



Falkland Islands NEWSLETTER

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CONTRARY TO PUBLIC OPINION

The sale to Government of their remaining four large farms, some 27% of the total land area, by the Falkland Islands Company is, perhaps, the most significant change in the Falkland Islands at least for a decade. Such a transfer of land ownership from absentee landlords to the people of the Falkland Islands was one of the prime recommendations of the Shackleton Report, though not anticipated in quite this way.

Yet it would appear that public opinion in the Falkland Islands is not wholly in favour of the purchase of the farms.

A GAMBLE

With a large loan to service, it suited Anglo United to sell at this time especially as prospects of good financial return from Falklands farms over the next few years are doubtful. If the Falkland Islands Government had not taken up the offer now the land would probably have been sold to absentee landlords elsewhere and such a chance might never have been presented again.

We shall just have to wait and see how the Falkland Islands Government now handles its new acquisition and whether the gamble, which will also depend on outside factors such as the recovery of the world wool market, pays off. With much of the fishing profits invested in this land purchase and profits from farming in the red, the stakes are high.

SUSPICIOUS

Unpopular was the overruling by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the Legislative Council in the arrangements for the visit of the Argentine 'next of kin'. It is just ten years since the Islands were invaded and any Argentine visits are sensitive matters. The Falkland Islanders, with some historic justification, have learnt to be suspicious of the 'F & C O', and it is not the first time that the Legislative Council, the one democratically elected body representing the Falkland Islanders, has been overruled from London. The Argentine visit went off well and maybe the ruling was correct, but there is nothing more frustrating to the Legislative Council than to be made to appear impotent.

Was it not due to just such frustrations and interference from London that eventually drove our other Colonies in North America to declare their independence. Perhaps even in the Falkland Islands as in other former British Colonies, movements favouring independence will start to grow and flourish as a result.

We understand that thought is being given by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to promoting a constitutional process which will lead to more power for the Legislative Council and greater self reliance for the Falkland Islanders. This is to be welcomed. RNS.

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THE NEW STANLEY SCHOOL UNDER CONSTRUCTION
(photo: R. N. SPAFFORD)

THE MINISTER'S VISIT

Mr Tristan Garel-Jones, the Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, visited the Falkland Islands from Thursday 21st until Tuesday 26th February. He was accompanied by Mr Merrick Baker -Bates, who heads the South Atlantic & Antarctic Department.

The Minister's programme included a public meeting in Stanley Town Hall on the Saturday morning, which was well attended, and Camp visits to Pebble Island, Chartres and Port Howard. On the evening before his departure Mr Garel-Jones held a press conference.

Asked about the 'hole' in the Falkland Islands Outer Conservation Zone, Mr Garel-Jones said that the negotiations with Argentina when this was established had been rugged and the achievement had been to reach an agreement with them; the finer points, such as the small gap between the Argentine and Falkland zones could now be cleared up quickly. The fishing agreement only lasts one year, being reviewed and renewed annually. He envisaged no difficulties in this or in tidying up the detail such as the 'hole'.

About a series of recent policy differences when the British Government have overruled the expressed wishes of the Falkland Islands Government, causing annoyance and frustration not least to members of Legco, Mr Garel-Jones commented that the elected Councillors are now assuming increasing responsibility for the people they represent and at present there is an overlap with Her Majesty's Government.

He said that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office are preparing a paper for Councillors on the effect on the Falkland Islands of the EEC in 1992. The Foreign Office will see if any agreements to the benefit of the Falkland Islanders should be made with the EEC.

With regard to the exploration of offshore hydrocarbons,



MR GAREL-JONES AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE IN STANLEY
(photo: R. N. SPAFFORD)

Mr Garel-Jones said that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office were hurrying slowly. He promised that the new legislation would be in place and the Continental Shelf declared by the start of the next austral summer for up to date geological survey to take place. He strongly denied any suggestion that the delay in dealing with the new legislation is deliberate to avoid upsetting the Argentines so soon after the fishing agreement.

Questioned about strong rumours that HMS *Endurance* is to be withdrawn, Mr Garel-Jones insisted that the British Government is not planning to withdraw the HMS *Endurance*.

ROYAL VISITORS

It is good to see the recent interest in the Falkland Islands being taken by the Royal Family. Following the five day visit to the Falklands by H.R.H. The Duke of Kent from 2nd to 7th October, His Royal Highness Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh, visited the Islands from Friday 8th to Wednesday 13th March, flying in by British Aerospace 146 of the Queen's Flight.

In Stanley he visited a Gala Evening at the Town Hall to raise funds for the four Falkland Islands youngsters taking part in Operation Raleigh, the new swimming pool where he watched a swimming gala, the Junior School, Stanley Museum, FIPASS, the Hydroponic Garden, Christ Church Cathedral, the Hospital, opened the new studio at the Broadcasting Station and attended a Public Reception in the Town Hall, where there was a superb buffet, which Secretary of the Local Committee

Velma Malcolm described as fantastic and far better than the meal on the last visit of the Duke of Edinburgh in 1957.

Flying around Camp, he visited Goose Green, Chartres, where he went trout fishing and met many West Falkland Islanders at the Lodge, Carcass Island and Pebble Island, where John Reid took him on a wildlife tour.

It is clear that at all times the Prince Philip made a point of meeting and talking to Falkland Islanders and it is reported he said that if he had known about all the anniversaries due to take place next year he would have come then. However Islanders hope that, perhaps, after all the present obviously happy and successful royal visits this year, Her Majesty The Queen might decide to come to the Falkland Islands in 1992. No reigning monarch has ever visited this most loyal of all British Colonies.

10 JAN MARGARET THATCHER DAY

Margaret Thatcher is to be remembered in the Falklands by a special day each year known as Margaret Thatcher Day.

This is to be 10th January, the date in 1983 on which Mrs Thatcher received the Freedom of the Falkland Islands, and has

been approved by Legislative Council.

Legislative Councillor Harold Rowlands, whose idea it was, said "In years to come, when children ask who Mrs Thatcher was, they will then be told that she saved the Falklands from the Argentines in 1982."

FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY FARMS SOLD

The Falkland Islands Government bought the four remaining major Falkland Islands Company farms, Fitzroy, Goose Green, North Arm and Walker Creek, from Anglo United p.l.c. on 3rd May.

Representing the Falkland Islands Government at the official signing ceremony were Executive Councillor Terry Peck*, Legislative Councillor Gerard Robson, Falkland Islands Government Chief Executive Ronald Sampson, Economic Advisor Richard Wagner and Senior Crown Counsel Robert Titterton. Signatories for Anglo United were Chairman David McErlain and Company Secretary Hugh Muirhead.

The purchase, 800,000 acres, which represent 27% of the total land area of the Falklands, 200,000 sheep, livestock, buildings and mineral rights, cost the Falkland Islands Government £4.85 million.

Anglo United has agreed to reinvest a minimum of £750,000 of the proceeds in the Falkland Islands within a year.

CONTROVERSIAL

The Falkland Islands Government has taken on overall responsibility for the jobs and pensions of the seventy Islanders employed on the farms, but intends to run the farms on an economic basis.

Should the Falkland Islands Government sell 40% or more of the land within three years, 50% of the profit is to be split equally with the Falkland Islands Company.

This purchase by the Falkland Islands Government is highly controversial for a number of reasons within the Falkland Islands.

Anglo United has given each of the Managers of the four farms a bonus payment of £10,000 and it was reported in *Penguin News* that this bonus was being considered as a bribe

by many Islanders. Anglo United replied that it is their standard practice in the sale of any company or business that senior management are given a bonus.

Penguin News of 19th April reported a quick survey which they carried out in the streets of Stanley revealed that most Islanders were angry at the price of the purchase, the speed of the deal and were disillusioned with councillors for the lack of communication throughout the negotiations. In fact *Penguin News* said they could not find one person in favour.

A *Falkland Islands Broadcasting Service* survey found that 75% of the electorate opposed the deal.

LAST DITCH CAMPAIGN

Legislative Councillor Bill Luxton was reported to be organising a 'last ditch' campaign to stop the purchase. Legco had to pass an ordinance permitting the deal before it could be made final and he believed that the sheer weight of public opinion against the purchase could persuade some councillors to vote against. He was supported by Councillor Norma Edwards, who is said to be vehemently against the agreement, and also the Desire the Right Party.

When *Falkland Islands Newsletter* met members of Legco in Stanley on 15th February, the Hon. Gerard Robson was then positively opposed to any purchase of Falkland Islands Company farms by Government, stating that he did not believe in Government involvement in commercial enterprise, preferring the private sector.

The Legco Meeting at which the opposition move was to be made was on Tuesday 23rd April, so obviously they were unsuccessful.

* *The other elected Executive Councillors are currently, the Hon. Ron. Binnie, Manager of Fitzroy farm and the Hon. Harold Rowlands.*

CHAIRMAN'S VISIT

The Chairman of the Association was delighted to be able to visit the Falkland Islands from 24th January until 28th February, first leading a tour of philatelists until 6th February, visiting Sea Lion, Pebble, Keppel Islands, Port Howard and Fox Bay.

He then visited Port Louis for five days before returning to Stanley, where he was able to meet Islanders and bring himself up to date.

From 20th to 22nd February he had the great enjoyment of walking from Hill Cove to Fox Bay West, staying overnight at Hill Cove, Teal River House, Little Chartres and Lake Sullivan Farm.



DELIVERING THE NEWSLETTER TO A REMOTE FARM
(photo: R. N. SPAFFORD)

OPERATION RALEIGH

Four young Falkland Islanders are taking part in Operation Raleigh during 1991.

They are Iain Berntsen and 19 year-old Kevin Hewitt, who works for P.W.D. in Stanley, both of whom will visit Alaska, 19 year-old James McGhie, who lives and works with his parents on Keppel Island keeping the farm for Mr Fell, and Alan Steen, son of Vernon Steen, Manager of Falkland Islands Government Air Service. James McGhie will be visiting Malaysia.

In order to take part the sum of £16,000 had to be raised. This was achieved in four months by various fund raising projects throughout the Falklands and by the four men themselves. One of these was a sponsored walk by the four youngsters from San Carlos to Stanley in twenty-four hours another such was James McGhie's extra work as guide and chauffeur to tourists visiting Keppel. Finally the target was reached when four fishing companies donated cheques totaling £1,000 in March.

ARGENTINE NEXT OF KIN VISIT

At 11 o'clock precisely on Monday 18th March, 1991, a Boeing 747 of Aereolneas Argentinas, displaying International Red Cross markings, landed at Mount Pleasant Airport carrying three hundred and fifty four relatives of Argentine military killed in the Falkland Islands War.

Such a visit, under the supervision of the International Red Cross, had been approved by the Falkland Islands Government many years ago but, only recently, nine years after the war, had it been taken up by the Argentine Government.

Although the Falkland Islanders had approved the visit there was no way that they wished to meet the Argentine relatives, nor did they. The reception, administration and transportation of the visitors were undertaken entirely by the military at Mount Pleasant so that no Falkland Islander, apart from Patrick Watts, even saw them.

The International Red Cross had ruled that only six journalists should accompany the visit: of these three would be British and three Argentine, and not only would the blinds on the plane be lowered until the aircraft had landed at Mount Pleasant, but cameras were forbidden except at the Military Cemetery. The British journalists were James Stevens, editor of *Penguin News*, Patrick Watts, who heads *Falkland Islands Broadcasting Service*, and John Ezard of the British newspaper, *The Guardian*.

ARGENTINE DEMONSTRATIONS BUT BRITISH DIGNITY

When the plane had left Ezeiza Airport, Buenos Aires, a group of some twenty Argentine War Veterans demonstrated, singing patriotic songs, chanting anti-British slogans and claims to the Falklands.

In contrast the arrival of the next of kin at Mount Pleasant was efficient and orderly, conducted by the British Military with dignity and compassion.

So that the Argentines should not be confronted by a military presence the British soldiers conducting the visit in the Falklands were dressed in white ski jackets bearing International Red Cross signs.

The Argentines were then flown, together with the flowers and wreaths they had brought from Argentina, in groups of eighty to ninety by RAF helicopter to the War Cemetery at Darwin. Here there are 235 graves of which 111 are marked, the remainder are of soldiers "known only unto God".

The groups had been carefully organised; those in the first group were the relatives of the dead who had been identified and had marked graves, those in the second and third group had only the graves of unknown soldiers to visit.

"THEY Poured OUT THEIR GRATITUDE"

At Darwin virtually a 'tented village' had been set up, with a very large marquee as a place of worship, where an Argentine priest held a short simple service, tents for a buffet lunch, rest areas, welfare, first aid post, lavatories, the press, or for just to sit and be quiet overlooking the white crosses.

Penguin News reported, "It ended with incredible scenes of hugging and kissing, hand-shaking and tears as pent-up

emotions gave way and the mourners poured out their gratitude to the service men and women who had been looking after them. Even the Commander British Forces, Major General Malcolm Hunt, found himself having his arm pumped when he paid a routine visit to see how things were going....For many of the bereaved had never flown before - some had never travelled as far as Buenos Aires."

"When they arrived, the crosses were white and bare. When they left, every cross was festooned with flowers, many with rosaries, and some with name plates that had been attached. Many families, who knew their loved one was buried in an unidentified grave adopted a grave, attached the name of their son or husband, and prayed there."

When the Argentine mourners returned to Ezeiza Airport, Buenos Aires, the Argentine War Veterans were still there, demonstrating and chanting and, of course, upsetting the relatives greatly.

The Argentine press is said to have reported the visit with respect, but emphasis was placed on 'This is the first time', implying that there will be similar trips in the future, but the Falkland Islanders, for their part, are determined that this will have been a 'one off' visit.

FALKLANDS GENEROSITY

When it comes to raising cash for worthwhile causes there are few communities as generous as the Falkland Islanders.

In a recent appeal for Wireless For The Blind, apart from cash raised by the military, the Falkland Islanders themselves raised the magnificent sum of £3,800.



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STANLEY'S NEW BUTCHERS

Meat has always been an important feature of Falkland Islanders diet. Superb quality lamb or mutton is cheap by United Kingdom standards and is plentiful in Camp. However in more recent years it has not always been so easy in Stanley and there are special problems. Mike Jones and Ben Berntsen took over the supply of meat to Stanley from Gardner Fiddes on 1st January.

Registered as Jones' and Berntsen's Butchery, this new initiative is operating from the well established Stanley Butchery building on Ross Road West, leased from the Falkland Islands Company, with the technical equipment purchased from the previous owners, under a hire-purchase arrangement through the Falkland Islands Development Corporation.

LAMB AND MUTTON

Initially the business is trading in lamb and mutton only. Getting meat to Stanley Butchery is not the easy task which takes place in Britain with live animals being carried in special transporters direct from the farm or market.

For the moment the animals are being supplied chiefly by the Falkland Islands Company from their farms at Fitzroy and Goose Green and they are driven on hoof overland by Ben Berntsen riding horseback with his six sheep dogs working alongside. More laborious has been the five days drive to fetch sheep from San Carlos and after such a long drive the animals have to be held from about three weeks to a month to fatten before they can be killed for meat.

HUMANE SLAUGHTER

For Stanley's twice a week meat delivery on Mondays and Thursdays, John Berntsen, whom they employ, kills every Wednesday and Friday, in a recognised humane way using a bolt from a .22 gun. At the start he was killing fifty sheep a week, now it is up to about seventy sheep a week and shortly they hope it will be a hundred a week. Because of hydatid disease regulations the livers and hearts cannot be offered for sale and all the offal is inspected by the vet.

Most Falkland Islanders in Stanley order their meat in the traditional Falkland Islands way, a hind or fore quarter ordered by a large notice prominently displayed at the gate or in a window and Mike Jones delivers to the door to over a hundred



MIKE JONES, THE NEW BUTCHER IN STANLEY
(Photo: R. N. Spafford)

customers this way with his van.

Some 'ex-pats', yet unused to Falklands ways, want their meat butchering into U.K. style joints, but they have to pay 12p. a lb. for this service, and some buy their meat from the West Store, which is supplied four days a week. This includes 100lbs of mince every day and joints. He said that the price is approximately the same whether the customer buys direct from him or from the West Store.

SIX MONTH OLD LAMB

In the Falklands, meat is called 'lamb' from an animal up to six months-old, but it is only at Christmas that three month-old lambs are killed for meat, and 'mutton' is usually from a six year-old animal.

Mike Jones said that he expected to be able start supplying beef from the end of March this year. He wants to sell poultry later and would like to sell pork when the poultry farms starts its pig keeping operation. Over the next couple of years they hope to be able to consider bringing animals to the slaughter house by truck and, when the inter-Islands ferry starts, they expect to buy livestock from West Falkland too.

JONES AND BERNTSENS BUTCHERY

STANLEY Tel. No. 22677

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Meat Prices

Full Mutton	£13.00	Mince Meat	75p per lb
Hind Quarter	36p per lb	Butchering	12p per lb
Fore Quarter	26p per lb	Tongues	12p each
Hind Leg	36p per lb	Kidneys	12p each
Loin	36p per lb	Brains	12p each

WHERE HAVE ALL THE SEA LIONS GONE?

Over the last fifty years the number of sea lions on the beaches and rocks around the Falkland Islands has decreased to less than 1%. Efforts are now being made to discover what has caused this so that the trend can be reversed before it is too late.

Perhaps a better question might be "Why have all the sea lions gone?"

On 25th January Dave Thompson and Callan Duck of the Sea Mammal Research Unit, Cambridge, arrived in the Falkland Islands to initiate the first stage of a programme to uncover the mystery of the disappearing sea lions. The Sea Mammal Research Unit, like British Antarctic Survey, is part of the National Environment Research Council and the sea lion investigation programme is being funded jointly by the Falkland Islands Development Corporation, the World Wild Life Fund and the National Environment Research Council through the Falkland Islands Foundation.

Visiting Seal Bay on the north coast of East Falkland, and part of Port Louis Farm on 9th February, *Falkland Islands Newsletter* was able to see Dave Thomson and Callan Duck in action.



DART, BLOW-PIPE AND TRANQUILIZER
(photo: R. N. Spafford)

As Dave Thompson explained, "In the late 1930s Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey conducted a survey of sea lions in the Falklands and estimated their population as 380,000. In the mid 1960s, using aerial photography, Ian Strange calculated the number of sea lions as 30,000, a tenfold decline. From a more recent survey conducted between January and March 1990, the sea lion population was calculated at only 3,500, a further ten fold decline and, if the this trend continues, sea lions will be extinct in the Falkland Islands in another thirty years time."

TAGGING

Lines of research that Thompson and Duck are following include the feeding habits of sea lions and looking to see if any food dependency is causing their demise. In pursuing this line they are studying where and how the sea lions feed. As well as just watching them and examining their faeces, the latter a most unpleasant and smelly task, they have been experimenting with tagging sea lions with radio transmitters.

This is something that has not been attempted before with fierce southern sea lions, which are distinct from the more gentle Californian sea lion with which we are familiar in the circus. The first stage is to tranquilize the selected subject so that the transmitter can be attached by glue. Callan Duck was



CALLAN DUCK DEMONSTRATING THE TAGGING TRANSMITTER
(photo: R. N. Spafford)

"shooting" the loaded tranquilizer dart using a home made blow-pipe - a long piece of copper tubing - and the tranquilizing agent was a mixture called Zolertil. However the dose needed to successfully anaesthetize a southern sea lion was unknown. Selecting females, understandably less aggressive than the bulls, Callan had started with a dose of 1.4 mils of Zolertil,



DAVE THOMPSON SHOWS THE RECORDER TO MICHAEL MORRISON, MANAGER OF PORT LOUIS FARM
(photo: R. N. Spafford)

which is a dose known as sufficient to anaesthetize a grey seal weighing 170 Kgs. However this proved to be inadequate and it had required a dose of 1.7 mils to anaesthetize a sea lion which weighed 106 Kgs.

SEALION INVESTIGATION (continued)

SUITABLE SUBJECTS

Selecting a suitable subject was no easy task. It was necessary to pick one away from her protective bull and which was close enough to succeed in hitting her in the neck with the loaded dart, but also to pick one that was already asleep because there was the problem that a sea lion, which dived into the sea on receiving the anaesthetizing dart, would almost certainly drown as soon as the tranquilizer took its affect.

Once the sea lion has been successfully tranquilized, it is weighed and the transmitter is attached. The subject sea lion and its companions seemed to be totally unconscious of the transmitter which is designed to fall off when she moults in due course.

FIRST STAGE

This year the transmitted signal was being received by a converted word processor called a Fully Automated Radio Tracking System and recorded on a disc of two and a half weeks duration. When the sea lion is ashore the received signal is constant but it varies when it is in the water. That is all that can be read from the transmitter this first year.

However this year is only the first experimental stage of the investigation and the intention is that next year, when all the techniques have been established, the radio transmitters will be far more sophisticated, being able to indicate parameters such as depth etc.

It is also intended to use other sites around the Falklands so that sea lion colonies are not unduly disturbed.

OUR GOOD DONORS

In the December issue of *Falkland Islands Newsletter* we reported on the success of our fund raising efforts. At that time we explained that we do need funds in order to function effectively, and to maintain our small office in London. Also we have to meet the cost of printing and circulating *Falkland Islands Newsletter* as well as other expenses.

Our largest single benefactor is the **Falkland Islands Government** who have backed us to the tune of £5,000 for each of the past few years. Without their financial support we would have found it difficult to carry on. We also receive income through regular membership subscriptions, and these form the backbone of our working capital. As we mentioned in the December issue of *Falkland Islands Newsletter*, in earlier days most of the big company owned farms made large payments but, with the break-up of these estates into smaller farms, their support was lost to us, apart from the **Falkland Islands Company** who have donated £500 per year regularly for very many years and who deserve a special 'thank you'.

As a result of our recent appeal, we are pleased to say that

a number of companies and organisations have agreed to become 'sponsors' of our Association - some being new members and others having upgraded their original Corporate Membership subscription. We would like to give credit to, and thank, those concerned for their generosity. We must single out **Fortuna Ltd** who have come in with £1,000, a quite splendid figure.

We like to think that all donations, subscriptions and sponsorships show the measure of support for the aims of our Association. We continually strive to express the views and opinions of Islanders to the British public and to those who are considered to be 'opinion formers' and of influence. It is, therefore, with pride that we publish a list of these benefactors who have helped, and hopefully will continue to help, at levels of £50 per year or above.

We would also like to take the chance again of thanking our committee in the Islands who organised events and raised funds in excess of £5,000 in the latter part of last year: a great effort.

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Falkland Islands Development Corporation

Development Update

RENOVATION OF WAVERLEY HOUSE

In 1988 Fortuna Ltd, owned and managed by John Cheek and Stuart Wallace, purchased various properties from Estate Louis Williams including the Pig and Whistle, Globe Hotel and Waverley House. To date extensive renovation work has been completed on the Pig and Whistle, which now houses the Falkland Islands Tourist Board offices and the offices of Fortuna themselves. Extensive internal renovations to the Globe Hotel are in progress.

Fortuna now plan to renovate extensively Waverley House to provide three commercial units on the ground floor, for rental to local businesses, and two flats on the first floor also for rental. Waverley House is considered to be an historic building and, therefore, the advice offered by Jane Cameron, of the Historic Buildings Committee, on measures needed to preserve the exterior character of the premises will be taken into consideration during renovation. Much needed parking facilities will also be included in the project. The north end of the building has already been converted into a bakery, which is occupied by Mr Keith Reddick of Stanley Bakery Ltd. Falkland Islands Development Corporation will be providing interest relief to Fortuna for a five year period.

FIDC TO OWN SEA LION ISLAND

The Development Corporation is in the process of purchasing Sea Lion Island from Mr Terry Clifton.

When the offer to purchase was extended to FIDC by Mr Clifton, it was decided that since the Corporation already had a considerable investment in the Island by way of the tourist lodge, consideration had to be given to protect this investment; a new owner may not have as much sympathy as Mr Clifton had for tourism and conservation.

Various ideas to increase tourism and protect the wildlife on the Island have been considered but as yet no final decisions have been reached. One proposal is that tourism could be further developed by the use of the farmhouse as either self-catering accommodation or as an extension to the lodge. There is also the possibility that the Island could represent a very useful centre for study of bird and sea mammal population, possibly in co-operation with the New Island Trust which offers similar facilities on New Island.

The Corporation will also be actively seeking the involvement of other wildlife trusts in the conservation of Sea Lion as an area of major wildlife interest. The island has five species of penguins (four breeding), important tern and giant petrel breeding colonies, as well as sea lion and sea elephant breeding colonies.

PARAGON LTD

During the first successful visit of the Falkland Islands business delegation to Chile and Uruguay last year, members of the delegation had the idea of establishing a Company, based in the Islands, which would engage in the procurement and wholesale supply of a wide range of goods from Chile and Uruguay. Council having agreed that FIDC should become involved as shareholders in some revenue producing projects, the formation of this

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company seemed to be an ideal opportunity. The General Manager is, therefore, one of the Directors of Paragon Ltd and FIDC one of the five shareholders.

The other Directors are all local business men, Mr Steve Vincent (Stanley Electrical Ltd), Mr Mike Rendell (Malvina House Hotel), Mr Stuart Wallace (Fortuna Ltd) and Mr Tony Loftus (Beauchene Ltd).

Janet Robertson, who is fluent in Spanish, has been appointed as General Manager of Paragon Ltd. She is a graduate from Sussex University with a BA (Hons) degree in International Relations, funded by the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Trust, and was previously employed by the Development Corporation as a management trainee for one year.

NEW ENTERPRISE ON THE ROAD TO MPA

Mr and Mrs Geoff Pratlett have purchased the *Great Britain* Hotel and fifty acres of land, close to Mount Pleasant Airport, and adjacent to fifty acres of land already owned by them.

Some renovation of the Hotel is planned and the new owners intend to provide bar snacks, evening meals and Sunday lunches, as well as special functions like discos and barbecues.

Mr Pratlett, who managed the Stanley based Poultry Products Ltd until recently when he purchased the assets and livestock, has already set up a free range egg production unit on his land, and is growing vegetables for sale to Stanley businesses and residents. During a recent visit to the United Kingdom he purchased some pigs which he will run in conjunction with his other enterprises; it is hoped that the animals can be fed with swill from the military base at MPA.

The involvement of FIDC in the establishment of this enterprise is by way of a grant towards vegetable production and Interest Relief Grant on the mortgage to purchase the property and land.

The Development Corporation has now closed down its wholly owned subsidiary, Poultry Products Ltd, and will be disposing of the remaining assets.

LOOKOUT INDUSTRIAL SITE

Following the completion of the permanent barracks for the Stanley Administration Detachment at Hillside Camp, the site known as Lookout Camp has been returned to Falkland Islands Government.

Executive Council agreed that the site should be used for light industrial, commercial and retail development under the management of FIDC. The Corporation consequently purchased the remaining assets, which include four packaway units, eight multiple portakabin blocks and thirty-five individual portakabins.

Many interested parties have approached FIDC with requests to rent, purchase or lease land and buildings on the site for their businesses, and a plan for the site has been drawn up.

A design study for the sewage, water and electrical distribution system has been undertaken by McAdam Design, and a security fence is in the process of being erected which will include the existing Lookout Industrial Estate currently occupied by seven local business enterprises.

FALKLAND ISLANDS ASSOCIATION SEMINAR

The Falkland Islands in the 1990s

Over ninety-five enthusiasts attended the Falkland Islands Association Seminar held at Cambridge from 12th to 14th April, 1991, and joined in discussions on the future exciting prospects for the Falkland Islands during the present new decade, chaired by Sir Rex Hunt CMG.



Left to Right: MR HAROLD BRILEY, ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN
MAJOR R. N. SPAFFORD, ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT
SIR REX HUNT CMG

Off-Shore Fishing, Oil Prospects, both geological and economic, Development Progress and implications of 1992 and the European Community on the Islands were the chosen subjects for the Saturday sessions held in the fine lecture hall at the Scott Polar Research Institute.

On Sunday the delegates learnt about the possible affects of Global Warming and examined Agricultural aspects of Falklands future development.

Buffet lunches were provided in the foyer of the SPRI on both days, which gave delegates a chance to meet and chat informally

A more formal Falklands Dinner, which was over-subscribed, was held on the Saturday evening at Wolfson Court, the accommodation base for the Seminar.

The sub-committee, which had been planning the weekend for nine months, had faced some last moment unexpected 'cliff-hangers' just three weeks before the Seminar.



Left to Right: JOURNALIST MR MICHAEL FRENCHMAN TALKS TO
VICE-CHAIRMAN MR ROBERT ELGOOD

The main after-dinner speaker, Mr Tristan Garcl-Jones MP, the Minister of State, was called to attend an important EEC Meeting in Rome, Mr Geoff Moir, who was scheduled to show introductory slides, broke his leg, and the anticipated oil geologist became unavailable. After intense work and much



Left to Right: COMMANDER MICHAEL RANKEN AND CAPTAIN
NICK BARKER OF THE SOUTH WEST ATLANTIC GROUP

good will, friends came to our rescue and all the problems were solved just five days before 'the off': Mr Peter Pepper showed his newly made video of the Falklands in place of the slides, Sir Anthony Grant, local Cambridge MP, agreed to speak after the Dinner and two members of British Antarctic Survey, geologist Dr David Macdonald and geophysicist Dr Ed King spoke lucidly about oil prospects around the Falklands.

LEADING FALKLAND ISLANDERS

The attendance of leading Falkland Islanders, who had flown over specially for the weekend added importance to the Seminar. These included His Excellency the Governor, Mr William Fullerton CMG, Legislative Councillor, the Hon. Mrs Norma Edwards, General Manager of the Falkland Islands Development Corporation, Mr Mike Summers, Chief Development Economist of the Falkland Islands Government, Mr Graham Gleadell, Business Proprietors Mr and Mrs Terry Betts, Mr Peter Gilding and student Mr Tom Blake.



Left to Right: SIR VIVIAN FUCHS, SIR ANTHONY GRANT, SIR
REX HUNT, LORD BUXTON, MR WILLIAM FULLERTON

It gave us much pleasure to have with us our Vice-President of the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee, 83 year-old Sir Vivian Fuchs, who was looking well, but admits to having finally given up playing squash, although he still drives his Jaguar sports car.

CAMBRIDGE 12 - 14 APRIL 1991

The Falkland Islands in the 1990s



DR PETER WILLETS OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL SEEKS COUNCILLOR MRS NORMA EDWARDS' OPINION



THE GOVERNOR, MR WILLIAM FULLERTON, MAKES A POINT TO MR MERRICK BAKER-BATES OF THE FOREIGN & COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

Also attending were Falkland Islands Government Representative in London, Miss Sukey Cameron, Mr Peter Innes, who heads the Falkland Islands Department at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, Commander Michael Ranken and Captain & Mrs Nick Barker of the South

West Atlantic Group, Mr & Mrs Peter Campbell of Falkland Islands accountants Pannel Kerr Forster, Mr Gordon Forbes, whose firm built the swimming pool and is now building the new school in Stanley, Mr Des Keoghane, Chairman of the Falkland Families Association, Dr Kate Thompson of the Falkland Islands Foundation, Dr Peter Willets and Dr Alaine Low of the South Atlantic Council, Mr & Mrs Stewart Nicholls, Headmaster of Peter Symonds College Winchester, Mr Callan Duck of the Sea Mammal Research Unit, Cambridge, and many other interested supporters and friends of the Falkland Islands. The Argentine Embassy even sent along their Second Secretary, Mr Ivan Ivanishevich, to attend.



DR PETER WADHAMS, THE DIRECTOR OF THE SCOTT POLAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE, IN CONGENIAL CONVERSATION WITH MR BILL HUNTER CHRISTIE

The Association hopes to be able to publish the text of the main speakers together with the ensuing discussion in the near future, depending on adequate financial backing and looks forward to organising another seminar in two or three year's time.

Photos by Miss Sophie Hill

FINAL PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

The Falkland Islands in the 1990s

- **Friday 12 April Wolfson Court**
8.30 - 9.30pm Mr Harold Briley set the scene
9.30 - 10.30pm Video of the Falklands by Mr Peter Pepper
- **Saturday 13 April Scott Polar Research Institute**
9.30 - 10.45am Off-shore Fishing by Mr Andrew How
11.15 - 12.30pm Hydrocarbons by Dr David Macdonald and Dr Ed King
1 - 2pm Buffet Lunch
2.15 - 3.15pm Prospecting for Oil off the Falklands:
The Economic Aspects by Professor Alexander Kemp of Aberdeen University
3.20 - 3.55pm Development by Mr Mike Summers
4pm - 5pm The European Community and the Falkland Islands by Mr Merrick Baker-Bates, head of the South Atlantic & Antarctic Department,
- Foreign and Commonwealth Office
7.30 for 8pm Dinner at **Wolfson Court**.
Speech by Mr William Fullerton, His Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands.
Speech by Sir Anthony Grant MP, Member of Parliament for Cambridge South West.
Speech in reply by The Lord Buxton of Alsa.
- **Sunday 14 April Scott Polar Research Institute**
9.30 - 10.45am Global Warming and its possible effects on the Falkland Islands by Dr Peter Wadhams
11.15 - 12.15pm Agricultural subjects by the UK Falkland Islands Trust; Major General N.St.G Gribbon, Mr David Stickland, Dr Jim McAdam.
12.15 - 12.45pm Summing Up by Mr Bill Hunter Christie.

SO WHAT IS AFIFI?

A few facts about the 'Association of the Falkland Islands Fishing Industry' (AFIFI) of which we believe people should be aware.

- WHO ARE MEMBERS OF AFIFI? -

Any company that is involved in the fishing industry in any way at all and which is 'majority beneficially owned and controlled by Falkland Islands residents' is eligible for membership of this group. Current members are as follows:-

Beauchene (FI) Fishing and Trading Company
Goodwin Offshore
Meredith Fishing Company
S.F.S. Navagantes
Stanley Trawlers

Fortuna
JBG Falklands
Polar
South Atlantic Marine Services
Stevedore and Fisheries Services

- WHY FORM THIS ASSOCIATION? -

We believe that local people have a right to be involved in the commercial exploitation of the rich resource in our waters. We believe that any commercial enterprise that is majority owned and controlled in the Falkland Islands and involved in the fishing industry should not only have the right to be involved but should also be given preferential treatment by our elected government, whether this be in the allocation of licences (which for most companies is the first step towards a viable commercial arrangement), diving repairs, cold storage, agency work, or in the wider areas of reefering, marketing and distribution of fish on the international market.

This belief is born out of the need for local companies to unite and form a political lobby group that will put pressure on the FIG to listen to our points of view. There is nothing surprising or unusual about this, and many of our suggestions to our Government are ones that elsewhere in the world would be accepted as standard. Being a colony should not change this principle. Here we are attempting to build a local industry from scratch and where guidelines are required by the FIG we aim to put our suggestions forward as strongly as possible, such guidelines as to how companies should proceed and as to what ventures are and as to what ventures are acceptable are vital if the local economy is to benefit from the fishing grounds on our doorstep.

Many people have a jaded view of fishing companies and there is no doubt that mistakes made here have cost each of you far too much in terms of wasted taxpayers' money. None of the members of AFIFI has ever wasted a penny of taxpayers' money. Many AFIFI members are people who gave up careers and steady but secure jobs to enter the highly risky world of fishing. You may believe that you personally have not received any benefit from the fishing industry and that local companies only have their own interests at heart. What shopkeeper shares his profits with you? Whatever your opinion of fishing companies you have to remember this - if our local companies do not survive the only source of revenue to the Islands will be the collection of licence fees by FIG. There will be no building-up of local expertise and the foreign fleets will quite happily pay a fee, fish and return home, we will see little benefit apart from some capital expenditure out of licence fees by FIG when it can afford it.

Hate it or love it, our Island economy needs your help and support in whatever area of your work. AFIFI members believe in private industry and look only for your support.

EL OLOR DE CORRUPCION

by Simon Arthur

Fair winds don't exist in Buenos Aires, but usually there is the smell of corruption. Just recently this has been particularly strong.

There have been several allegations of this last year, but it really erupted in January when *Pagina Doce*, an Argentine paper, published a copy of a private letter written by Terence Todman, the United States Ambassador, a month earlier. It had been addressed to Erman Gonzalez, the Minister of the Economy, and copied to Domingo Cavallo, then Minister of Foreign Affairs, neither of whom had bothered to reply. It complained of eight cases of abuses against American companies, three of which were alleged to be blatant cases of corruption.

Publication of the letter forced Erman Gonzalez to reply. At the same time a case was launched against *Pagina Doce* to find out who had sold them. A day later Carlos Menem added his bitter comments; although the letter had been private and leaked from the Argentine side, his reply was to the effect that the United States should worry about its own alarming cases of corruption rather than squeaky clean Argentina!

The three alleged corruption cases were ENRON, which had encountered 'difficulties' in the investment of money for a gas line in Neuquen, Bell Atlantic, which had encountered 'irregularities' over the privatisation of northern ENTEL, and Swift, which had been unable to get its machinery out of customs. Todman alleged that a high functionary of the Argentine Government, whom he did not name, had offered to achieve this for a suitable bribe. *Pagina Doce* alleged that this was none other than Emir Fuad Yoma, the fabulously wealthy brother of Menem's estranged wife, Zulema. Promptly he resigned his honorary government position while denying any guilt.

INVESTIGATION FRUSTRATED

With apparently everything now in the open, Fiscal Molinas, the head of the Administrative Investigations Bureau, or Fiscalia, began to investigate. He summoned Granillo Ocampo, the Presidential Legal and Technical Secretary, and Roberto Dromi, ex-Minister of Public Works, to testify. Granillo Ocampo however refused and accused Fiscal Molinas of manifest hostility. Fiscal Molinas replied that "It seems quite interesting that just when the Government starts a war against alleged corruption, the day an official is called to testify, the first reaction is to try and close down the Administrative Investigation Bureau." Sadly, however, all was not well at the Fiscalia. Molinas, himself, was accused last year by four employees of concealing from them information over the investigation of his own son, Fernando Molinas, for alleged bribery. Menem sacked these four on the 12th February, because of the 'situation of conflict in the Fiscalia'. Molinas resigned, or was fired, on 13th February; no one yet knows which it was.

Clarín has since reported that Molinas' successor has

decided to indict both Campo and Dromi, who was rumoured to have been selected as the next Ambassador to Spain. The accusation is 'abuse of authority and fraudulent administration'. Menem finally sacked Ocampo on 21st February and Cesar Arias, Under-Secretary of the Department of Justice, went that day too. His fault seems to have been the pardoning of twenty common criminals, which Menem must have approved himself.

A FEW OTHER PROBLEMS

There were other problems in February too. On 12th, *Clarín* reported a supreme court request for action against two judges, Carlos Alberto Valora and Maria Rosa Garcia Foucault, for a series of alleged irregularities in proceedings against Argentine Railways. These involved huge awards of damages for quite trivial injuries - even Menem had complained about these. On the same day Moises Ikonikoff, head of ANSSAL, the fund for social security, had to give public assurances that he would cease distributing these capriciously to the union welfare organisations. Ikonikoff, an arrogant man, lost his job two days later, after an opposition deputy exposed him for threatening, and then sacking, a check in girl at Aeroparque. She didn't even work for him, but wouldn't let him board a flight that had already closed. He is the second head of ANSSAL to lose his job in a year. His predecessor, Barrionuevo, lost his job for putting huge sums of ANSSAL money in deposit accounts when social security beneficiaries were having to go without, and then losing this in the 'Bonex 89 swindle'.

As if this wasn't enough, *Clarín* reported on 26th February that Carlos Gonzalez, a radical Deputy, had laid a complaint before the Fiscalia alleging 'irregularities' in the privatisation of YPF, the state oil company. He complained that it was going at a dizzy speed and cited Erman Gonzalez, the Minister of the Economy, and Louis Prol, the Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Energy, as well as two senior YPF men. YPF itself, incidentally, has been an alleged byword for corruption for years.

AN OLD PROBLEM

Sadly, Menem himself has had his problems too. Ferrari deny his claim that they gave him the red sports car that he uses for his long drives to Pinamar. This now looks as if it was a gift from some industrialist. But, admitting that it was a gift means that he will have to leave it behind as government property when he leaves office. As his brother Eduardo put it recently, "There is no doubt that corruption is an old problem which rots the fabric of government. We all remember the Polomar scandal and other historical cases. In this sense, nothing changes under the sun."

How right he was. But something has changed. In the past corruption cases were exposed by Argentines. This time it took the intervention of a leading foreign ambassador - which was bitterly resented.

PHILATELIC STOCK BOOK

CHRISTIE'S SALE

The British Empire Stamps and Postal History auction at Christie's in London on 13th and 14th March, which included an important Falkland Islands section, was well attended and judged to have been a great success.

The 1964 Anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands 6d, stamp which has HMS *Glasgow* by mistake instead of HMS *Kent*, a lightly mounted example, realised £8,000. The Radio Telegram authorising the Port Foster handstamp, estimated at £1,000, which was described and illustrated in the last issue of *Falkland Islands Newsletter* sold for £2,400. To the above prices has to be added 10% Buyer's Premium plus VAT for the total cost to the purchaser.

PHYLLIS STEWART RESIGNS

Falkland Islands philatelists will be sorry to hear that Mrs Phyllis Stewart has resigned as Manager of the Philatelic Bureau. Mrs Stewart, who was only the second Philatelic Bureau Manager and in 1987 took over from Lewis Clifton, who established the present most successful Bureau in 1978, is well-known and popular with Falkland Islands Philatelists worldwide. The Bureau has continued to provide an important income to the Colony and under Mrs Stewart's direction has played a valuable part in maintaining this in recent years in spite of a worldwide down turn in the stamp market. It is much

regretted that she has felt it necessary to resign and she will be sadly missed, but all her friends will wish her well.

The post has recently been downgraded and her successor will receive a lesser salary. The job is currently being advertised.

1992 STAMP ISSUES

There are so many Falkland Islands anniversaries which ought to be commemorated by stamp issues in 1992 that the Stamp Committee in Stanley have been having problems deciding which ones to mark and how to give adequate coverage without over issuing.

Anniversaries in 1992 include the 400th Anniversary of the Discovery of the Falkland Islands by John Davis in 1592, the 100th Anniversary of granting Colonial Status, the 100th Anniversary of Christ Church Cathedral, the 100th Anniversary of the Falkland Islands Volunteers/Defence Force, the 50th Anniversary of the Arrival of Task Force 122 in 1942 to defend the Islands from Japanese invasion, and the 10th Anniversary of the Falkland Islands War.

It is understood that the Post Office intend to make five special anniversary issues during next year and are appealing for help in finding photos from which suitable designs can be selected.

BOOK REVIEWS

A TIME TO SPEAK, An Autobiography, by Sir Vivian Fuchs, published by Anthony Nelson Ltd., PO Box 9, Oswestry, Shropshire SY11 1BY. 6 X 9 in. hardbound with dustcover showing trekking in Africa and a photo of Sir Vivian in polar clothing. 310 pages including Foreword by Dr Raymond J. Adie, Preface, Acknowledgements and ten page Indexes including lists of Illustrations and maps. 53 illustrations of which 7 are in colour, 8 maps. ISBN 0 904614 57 9 £16.95.

As Raymond Adie says in his Foreword, "Most of the general public have tended to regard Sir Vivian as an 'Antarctic Explorer', in fact, this is not true, because he is a professional geologist with an extremely broad knowledge of science as a whole."

Following a short account of his forebears, Sir Vivian, son of Ernst Fuchs, a German who was imprisoned in the Isle of Man during the First World War, and a highly cultured mother, crippled from a childhood accident, traces his life through schooldays to University at Cambridge and his first expedition to Greenland in 1929 led by his tutor, James Wordie, Shackleton's Senior Scientist on his famous 1914-16 Expedition. Highly interesting chapters follow on four geological expeditions to East Africa before the Second world War, the latter two led by Sir Vivian and on the third accompanied by his wife, Joyce, a traveller in her own right. A chapter devoted to War Service in Britain, West Africa and North West Europe from immediately after D Day until 1946 is followed by four chapters taken from Sir Vivian's books *Of Ice and Men* and *The Crossing of Antarctica*. The final three chapters bring us up to date and at the age of 82, a

great-grandfather, he reflects on his remarkable life.

Easy to read, this well written book by an outstanding man of the century, Vice-President of the Falkland Islands Committee and member of the Association, is thoroughly recommended. I found it intensely interesting. It must be the least pompous lifestory by a great, and completely unpompous, man. RNS.

OLD FALKLAND PHOTOS, A view of life 1880-1940, compiled by Shane Wolsey, published by Peregrine Publishing, 7 Farnham Park, Bangor, Co Down BT20 3SR. 8 1/2 X 7 in. softbound. 92 pages with Introduction and Acknowledgements. No Index. 89 black & white photos.. ISBN 1 873406 00 2 £5.95.

In nine sections of varying length, Stanley, Camp Life, Sheep Work, Islanders, Defence force, Leisure, Transport, Shipping and Odds & Ends, the book contains fascinating well produced photos, fully described and individually acknowledged to each of nine sources. Some are familiar, even if only similar, having been reproduced previously elsewhere in a variety of publications, but many are unique and quite remarkable, such as the photos of the First Peat Slip, Dean Brandon, Ernesto Rowe, Cape Meredith Light and the erection of Bodie Creek Bridge.

We must be grateful to the owners for lending the photos and Shane Wolsey for assembling them in a book before they are lost for ever.

This book is a valuable addition to Falklands literature and record of the Islanders' heritage. RNS.

NEW CHAPLAIN TO THE FALKLANDS

by Lance Bidewell

The Revd. Canon Stephen Palmer RNR is to be the next rector of Christ Church Cathedral Stanley and Anglican chaplain to the Falkland Islands. Stephen and his wife, Christine, will be moving to Stanley in October.

This appointment has been made by Intercontinental Church Society, who have been responsible for the chaplaincy since 1979, and has been approved by the Archbishop of Canterbury.



THE REVD. CANON STEPHEN PALMER AND HIS WIFE CHRISTINE

(Photo: Ron Trowel)

Stephen Palmer is currently rector of Brighstone, Brook and Mottistone on the Isle of Wight and was previously domestic chaplain to the Bishop of Portsmouth. Of particular

interest to Islanders will be his connection with the Royal Navy. An East Anglian by birth, both sides of his family were seafarers, with his maternal grandfather serving in the Royal Navy. Stephen joined the Senior Service on leaving school, trained in electronics, and served on HMS *Belfast*, the Royal Naval wireless station in Singapore, the frigate *Whitby*, the helicopter cruiser *Blake*, and the shore establishment HMS *Collingwood*. Leaving the Navy in 1971 he was ordained into the Church of England ministry in 1974, his first curacy being in the parish which had HMS *Collingwood* within its boundaries! Since 1978 Stephen has been a chaplain in the Royal Naval Reserve.

His interests are wide. He is a computer buff and is a member of the Royal Navy Amateur Radio Society, holding a full radio licence. But his main hobby is bee-keeping, with a special interest in diseases of the honey bee. He hopes to do some research on bumble bees on the Falklands.

Christine Palmer has been working as a nursery nurse for the past ten years and has been a leading member of the Isle of Wight Cantata Choir. So what a deal of expertise and experience they will take to the Islands!

Two children complete the present Palmer household: Nathan, who is reading Chemistry at Exeter University, and Rebekah, an A level student at St Mary's Hall, Brighton.

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An Anglican chaplaincy in the Falklands has existed since the 1870s. During the last decade its chaplains have been Yorkshireman Harry Bagnall OBE, who served with great distinction during the 1982 War, and Irishman Gerry Murphy LVO, who was appointed in 1985, and will be leaving this August. Gerry and Joy Murphy have been much appreciated and respected during their time of office and have greatly enjoyed their time in the South Atlantic.

Lance Bidewell is Mission Support and Communications Secretary for Intercontinental Church Society

SNAKE HILL ADVENTURE PLAY GROUP

A cheque for £176.20, collected for the Snake Hill Adventure Play Group at the A.G.M. on Battle Day last December, was handed over by the Chairman of the Association during his recent visit to the Falkland Islands.

The cheque was presented to Margaret Butler, Treasurer of the Adventure Play Group, on the site where the playground will be built on Snake Hill, Stanley. Present were Mrs Angela Moffatt, Chairman of the appeal, and some of the children living at the east end of Stanley who will enjoy it, including Keith and Amanda Browning, Darrell Ford, Nichola Harris, Kathryn Mercer, Jay and Kelly Moffatt, and Georgina Strange.

Although there is a playground near St. Mary's Walk in the centre of the town, with Stanley's growth this is now too far away for the children on the east side of the town where there are no facilities for them. All the children thought that the playground is a "good idea" and said they "can't wait for it!" However before the playground can be created, the rough



PRESENTING THE ASSOCIATION CHEQUE

(Photo: R. N. Spafford)

virgin ground set aside will have to be cleared, levelled and have new grass sown. This will all be expensive and the appeal will be grateful to receive further donations.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

MEMORIES OF A CONTRACT WORKER

From Mr John V. Chaplin, Ex-Roustabout/Tractor Driver

Sir, My daughter recently gave me a copy of your *Newsletter No.45, December 1990*, which arrived at the office where she works. She knew I would be interested because, as a young man together with many others over the years, I worked in the Falklands as a contract worker. Although I was only there for a couple of years, I learnt what people always told me, "You don't ever forget the Falklands".

I read this copy avidly as it had been my first contact with the Islands since I corresponded with Tim Miller, post conflict, regarding the damage caused to Dunnose Head by the RAF. I was at Dunnose Head when Pat Johnson was in charge, Tommy Skilling was cook and Wyc Clements was Manager for Packe's.

You can imagine my delight at finding an article on Flight Lieutenant Robert Packe and the initial history of the Company that paid me. I often wondered who Packe Brothers were. You can also perhaps imagine how, on reading *Kelpers Meet in Auckland*, I found George A. Paice, another ex-Dunnose Header, mentioned. I still have the card he sent me with a picture of M.V. Ruahine, when he left the Falklands en route to Papatoetoe, New Zealand.

I then read *Evacuee Mail of 1942* and saw how many Skillings were mentioned. Did they all originate at Third

Corral and Port Sussex like Tommy Skilling? I looked at all the names that I remember like Luxton, Alazia, Sedgewick, Halliday, Bonner and Morrison and then Spence, remembering Buzz Spence. At this point I found that Sylva Johnson had died, 'mother of the late Gerry Johnson...' and I thought this must be Gerard, brother of Bernadette, Cheryl and Theresa. Gerard was about five years old when I last saw him, and it is hard to reconcile mental pictures that are as fresh yesterday with hard real facts that are more up to date.

I managed, in the course of one evening, to read every word in the *Newsletter* about three times with mixed feelings of elation and heartache. Then I spent a long time recalling all the other people, Des Peck, Joe King, the forgotten name of the Captain of the *Philomel*, Nadine Campbell, Sid Summers, Pat Johnson, Pat Lee, Carlos Perry, George Porter and Lester Alazia.

I haven't yet decided to join the Association; maybe I feel that us contract workers were never quite accepted: we were always outsiders. At Dunnose Head in the early '60s it was different: we were all contract workers, except Pat, George and Tommy. I suppose that, to a certain extent, we were hermetically sealed from close contact with Kelpers, except in situations where we were in the majority, and the natural suspicion of the Kelper kept us apart on the odd occasion when we arrived at Chartres or Fox Bay.

I remember being interviewed at the time of the Falklands War on what I believed would be the reaction of the Falkland Islanders to the end of the Argentine occupation. I said then that I considered that they would be very pleased, but that they would, in time, come to resent being infested with soldiers, even though they were British. I believed that the Falkland Islands way of life, that I knew, would now be gone forever.

It would be nice if a Kelper would be honest about what they thought about us, contract workers. For my part I never felt like a Falkland Islander, but I came to think of myself then as a 'Dunnose Header' and, I must admit, I've been one ever since: a bit different from everyone else, because of Dunnose Head, and *Philomel* pass and Queen Charlotte Bay. Climbing the track out of The Narrows was like passing into another world. Dunnose Head certainly stamped me as a 'DH'. I have often wondered if it did the same to anyone else.

Many thanks for the memories.

JOHN V. CHAPLIN,

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ALL PARTY SUPPORT

From MR F. G. Mitchell,
a Founder Member of the
United Kingdom Falkland
Islands Committee

Sir, I must comment on the letter from William Izatt which appeared in the *December 1990 Falkland Islands Newsletter*. When the Falkland islands

Emergency Committee (the original title of the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee) was formed in 1968 it was decided that

a. the Committee should be non-party political.

b. it should not be subject to commercial patronage.

c. its principal objective should be the extension of the parliamentary pledge concerning the 'interests' of the Islanders to include the 'wishes' of the Islanders; in other words self-determination. Our campaign literature stressed the right of self-determination under the United Nations Charter.

The campaign was, of course, very successful and successive Governments have over the years reiterated their commitment to respecting the 'wishes' of the Islanders. It is only recently that the Labour Party has excluded the word 'wishes' from its policy document relating to the Islands.

One tends to think in terms only of Conservative Party support for the Islanders, but it must be recorded that without the support of wise and experienced Labour Party backbenchers such as Clifford Kenyon and James Johnson in 1968, the Committee would not have succeeded in its principal objective. Clifford Kenyon in particular was of enormous help to me, as the first Secretary of the Committee, in guiding me through the intricacies of parliamentary lobbying.

FRANK G. MITCHELL
Putney, London SW15

A PAIR OF BRITISH DUCKS VISIT THE FALKLANDS

One wonders what immigration thought when two different apparently unconnected people each with the unusual surname of Duck arrived at Mount Pleasant Airport on the Britannia Airways flight on 25th January.

Brian Duck was visiting as a tourist on the Philatelic

Holiday. Callan Duck was visiting as part of the team to initiate research into Sea Lions.

Neither have knowingly met each other yet, but as both are members of the Falkland Islands Association, perhaps they will in the near future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (continued)

MISLEADING STATEMENTS

From Mrs M. Christie, Hon.Sec. Falkland Islands Association.

Sir, I would like to protest at certain inaccuracies in Paul Morrison's otherwise excellent book *The Falkland Islands*, reviewed in the December issue of the *Falkland Islands Newsletter*.

On page 27 it is stated "The Falkland Islands Company (FIC) owns nearly half of the Falklands. The majority of the remaining land is owned by absentee landlords abroad..." I understand from the Falkland Islands Government Office that there are now eighty-nine farms in the Falkland Islands, most of the large farms having been divided (there were forty-two farms in 1982) and that only 800,000 acres were owned by the Falkland Islands Company out of a total of 4,700 square miles, when the book was written

On page 34 it is stated that "Few pupils actually pursue education to 'A' level and fewer

still reach university". The number of students pursuing full-time education has been growing steadily since 1982, and there are now thirty-two young people studying for 'A' levels or at Universities or Polytechnics in the United Kingdom (out of a population of approximately 2,000), all funded by the Falkland Islands Government.

I feel that these two statements are extremely misleading, and it is most unfortunate that they appear in a book which has been promoted by Falkland Islands Tourism.

MERLE CHRISTIE
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ARGENTINE DUPLICITY

From Mr Peter J. Pepper,
Sir, Domingo Cavallo's claim that the fishing agreement implies British recognition of Argentine sovereignty should surprise no one who knows Argentina, but is no less dangerous for that. The average Argentine will never read the actual agreement, but

will hear Domingo Cavallo's lies and will believe them.

This is what happened over the bogus surrender terms which the Argentine Government published in 1982 after its defeat in the Falklands War. These never mentioned the word surrender at all, but provided for recognition of Argentine courage, that there should be no hand over of the Argentine flag, and a whole host of other nonsense, none of which was in the original document. These are the terms that are believed in Argentina now - together with many other lies about appalling British war crimes and fantastic Argentine victories and courage.

Argentine politicians are like people at the *Mad Hatter's Tea-party in Alice's Adventures In Wonderland*. Agreements and promises mean what they want them to mean, not what they actually say. But men like Domingo Cavallo are not stupid enough to sign anything that can't be used to further their designs on the Falklands. The fishing agreement is a perfect example. It has to be

re-negotiated every year, which will provide endless opportunities for the stepping stone approach to a take over of the Falklands.

Perhaps the biggest tragedy of the fishing agreement is that the British Government could have had a two hundred mile limit in 1986, without any negotiations at all. The sinking of the Taiwanese fishing boat *Chiann Der No. 3* by the Argentines then, which precipitated the declaration of the fishing zone, took place just outside the 150 mile exclusion zone and not long after this had been reduced from its wartime extent of 200 miles. So, to prevent any repetition, Britain then had every right to immediately reclaim the 200 miles zone. Now Argentine patrol vessels will again be able to patrol, with Britain's blessing, over the same spot where they sank this vessel and murdered a member of its crew.

PETER J. PEPPER
Sutton, Surrey.

NO SPECIAL DIETS ON INBOUND FLIGHTS

From Britannia Airways

Sir, Thank you for your letter of 1st March in connection with your recent flights between the UK and the Falkland Islands.

I was very sorry to learn that you were unable to have a diabetic meal on the return sector, and have spoken to our catering department on the matter.

I understand that we can

and do supply special diabetic meals on the outbound flights but, unfortunately, there are no facilities in the Falklands for these meals to be available inbound. The Ministry of Defence is aware of this.

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FALKLANDS CRUISES

Society Expeditions, the company, which organizes adventurous cruises in their three ships, *Society Adventurer*, *Society Explorer* and *World Discoverer*, to a variety of interesting and remote places and has recently become a corporate member of the Association, has asked us to draw members attention to their voyages which call at the Falkland Islands regularly each southern summer. Their largest number of calls there ever will

take place during the 1991/92 season and they have an expedition in November 1991 which is now scheduled to sail from Stanley to South Georgia and back to Stanley.

Costs, depending on the accommodation selected on their ships and number of days vary from £6,640 up to £13,000.

Write to them at SEC (UK) Ltd, Albany House, Suite 301, 324/326 Regent Street, London W1R 5AA.

Next Issue

In the August issue of Falkland Islands Newsletter there will be the first of two articles featuring *Men of West Falkland*, the first part of an article on Port Louis and historic evidence still to be seen there, details of a sailing voyage by brigantine round Cape Horn from New Zealand with a week or two stopover at the Falklands next austral summer and a report of the Reception at Lincoln's Inn, among other up to date news as it becomes available.

OBITUARIES

MRS NANETTE KING

We regret to record the death in Britain on 8th February of Mrs Nanette King who had been taken ill in the Falkland Islands after Christmas and was flown to the United Kingdom for treatment.

Mrs King, known as Ning through her childhood version of her christian name, was one of three daughters of Mr and Mrs Alex Pitaluga of Salvador Farm, East Falkland. Ning, a quiet, popular woman, married Des King, then with the Falkland Islands Company and later the owner of the Upland Goose Hotel, in 1955.

Our sympathy is extended to Des and his family and to Robin, her brother. FGM.

BILL GRIERSON MBE

It is with much sadness that we report the death of Mr W. J. (Bill) Grierson MBE, a Vice-President of the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee.

Bill had not enjoyed the best of health in recent years and this was exacerbated by the death, last year, of his devoted wife, Rene. An Islander he served the Falkland Islands Government for forty years until his retirement in 1967, commencing in the Government Printing Office and ending as Customs Officer. During that time Bill also served in South Georgia, where

he also held the post of Customs Officer in the early post World War 2 period.

Shortly after the formation of the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee in London in 1968, Bill readily agreed to join and to represent the Islanders in their struggle to retain British sovereignty for the Colony. A solid, forthright and decent man, his presence at meetings on behalf of the Committee cut through intellectual arguments on questions of international law and crystallised debates into the simple matter of a distinctive race of people with rights to self-determination. FGM.

LORD KABERRY OF ADEL

We regret to report the death of Lord Kaberry of Adel on 13th March, 1991, aged 83.

Lord Kaberry of Adel, a member of the Falkland Islands Association and a keen supporter of the Islanders was injured by the blast of an IRA bomb, while he was reading a newspaper in the Carlton Club last July. As a result he spent some weeks in hospital suffering from shock and smoke inhalation and, although he had been assured that he would recover completely, he continued to be unwell and died in hospital in his native Leeds.

Donald Kaberry was a

Colonel in the Royal Artillery, serving from 1939 until 1945, taking part in the Dunkirk evacuation and subsequently in the campaign in North West Europe. He had been a solicitor in Leeds, becoming President of Leeds Law Society in 1950. He was Member of Parliament for North West Leeds from 1950 until 1983 and at various times served as Assistant Chief Whip, Parliamentary Secretary at the Board of Trade and Vice-Chairman of the Conservative Party.

He was created a baronet in 1960 and, on his retirement from the House of Commons, he was created a life peer.

He is survived by his wife, Lily, and three sons, of whom the Hon. Christopher Kaberry succeeds to the baronetcy.

PHIL SUMMERS

Philip George Summers, affectionately known by all as Phil died suddenly at his home in Market Deeping on Tuesday 26th March, 1991.

Phil was born in Stanley on 10th November, 1925, and educated at the Government School. He joined the Electrical and Telegraph Department as a messenger in August 1942 rising to clerk by 1944. In 1952 he was transferred to the Public Works Department as a clerk and remained there until 1967, when he was appointed as the

Administrative Officer at Grytviken, South Georgia for one year.

On his return, he became part of the Treasury team and, in 1973, was promoted to Deputy Financial Secretary. In 1981 he was further promoted to Deputy Chief Secretary where he remained until retirement in 1983.

Since his retirement and move to the United Kingdom, Phil has worked at the Falkland Islands Government Office in London.

Apart from his Civil Service career, Phil was an active member of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, having joined as a band boy in 1943 and rising to the rank of Major in command by 1983.

Phil's musical talents will also be remembered as an original member of the dance band *Melody Makers*.

A long standing member of the Stanley Volunteer Fire Brigade and a Church Warden for most of his adult life, he was greatly missed on retirement to Britain but, as a member of the Falkland Islands Cathedral Restoration Committee, he continued his active personal contribution.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy (née Smith) whom he married in January 1949, five children and six grandchildren to whom our sympathy is extended. ECJC

FALKLANDS EXHIBITION AT CROYDON

Once again the Falkland Islands Agency is bringing the Falkland Islands Roadshow to the Sun Lounge at **The Fairfield Halls, Croydon**. The exhibition will be open from **Mon 26 Aug to Sat 5 Sep, 10am to 10pm (Sun 2 to 10pm)** and admission is free

The central feature will be wool and knitted garments from the finest fleeces in the world, available for purchase or on order. Also offered will be a wide range of interesting and fascinating items, including superb works of art by Islanders, some of whom design the Islands' much sought after postage stamps.

PHILATELIC DISPLAY

Videos, models, photographs and a philatelic display supported by specimens of the world famous bird life of the Islands will be on show and there will be stamps and covers for sale.

Demonstrations of spinning will take place, and someone who has lived and worked in the Falklands will be in attendance each day to answer queries.

Please visit and enjoy this exhibition at Croydon.

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