



# Falkland Islands NEWSLETTER

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## TALKING DOUGHNUTS

Expect tough talking about the Falkland Islands over the next few weeks, and, no doubt, some behind the scenes delicate political negotiation.

It all, of course, concerns the control of fishing round the Falklands and this may also determine some of the ground rules within which the Falklands will be able to sell licenses for the development of off-shore hydrocarbons.

The argument now is not about the need to improve effective fishing control, for few would deny that unless something is done urgently the Illex squid will be annihilated. It is about who will improve and exercise the control, and that involves mutual recognition of territorial limits and responsibility, unless some way round can be found. Since the plight of the Illex squid is now so desperate, this must be resolved by the start of the next fishing season in February.

### EXTEND THE CONSERVATION ZONE

The Falkland Islanders are in no doubt about what should be done: At the end of October their Legislative Council passed an unanimously adopted motion, calling on the British Government to extend the Interim Conservation Zone to 200 miles and to claim the continental shelf round the Islands. Furthermore they declared their refusal to join in any plan which the British Government might have for joint management of these fishing waters.

### NEGOTIATION BETTER THAN IMPOSITION

Following well established traditional diplomacy the view of the Foreign Office is that matters are more successfully achieved by negotiated agreement rather than by imposition and the Minister, Mr Garel-Jones, has told us that recently he reminded the Argentine Foreign Minister personally of our right to declare a 200 mile fishing zone.

### ARGENTINE PRIDE

According to the *Guardian* (Monday 29th October) Domingo Cavallo, the Argentine Foreign Minister, has said that he doesn't believe that Britain will extend the 150 mile fisheries conservation zone, but that, of course, could just be political posturing, and Argentina has a lot to gain economically from developing good relations with Britain.

However, whatever Domingo Cavallo agrees must be presented so as to be acceptable to the chauvinistic pride of the Argentines.

It will be no easy task for the Foreign Office to resolve faced with the equally uncompromising Falkland Islanders.

Let no one misunderstand that we stand with the Falkland Islanders, as is our role, and it will have been of comfort to the Falkland Islanders, as it was to us, to hear Her Majesty The Queen read in her speech at the opening of Parliament the words: "They (My Government) will honour their commitment to the people of the Falkland islands." RNS

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'Doughnut' is the term used in Falklands' fishing parlance for the area between the present 150 mile FICZ and the desired 200 mile limit..



THE LELLMAN FAMILY (photo: R. N. Spafford)  
Ll to R: CHRIS HONEYMAN, JOHN LELLMAN, MAL & KARL LELLMAN, ROBIN LELLMAN. (article on Kelpers in New Zealand page 10)

## MR TRISTAN GAREL-JONES: THE NEW MINISTER

At the end of July Mr W. A. T. T. (Tristan) Garel-Jones MP was appointed Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in place of the Hon. Timothy Sainsbury, who was promoted to Minister of State at the Department of Trade and Industry.

Born in 1941, Mr Tristan Garel-Jones was educated at King's School Canterbury. After ten years as the principal of a language school in Madrid and four years as a merchant banker, he worked for the Conservative Party from 1974 to 1979, spending the final year as Personal Assistant to Lord Thornycroft, then Party Chairman.

Elected as MP for Watford in 1979, Mr Garel-Jones was Parliamentary Private Secretary to Barney Hayhoe and Minister of State at the Civil Service Department from March 1981 until he was appointed Assistant Government Whip in March 1982.

After appointments as Lord Commissioner of the Treasury, Vice-Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household and Comptroller of Her Majesty's Household, Mr Garel-Jones became Treasurer of Her Majesty's Household and deputy Chief Whip in 1989.

Besides being responsible for the new South Atlantic and Antarctic Department of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Mr Garel-Jones's other responsibilities include European Community affairs, Western and Southern Europe, Latin America and Economic & Trade matters.

Mr Garel-Jones is married and has four sons and one daughter. His interests include collecting books.



MR TRISTAN GAREL-JONES MP

(photo: courtesy of Foreign & Commonwealth Office)

## MEETING THE MINISTER

On 12th October, a delegation from the Falkland Islands Association led by our President, Sir Rex Hunt, had a most encouraging meeting with Mr Tristan Garel-Jones, the new Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Telling the delegation about his recent visit to Argentina, the Minister said, that he had taken the opportunity to remind Senor Domingo Cavallo, the Argentine Foreign Minister, of Britain's rights under international law to declare a 200 mile fishing zone. He also said that, while we have no doubts about these rights, our aim is a conservation regime in which Argentina will co-operate on fisheries conservation measures.

He told the Association delegation that he hopes that these measures will be agreed by next February. He went on to say that each country would be responsible for fishing within its own zone and that all fishing companies would be invited to take their part in conservation measures outside our

respective zones.

Mr Garel-Jones said that Her Majesty's Government are fully committed to diversifying the Falkland Islands economy and that he expects off-shore exploration for oil to go ahead once new legislation, presently being prepared by the Falkland Islands Government, is in force.

Although no date has yet been fixed the Minister said that he is looking forward to visiting the Falkland Islands at the earliest opportunity.

He reiterated that Her Majesty's Government's aim is the same as that of the Falkland Islands Association: a peaceful, prosperous and stable Falkland Islands. He said that the Association could play a helpful role towards this and that members of the Executive Committee should feel free to approach him at any time.

## Scheduled Airlink with Chile

A weekly air service between Stanley and Punta Arenas (Chile) began on Monday 12th November, 1990, using a De Havilland Twin Otter turbo prop aircraft of the domestic Chilean operator Aerovias DAP with support from Lan Chile, their national carrier.

The weekly return scheduled flights depart Punta Arenas on Mondays at 1pm and arrive Stanley at 5pm (both local timings). The return flights leave Stanley at 7am on Tuesdays and presumably arrive Punta Arenas at 9am (local time). Both flights are scheduled to connect with Lan Chile's service to and

from Santiago, where there are regular international flights.

The Twin Otter carries seventeen passengers and has a good safety record being used in many parts of the world to carry tourists to outlying islands. The cost of a single trip is currently US\$400.

Bookings can be made through Aerovias DAP at Ignacio Carrera Pinto 1022, Punta Arenas (Tel:010-56-61-26170 or 23053, Fax: 010-56-61-221693) or through the Falkland Islands Company Crozier Place, Stanley (Tel:010-500-27620, Fax:010-500-27603).

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AT KEELE UNIVERSITY

27-28 September 1990

by Robert Elgood

A conference on the Falklands Conflict was held at Keele University on the 27th and 28th September with a distinguished list of speakers and experts.

In the absence of a Falkland Islander, which was noted and widely regretted, their case was ably put by Sir Rex Hunt, whose response to Dr Guillermo Makin's forceful paper on Anglo-Argentine Diplomacy brought the conference to a sober and respectful reality. The Islanders have also discovered a valuable new friend in the Chilean Philippe Sanfuentes, formerly of the Organisation of American States and a member of the Falkland Islands Association, who has visited the Islands and is looking forward to his next visit on the Otter. His comments on Argentine expansionism and his desire for closer ties between the Islands and Chile, were put fairly in perspective by a comment by the charming Virginia Gamba-Stonehouse, an Anglo-Argentine formally working for the Argentine Chiefs of Staff and currently at King's College, London. She stated that the Argentines were very worried in the late 1970s by the possibility of a Chilean Falklands alliance, particularly when the Pope arbitrated in favour of Chile in the Beagle Channel dispute which threatened to make Chile a two ocean naval power.

The military confrontation on the border between Chile and Argentina with a real threat of all out war, coupled with The Shackleton Survey which appeared to Buenos Aires to be counter to the spirit of the understanding they had with the British Government, led the Argentines to believe that they had been tricked by the British and to step up pressure.

Another 'revelation', from the same speaker, was that, when Nicholas Ridley visited the Islands to put the three constitutional options to Councillors, which he portrayed as their choice, he had in fact pre-empted that choice by already agreeing leaseback with the Argentines. The failure of the Prime Minister to support her Minister, Foreign Minister Lord Carrington being in the Lords, led to his being attacked by all sides in the Commons and the proposal being dropped.

Much has changed since 1982 and this was very apparent in the comments and expectations of the Argentines present, whose views and assessment of the future differed hardly at all

from the academic British assessment. In brief, neither British nor Argentine Governments have a vested interest in raising tension over the Islands. An interesting poll asked the Argentine and British people a question as to national concerns and preoccupations. Only 1% of Argentines and 0% of the British public saw the Falklands as a major concern.

It was also clear that the use of force by Argentina is totally ruled out for the foreseeable future, and that the Argentines present had a greater belief in the worth of President Menem than is popularly supposed in the United Kingdom. The move from a Radical to a Peronist President, whose pragmatism secures the support of classes not usually allied to Peronist policies, led the Argentines present to believe that Menem is firmly enough based to see out his elected term, and that the Military are unlikely to have the will to intervene in the political process.

It is interesting to note the use that Argentina continues to make of history in the presentation of its claim. At this conference a division might be drawn between those who regarded historical fact as an end in itself and those who used history as a means to an end: diplomats, lawyers and intelligence gatherers. Nobody argued for a specific solution to the Dispute, though there was an interesting suggestion from Felipe Noguera and Peter Willetts that statistical findings might point the way to an acceptable solution. This view, which might appear at face value to be reasonable, received a setback from Robert Worcester, of MORI, who pointed out that polls reflect opinion not truth. Good intention was widely evident, and a sense that a modest concession on the part of the Islander/United Kingdom Government might settle this matter, pervaded some of those present. The reality is much harsher and was accurately delineated by Sir Anthony Parsons when he argued in his paper that there is no "solution" in the foreseeable future.

These conferences are valuable as they bring a wider understanding of the problems to all concerned - as long as the Islanders' case is put. All credit is due to the hard working Dr Alex Danchev for an interesting conference and for improving relations, however slightly, in the South Atlantic.

Those attending: JIM AULICH, Manchester Polytechnic, ADRIAN BEAMISH, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, PETER BECK, Kingston Polytechnic, DENYS BLAKEWAY, Channel 4 TV/Fine Art Productions, CHRISTOPH BLUTH, King's College, London, PETER CALVERT, Southampton University, ALAN COLLINS, Keele University, ALEX DANCHEV, Keele University, MARTIN KENT, Keele University, H.W. DICKINSON, R.N. College, Dartmouth, ANDREW DUNN, BBC World Service, ROBERT ELGOOD, Falkland Islands Association, MARK EVANS, CORDA Ltd, London, ROBERT FOOT, Keele University, LAWRENCE FREEDMAN, King's College, London, VIRGINIA GAMBA-STONEHOUSE, King's College, London, PAUL GREENGRASS, London, WARRILL GRINDROD, BBC World Service, ROBERT HEADLAND, Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge, PETER HENNESSY, Institute of Contemporary British History, MICHAEL HERMAN, Nuffield College, Oxford, SIR REX HUNT, Diplomatic Service (Retd.), PAMELA HUNTER, ex-Keele University, IVAN IVANISSEVICH, Argentine Embassy, London, ALAN JAMES, Keele University, JOHN KING, British-Argentine Research Project, Chatham House, WALTER LITTLE, Liverpool University, KEVIN LYNE, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, DR GUILLERMO MAKIN, Clarin, Buenos Aires, SUE MARLOW, ex-Keele University, MICHAEL MEADMORE, London, GENERAL SIR JEREMY MOORE, Consultant and Lecturer, JOHN MOUNTAIN, CORDA Ltd, London, FELIPE NOGUERA, CEPPA, Buenos Aires, LETICIA PINHEIRO, London School of Economics, OLIVER RAMSBOTHAM, Bradford University, PAUL ROGERS, Bradford University, ELIZABETH RUCKER, Keele University, FELIPE SANFUENTES, ex-Organization of American States, HUGH SCULLY, Channel 4 TV/Fine Art Productions, JOHN SWEETMAN, RMA Sandhurst, TREVOR TAYLOR, International Security Studies, Chatham House, DAVID THOMAS, Latin American Study Group, Chatham House, ANDREW TREHEARNE, Keele University, ANDREW VALLANCE, RAF Staff College, Bracknell, JEFF WALSH, Manchester Polytechnic, LAURENCE WHITEHEAD, Nuffield College, Oxford, PETER WILLETTS, South Atlantic Council, FELICITY WILLIAMS, Autonomous Metropolitan University, Mexico City, ROBERT WORCESTER, MORI, London.

## WEST FALKLAND SPORTS 1967

### Charles Wood FRGS looks back to the Sports on the West over twenty years ago. Are they so very different today?

A large bull with hostile intentions bounded out into the field and, to the delight of the spectators, catapulted its rider into a gorse hedge. Jim Peck remarked drily: "Yes, you need to be a good sport to come to the Sports, chey!"

The West Falkland Sports Week marked the end of shearing and was hosted on a yearly basis by a rota of sheep stations. Weeks before, preparations would be in hand: the wives on the farms baked and prepared mountains of food; washing lines were full of newly laundered sheets. Children would be excited at the prospect of the coming week as the men prepared the wool shed for dances. Crate upon crate of beer was unloaded from the Island steamer and stacked in the bar. There was good natured banter in the evenings as to who would be hot favourite in the horse races. Could it be Dave or Richie McKay this time round? Was Bill Luxton going to be top man again this year in the steer riding event? Rumour had it that Roy Cove were looking smug this year!



STEER RIDING  
(photo: R. N. Spafford)

#### COMPLETE FAMILIES ARRIVED

Early in the week everyone from the surrounding settlements poured into the farm in Land Rovers, on horse back and on foot, travelling long hard distances. Complete families, from baby to granny, arrived looking forward to renewing friendships and seeing relations before the winter cast its cold hand on family travel. During the week the events progressed from horse races, foot events to films and dances at night, and gallons of beer were consumed. Sometimes the early morning saw a lone figure wandering blearily around the settlement, still attempting to find the house where he was sleeping. Every home was jam-packed with people sleeping, one or two revellers still managing to raise a song somewhere in the settlement as dawn broke.

#### STUCK IN THE SINK

Steer riding on wild bulls attracted the crowds - to watch; competitors could be thin on the ground! One man, worse for the beer, sat on his bull, the chute gate opened and the bull ran out without him! He was stuck in the chute with his feet jammed in the railings! Meanwhile, back in one of the houses, a gang of men were trying to release someone who was stuck between the water taps of a sink; the sink had



HARD FOUGHT RACE, WEST FALKLAND SPORTS  
(photo: R. N. Spafford)

been the only available seating in the kitchen and, having availed himself of it and a bottle of rum, he was unable to move. Another individual had managed to clear the people out of one area of the settlement by striking a match to see where the petrol leak was on his Landrover. One swiftly departing resident was heard to remark, "It's not a blinkin' horse, chey."

#### ALIVE WITH ACTION

The middle of the week saw a tired and dispirited family walk slowly into the settlement carrying suitcases. Their vehicle had got impossibly 'bogged down' somewhere out in the distant camp. The day also chose to herald a period of brilliant sunshine, which brought people outside to picnic by the racecourse; it also provided 'good going' for the horses. The pounding of hooves, yells of the riders and cheers of the crowd, the rich smell of horses drifted on the gentle warm breeze. This whole scene was alive with action, excitement and a whiff of danger. Here a family could find contentment, fellowship and happiness, away for a time from the pressing demands of a Camper's life.

#### AUTUMN HAD COME

The week, all too soon, came to an end, after Sydney Miller officiated at the prize giving and Billy Kiddle drummed his way through the final dance. The following morning lines of Landrovers and groups of riders wound slowly up the hillside out of the settlement, many drivers pale under their tan, one or two revellers, still clutching cans of beer, waving the guests off without quite realising that they were supposed to be going as well! Already the wind had a nip to it, the sun had lost its warmth, and autumn had come to the Islands. Thoughts turned to the winter ahead. It had been a testing week for all concerned - but it had been good, and something to think and talk about until Sports Week came again to the West, a marker in the farming cycle of the Islands: a reassurance that the family of man was alive and well in the land of the 'Kelper'.

The settlement was quiet once more and I asked Jim, as he left for Carcass: "Were you a good sport this year?" He pondered for a moment, then replied: "No, chey I fell at the first fence!"

# PLAN GOA

by Simon Arthur

In Argentina there have been many plans to attack the Falklands. At one stage preparing these was a common exercise for staff officers, but the definitive plan appears to have belonged to the Argentine Navy, and to have been planned as early as the sixties. It is believed to have been the work of the young Admiral Anaya. It was certainly worked on by him in the late seventies and by Massera, the author of the Argentine Navy's bloody involvement in the dirty war. It was called 'Plan Goa' after India's successful seizure of Goa in 1961. It drew inspiration from the almost total lack of international protest that this action had produced.

## REMOVAL OF THE ISLANDERS

However the operation to seize Goa was very different from the plan to seize the Falklands.

In Goa, although the people there had shown little desire to be 'liberated', it was at least a democratic India that took over from a brutal Portuguese dictatorship. The people were the same on either side of the border too, and there was no significant language problem. None of these were so in the Falklands.

It was the Falklands who were a democracy, while Argentina was not and had one of the worst human rights records in the world. The difference was reflected in another way: while India had no intention of harming the Goanese people, Anaya's plan called for the immediate and total removal of the Falklands population! This was not because Argentina feared a British military reply. Indeed Britain was not expected to reply militarily at all. The removal of the Islanders was to make way for Argentine settlers and finish, at a stroke, all the argument about self-determination.

Anaya believed that protests over this would be just a nine days wonder.

## OPERATION AZUL

Detailed planning of this attack began, according to Jimmy Burns, *Financial Times* correspondent in Argentina from 1981 to 1986, in January 1982 under Rear Admiral Juan Jose Lombardo\*, who had only been put in charge of the operation the month before. He changed this cruel idea to deport the Islanders to one of encouraging them to leave and offering compensation for those who did. This was not because Lombardo, or Anaya, or anyone else in Buenos Aires cared two hoots for them; Lombardo just thought that deporting all the Islanders would enrage world opinion. It is believed that he thought it unnecessary too, as probably 95% of the Islanders would have gone anyway.

Another change he made was to call the plan 'Operation Azul (Blue)', one of Argentina's national colours. The assembly of the troops for this was done under cover of an exercise and, if Goa had even been mentioned in the code name, the cat would have been right out of the bag.

## OPERATION ROSARIO

Soon after the attack and before the British military riposte had materialised the name was changed again to 'Operation Rosario (Rosary)'. This is how the operation became known in Argentina and the rest of South America.

It gave the action religious significance and recalled the defeat of the British attack on Buenos Aires during the Napoleonic Wars, which had been ascribed to the intervention of the Virgin of Rosario. It also appealed to conservative church elements in Argentina, who had gone along with so many of the military junta's excesses - although not with Argentina's attempts to attack Chile, another Roman Catholic country.

Cardinal Aramburu, Archbishop of Buenos Aires and Zazpe of Santa Fe were particularly prominent in blessing the invasion. They only had doubts when this caused a war - when they changed their comments to pleas for peace with justice, honour etc. After Argentina lost, these changed again to pleas for a negotiated settlement. Zazpe also endorsed one of Argentina's, many false news reports - that the British had machine-gunned the survivors of the Narwhal in their lifeboats. Hundreds of other priests blessed the operation and called for prayers for victory.

Some fourteen military priests went to the Falklands: Father Fernandez, who always branded Britain as the aggressor, actually announced that "God will make us win"; Maffessini, who held the 'Accion de Gracias', a thanksgiving, after the Argentine invasion, makes his book sound like the account of a crusade; Vicente Martinez, who described the Kelpers as 'Troglydites' claimed that they received better treatment from the Argentine forces than they had from the Royal Marines. He even claimed that this was proved by the lack of complaints by the Islanders!

## CHILEAN RELIEF

There's not much in a name, but a successful seizure of the Falklands would almost certainly have encouraged Argentina to repeat its aggression elsewhere.

The *Belgrano* had made threatening moves around Herschel and Deceit Islands just a few weeks earlier and there was no regret in Chile at her sinking. Indeed the Beagle Channel dispute was the reason for Chilean sympathy with Britain in the war and relief was quite open after the Argentine defeat. *Ultimas Noticias*, a popular newspaper there, hailed Britain's victory with the headline "Che Galtieri, se fue cortado" - Hi Galtieri, you've been cut down to size.

For the Falkland Islanders Plan Goa will be no surprise. They never did trust Argentina's promises or the absurd notion that they should have their interests decided for them by a hostile Argentina.

Subsequent disclosure of Plan Goa shows just how right they were.

\* *The land that lost its heroes*, by Jimmy Burns, Bloomsbury Publishing Ltd. 1987. Especially Chapter 3., pp 27 to 40.  
See also *The Battle for the Falklands*, by Max Hastings & Simon Jenkins, published by Michael Joseph, and Pan. pp 31 & 32.

# Falkland Islands Development Corporation

## Development Update

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### TRADE DELEGATION OFF TO CHILE AND URUGUAY

On Friday 19th October, 14 members of the Association of Businesses in the Falklands left the Islands on board the Punta Arenas based Aerovias DAP Twin Otter aircraft, specially chartered for this mission.

The carefully planned two week visit came to fruition after Stuart Wallace and Mike Rendell of the Association of Businesses in the Falklands put their ideas and proposal to FIDC. The Board of FIDC approved funds for the charter of the aircraft. All other expenses i.e. internal flights in South America, transport and hotel expenses are being paid by each member or business sending a representative.

FIDC have been closely involved in arranging the itinerary for the mission. A full programme of visits has been arranged in Punta Arenas, Santiago, Valparaiso and Montevideo with Chambers of Commerce, Business Associations, Embassies and other relevant business contacts to establish on a more formal basis current and future trading relations between the Islands and the two countries.

Each delegate on the mission has been allocated an area of special interest upon which to concentrate and report. These include Hotel and Catering Supplies, Tourism, Fishing, Agriculture, Construction Materials, Retailing, Transport and Oil. The programme also consists of general meetings for all members as well as specific meetings for particular interests, and free time to conduct personal business meetings.

The delegation is made up of representatives from various Government Departments, the Military and private sector. Mike Summers, General Manager of FIDC, and Graham Bound, Managing Director of Tourism in the Falklands, are members of the delegation. Councillor Gavin Short also accompanies them to assist in the development of trade and political relations, particularly with Chile.

The delegation returns to the Falklands on 4th November.

### THREE NEW BUSINESSES TO OPEN IN STANLEY

#### RE-UPHOLSTERY

Welshman Paul Williams, who moved to the Islands last year, is to operate a re-upholstery business on a part-time basis.

He has some ten years experience in the upholstery trade and, with assistance from FIDC in the form of an Enterprise Grant, will set up business shortly. The cost of a three piece suite purchased new is very high because of the logistics of the Islands and high freight costs. Mr Williams hopes to repair and recover a suite of furniture to showroom quality for considerably less.

# Falkland Islands Development Corporation

## Development Update

### SHOE REPAIR

Gavin Clifton is at present undergoing intensive training in shoe repair in the United Kingdom.

This is in preparation for the opening of his part-time shoe repair business early next year. The equipment is being purchased under a Hire-Purchase Agreement with FIDC, and this much needed business will operate from premises rented from FIDC in Dean Street.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MARKETING CONSULTANCY

'Promotions Unlimited' is a new business owned by Nikki Summers, offering a publicity, promotion and marketing service to both the public and private sectors.

Nikki is a qualified marketing/public relations specialist, having worked for Selfridges before moving to the Islands in 1989. On arrival in the Islands she held the position of Government Information Officer. When this position was disestablished earlier this year, she decided to make use of her talents and experience by offering this much needed service to the community. Specialised equipment is being purchased under a FIDC Hire-Purchase Agreement to allow Nikki to produce finished artwork along with presentation work, press liaison and communications. 'Promotions Unlimited' is based in Atlantic House, the new Stanley Business Centre.

### AGRICULTURAL TRAINEES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

In early July 1990, Lisa Pole-Evans and Russell Evans were awarded the Preliminary Certificate in Agriculture, having successfully completed twelve months work experience combined with an integrated series of practical training courses.

Both students had expressed interest in further training of a non-academic nature so, in order to extend their agricultural experience, FIDC funded two return passages for a seven month work experience visit to South Australia. The visit, organised in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture (Stanley) and the Department of Agriculture (South Australia), involves Lisa and Russell working on several Merino stud farms in the Kingston/Adelaide area of South Australia. As paid employees on these elite farms, the two trainees will experience all aspects of sheep husbandry and recording associated with running a large stud flock. They left the Falklands in September and will be returning in April 1991.

In subsequent years it is hoped to establish an exchange between Australian students and the top Falkland Islands students. Four trainees are taking part in this year's Agricultural Training Scheme (Youth).

# FLIGHT LIEUTENANT ROBERT PACKE

## THE FIRST FALKLANDS PILOT?

by Jean Alexander

I went on holiday to the Falkland Islands in January 1989 and one of the settlements we visited on West Falkland was Port Howard. Across the river are two farms, Many Branch and Bold Cove, which before subdivision were known as Packe's Port Howard. Packe's consisting of Fox Bay East, Dunnose Head and Packe's Port Howard was one of the first large farming companies in the Falklands to be sold off, the land, in this case rather scattered, split up and sold to local farmers.

So the name 'Packe' was familiar when, just before returning to the United Kingdom, we wandered into Christ Church Cathedral in Stanley and saw the memorial plaque on the wall to the memory of "Robert Christopher Packe, Flight Lieutenant RNAS."



THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE IN CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, STANLEY

(photo: R. N. Spafford)

### CAPTAIN R. C. PACKE

Flight Lieutenant Robert Packe was the great-nephew of Captain Robert Christopher Packe of Twyford Hall, Norfolk who, on resigning his commission in the 34th (Cumberland) Regiment of Foot, emigrated to the Falklands in 1851 and was, therefore, one of the early settlers.

Captain Packe first became interested in the Falklands in 1848 when his cousin, Philip Hamond, told him of his experiences sailing round the islands with Captain Sullivan. Then, in November 1849, he read a long article about the Falklands in Cockburn's *New Monthly Magazine* and decided "that would be the place to go".

He was one of the first to take out a licence for a piece of land at Port Harriet under the new land tenure regulations and set sail on 16th November, 1850, but got no further than Dover



FLIGHT SUB-LIEUTENANT ROBERT CHRISTOPHER PACKE RN 3RD. JULY 1917

(photo: RAF Museum, Hendon)

owing to the ship, the *Lalla Rookh*, taking in water and losing her main mast in heavy seas. The sheep and a cow, which they were taking with them, were taken off and Robert Packe went home to Twyford for Christmas. The ship, repaired, made a fresh start from Gravesend on 12th January, 1851. A call was made at Plymouth, and they finally sailed for the Falklands on 11th February, 1851.

The voyage took exactly three months, and Robert Packe landed at Port William on 12th May, 1851, unloaded his animals and set up home at Sullivan House. On 15th May he took possession of 100 acres at Port Harriet and started to round up and kill the wild cattle.

He was very busy in the next two months taking horses out to Long Island by schooner, rounding up 854 cattle on the Rincon at the head of Salvador, returning to Long Island with sheep and cattle, selling beef to calling ships, exporting hides, and visiting the house at Fitzroy. His brother Vere, who was in partnership with him, arrived, newly married, on 22nd July.

The story is told in the Falklands how Captain Packe, when sailing round the islands, would spot a good piece of land and buy it. Packe Brothers and Company Ltd. was formed and land was purchased on West Falkland extending from Many Branch Harbour in the north to Port Howard, and an other large area in the middle of West Falkland which included Fox Bay.



## FLIGHT LIEUTENANT ROBERT PACKE (continued)

### VERE AND WINIFRED PACKE

Captain Robert Packe did not marry and so it was his nephew, Vere, son of the Reverend Henry Vere Packe, Rector of Lamport, Northamptonshire, who came out and took over the estate when Robert died in 1895. Vere married Winifred Felton, the daughter of John James Felton, another big landowner in East Falkland.

Vere and Winifred lived at Sullivan House for many years, although, in the meantime, Vere had also bought Geldeston Hall at Beccles in Norfolk. He eventually sold Packe Brothers and retired to England, where he died in 1934.

### ROBERT CHRISTOPHER PACKE

Robert Christopher Packe was the eldest of Vere and Winifred's three children. As soon as he was old enough, he joined the Royal Navy and learnt to fly at HMS *Daedalus* (later to become RAF Cranwell) in 1917. Robert Packe gained his Royal Aero Club pilot's certificate (Number 4946) on 3rd July, 1917.

Flight Sub-Lieutenant Robert Packe was posted to the Royal Naval Air Service Station at Great Yarmouth, not far from Geldeston Hall, towards the end of 1917. Great Yarmouth was equipped with a wide variety of aircraft ranging from the large twin-engined Felixstowe F.2A flying-boat which normally carried a crew of four, various smaller two-seater seaplanes, two-seater landplanes normally used for reconnaissance and bombing, although some were converted to single seaters for night flying, and the single-seat Sopwith Pup and Sopwith Camel. The Great Yarmouth machines performed a variety of duties from anti-Zeppelin patrols at night to patrolling over the North Sea to look for and bomb German submarines, search out German mines, intercept enemy seaplanes based on Heligoland and keep a watchful eye on the German High Seas Fleet.

(To be continued in the next issue of *Falkland Islands Newsletter*)

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## MONEY MATTERS

Our Association, like many others, needs funds in order to function efficiently. We are perhaps exceptionally fortunate in that many of the people, who give their time and resources, do so very happily on a voluntary basis. Many of the activities in which we are involved do, however, cost money, particularly the printing and circulation of this *Newsletter*.

### OUR NEED

To act efficiently we must maintain our small office in London, so that we are available to react at short notice to whatever arises. Administration costs are kept to the absolute bare minimum; even so in today's world of rising costs, these are becoming significant and we must always endeavour to keep some financial reserves in hand, so that we can plan future events such as next April's Seminar with confidence.

Originally, the larger part of the Association's income came from membership subscriptions and, indeed, these still play a most important part in our fund raising. Regrettably, with the demise of the big company owned farms, many of whom made large payments, this particular source of income has reduced considerably over the past few years. More recently the Falkland Islands Government has been very generous and without their help we would have been heading for serious financial difficulties.

### FUND RAISING EFFORTS

During the middle of the year the Committee decided to embark on an intensive fund raising campaign. This was

triggered off within the Islands, organised by the Local Committee and we were absolutely delighted by the success of their efforts. A total of £5,019 was passed to London including one donation of £1,000 from one of the Islands' based fishing companies. This was followed by a campaign from the London end, when our President, Sir Rex Hunt, wrote personally to senior executives of about seventy companies, each of which have close links with the Islands. In his letter he made clear that we did not have a great deal to offer their own company in exchange, but said that we would like to make their support known through the *Newsletter* and thus make clear their commitment to the Islanders' future.

### REWARDING RESPONSE SO FAR

Although it is early days yet, the response has been rewarding: we have already received either money or an undertaking for a total of £4,200 which, hopefully, will be repeated on a continuing annual basis. When we have received all the replies, we shall publish a list of those who have reacted so open handedly in a future edition of this magazine.

We are not out of the woods yet; it is inevitable that, as costs increase, we shall need to step up our efforts. At this stage, however, we would like to give our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported us - not only to our new Sponsors and Corporate members together with all the generous individuals and firms in the Islands, but also to those who have made steady and continuous payments for many years.

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## ASSOCIATION SEMINAR: Cambridge 12 - 14 April

The Seminar weekend with the title

### 'The Falkland Islands in the 1990s'

is open to all, not just to members of the Falkland Islands Association, but whom, of course, will receive a special welcome.

Many well known 'Falklands people' will be there.

You are invited to attend and join in these influential discussions.

If you have not yet reserved your place at this exciting weekend Seminar, please do so now with a conference fee of £15, to avoid disappointment.

Further details on page 10.

## KELPERS MEET IN AUCKLAND

Falkland Islanders living in New Zealand gathered at the Elizabeth Campbell Hall, Papakura, Auckland on the evening of Friday 31st August for a talk on current development in the Falkland Islands by the Association Chairman, Major R. N. Spafford.

Organised by Karl and Mal Lellman and Ken and Zena Mills, there was a magnificent attendance of seventy-six Falkland Islanders and their families, including many Kelpers, and some of their supporters, many of whom have had close connections with the Falklands.

Major Spafford showed approximately one hundred slides, which included several of Japanese, Korean and Taiwanese jiggers in Port Stanley, the new housing estates and new buildings in Stanley such as the Bank, the Hydroponic Garden, the Hospital and the Victory Memorial. He also showed slides of wild life, especially birds, photographed at Pebble and Sea Lion Islands and the Falklands Tourism Video was made available and passed round. He concluded his talk by telling of the aim, objectives and work of the Association in promoting the Islanders and their wishes, particularly in Britain.

It was fascinating to meet people in Auckland with names such as Alazia, Bonner, Clifton, Luxton, McLeod, Morrison and Whitney and observe familiar Falkland Islands family features.

For the interest of other Falkland islanders we list the following who attended:

PERCY and GEORGINA DIXON, daughter BRENDA and husband IAN MAGEE and granddaughter ALISON. BEN and BERYL JONES. ROBBIE and DAWN SKILLING. HENRY and EDNA McLEOD, his sister DOLLY BOWEN and niece PAULETTE KANE; DOLLY BOWEN's daughter-in-law LESLEY KENNEDY and her children NICHOLAS and ASHLEIGH. GERALD and SHIRLEY REIVE, his sister DAWN MEIERHOFER and brother BASIL with his wife HEATHER; GERALD REIVE's brother-in-law JIM WHITNEY; BASIL and HEATHER REIVE's sons COLIN and TREVOR; HEATHER REIVE's mother DAISY McCARTHY. GERALD and NANCY JENNINGS. EILEEN BAKER (neé HALLIDAY) and her husband ALAN. BRUCE and MOLLY BONNER. UNA BICHIND (neé MORRISON) and ex-Royal Marine husband PHILIP. GEORGE and SUE PAICE and their daughter JENNY. KARL and MAL LELLMAN and their son JOHN and wife ROBIN; nephew PETER HONEYMAN and wife CHRIS. STELLA McPHERSON (neé ETHERIDGE) and her adopted daughter ALICIA WICKENDEN; ALICIA's husband IAN WICKENDEN with mother and father IVAN and ENA WICKENDEN. DAVID and ROSE EARLE. LES and MARY ALAZIA. JOHN LUXTON and son PAUL. NOVA CLIFTON. DOUG MORRISON. KEN and ZENA MILLS. JOHN and ANN CAMERON and children JAMES and KATHERINE.

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## ASSOCIATION SEMINAR: Cambridge 12 - 14 April, 1991

Arrangements for the Falkland Islands Association Weekend Seminar to be held from the evening of Friday 12th to midday Sunday 14th April, 1991, at the Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge, are progressing well.

### MINISTER TO SPEAK

We are delighted that Mr Tristan Garel-Jones MP, the Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, has accepted our invitation to be a distinguished guest at the Dinner we are holding at Wolfson Court on the Saturday evening as part of the Seminar. He has kindly agreed that after dinner he will give a short talk on the subject

### 'The Falkland Islands: Past Successes and Future Prospects'.

Among other speakers during the Seminar will be Andrew How, who will talk on Off-shore Fishing round the Falklands. Andrew is a Director and the General Manager of



Lt to Rt: ZENA MILLS, DR NORENA McADAM, KEN MILLS  
(photo: R. N. Spafford)

This was, of course far from being the first gathering of Falkland Islanders in Auckland. Many came to the city last January for the Commonwealth Games and to meet the Falklands athletes, William Goss and Peter Biggs, and there is an annual Falklands 'get-together' in Papakura every October. It was, however, good of so many to make this extra visit to meet Major Spafford and very kind of the Lellman and Mills families to make the arrangements.

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Dr Peter Wadhams will be talking on Global Warming and its possible effects on the Falkland Islands. Dr Wadhams is the Director of the Scott Polar Research Institute.

As previously reported, Harold Briley, the well-known broadcaster on the Falkland Islands will set the ball rolling at Wolfson Court after dinner on the Friday evening.

Look out for details of the other leading speakers at the Seminar in the next issue of *Falkland Islands Newsletter*.

The all-in cost of the weekend is £89 per head, including conference fee, two nights dinner, bed and breakfast at Wolfson Court (single rooms only), Buffet Lunch on the Saturday and the Formal Dinner.

Bookings are coming in well.

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# PHILATELIC STOCK BOOK

## Evacuee Mail of 1942

In 1942 the children of Stanley, all 209 of them as well as 34 mothers and fourteen school teachers, were evacuated out to Camp. The official reason given was fear of an invasion of Stanley by the Japanese. It is probably more likely that bedrooms were needed in Stanley for the soldiers of 11th Bn The West Yorkshire Regiment and their supporting arms which formed Task Force 122.

Although the evacuation started on 28th December 1941 when the first children, mothers and teachers left Port Stanley for West Falkland on board the *Fitzroy*, Task Force 122 did not arrive from England until 11th August, due to a collision with an American tanker at Capetown. Eventually the Task Force were accommodated in Harewood Camp (sited opposite the old Beaver Hanger), but first they had to build the Camp and many soldiers were billeted in private houses in Stanley.

### PRIVILEGED MAIL

The evacuated children were permitted to write home to their parents in Stanley without any postal charge and interesting reminders of this time are the few surviving unstamped envelopes. Addressed usually in a childish hand, inscribed 'evacuee' and bearing the circular date stamp 'Port Stanley', these are what collectors term 'privileged mail'.

Several hundred of these letters must have been written but now only seven envelopes are known to exist and to philatelists they are highly desirable items, commanding a lot of money when offered for sale. Four of these are addressed to Mrs L. A. Sedgwick in Stanley of which two are known to have been written by her daughter Una Sedgwick, two are addressed to Mrs A. Earle, Ship Hotel, Stanley and one is addressed to Miss Madge Biggs in Stanley.

This latter one, written from Port Howard on 7 July, is of especial interest as it contains the letter written by two little girls aged ten and nine, Marjorie and Freda Hansen, who were evacuated to Port Howard on the *Fitzroy*. The two girls previously lived at the Stanley convent school where Madge Biggs taught sewing. In the letter they say they are living with Mrs Shorey and that Miss Braxton "is our school teacher".

### FULLY RESEARCHED

This item of mail is also remarkable because everyone connected with the letter has been traced. Freda, now Freda Alazia, works in the drapery department of the West Store. Marjorie, now living in Britain, is the mother of Mrs Phyllis Stewart, Manager of the Philatelic Bureau.

Mrs Bill Shorey now lives in Southampton and Miss Beatie Braxton's sister, Winnie Luxton, is the wife of the late Henry Luxton, a well known Postmaster of the Falklands.

Thirty-two children were evacuated to Port Howard and Freda was able to recall Derwent and Eric Nicholson, Bobby and Glenys Wallen, Mrs Dots Shackle, who now lives in Papatoetoe, Auckland and her daughters Shirley and Joan, now Shirley Morrison living at Papatoetoe and Joan Stevenson living in England.

Who were the others?

With acknowledgements to *The Upland Goose* Vol IX, No.8, Ken Mills of Papatoetoe and John Allan of Southampton



EVACUEES AT FOX BAY, 1942

Lt. to Rt: RONNIE HARRIES, BERT SKILLING, KEN MILLS, JUDY MILES, GEORGE STEWART, LEON HARRIES, ERIC FLEURET.

### FOX BAY

Fifteen children were evacuated to Fox Bay and, one of them, Ken Mills of Papatoetoe, Auckland, remembers Mrs Eileen Hardcastle (née Aldridge), Mrs Rita Webb (née Smith), Mrs Judy Molkenbuhr (née Miles, daughter of Billy Miles, Fox Bay Postmaster), Eric Fleuret, Leon, Ronnie and Doug Harries (Doug organises the Annual Reunion at Ham), George Stewart, Bert Skilling, Ione Spence and her late sister Sylva Johnson, mother of the late Gerry Johnson, founding partner of JBG who died tragically last year.

### WALKER CREEK

By far the largest number of children were evacuated to Walker Creek (forty-four), and we are lucky that John Allan, who was himself evacuated there, has been able to provide most of the names: Gordon and Helen Bonner, Ian and Jimmy Cambell, Ron Clarke, Laurie Goodwin, Craig, Neville and Valary Halkett, Les Halliday, Laura, Robby and Vera McKay, Jack McLaren, Basil, Kerry and Steve Reive, Ivan, John and Violet Short, Betty, Charlie, Lennie, Mary, Robbie and Rose Skilling, Balrie and Eugene Williams.

### OTHER EVACUEES

That, however, is far from the end of the story. Other farms received evacuees: Darwin (40 children, 8 mothers and 2 teachers), North Arm (24 children, 3 mothers and 2 teachers), Port San Carlos (11 children), San Carlos (8 children, 2 mothers and 1 teacher), Douglas (8 children, 2 mothers and 2 teachers), Salvador (7 children and 4 mothers), Port Stephens (7 children and 2 teachers), Chartres (5 children, 1 mother and 1 teacher), Berkeley Sound (3 children and 2 mothers), Pebble Island (3 children) and Fitzroy (2 children). We have no information on these.

### ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Ken Mills, who wants to organise an evacuees' reunion in 1992, the 50th. anniversary, would like information to trace them all. Please let him know.

Meanwhile it would be interesting to hear of other evacuee envelopes if any exist. They could be worth money.

## MAJOR GENERAL MALCOLM HUNT OBE the new Commander British Forces Falkland Islands

Another Royal Marine, Major General M. P. J. (Malcolm) Hunt OBE took over the command of British Forces Falkland Islands last August from Major General Paul Stevenson.

Born in London on 19th November, 1938, Major General Hunt was educated at St John's School Leatherhead. Commissioned into the Royal Marines in November 1957, he has seen service in Malta, Aden, Northern Ireland and as Commanding Officer of 40 Commando he took a leading part in the 1982 Falklands War.

A graduate of the Royal Military College of Science and the Staff College, Camberley, he was appointed Royal Marine Directing Staff Officer to the Army Staff College at Camberley in October 1979. He was appointed an OBE in the New Year Honours List 1984 and later the same year joined the International Military Staff at HQ NATO in Brussels. In April 1987 he was appointed Director of Defence Commitments (NATO) on the Defence Staff in the Ministry of Defence and latterly served conducting a study for the Commandant General Royal Marines into Royal Marines Bands.

A keen sportsman with a special interest in cricket, Major General Hunt was married in December 1962 to Margaret and



(photo: courtesy of British Forces Falkland Islands)

has two sons aged 25 and 23, the elder being a commissioned army officer in the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment.

## BOOK REVIEWS

**The POSTIES went to WAR**, by Ian Winfield, published by Square One Publications, Saga House, Sansome Place, Worcester WR1 1UA, 26 Oct 1990, 5 1/2" X 8 1/2" softbound with 95 pages including a Foreword by Major General Sir Jeremy Moore KCB OBE MC, Acknowledgements, two page Introduction, two Appendices and a most useful Glossary of Abbreviations; map of the Falklands showing places mentioned in the text; 16 black and white photos and a diagram of the Mail Snatch. ISBN 1 872017 26 6 £5.95.

This account of the Postal and Courier Service of the Task Force during the Falklands War, written in the form of a diary, is based on the personal journal kept by Major Ian Winfield RE, who commanded the Postal and Courier Service detachment from 4th April to 10th September, 1982.

More often a book about warfare concentrates on the action at the sharp end; this book describes the problems which were overcome in one enormously important aspect of the logistic support essential to morale of the whole Task Force and hence the success of the front line soldier.

The easy, chatty style of the text interspersed with typical dry soldier humour creates a realistic story of an officer's experience during the whole of this short, sometimes fierce, war, as well as providing a readable first hand technical account of how mail was handled. It is a

pity that the most of the photographs are of poor quality - Major Winfield only had time to grab a cheap camera to take with him and says it is not the publisher's fault - but at least they are his personal efforts.

This book must be essential reading for any Postal Historian interested in the Falklands War, or indeed any modern British military action and is an important adjunct to the most authentic books covering the War.

Major Winfield is a member of the Association.

**The Falkland Islands**, by Paul Morrison, published by Aston Publications Limited, Bourne End House, Harvest Hill, Bourne End, Bucks., SL8 5JJ, October, 1990, 10" X 8" hardbound with dustcover bearing coloured photos of rockhoppers on the front. 96 pages including list of contributors, contents list and rather small maps. 148 photographs of which 145 are in full colour and almost all very recent.

ISBN 0 946627 65 7

£14.95.

This is a most attractively produced book by a wild life photographer who, first seeing the Falklands on a press visit, fell in love with the Islands, stayed on for an additional week and then returned again for a further two weeks to collect material (photos and text) for this book.

The photos, mostly taken by the author, are of excellent quality and are of well selected subjects in Stanley, the Camp and over half the book is devoted to Fauna and Flora.

Unfortunately, that Paul Morrison has only spent four weeks in the Falklands shows up in the hastily written and sometimes inaccurate text. His explanation for referring to the Falklands War as only a 'conflict' I find novel and quaint. The map on page 3 gives an unbalanced and inadequate view of the Islands with many significant place names missing. Where for example are Walker Creek, North Arm, Hill Cove, Roy Cove, Teal Inlet, San Carlos and Douglas?

All this aside, the book will be enjoyed for the sheer beauty of the coloured photos by all who love the Falklands. Every tourist visiting the Falklands will want to buy a copy as a lovely souvenir.

For its quality this book is not overpriced and would make a good Christmas present.

It is available from the Association Office.

## OBITUARIES

### DICK PENNEFATHER

The death occurred earlier this year of Captain R. R. S. Pennefather RN, a staunch supporter of the Falkland Islanders since he called at the Colony in the late 1930s while serving as Torpedo Officer in HMS *Ajax*.

Upon the outbreak of war, Lt.Comd. Pennefather, as he then was, arranged for the demolition of the wireless masts at Stanley and the installation of anti-submarine devices at the entrance to Stanley Harbour.

He took part in the Battle of the River Plate in December 1939 and was Mentioned in Despatches. He rarely talked of the Battle but, on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary, took part in the BBC programme which was broadcast to the Islands in December 1989.

When the political crisis over sovereignty developed in early 1968 and the Falkland Islands Committee was formed, Dick Pennefather quickly responded and became a member. He made a major contribution to the work of the Committee with his forthrightness, great common sense and knowledge of the Islands and their people, whom he held in great affection. As Hon. Secretary of the Committee during that crisis I greatly valued his advice and support which was at all times given unstinted.

The Islanders have lost a true friend. Members of the Committee and the Association extend their sympathy to his family. FGM

### BUD YOUNG

It is with sadness that we report the death on 4th August, 1990 at the age of 70 of William Hamilton (Bud) Young.

The son of L. W. H. Young, Colonial Manager of the Falkland Islands Company from 1928 to 1938 and subsequently Chairman and Managing Director, Bud Young joined the Company at the end of the Second World War, following military service in the Mediterranean area. His early service was in the Islands but he returned to the United Kingdom in 1950 to become Secretary of the Company. Later he became London Manager, but his love of the Islands resulted in his return as Colonial Manager in 1964. Bud represented the Company on the first direct flight between the Britain and the Falkland Islands in 1952, when the Falkland Islands Company chartered a flying boat for a survey flight to commemorate its Centenary. He was present in Stanley when the hijacked Argentine airliner landed there and broadcast a report of the incident over the radio.

Bud Young returned to Britain in 1968 to run his own business in Bognor Regis until his retirement in 1986. He died

suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Bognor Regis, where he is survived by his wife Dorothea, his daughters Felicity and Josephine and his four grandchildren, to whom we extend our sympathy. We shall remember him with affection for his warm, friendly and generous nature. FGM

Anyone wishing to contact Mrs Young should write care of his daughter, Mrs J. A. Wingham, 5 Alleyne Way, Elmer Sands, Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO22 6JZ.

### HARRY MILNE

We are sad to report the death on 20th September, 1990, at Cramlington, Northumberland, of Mr H. M. Milne, a popular figure in the Falkland Islands for the past twenty-five years.

Harry Milne joined the Falkland Islands Company as their accountant in Stanley in 1964 and quickly settled there happily with his wife and two young daughters. He became Stanley Manager in 1974 and was about to retire when the Argentines invaded on 2nd April 1982.

During the occupation Harry responded to Argentine pressures with typical stoicism and composure. A message which he sent back on 22nd April, "We stand firm. Help us in our hour of need.", was passed round the world and published in many overseas newspapers at that time.

Following his retirement shortly after liberation, Harry opened a small shop behind his house in Hebe Place, Stanley, where he successfully sold quality stationery, Mills & Boon books and new issue stamps, the latter chiefly to overseas clients. As his United Kingdom agent, I found him to be a superb retailer with whom to work and I had much to be grateful to him and Madeline for their great kindness when ever I visited the Falklands.

He returned to England in 1989 and settled happily in the North-east where he had family links.

We extend our sympathy to Madeline, Fiona and Carrie and his grandchildren.

A memorial service was held in St. Mary's, Stanley.

RNS and FGM.

### RENE GRIERSON

We are very sorry to report the sudden death of Rene the wife of Mr W. G. (Bill) Grierson MBE in the early hours of 25th June 1990.

Bill Grierson is one of the Vice-Presidents of the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee and both he and Rene, Falkland Islanders living their retirement in the Southampton area, have been staunch supporters for many years.

## Good Progress on Cathedral Appeal

Writing to thank the Association for its continued support to the Cathedral Restoration Appeal, Major General Neil Cartier, Chairman of the United Kingdom Committee of the Cathedral Appeal, reports that the first stage of restoration has now been completed.

Work will start on the roof as soon as the aluminium sheets, now in transit, reach the Falklands.

Their aim remains to raise sufficient funds to complete

the restoration before the centenary year of the Cathedral in 1992.

The Falkland Islands Government have decided to match donations given to the Appeal on a pound for pound basis up to a certain limit.

Copies of the Falklands cookery book, *A Taste of the Falkland Islands* (£2.50 + p & p.), on sale in aid of the Appeal, are still available from the Association

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

### Seek All Party Support

From Mr William Izatt

Sir, I was pleased to see in issue No. 44 of the *Newsletter* that there are two Labour MPs who are supporters of the Islanders. I have been concerned for some time that only one of the three parties clearly expresses such support. This is not a safe situation since no party rules for ever and, however much the British people support the Falkland Islanders, they will vote for completely different reasons.

The Association should attempt to make self-determination a non-party issue. It is, after all, a straight moral question. It is not a party issue even now. No central party dogma is involved. It is clear from the statements of the Labour and Liberal parties that their spokesmen are merely repeating the Foreign Office line. They have been 'got at' just as Conservative Ministers were 'got at' before 1982. The Association should respond by getting sufficient back benches of all parties to back the decent line so that, whatever party is in power the Foreign Office cannot be sure of a majority vote for a sell-out. Politicians being what they are, any Government in such a situation will suddenly see the virtue in supporting the status quo.

If such a tactic is adopted, the *Newsletter* would no doubt have to ease up on its criticism of the Labour Party. Politicians

are very tribal in their loyalties. Perhaps you could compensate by increasing your excellent reporting on the corrupt nature of Argentine society. I haven't been to Argentina for twenty-three years but, from what I recall, your reports have a distinct ring of truth. My visit coincided with an interlude of 'democracy' and the stories of corruption that I heard, while less entertaining in their details

that those in your report, show that Argentine society has made no progress whatsoever in evolving from what is essentially a colonialist settler nineteenth century mentality. WILLIAM IZATT  
3 Dawlish Avenue,  
Palmer's Green,  
London N13 4HP  
APPRECIATION  
From Mrs Lily Barron  
Sir, Thank you so much for all

your interesting news about the Falklands and the Falkland Islanders.

Thank you for the photos of the Falkland Islands Reception in your *Newsletter*.

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Thanks for everything.  
Lily Barron,  
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