo Valley, but he is also responsible for running the hugely successful Emiliana Orgánicos estate in the heart of Colchagua - producers of the multi-award winning COYAM - as well as consulting for a number of other high profile wineries.

Commenting on the Award, Wines of Chile’s UK Director Michael Cox said: “Alvaro is a perfect choice for Personality of the Year. His charm, charisma, and winemaking flair combine to represent all that is modern and natural in today’s Chilean wine scene, and we congratulate him.”



Mr Alvaro Espinoza receiving his Personality of the Year Award from IWC Chairmen Charles Metcalfe and Tim Atkin MW.

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## DONATIONS

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The Society donated £1571 to Musika Musiko. This London-based group of musicians is involved in educational projects to further social integration between different cultures. The Chile/Isle of Wight Link Project will enable a cultural exchange between two primary schools on the Isle of Wight and two schools in Coronel, Chile.

Two donations of £100 each were made to Project Trust, an organisation that helps young British people to travel to Chile for work experience. The donations were to assist Emily Shields, a teacher, and Emily Maule, who is going to work in a rural school in Chol Chol, near the town of Temuco.

The Hogar San Ricardo (Obra Don Guanella) in Batico, a rural district 25km from Santiago, received £500 worth of medicines from the Group of Chilean Ladies in London to help with the care they provide for 160 mentally deficient youngsters. The donation was presented by Mrs Valentina Carmona while on holiday in Chile.



Father Nelson Jerez receiving the donation from Mrs Valentina Carmona on behalf of the Group of Chilean Ladies in London.

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## BIRTHS

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Sugar and Spice...

Tony and Claudia Dempster (née Iglesias) are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Juliette Luciana, on 31st May at the Lindo Wing of St. Mary’s Hospital in London.

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## NEW MEMBERS

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Mrs Stephanie Griffiths-Jones  
Ms Isabelle Ireland  
Miss Michelle Pearson

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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**13th October.** ALAF Fair at Kensington Town Hall.

**25th October.** Mapuche Food Preparation and Photographic Exhibition at Canning House.

**19th November.** The Sir Leslie Bowes Lecture at Canning House. The lecture, “From Aconcagua to Antarctica”, will be given by David Hamilton, a leading expedition and high altitude mountain guide.

**11th December.** Society’s Christmas Party at Canning House.



## THE CARTIER INTERNATIONAL POLO, WINDSOR GREAT PARK – 29 JULY 2007

by Claudia Munro Kerr

An emotional José Donoso lifted the Coronation Cup after leading Chile to a 9-8 win over England. There were plenty of tears among the smiles from the Chile squad though, as Chile were playing in this homage match in memory of their former captain, Gabriel Donoso (1960 – 2006), José's elder brother.

Gabriel died following a fall while training in Argentina last November at the age of 46. Just two years earlier, he had led the Chilean team to victory on Cartier International Day, receiving both the cup and the Most Valuable Player Award from HM The Queen.

After HRH Prince Michael of Kent had presented the trophy this year to José and the Cartier Award for the Most Valuable Player to his team-mate, Jaime Huidobro, the team were joined by the many members of Donoso family, including José and Gabriel's sister, Lady Teresa Beresford.

England started off strongly but by half-time all was level at 4-4. Chile's Jaime Huidobro earned his Most Valuable Player Award in the fourth chukka by scoring two goals for Chile. Nacho González scored once in this chukka for England on his debut in the Coronation Cup, but the Chileans had built up a comfortable lead. With both González and Donoso scoring in the fifth, the three-goal difference remained. James Beim scored twice in the sixth to close the gap. Then, with just seconds to go of this game, another shot from an England stick, looked destined to go between the flags to ensure extra time; but it just swerved wide and José later said he "believed that Gabriel had hit the ball clear".

The action on the field had started earlier in the day when the Prince of Wales team played a Hurlingham squad for the Golden Jubilee Trophy. The Hurlingham team defeated the Prince of Wales squad 9-8.5 in a great, fast paced match that provided the perfect opener for the main match of the day.

The event was also a great success off-field too, with some 15,000 grandstand seats sold and many spectators enjoying some fantastic hospitality alongside some great polo and increasingly sunny weather.



HRH Prince Michael of Kent in conversation with Mr Hernán Bascuñán, First Secretary of the Embassy of Chile.



The victorious team: Jaime García Huidobro, José Donoso, José Rafael Zegers and Martín Zegers.



A "huaso" in front of the Chilean stand.



A group of fans with the Cup and flag.



"Almirante Lynch" tied up at Portsmouth Naval Base.

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