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FALKLANDS NEED NOTHING FROM ARGENTINA

Contrary to some beliefs Falkland Islanders do not find it objectionable that Britain and Argentina have moved closer to the restoration of diplomatic relations between the two countries. Indeed one Legislative Councillor, Tim Blake, has welcomed it and Bill Luxton, a leading Islander whom the Argentines expelled in 1982, has stated that apart from Falkland Islanders having none, any objections would be presumptuous on their part.

The Falkland Islanders have left us in no doubt where they themselves stand in relation to Argentina. Despite what some commentators have said, the Falkland Islanders want and need nothing from Argentina except to be left alone to continue the successful development of their own country.

AIR AND SEA ACCESS HELPFUL, NOT VITAL

Although it is not vital, it would be helpful for the Falkland Islands to have access to the commercial air routes through Latin America and to be allowed port facilities for their shipping, but these could be made available through Brazil or better still Uruguay, their traditional friendly neighbour. At present such access is being denied to the Falkland Islanders by the influence of Argentina, so here is one issue which could be resolved to the Islanders' advantage at the October talks in Madrid.

PROTECTING FISHING AND OIL

It is vital, however, that the booming Falklands fishing

industry developed with such success since the War is in no way diminished through negotiation, and that no concessions are made which might damage the future development of an off-shore hydrocarbons industry.

UNYIELDING ON SOVEREIGNTY

There must, of course, be no discussion on Falklands sovereignty, with or without an umbrella. What Argentina continues to refer to as 'the sovereignty question' was answered once and for all time in 1982.

We are grateful for the reassurance of the new Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Mr Tim Sainsbury MP, who, in a letter to the U. K. Falkland Islands Committee as recently as 24th August, wrote "I will continue to stress that the British Government's position is unyielding on the sovereignty of the Falklands: this is not for negotiation."

RIGHT TO DECIDE THEIR OWN FUTURE

In any discussion with Argentina about the Falklands it is important that we listen to what the Islanders say. After all it is they who have experienced at first hand Argentine rule.

It is not enough that we should act in what we consider to be their interests. It is their right to decide their own future for themselves.

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A VERY SPECIAL RECEPTION

The Duchess of York at Lincoln's Inn

It was a wonderful surprise for most of those attending the annual Falkland Islands Reception at Lincoln's Inn on 14th June when the doors at the far end of the Great Hall opened and Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York was escorted in to join the assembled guests.

The Duchess, Patron of the Appeal for Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley, had come to the Reception to launch the Appeal in England, but she also took the opportunity to be introduced to several Falkland Islanders attending the Reception as well as the members of the Joint Executive Committee of the Association.

This made it a very special Reception.

Those attending the Reception included Falkland Islanders on holiday in England, former Governors, Peers, Members of Parliament, the Media and Falkland Islands Association members and their guests.

This year the Welsh Guards beat retreat.

THE LOYAL MESSAGE

The loyal message to Her Majesty The Queen was sent by our President, Sir Rex Hunt:

Your Majesty, On the occasion of the Annual Falkland Islands Reception at Lincoln's Inn, to be held on the seventh anniversary of the liberation of the Islands on the 14th June, Falkland Islanders and their friends in the United Kingdom send you our loyal greetings.

Sir Rex Hunt,
President, Falkland Islands Association.

and Her Majesty The Queen replied:

Sir Rex Hunt CMG,
Please convey my sincere thanks to the Falkland Islanders and their guests in the United Kingdom for their kind message of loyal greetings, sent on the occasion of the seventh anniversary of the liberation of the Falkland



HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUCHESS OF YORK
AT LINCOLN'S INN

Islands. I received this message with much pleasure and send my very best wishes to you all for a most enjoyable and successful reception this evening.
Elizabeth R.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: AGENDA

The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the Falkland Islands Association to be held at 16 Regency Street, London SW1 on Saturday 9th December, 1989, at 12 midday is as follows:

- 1. Apologies for absence
- 2. Annual Report
- 3. Financial Report
- 4. Amendment to Constitution as detailed opposite
- 5. Election of Auditors
- 6. Election of Officers
- 7. Election of Executive Committee

Amendment to the Association Constitution

To amend the Constitution of the Association by proposing and if thought fit passing the following Resolution:

to insert after Sub-clause 3.6 of the Constitution a new Sub-clause:

'3.7. The Executive Committee may elect to full membership of the Association members who shall be called Corporate Sponsorship Members at such annual subscription as the Executive Committee may determine.'

and to renumber Sub-clause '3.7' as '3.8'.

MORE TRAGIC DEATHS

Alastair Cameron Killed

Alastair Cameron and David Noble died on Friday 7th July in a motor accident when their Landrover left the Stanley - Mount Pleasant road near Bluff Cove. It is understood that they were on their way to a weekly intelligence briefing at Mount Pleasant, and it seems likely that David Noble was driving the Landrover, as he had collected Alastair from his home at 8.30 that morning.

Alastair Cameron, a 37 year-old Falkland Islander whose family farmed San Carlos, started his work for the Islands of his birth on the day after the Argentine invasion in April 1982, when he left the art gallery he was running in Köln, West Germany, to help run the Falkland Islands Office in London.

In 1984 he was appointed Falkland Islands Government Representative in London succeeding Mr Adrian Monk, the first Government Representative at the new Falkland Islands Government Office. During Alastair's time the Falkland Islands Fishery Zone was established and he became much involved in the resultant detailed work, especially with granting licences to fishing vessels.

When he handed over to the present Government Representative, Lewis Clifton, in 1987, Alastair returned to the Falkland Islands Administration in Stanley and took over the important role of Director of Fisheries.

The loss to the Falkland Islands by his tragic death in the prime of his life can never be assessed. He had already achieved so much, it seemed that he would achieve yet much more.

Captain David Noble, aged 48 from Fleetwood, was a former sea-captain working for many years for the Hull shipping firm J. Marr & Sons. David Noble captained the seismic survey vessel the *Seisella* and took her to the Falklands in 1986, where she was converted to the fishery



ALASTAIR CAMERON
(photo: R. N. Spafford)

patrol boat *Falklands Desire*. He then became the Falkland Islands Senior Fisheries Officer looking after the 150 mile Fisheries Zone.

A Memorial Service for Alastair Cameron, held at the Cathedral in Stanley, was attended by three hundred people as well as the family who had flown out from England. The first lesson was read by Mr W. H. Fullerton, the Governor, the second lesson by Mr Mike Summers, and an address was read by Alastair's younger brother, Donald. A wreath was sent from the Falkland Islands Association.

A Tribute to Alastair Cameron

The Address by his brother Donald

Although he was born in the Falklands with the family established here since the 1850s, it was not until the Conflict that Alastair began to think of the Islands in terms of working and living here. However, his experience in the Falkland Islands Office in London during the Conflict and his return to the Islands in 1983 made him realise that not only was there a need for positive action, but that he could contribute to the process of reconstruction. Once he had made this commitment he devoted to it an astonishing single mindedness. His drive, intelligence and force of personality enabled him to face and overcome the mountainous problems, which his job entailed, and his achievements in terms of the London Office and Fisheries were astonishing.

In only six years he oversaw the establishment of the Fisheries Zone and he played a part in almost every aspect of it, from its conception through to the economic miracle which its successful implementation has brought to the Islands. This was not a single handed effort, but his contribution was, perhaps, the major factor in its success. There is a Chinese curse which says, 'May you live in interesting times!'. Alastair did and he thrived on them. It is only given to a few to make choices, to make changes and, ultimately, to make a positive difference.

If there is a tragedy here, it is not Alastair's tragedy but that of his family, his friends and the Islands. He was living where he wanted to live, doing what he wanted to do and working for a cause he believed in. In both his working and personal life he was achieving a fulfilment which few people ever achieve. In this service we should celebrate his life. John Ezard in the obituary he wrote for Alastair in the *Guardian*, referred to him as one of the brightest and best, and I would wish him no finer epitaph.

Lastly, on behalf of our family, I would like to express our gratitude for the extraordinary kindness and sympathy that has been shown to us at this time by both our friends and strangers.

FAR AWAY AND LONG AGO

by Mrs D. E. Borger

The article which follows was written by the late Mrs Borger in 1984. It was found by her family among her papers after her death at the end of last year. Mrs Borger was born Dorothy Cameron and the manuscript has been forwarded to Falkland Islands Newsletter through the kindness of her nephew, Euan Cameron, a publisher living in London.

During the past year, as the Falkland islanders have been marking the first anniversary of their deliverance from Argentine occupation, I have been rummaging through boxes full of old letters and faded sepia photographs trying to recall my earliest youth, and to piece together the fragments of memory that have been dormant for so many years.

I was born at Waverley House in Stanley, the capital of the Falkland Islands in 1899. My great-uncle had first come to the Falklands in 1887; he acquired land around San Carlos and within two years had summoned his nephew, my father 'Jock' Cameron, to leave Scotland to help him run the farm. Even in those pioneering days it must have required courage for a young man to leave the comparative comfort of rural Lanarkshire to try his luck in this far flung outpost of empire. But luck certainly followed him, for very soon he met and married my mother, Frances, the daughter of Charles Williams, who had been established since 1863 as 'General Manager in Stanley and Punta Arenas'. Their honeymoon was spent 8,000 miles away on the Isle of Wight! The Williams' business was successful for they owned two houses in Punta Arenas, or Sandy Point as they called it, Chile, an estate called Guakenken Aiken in Patagonia as well as Waverley House.

Recollections of those early days flowed back into my memory in May last year when I woke to see a photograph of the house at San Carlos, that had been our home, on the front page of my newspaper. It was here that the Task Force established their bridgehead, and it was here that we had lived for eight years and where four of my brothers and sisters had been born.

Life must have been hard, to say the least, for my mother. The winters could be long and the weather cold and unremittingly hostile; only one ship a year called at San Carlos water, bringing provisions for the farm, store and shepherds' houses that comprised the local community. To reach Stanley you had to travel overland on horseback, which would mean a journey of several days over the rough, tussock covered and marshy landscape. One of my earliest memories is of just such a journey, being taken by my mother to Stanley with my sister. We two children were transported in a sort of saddle bag, one of us on either side of my mother who was riding. A day and a night would be spent en route on a neighbouring farm to break the journey.

GRANDFATHER WILLIAMS

Some of my grandfather Williams' letters have survived and they depict a man remarkably unparochial in his view of the world. Although he could



DOROTHY CAMERON (left) WITH HER BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

CATHY (below), KENNETH (top), IAN AND LESLIE (right).

grieve at the loss of "6000 of our beautiful hoggits" in the cruel winter of 1904, he had another eye on world events and the news of the fall of Port Arthur on the other side of the world "shows what tough and astute fellows our allies the Japs are". He remarks, too, on "the great distress in Russia just now. There has been a great strike from the tradespeople, a sort of revolution..." He was an astute man and undoubtedly a pillar of the local community in Stanley. His later days were saddened by the loss of all three of his sons: one was accidentally killed by a loaded firearm, another was drowned in Stanley harbour and the third disappeared mysteriously while riding in Patagonia. One of his letters hints disconcertingly at dark deeds that might have come out of *Guy Mannering* or *Redgauntlet*:

"... before Mr Douglas left Useful Hill for good, he set fire to his house so as the other company should not reap the benefit of what he and his wife had laboured for..."

Indeed Walter Scott must have been the chief literary nourishment for the settlers who were mostly Scots. Each family had its set of the Waverley novels to help provide the nostalgia and patriotism that fuelled the Burns Night and St. Andrew's Day celebrations.

A COUNTRY BOY

For children there were no schools unless one lived in Stanley. My brother Leslie, in a letter to his grandmother in Scotland, wrote at the age of fourteen in 1907:

"I know I am behind other boys in lessons, but I bet I am not in some things because I can row, shoot, fish and ride, and

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fetch in a troop of horses, and I can also milk twenty cows in the morning.."

The sepia printed photographs that remain are badly faded. They show bearded shepherds posing in their cloaks and sou'westers, citizens of Stanley fishing off the pier, an assortment of collie dogs including the pup named Laddie given to my father by the polar explorer Lord Evans of the *Broke* in 1903 on his return from his second Antarctic expedition.

LAND IN PATAGONIA AND SOUTHERN CHILE

Many of the Scots settlers in the Falklands also acquired land in Patagonia and in Southern Chile and it was possible to travel unmolested between the Islands and the mainland of South America. My brother, writing in March 1913 from Southern Patagonia where he had been sent to work on my uncle's farm, spent three seasons "lamb marking, shearing, dipping ... we have dipped 105,000 lambs. I am crutching, counting, picking off scabs, killing bad ones, marking stray lambs etc. etc... it is a filthy job right through ... Here I am nanny, *contador* (purser), *despachero* (store keeper) and jackeroo in general". For this he was paid £72 a year of which £36 was deducted for keep and board.

I remember the day we left San Carlos to begin our long journey home to Britain. There is a photograph of the Norwegian whaling ship *Zvip* at the jetty at San Carlos, listing alarmingly to one side, its hold packed tight with sheep. This was the vessel that took us along the wreck-strewn coast to Stanley where we embarked on another ship that took us through the Magellan Straits and up the coast of Chile to Valparaiso from where the Pacific



A VIEW OF WAVERLEY HOUSE AS IT IS TODAY
(photo: R. N. Spafford)

company's *Oravia* began her two month voyage to Liverpool. I returned only once to the Falklands. It was 1927 and I was with my parents; a ball was given in their honour at Government House and I can remember as if it was yesterday the clothes and jewels I wore. In spite of the war little had changed; old friends remained, memories were shared, experiences exchanged and we danced until dawn. Today I doubt that I shall return again and I would certainly not dance until dawn, but in other respects and despite the events of the past year and more, life on the Camp, as we called it, would not be vastly different and I might even meet a fellow octogenarian who could remember the old days.

FISHING AROUND SOUTH GEORGIA

Following our Editorial and an article about the Russians fishing South Georgia to destruction (*Falkland Islands Newsletter*, May 1988), Mr Tim Eggar MP replied to a parliamentary question from Sir Peter Blaker MP that this would be taken up with some vigour at the next meeting of the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (*Falkland Islands Newsletter*, September 1988, page 13). He also said that the Renewable Resources Assessment Group of Imperial College had been commissioned to analyse all existing relevant data.

Falkland Islands Newsletter asked Mr Tim Eggar for an update and he has replied:

"As promised, we did indeed take up with vigour the question of fishing around South Georgia at the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) meeting held from 24 October to 4 November (1988). Under pressure from the UK and others CCAMLR

agreed to a ban on all fishing around South Georgia for mackerel ice fish (*C Gunnari*), the primary endangered species, until at least November 1989 when the closure will be reviewed. At the same time, a 13,000 tonne total allowable catch of Patagonian rock-cod around Shag Rocks was also imposed.

"The Renewable Resources Assessment Group study to which I referred is expected to be ready this summer. As well as analysing existing data, the report will also take account of the results of a joint UK/Polish research cruise undertaken in February and the findings of British Antarctic Survey scientists assigned to Japanese vessels carrying out exploratory squid fishing. The Study will be a valuable contribution to our knowledge of South Georgia waters and should enable us to present an effective and authoritative case for any further conservation measures that may be needed to protect the long term prospects of this fishery."

Falkland Islands Development Corporation

Development Update

DEVELOPMENTS IN TOURISM

Falkland Islands wildlife, fishing and history is proving to retain its hold on the tourist market.

The forthcoming season is to see the arrival in our harbours of the Society Expeditions cruise ships *World Discoverer* and *Society Explorer*. In addition to these well known vessels the MV *Europa* will be making her first visit to the Islands with a passenger total of 600.

However the market is expanding well beyond Europe to include the United States where three tour operators are organising travelling possibilities to the Islands. These visitors will add to part of the 39 groups that F.I.T. has booked for the season reaching a total of over 200 people from UK, Europe and the United States.

All in all this will represent a 30% increase over the 1988/89 season which itself had exceeded the previous one by a very encouraging 92%. It would seem that those in far off lands are determined to combat our lack of air links - and it is encouraging for F.I.T. to consider the range of possibilities that will open up when the Falklands are finally and satisfactorily placed on the world communication map.



SOCIETY EXPLORER IN STANLEY HARBOUR
(photo: R. N. Spafford)

PORT SAN CARLOS

With the purchase of Port San Carlos by the Falkland Islands Government, FIDC is continuing its involvement in the sale and subdivision of land owned by absentee landlords.

The farm was officially bought on the 14th April, 1989 from the Cameron family of Port San Carlos Ltd., who had owned the farm since the last century. The Agricultural Department of FIG together with FIDC will administer the sub-division of the farm on a similar basis to Douglas Station controlling the general running of the farm in the interim period between the sale and the takeover by the new section holders, and supervising the mortgage repayments.

However, the sale of Port San Carlos will bring to light a difference in principle to all other subdivisions managed so far. It has been proposed, and accepted by Executive Council, that in this instance the farm should also be offered as in its entirety of 130,000 acres to help take account of some of the social effects of subdivision. The aim is to provide an alternative for those who do not want to take on a farm themselves and do not wish to move into Stanley. Alternatively the farm is being offered as five individual units with current stocking rates of between 4,800 and 8,100 sheep, the future owners of which are presently being assessed.

Finally, fishing aficionados will be happy to hear that Falkland Islands Tourism has purchased a five bay Portakabin at Port San Carlos for the purpose of creating self-catering units to take advantage of the bountiful supply of fish in the San Carlos River.

Falkland Islands Development Corporation

Development Update

AGRICULTURAL TRAINING SCHEME

The beginning of July saw the arrival in the Islands of three people who were to help develop the Agricultural Training Scheme. One was the new Deputy Lands and Agricultural Training Officer, the other two were from the Agricultural Training Board in Scotland.

During their stay here John Pringle and Alan Smurthwaite from ATB held courses in Stanley and Port Howard which will form the basis of the Adult Training Scheme. One was in Participative Training Techniques with the aim of instructing in teaching skills; another was in Negotiating Skills, reflecting the greater interest in self employment and home business in the Falklands; another, held at Port Howard, was in Instruction of Practical Skills such as sheep shearing, welding, dog handling and wool classing enabling those who took part to learn how to pass on their own particular abilities; and finally Instruction for the four Group Training Organisers who have volunteered to organise the various requests for courses from farmers and their families in their particular section of the Falklands.

The new Deputy Lands and Agricultural Officer will be responsible for co-ordinating these four GTOs and providing the instructors for the desired courses. He will also take over from the Agricultural Economist the supervision of the two young people on the Youth Training Scheme who are presently based on a farm each learning about the general running of a farm over a period of one year. To add to their farming training they will spend considerable time at other project centres such as the new Poultry Unit and the Market Garden to gain an overall understanding of Falkland Islands Agriculture and Horticulture.

The enthusiasm being shown around the Islands for this kind of practical training that is being organised by FIDC promises a substantial rise in agricultural standards.

MOUNT MARIA DAIRY

On the 28th July, 1989 the Executive Board of FIDC approved the setting up of a company known as Mount Maria Dairy Ltd. to be wholly owned by FIDC and run by a manager/shareowner for the provision of milk on a commercial basis. The primary customer of the dairy is Port Howard settlement but the potential for revenue growth through the supply of cream and yogurt to other main areas is substantial.

FIDC bought the dairy, livestock and equipment, plus a long term lease on some of the dairy paddocks, at the time that Port Howard was sold by J. L. Waldron Ltd. It was envisaged then that it would provide an excellent business opportunity for a motivated individual who could eventually buy the business from FIDC and either rent or buy the buildings and equipment. In its start-up phase the dairy will be run at less than full capacity, being geared solely towards the needs of Port Howard. But improvements in pasture through more intensive husbandry and additions to the 70 mainly Ayrshire cattle will greatly increase the quantities of dairy products available, and it is thus expected that soon it will be possible to buy Mount Maria Dairy products on both East and West Falklands. Together with Beckside Farm it will provide a real alternative to Longlife Milk!

FIGAS LOOKING SMART

Those who have not visited the Falklands during the last year or so might be surprised to see how smart the old Falkland Islands Government Air Service bombed and war-burnt terminal building is now looking. Further improvements of Stanley Airport are now well under way. The runway, taxiways and apron have recently been top-dressed and the threshold centre line and edge markings have been repainted.

NEW BUILDINGS

An improved terminal building including offices and control tower is scheduled. Work is now in hand to construct new auxiliary buildings, including new hangars, pilot debriefing centre and managerial offices. This work has been included in a contract worth £160,000 awarded by the Public Works Department to local contractor Paul Chapman of Stanley Decorating Services.

The new communications equipment and furniture for the new improved terminal building, offices and control tower have now arrived and as soon as the installation of the radio equipment is complete the Director of Civil Aviation and his staff will be moving back into the control tower.

NEW ISLANDER

A new Brittan Norman Islander aircraft was delivered on 29th May and put into service at the beginning of June to replace the oldest of the present three Islanders which will have seen six years service in the Falklands. It was delivered by sixty-one year old Captain Janette Ferguson, of Ferguson Ferries, who made the twelve-day delivery flight from Britain to the Falklands via Iceland, Canada, United States, Caribbean, Panama, Equador, Peru and Chile, flying round Cape Horn. This was the first time that a woman pilot had delivered a plane to the Falklands.

On 29th May, Andy Alsop took up the position of Chief Pilot, replacing John Boyes who left the Falklands last year. He will be familiar to many Falkland Islanders having introduced the first Islander aircraft to the Falklands in 1979.

MORE KELPER PILOTS

Derek Clarke, an Islander, is presently being trained at the Oxford Air Training School in Britain for the position of Aircraft Commander of FIGAS. He undertook the first solo flight of his course earlier this year and expects to return to the Falklands to take up his post in May 1990.



STANLEY AIRPORT, MARCH 1989
(photo: R. N. Spafford)

Falkland Islander Roy McGill has been selected to start training as a commercial pilot early in 1990 and will attend the Oxford Air Training School for the fifty-four week course. Presently an assistant Air Traffic Controller with the Civil Aviation Department, it is planned for Roy to fly with a United Kingdom air company for a month before becoming Type Rated on the Islander aircraft. He will return to the Falklands in 1991.

Morgan Goss, at present a licensed Aircraft Engineer with FIGAS, starts his commercial pilot's training at Oxford Air Training School early in 1991. He should return to fly for FIGAS in 1992.

CAMP AIRSTRIPS

More than half the new 250 litre airstrip fire trailers have now been delivered to Camp settlements and eight have been commissioned by the Sub-Fire Officer, David Ford, who has also trained the airstrip attendants in the use of the new equipment. In most cases this involved training the whole settlement adult population!

HAPPY LANDINGS

During the first four months of 1989 there were 733 landings and take-offs at Stanley Airport, 1,111 passengers departed and 1,124 arrived together with a number of sheep, dogs, cats, chickens and pigs.

FALKLAND HOUSE WESTMINSTER

The Falkland Islands Government Office has moved from Tufton Street to its new premises in Broadway, off Victoria Street, Westminster.

The five storey building, purchased by the Falkland Islands Government and named Falkland House, will permit more staff to be employed, more efficient working with greater achievement and wider responsibilities. The building also includes a flat on the top floor which will provide living accommodation for the Falkland Islands Government Representative.

Apart from the Falkland Islands Government

Representative, Lewis Clifton, full time staff are Administrative Assistant Sukey Cameron, Travel Co-ordinator Carol Stewart, and Personal Assistant to the Government Representative Diane Cheek. Phil Summers is employed part time looking after the accounts.

The address of the Falkland Islands Government Office, which is opposite the Broadway entrance to St James Park Underground station, is Falkland House, 14 Broadway, London SW1H 0BH. Telephone No. (01) 222-2542. Telex 895-0476. Fax 222-2375.

SWIMMING POOL COMPLETED

At long last Stanley has a swimming pool.

The first foundation stone for a swimming pool in Stanley was laid by Sir James O'Grady, the then Governor, at 5.45pm on Tuesday 14th February, 1933, but the pool was never completed. The money ran out and although donations to the swimming pool fund were made by a wide variety of individuals and organisations over many years no pool resulted.

Now the pool has been built and will open this month. An official Opening will probably take place after Christmas.

HEATED WATER

It is twenty-five metres in length and ten metres wide with five lanes. It holds 70,000 gallons of water, being 1 metre deep at the shallow end and 1.8 metres at the deep end. The water is heated to 60° to 70°F by energy surplus to the power station and automatically sterilised every hour. There is a childrens' paddling pool which is 1 foot deep.

There are changing rooms, lockers, a footbath, showers, lavatories and seating for spectators. Non-slip tiles and halogen lighting have been used throughout the building.

The Pool Superintendent is Mr Jim Fairfield, who has



FRONT VIEW OF STANLEY SWIMMING POOL

completed a number of training courses in Scotland, including engineering and life saving. Additional staff are being recruited locally.

A SWIMMING POOL FOR MOUNT PLEASANT

A THANK YOU GIFT FROM FALKLAND ISLANDERS

Now that the Falkland Islands economy has so dramatically changed, the Falkland Islanders have been trying to find some tangible way of showing their appreciation for the large sums of money spent on their defence. Indeed some had suggested that perhaps a donation of £1 million might be appreciated.

A decision has now been made to provide a much needed swimming pool for the use of service personnel at the military garrison at Mount Pleasant.

The Falkland Islands Government will make two payments, each of £400,000, one in the financial year 1989-90 and the other in 1990-91. In addition, the Falkland Islands Government has approved in principle the sum of £125,000 per year towards the operating costs.

GRATEFUL

Welcoming the gift, Air Vice-Marshal David Crwys-Williams said "...the new swimming pool will provide a much needed sports facility from which thousands of soldiers, sailors and airmen will benefit in the years to come. I am extremely grateful to the Falkland Islanders for this most generous gesture. It most amply shows their gratitude to the servicemen and women who come here, and many of whom fought in the 1982 conflict."

The project, which will be undertaken by the Field Squadron, Royal Engineers, is scheduled to start later this year and be completed by 1991.

The indoor pool, which will be located adjacent to the gymnasium complex at Mount Pleasant, will measure 33 X 13 metres with a depth from 1.2 to 2 metres.

GOVERNMENT NEWS

We welcome a new publication being produced in the Falkland Islands called *Government News*.

The first issue, seven A4 pages long, was dated June 1989. No cover price is mentioned, so it may be distributed free in the Falklands.

The Editor, Mrs Nicola Summers, who is the new Information Officer, writes that "it is essential in any community that the Government is able to keep its people informed of events, developments and new legislation and also to receive back comments and observations on the

Government's programme". Nicky goes on to say that *Government News* will be published monthly, that it is specifically intended to communicate activities in the public sector and in no way will it replace *Penguin News*.

Issue No.2 of *Government News*, two pages long, was dated 28th June and issue No.3, seven pages, bore the date July 1989.

We acknowledge the great use *Government News* has been in producing this issue of Falkland Islands Newsletter.

THREE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS RESIGN DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT HALTED

The defeat of an amendment to a bill designed to give grants for agricultural improvement in the Falkland Islands has caused three elected Legislative Councillors, all representing Stanley, to resign their seats. The three Councillors, the Hon. John Cheek, the Hon. Terry Betts and the Hon. Mrs Wendy Taggart have been campaigning for sometime to prevent any part of the grant being paid to individuals who are non-resident or to companies which do not have a majority shareholding owned by Falkland Islanders.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STANDS ADJOURNED

Because of the three resignations on 16th June, the Legislative Council no longer has a quorum and therefore the Legislative Council must stand adjourned and

cannot meet again until there has been an election. A quorum is five members of the Legislative Council, of which two must represent Stanley and two must represent Camp.

GENERAL ELECTION 11TH OCTOBER

The Governor has already indicated that a General Election will take place on 11th October. It would be both impracticable and unfair to hold either by-elections to fill the three vacant seats or to hold a General Election before 11th October. While the old electoral roll is three years out of date and neither reflects accurately the current electorate nor its true distribution between Stanley and Camp, the new electoral register, on which the General Election is to be based, does not become effective until 1st September. However, if an election

were held on 1st September, the day appointed by the Governor to dissolve the Legislative Council, it would not enable electors to vote by post or proxy and, furthermore, many nominations submitted on the basis of the old electoral role would be invalid on the day of polling.

Meanwhile the Executive Council is still properly constituted and continues to exercise the functions of Government.

IRRESPONSIBLE

The Desire The Right Party Committee, at an emergency meeting on Monday 19th June, condemned the action taken by the three Councillors in resigning as inappropriate and stated that "This irresponsible decision has left the electorate without a democratic government at a critical period."

Hon. Timothy Sainsbury: The New Minister

The Hon. T. A. D. (Timothy) Sainsbury MP was appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office in place of Mr Timothy Eggar in Mrs Thatcher's July reshuffle of the Government. His responsibilities include the Falkland Islands.

Mr Sainsbury, aged 57, who has been Conservative Member of Parliament for Hove since November 1973, is the younger son of Baron Sainsbury of Drury Lane, and brother of Sir John Sainsbury, Chairman of the Grocery and Provisions Firm, J.



THE HON. TIMOTHY SAINSBURY MP

Sainsbury plc, founded by their great-grandparents. He is a first cousin of Mr David Sainsbury, Trustee of the Social Democratic Party.

Educated at Eton and Worcester College, Oxford, and a Government Whip from 1983 to 1987, Timothy Sainsbury was the Parliamentary Under Secretary for Defence Procurement from 1987 until taking up his new appointment.

Mr Eggar has been promoted to Minister of State at the Department of Employment.

The Alastair Cameron Memorial Trust

The Alastair Cameron Memorial Trust has been set up for the purpose of conservation of the Islands' history and heritage.

The Trust will be used both for the preservation and restoration of historic buildings, wrecks and sites of special interest such as the stone corrals, and also to assist in the work of the Museum and Archives.

It will be entirely administered from the Falkland

Islands, and will both initiate new projects and support established programmes.

The family feel that this is a most suitable memorial in view of Alastair's love for the Islands and their history.

Donations to the Trust can be made through the Standard Chartered Bank in Stanley, with the reference 'Alastair Cameron Memorial Trust'.

CATHEDRAL APPEAL LAUNCHED IN BRITAIN

Christ Church Cathedral in Stanley is badly in need of extensive repairs: the constant erosion of the brickwork and roof by salt, dust, rain and the South Atlantic wind over a century has caused serious deterioration to the building.

The major concerns are for the brickwork and the roof, and the windows with their fine stained glass are in danger of being dislodged, the heating system needs replacing and the organ requires major repair.



HOLLOW BRICKS
(photo: R. N. Spafford)



DETERIORATION OF WINDOWS
(photo: Christ Church Cathedral Appeal)

The Appeal was launched in the Falklands several months ago. It is going very well and local fund raising efforts have been very successful. However, the task of raising all the cash required is enormous and cannot be completed without outside assistance.

It was, therefore, decided to launch the Cathedral Appeal in Britain and this took place at the annual Falkland Islands Reception at Lincoln's Inn, London, in June. The occasion was graced by the attendance of the Appeal's Patron Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York, who made an excellent speech urging everyone to donate.

The Appeal's Vice-Patron is The Most Reverend the Rt. Honorable, Robert Runcie MC, DD, the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury. Chairman of the Appeal Committee is Major General A. N. Carlier OBE, a former Commander British Forces in the Islands.

The Appeal Treasurer, to whom all donations should be sent is Mrs J. H. Yarker. Her address is 175 Tower Bridge Road, London SE1 2AQ. Cheques are payable to Intercontinental Church Society (Falklands Cathedral Appeal).

The immediate need is for £600,000 and the deadline is 1992, the Cathedral's centenary.

DESIRE THE RIGHT PARTY

Mike Rendell, the Chairman of the Desire The Right Party has written to us following our report in the last issue of Falkland Islands Newsletter clarifying their stand on the future status of the Falkland Islands.

Although the suggested aims and objectives of the DRP, prior to formation, included seeking "an acceptable form of independence under the protection of the British flag", this did not form part of the manifesto which was approved after the party's formation.

He writes "A number of people have expressed concern about the wording 'To Keep the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands within the British sphere of influence', which is part of the DRP manifesto. In a nutshell we do not wish to remain in a traditional colonial system ruled by Whitehall appointed civil servants. We want to achieve local control of our government, call it autonomy or internal self-government, but not independence as such. We are as British as the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands - they are very much British

but they run their own governments without control from London. Their Lieutenant Governors are the Queen's Representatives and Titular Heads of Government, but, in practice, real decisions are made by the local parliaments or councils. We would like a similar status to the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands."

Mike Rendell has sent a copy of the DRP's Constitution which states the party's Objects as:

- a. to create a sound political party promoting a united body of members throughout the Islands.
- b. to seek a healthy democracy with more positive control over local government decisions and finance.
- c. to have members of the Party stand for election to Legislative Council.

THE NEW COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES FALKLAND ISLANDS

Major General P. T. (Paul) Stevenson OBE took over command of British Forces Falkland Islands on 9th August from Air Vice-Marshal David Crwys-Williams, who has been appointed Director General Royal Air Force Personnel Services based in London.

Forty-nine year old Major General Stevenson, who was commissioned into the Royal Marines on 1st November, 1958, is a Falklands veteran and has a distinguished all round sporting record.

As Team Manager and competitor at Modern Pentathlon, he took part in the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games and then went on to manage the British Biathlon team for the World Championships in Norway.

After service in the Middle East, the Caribbean, the Mediterranean, Norway and with distinction in Northern Ireland, where he was appointed MBE, he served as GSO1 (Plans) on the staff of H.Q. Land Forces Falkland Islands during the Falklands War.

For his work as Commanding Officer 42 Commando Royal Marines on his second tour in South Armagh, Northern Ireland, he was appointed to OBE in the 1985 Birthday Honours.

He has attended both the Royal Military College of Science and the Army Staff College, Camberley, as a student, and has served on the Directing Staff at the Royal Naval Staff College, Greenwich. He has attended the NATO Defence College in Rome and recently he has been



MAJOR GENERAL P. T. (PAUL) STEVENSON OBE
(photo: R.A.F. Mount Pleasant)

a student at the Royal College of Defence Studies.

Major General Stevenson, whose home is at Tamerton Foliot, near Plymouth, is married with two children.

Bonnie Scotland: Their Most Northerly Venue

An eight hour non-stop drive from the Falkland Islands Agency Shop in Wells, Somerset, to storm Stirling Castle! - well not quite.

Blair Drummond Estate Safari Park is an idyllic setting. For three days last month it hosted the Scottish Country and Game Fair 1989. Gamekeeping, Gundogs, Fishing, Clay Pigeon Shooting and Falconry were leading among the displays and Brian Paul and Annabelle were there promoting the Falkland Islands.

By night the lions roared (not sea lions this time), by day the clean fresh air echoed to the sound of the Bowmar Pipe Band and the Falkland Islands wheel spun the yarn and told the tale of the finest Falkland fleeces and Falkland knitting wools known to man: the message was well received.

Who does everyone keep in a cupboard? Well, although Brian and Annabelle had no cupboard there, he still appeared through the misty Glens: Mr (& Mrs) Bank Manager from Standard Chartered Bank, Stanley, Falkland Islands, Norman and Janice Black! - and at Yeovilton International Air Day Mike Biggs had turned up at our Falkland Islands stand.

"We appreciate it very much", says Brian "when Falkland Islanders and members of the Falkland community make a point of visiting us at the shows we put on throughout the year."

There was more positive coverage for the Falkland Islands when BBC2 Travel Show programme in July featured the City of Wells and its Cathedral and - wait for it - none other than the Falkland Islands Shop!

The line up for the Autumn is

25 Sep to 7 Oct	Fairfield Halls, Croydon	Falkland Islands Exhibition 1989. 10am to 7pm daily (Sun. 2 - 7pm)
26 to 29 Oct	National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham	National Knitting Exhibition Falkland Islands stand
16 to 18 Nov	Exhibition Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne	Knitting Exhibition Falkland Islands stand

JBG GROWS

It was good to see Terry Betts at the Falkland Islands Reunion at Ham on the last Saturday in August and to be able to have a chat with him about JBG one of the most progressive new companies making great headway in the Falklands.

Earlier this year the company received a shattering blow when one of the three founding partners, Gerry Johnson (the 'J' of Johnson, Betts and Gilding) died so tragically as a volunteer member of Stanley Fire Brigade fighting the fire on board the stern trawler *Frio Pesca Uno*. Terry told *Falkland Islands Newsletter* that Johnson's place has now been taken by Dave Hall, previously the Licensing Officer in the Government Fisheries Department.

Dick Saul, who was Managing Director of JBG has now been appointed Managing Director of a new company, Polar

Ltd, which Terry described as being 'JBG's European fishing arm'. Polar Ltd is a partnership with ASPE, a Spanish fishing company based in Vigo, with JBG being the major share holder on a 51%:49% basis. The other two directors of Polar are Terry Betts and Peter Gilding.

FALKLANDS FLAG

With shares in six Spanish stern trawlers this next fishing season, Polar is in the process of purchasing two. They plan to buy two more each year, concentrating on fishing for Loligo, and they aim to have the vessels registered in Stanley, sailing under the Falklands flag.

Dick Saul is now working full time with Polar and is about to go to work for a month at Vigo in Spain.

DUTCH AND WEST GERMANS JOIN MARR

The Falklands based fishing company, Marr (Falklands) Ltd announced in August that agreement has been reached for a consortium of Dutch and West German ship owners to take a minority share in the company.

Director Mr Alan Marr said "An input from these countries rounds off the package of fishing skills and expertise we can bring to the Falklands fishing industry. In the past four years our British crews and management have gained practical experience of both squid jigging and trawling in the South West Atlantic to add to our extensive traditional knowledge of deep sea trawling. Now the Dutch will add their unrivalled experience of running some of the world's most advanced and successful freezer trawlers while the Germans not only have considerable experience of commercial fishing in arctic

conditions but have been leaders in Antarctic fishery research.

FUTURE OF THE ISLANDS

"It is to the future of the Islands and its fishery we are looking. An European venture will have much greater strength in the market and a wider appeal to attract the investment needed to realise the Islands' ambition to have a greater involvement in the fishery and the ensuing economic benefits."

The stake taken by the new shareholders is a significant one for the Islands and their relationship with the European Community as the companies from both countries become investors in the Falklands economy through the fully-owned subsidiary Stanmarr Ltd.

BATTLE DAY

We shall again commemorate Battle Day with a wreath laying ceremony at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, London, on the morning of the nearest Saturday to 8th December. This year it will take place on Saturday 9th December at 11 a.m.

All members of the Association, the Falkland Islands Committee, Falkland Islanders, their friends and supporters are invited and encouraged to attend. Those wishing to do so should assemble at the Whitehall end of King Charles Street, London SW1 from 10.30 a.m.

The Association's Annual General Meeting will take place after the wreath laying ceremony, followed by a buffet luncheon, as notified on the back page and the booking form

Anti-whaling Lobby Active

Mike Butcher, one of the leaders of the campaign to stop whaling in Falklands waters, has told *Falkland Islands Newsletter* that in August every house in the Falklands was circulated with a leaflet entitled *Last Chance for the Whale*. The illustration on the front featured a whale jumping out of the sea under an umbrella inscribed with a map of the Falklands and South Georgia.

GEOFF MOIR'S DISPLAYS

Geoff Moir will be displaying his Falkland Islands stamps this autumn as follows

- 1st Nov Twickenham
- 3rd Nov Wembley
- 6th Nov Horsham
- 8th Nov St. Albans (Beds. & Herts.)
- 13th Nov Dartford

SGT MAJ FELTON

Stanley Museum has been loaned an oil painting of Sergeant Major Henry Felton of the 2nd Life Guards, who came out to the Falklands with the first group of Chelsea Pensioners in 1849.

He settled in the Islands with his wife and children. There was much competition to woo his beautiful daughters and apart from the Felton families of today, a number of other Islands' families now trace their earliest Falklands descent from Sgt Maj Felton. The painting has been loaned by Mrs Judy Summers, a great-great-granddaughter.

PHILATELIC STOCK BOOK

SPORTS ASSOCIATION'S ACTIVITIES

The stamp issue featuring Sports Week, which we reported in the December 1988 issue of *Falkland Islands Newsletter*, is expected to be released on 10th December this year. The designs by Falkland Islands children, adapted by G. L. Vasarheyli, will be printed by Walsall Security Printers Ltd using lithography. We now know the names of the children whose designs were selected.



5p GYMKHANA
by Sarah Gilding (11)



10p STEER RIDING
by Karen Steen (14)



17p SHEEP SHEARING
by Colin Shepherd (12)



24p DOG TRIALS
by Rebecca Edwards (12)



29p HORSE RACING
by Dilys Blackley (14)



45p SACK RACE
by Dana Newell (15)

The only change to the above designs will be that Falkland Islands and Sports Association's Activities will be in a different typeface.

PARCELS TO AND FROM THE FALKLANDS

Parcel mail to and from the Falkland Islands is exasperatingly slow.

The Post Master (or Superintendent Post and Telecommunications to give him his correct title), Jimmy Stephenson, commented on this in the August issue of *Government News* and also had something to say about airmail stickers.

"There is no airmail parcel post service to or from the Falkland Islands. There is only a seamailed parcel service.

"Although UK post offices have been circulated with this information, they still accept parcels for transmission by air instead of by sea.

"The wrappings should be returned to the sender to reclaim from the sender's post office the difference in postage between airmail and seamailed.

"There is an alternative to sending parcels by seamailed and that is small packet post. Any packet weighing less than 2 lbs can be sent airmail. However there is a slight drawback: a small packet does not receive a number as all parcels do,

and therefore it would be untraceable if it became missing.

AIRMAIL STICKERS

"Simply typing or writing 'airmail' on a letter or package and paying the postage will not guarantee that method of delivery. Although there is much less problem in the Falkland Islands as hand sorting is the order of the day, if a letter or package does not have an official airmail wrapping or blue airmail sticker in the UK, it is most likely that the automatic sorting machines will consign the item to seamailed.

"Postage can be reimbursed on letters and, more particularly, papers for which airmail rates have been paid, but are received seamailed. The wrapping has to be returned to the sender who must complain at the post office of sending.

"This is not much consolation, but friends and contacts should be advised to use airmail stickers to speed up the post."

CLIVE FEIGENBAUM SENTENCED

The Philatelic Exporter of September 1989 reports that Clive Feigenbaum was tried in the High Court of Justice, Fetter Lane, London EC4 by Sir Gervase Sheldon for Contempt of Court. The action concerned the production

of stamps for Tuvalu and the printing of Tuvalu stamps by Format International Security Printers Ltd, a firm in which Feigenbaum's family has interests.

The Philatelic Exporter said that during the trial it was

admitted that with every order for Tuvalu stamps, irrespective of the number of ordinary sets, there was a standing order with the printers to produce 14,000 'funnies' or 'flaws' as the deliberate varieties were called in court.

According to the report, Feigenbaum was sentenced to three months in gaol and was fined £3,000. Subsequently he was released on bail pending an appeal due to be heard this month.

WAR MEMORIALS STAMP ISSUE

The Falkland Families Association members are very keen to have a stamp issue featuring some of the various memorials which have been erected in different places in the Falklands marking the 1982 War.

Mr Des Keoghane, Chairman of the Families Association, says that such an issue would be much appreciated by his members and he suggests that the stamps would have a good commercial appeal.

It is understood that Format International Security Printers Ltd., who printed such Falklands stamp issues as the 1982 Rebuilding Fund, the 1986 60th Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II and the Centenary of the S.S. Great Britain, are in voluntary liquidation.

Clive Feigenbaum is the proprietor of Urch Harris Ltd. the firm which nearly succeeded in taking over Falkland Islands stamps from the Crown Agents in the 1970s.

He has sent the Post Office in Stanley a list of fifteen memorials as possible subjects. He has also asked if the Falkland Families Association logo could be included in the design. However some might think that it lends itself more to a special postmark.

It is believed that such a stamp issue may be under consideration for 1992, the tenth anniversary of the Falklands War.

Falkland Islands Recipe Book

Oh, those wonderful Falkland Islands chocolate cakes!

The Falkland Islanders have always been famous for their high standard of culinary prowess, and some of their more closely guarded recipes, handed down from mother to daughter or, in some cases, from father to son, are much treasured.

Over the years several people have talked about gathering together some of these secret *nostra*, if the owners can be persuaded to release them and publishing them in a book. Now at long last Fiona Barton and Peggy Halliday have actually done just that!

Edited by Fiona Barton with the Introduction by Canon Gerry Murphy, this book of almost a hundred recipes donated by generous people throughout the Islands, *A Taste Of The Falkland Islands* is offered for sale in aid of Christ Church Cathedral Restoration Fund.

Recipes range from traditional fare such as Kelper Chops, chocolate cake and Diddle-Dee-Jam to less well known dishes such as Hokey Pokey and Upland Goose in Cider.

The soft bound book is available from the Association Office at £2.50 + p & p.

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DEATH OF SIR PETER SCOTT

At the time of going to press we have heard of the death on 29th August of Sir Peter Scott in his 80th year.

An obituary of Sir Peter, who has been a member of the U.K. Falkland Islands Committee almost since its formation in 1968, and who has actively supported the Islanders in many ways, will be included in the next issue of *Falkland Islands Newsletter*.

Special Offer For Christmas

Tony Nelson is making a special Christmas offer to Association members of Algernon Asprey's book of watercolours, *Unspoilt Beauty of the Falkland Islands*, for £33.75, which is 25% off the normal selling price of £45. He says that not many copies are left, so members should get their order in quickly.

Copies at this special price may be ordered through the Association office. Cash with order, please.

Camp Education Christmas Cards

Last year black and white homemade Christmas Cards sold well around the Islands. This year Camp Education have been more ambitious and, with the help of *Falkland Islands Newsletter*, hope to sell 'professional' colour Christmas Cards, again designed by talented Camp children, throughout the Islands and overseas.

From October onwards the three designs, depicting Steer Riding, An Angel in Camp and Penguins will be sold in packs of six (two of each design) to raise money for Camp Education.

They will be available, not only from the Falkland Islands Association in London, but in Stanley from Camp Education, from the Pink Shop, from the Falkland Islands Tourist office at M.P.A. and from many stores in Camp.

Summer Time

Summer time in Stanley started on 9th September when clocks were advanced one hour at midnight.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Opinions expressed are not necessarily either those of the Falkland Islands Association or of the Editorial Committee

Fishing: The Balance Sheet

From Mr David Taylor

Sir, It is not the role of the Association to tell the Falkland Islands Government how to manage its business, but it is important that members of the Association and others should, as far as possible, be reasonably well informed about the Islands' affairs.

In this connection I would like to make a plea for the Falkland Islands Government to clarify, as soon as it is reasonably able, the figures being bandied about in connection with the recent problems in the commercial side of the fishery, in particular Joint Ventures controlled by Stanley Fisheries Limited.

On 17th May Councillor Cheek said in Legislative Council: "One thing I must say is that both Councillors and the public in general look forward to the day when we will receive a balance sheet of how much the whole Stanley Fisheries exercise has cost us. I think that the figure is probably becoming now somewhere between £25m and £30m. More importantly, how much the Falkland Islands Government will actually receive either in cash or in hardware assets at the end of the day. I look forward to that."

On the same day Councillor Betts talked about the "monies lost to the Treasury over two years, £9m in one and £16m in another" and spoke of a total loss figure of £25m.

Neither of these figures was corrected or clarified in any way by the Financial Secretary at that meeting, although, presumably, he was in a position to do so. The Chief Executive was effectively precluded from doing so as he was presiding at the meeting as Acting Governor.

On 11th June the *Observer* carried an article by Hugh O'Shaughnessy under the headline 'Boom colony learns from its £30m scandal'. The actual text of the article read: "The whole experience may turn out to cost nearly £30 million, the equivalent of £13,000 for every islander." When I challenged him

about this figure he told me that it had come from a TV interview with the Chief Executive. Mr O'Shaughnessy was unable to say how the figure was made up.

On 10th June the Governor in his Legislative Council Budget Session Address said: "Peat Marwick McLintock have indicated that the costs of winding up Stanley Fisheries will be considerable. An amount of £8m has been set aside for this..."

I share Councillor Cheek's wish, but, in the meantime, I find the figure of £25m to £30m, which he has quoted and which was effectively repeated by Councillor Betts and in the *Observer* article apparently on good authority, quite incomprehensible. I know that departed Chief Executives rapidly get out of date but I would have thought the figure of 8m quoted by the Governor much nearer the mark with the addition of the moneys devoted to the Fisheries Development Fund amounting, memory serves, to £3m (to provide assistance to Joint Ventures following the cessation of the Joint Venture Premiums) and the cost of the Seamount Inquiry. The total of these expenditures, daunting though it may be, is nowhere near £20m on my reckoning, let alone £25m or £30m.

It must also be remembered, as Councillor Betts appears to forget, that 49% of the Joint Venture moneys always belonged to the minority partners and that the Joint Venture moneys were used to provide or purchase assets and activities of lasting value to the Islands and within the Falkland Islands Government's control - housing, fuel supply arrangements, the Upland Goose Hotel.

I am the first person to know that these are complex matters and that it will take time to establish the balance sheet for which Councillor Cheek so rightly yearns. In the meantime it surely behoves all concerned not to give hostages to fortune by providing the Media, however unwittingly, with figures which, quoted out of context and without explanation, can give an

entirely misleading picture of the way in which the Islands' economy has been managed in recent years.

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First Kelper Pilot

From Mr G. W. J. Bowles

Sir, John Huckle's statement in your June issue, that Ian Campbell was the first Kelper to learn to fly, is not true.

Norman McLeod Jnr. came to England to learn to fly in the '30s and eventually became a qualified pilot and, at one time in the Second World War, was in Canada teaching others to fly.

After the war he was employed in delivering planes, often to South America, and paid a brief return visit to the Islands in the late '40s.

Many people doubted his ability to become a pilot after a disastrous attempt to negotiate Jubilee Villas corner on his motor cycle with his girl friend on the pillion, which resulted in them ending up over the sea wall. Luckily the tide was in and there were no injuries except, perhaps, to pride.

I shall not mention the lady's name as she may be alive still somewhere in the UK and would not wish to be reminded of the sudden end to their friendship.

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The late Dr Cheverton

From Mrs Cheverton

Sir, I am writing to tell you that my husband, Dr R. L. Cheverton died sadly on 24th March; he was 87 and it was a merciful release in the end. He was Senior Medical Officer in Stanley from 1935 to 1937. We travelled out on the *Reina del Pacifico* with Sir Herbert Henniker-Heaton* and his two daughters and left on the same boat two years later for British Honduras.

We always kept in touch with Falkland Islands news through Mrs Rose Wilkinson - we spent many weeks with her and her first husband,

LETTERS (continued)

'the seal man' Mr Hamilton, at Mrs Bond's boarding house, waiting for our house to be vacated.

I was sorry to read of Connie Luxton's death. She was living in a McCarthy & Stone sheltered accommodation building and we were in one here in Bridgwater. When I heard of it I arranged for the Warden to drive her over one morning

for coffee. We had a lovely time reminiscing about the old days.

We loved our time in the Falklands. We both loved riding and broke in some horses from the mainland on a leading rein; it used to be known as 'Cheverton's circus'. I think my husband did more work among animals than people as there was no vet there then. Certainly the

house was always full of specimen bottles of sheep's worms and he started the campaign against T.B. cattle, starting by injecting the Governor's cow.

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Sir Herbert Henniker-Heaton KCMG, Governor 1935-41.

BOOK REVIEWS

THOSE WERE THE DAYS, by John Smith, published by Bluntisham Books for the Falkland Islands Trust, Stanley, Falkland Islands. 1989. 21 X 15 cm soft bound, 48 pages comprising five nostalgic cameos. No contents list or index. 12 black/white photos with coloured reprint of one on the front cover. ISBN 1-871999-01-4. Cost £3.50.

John Smith is to be congratulated on gathering together some of the recollections and memories of the older people living in Stanley and compiling these into five quite separate narratives; each is packed with fascinating information and very easy to read. Yet each forms a part of the whole life, often tough, of robust settlers living in a distant British outpost some years ago. Here one can glimpse the background from which that very special Falklands identity has developed. The five narratives are

- The Cemetery at Stanley.
- The Peace Celebrations of 1919.
- The Globe Store.
- Dances and Other Entertainments.
- Ready for the Off (about boat voyages to overseas).

In his Introduction, John Smith writes, "This book lifts the lid only slightly. There is much more to come." Let us hope so.

It is suggested that a contents list and an index, both of which are lacking, will prove to be essential for future researchers.

WILD FLOWERS OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, by T. H. Davies and J. H. McAdam, published by Bluntisham Books for the Falkland Islands Trust, Stanley, Falkland Islands. 1989. 21 X 15 cm soft bound, 48 pages listing sixty-one species of wild flowers, divided into seven sections: ferns, cushion plants, shrubs or bushes, berries plants,

conspicuously flowering plants, grasses, and rushes. No index. 65 colour plates with a reprint of *Scurvy Grass* on the front cover. ISBN 1-871999-00-6. Cost £3.50.

From their comments in their Introduction, the authors, both botanical experts who have worked with the Grassland Trials Unit, seem to have no knowledge of Mrs E. F. Vallentin's superbly illustrated book *Plants of the Falkland Islands*, published by L. Reeve & Co. Ltd., Covent Garden, London in 1921. However they have met a need long wanted by the tourists for a readily available, cheap, pocket sized, well illustrated guide book.

The Philatelists will be disappointed not to see Felton's Flower (*Calandrinia feltonii*) listed, but no doubt the authors would explain that it is probably now only found cultivated in a few gardens. Similarly the Yellow Orchid (*Gavilea macroptera*) is not listed, though there is obviously a doubt as Mrs Vallentin seems to list this as *Chlorax Gaudichaudii* -but a flower unique to the Falklands. Botanists obviously have difficulty making up their minds about names since the species Dusty Miller, while known to philatelists as *Primula decipiens*, is called *Primula farinosa*, var. *magellanica* by Mrs Vallentin and *Primula magellanica* by Davies and McAdam. Pale Maiden is called *Sisyrinchium filifolium* both by Mrs Vallentin and the philatelists, but *Sisyrinchium jubatum* by Davies and McAdam. So who is correct?

The problem of finding one's way about a book such as this, with page numbers, guide numbers and plate numbers none of which coincide, was solved by Mrs Vallentin who omitted all page and guide numbers, leaving just plate numbers; after all the plates are the most important key for the flower spotter.

The authors say that there are about 163 native plants in the Falklands, but in this guide they have described only just over a third (61 specimens), so, even if it is unnecessary to illustrate every species, there is still a place for a new definitive book on the plants of the Falkland Islands. RNS.

Both books are obtainable from The Falkland Islands Foundation, 78-83 North Street, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 1ZA, who are marketing them in the United Kingdom for the Falkland Islands Trust at a cost of £3.50 plus 30p post and packing each.

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The Annual General meeting of the Falkland Islands Association will take place on Saturday 9th December, 1989, at 12 midday at 16 Regency Street, London SW1.

Following the Meeting a buffet luncheon will be available at a charge of £8 per head. Those wishing to attend the buffet luncheon are asked to complete the proforma circulated with this issue of the *Newsletter* for themselves and any guests they wish to bring along, and send it, together with the required cash, to the Falkland Islands Association Office by 25th November.

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- Reproduction of 1770 Map of Falkland Islands, 12"x9", £2
- Illustrated Map of the Falkland Islands in colour, £2.50
- Bookmarks "Stanley, Falkland Islands" various colours 80p
- Car Stickers, green plastic, "Remember the Falkland Islands - They're British", £1
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