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NOW GO FOR THE OIL!

The financial results of the first season's controlled fishing in the Falklands have borne out all our predictions. They have been dramatic, transforming the Falkland Islands economy.

The fair but firm way the Zone is being controlled is welcomed by every foreign nation involved and is gaining friends for the Falklands. The whole operation even seems to have earned the respect of Argentina. Rather than the declaration of the Zone raising the stakes for conflict in the seas around the Islands, as predicted by the pessimists, it has almost certainly had the opposite effect, with the first apparently useful exchanges between the British and Argentine Governments in recent years, even if they have been made through an intermediary.

ZONE INCLUDES SEA BED

When Britain declared the 150 mile Fishing Zone, this included not only the fish in the seas, but the minerals, including the hydrocarbons, under the sea bed, and these may be present in very large quantities.

QUANTITIES MAY BE VAST

Various estimates have been made: in 1975 the United States Geological survey estimated that the Falklands seas might yield up to nine times proven North Sea reserves, and attracted headlines in the business columns of United States newspapers proclaiming 'Britain's new Kuwait in the South Atlantic'. Two hundred and fifty miles due west of the Falklands, oil has been drilled successfully by various companies operating under licence from the Argentine Government and at least one commercial oilfield there has been in production for the last six years. All indications are that oil in, at least, commercially viable quantities lies within the Falklands 150 mile Zone. The quantity may be vast, but the only way to know for sure is to start drilling.

FALKLANDS CLOSER TO EUROPE

With problems in the Persian Gulf likely to continue, with the attendant dangers and escalating costs, it is worth reflecting that the Falkland Islands are nearer to Britain and Europe by sea than is the Persian Gulf.

The fishing is successful, now let's go for the oil'

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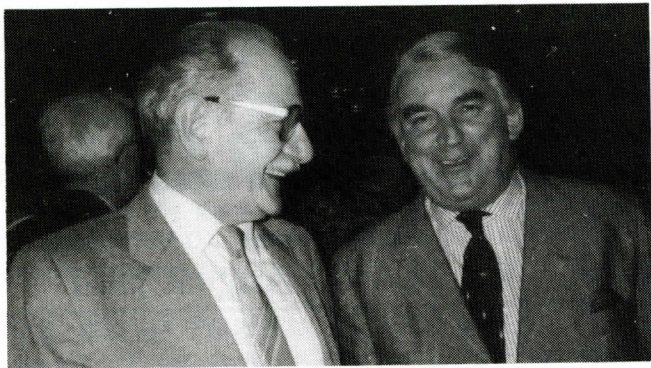
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(photo: R.N. Spafford)

THE LINCOLN'S INN RECEPTION



NICK HADDEN AND NICK BARKER AT LINCOLN'S INN
(photo: Eric Ogden)

This year the annual Falkland Islands Reception, held by the Falkland Islands Government at Lincoln's Inn, took place on Tuesday, 16th June.

VIPs attending included The Rt. Hon. Lord Shackleton, Sir Vivian Fuchs, past Governors Sir Edwin and Lady Arrowsmith and Sir Rex and Lady Hunt. Secretary of the local Stanley Falkland Islands Committee, Mr. A. B. (Nick) Hadden and his wife Sheila were able to be present for the first time since Nick took office. It was also a pleasure to see Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm again visiting England - Mrs Velma Malcolm was for many years, until recently, the

Secretary of the Stanley Committee.

There was a good attendance from MPs, our Committees and supporters and also from the interested Media.

The following loyal message was sent to Her Majesty The Queen:

"Your Majesty,

On the occasion of the Falkland Islands Annual Reception on the 16th June, Falkland Islanders and their friends in the United Kingdom send you our loyal greetings.

Eric Ogden, Chairman
Falkland Islands Association."

The following Telemessage was received from Buckingham Palace:

"Please convey my sincere thanks to the Falkland Islanders and their guests in the United Kingdom, for their kind message of loyal greetings, sent on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the liberation of the Falkland Islands. I received this message with much pleasure and send my very best wishes to you all for a most enjoyable and successful reception this evening.

ELIZABETH R."

MEETING MR. TIMOTHY EGGAR M.P.

On 16th July a delegation from the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee led by the Chairman, Mr. Eric Ogden, met Mr. Timothy Eggar MP, the new Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, whose responsibilities include the Falkland Islands.

Although the meeting was primarily for the purpose of establishing the Committee's role and objectives with the new Government Minister, the opportunity was taken to raise certain matters with Mr. Eggar. These included:

The urgent need for a planned programme of permanent immigration into the Falkland Islands.

The opportunity presented by the success of the Fishing Zone to encourage renewed exploration of the mineral resources (i.e. oil) within the Zone.

The declaration of a Fishing Zone around South Georgia.

The urgent need to improve educational opportunities in the Falklands and to link these more closely with training for commercial and industrial places in the economic development of the Islands.

All present considered the ensuing discussion to be of



MR. TIM EGGAR MP
(photo: Central Office of Information)

much value and it is hoped that the next meeting with him will be on his return from his visit to the Islands in the near future.

SHEEPOWNERS ASSOCIATION

The annual cocktail party of the Falkland Islands Sheeponers Association was held at the Royal Commonwealth Society on Wednesday 17th June. Guests included Sir Rex Hunt, Mr. Alastair Cameron and representatives of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and the Falkland Islands Association.

In his annual speech prior to the Loyal Toast to Her Majesty The Queen, Mr. W. G. Calvert, Chairman of the U.K. Branch of the Sheeponers Association, said that there

were fears that this might be the last of such gatherings. This was because of the extensive sub-division of farms which had taken place, and the consequential need to restructure the Sheeponers Association. However proposals have now been submitted from London which, if accepted, would ensure the continuance of the Falkland Islands Sheeponers Association as the principal body representing sheeponers.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE IN LONDON IS LEWIS CLIFTON

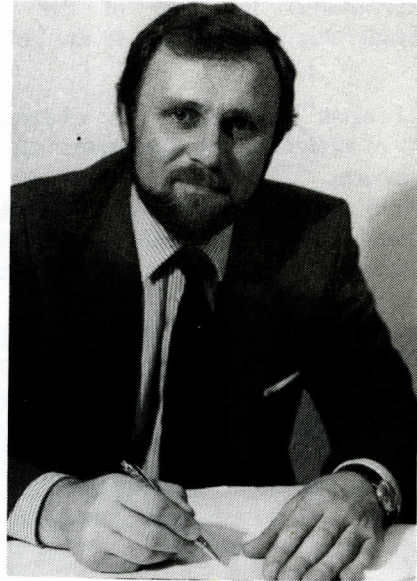
We are delighted to report that Falkland Islands Councillor, the Hon. D. L. (Lewis) Clifton is to be the next Falkland Islands Government Representative in London.

Lewis Clifton, a Kelper, had been employed since September 1978 in the Philatelic Bureau at Stanley, and it was chiefly through his organisation and direction as head of the Bureau, that it was built up from a one lady show and ran so successfully as a viable concern earning a considerable profit for the Islands. Hopefully it will continue to do so.

In October 1985, following a change in the constitution, Lewis was the first Falkland Islands civil servant to seek election to the Legislative Council and was so successful that he gained one of the Stanley seats with the largest number of votes (21.7%) of all those standing. He was immediately elected as one of the three Legislative Council members to serve on the Executive Council.

Lewis Clifton has represented the Falkland Islands at the United Nations in New York and attended meetings of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

He has a wide circle of friends in Britain and also in a number of other countries, including the United States of America. Unafraid to speak out when the occasion demands, he enjoys much respect, which should stand him in good stead. Undoubtedly his previous experience dealing with



MR. D.L. (LEWIS) CLIFTON
(photo: Eric Ogden)

public relations will come as a real benefit to the Falklands image in Britain.

JUBILEE VILLAS

One of the most striking buildings in Stanley, and well known to every Falkland Islander and visitor alike, is the terrace of four houses called Jubilee Villas, (photo. front cover) which lies on Ross Road facing the Public Jetty in Stanley Harbour.

Inscribed on the two central bow frontages (Nos 2 and 3), between the windows on the first and ground floors, are the name "Jubilee Villas" and the date "1887", which tells us that they were named to mark Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee, and also that this year sees their centenary.

Asking around Stanley earlier this year, it was not easy to find out a great deal about the building and amounted to the following:

The terrace was built by Mrs. G. M. Dean, who owned all the houses and rented them out. Inside the Cathedral there is a plaque in memory of Orissa Catherine Anne, widow of George Markham Dean, who fell asleep on 10th September, 1920 at Stanley, aged 80.

One of the most difficult problems was trying to discover whether No. 1 was the left house i.e. on the corner of Philomel Street, or was No. 4. At any rate they are now numbered as 38, 39, 40 and 41 Ross Road, with 38 being the house nearest the Cathedral and 41 being the house on the corner. It now seems clear that No. 1 Jubilee Villas is on the right as one faces the building, so that No. 1 is now 38 Ross Road.

It is interesting to know who has lived in each house over the years, and it seems that Mrs. Dean's housekeeper, Mrs. Luxton was an early occupant of No. 4 on the corner, because this house passed in due course to her grandson Mark Luxton. No. 1 was almost certainly occupied by Herr

Hugo Schlottfeldt, who was the Stanley agent of the KOSMOS Shipping Company of Hamburg, which held the overseas mail contract from 1880 to 1900, and it seems likely that he was also the German Consul, with No. 1 being the official Consulate. Postcards exist showing the Imperial German flag flying on a pole just outside the house. He was accompanied by his wife, Magda.

At a later date it seems that this house was occupied by Mr. Fred Hardy and that a Mrs. Ryan lived at No. 3.

- The present owners and occupants are
- No. 1. Owned by Mrs. Emma Steen, whose daughter Mrs. Vanda Macdonald lives there.
 - No. 2. Owned by Tim and Evy Halliday, rented to Turner Diesel.
 - No. 3. Mrs. Vi Bonner
 - No. 4. Mr. John Rowlands

Any confirmation, correction or further information that anyone can provide will be of the greatest interest.

The November issue of the Newsletter will include an appreciation of the work of Mr. Alastair Cameron, the retiring Falkland Islands Government Representative in London.

TONY BLAKE'S 1987 SPEECH

The following is the text of the speech made by the Hon. A.T. Blake this month at the United Nations in New York and which we thoroughly support.

Unfortunately the text of the speech has been substantially misquoted elsewhere, and this has caused considerable concern both in the Falklands and in Britain.

'May I again thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the opportunity of addressing this Committee* on behalf of all Falkland Islanders.

I speak, Sir as a democratically elected member of the Falkland Islands Legislative Assembly since 1981 and have been elected to the Executive Assembly on four occasions including the present time.

'We in the Falkland Islands attach much importance to the Committee of 24 because it gives us the opportunity to provide for you first-hand up-to-date statistical and other relevant information on the progress the Falkland Islands is making.

'We present our petition to pursue the ratification of our right to self-determination. Mr. Chairman, we have that right in practice through our Constitution and we believe we have that right under the Charter of the United Nations. We are and have been pursuing that right for some considerable time but major changes have occurred in the past few years that have increased the vigour of that pursuit. Our Government revenue has grown in the last 12 months by an amazing 300%, the main thrust of this growth has come from the introduction of the Falkland Islands Interim Conservation Zone which is effectively and peacefully controlling what was the world's last major unregulated fishing stock. This area, under management of the Falkland Islands Government, has become a small zone of international peace and commercial co-operation in what was previously an area of tension.

'We do not wish to see this situation disturbed but would prefer to see it expanded by the countries in this area becoming united in arranging proper and peaceful arrangements for the environmental and commercial control of this valuable resource.

'Our economy is also receiving the benefits of tourism, wool manufacturing and heavy investment in agriculture. The investment in agriculture is the direct result of the purchase and subdivision by the Falkland Islands Government of many large company farms mostly absentee owned into smaller locally owned units.

'Many new ventures are being started by our Development Corporation which continues to investigate new opportunities for Islanders, in both the infrastructural and development fields.

'This new and vibrant economy has allowed us to improve and extend our social services. Our educational



THE HON. A.T. BLAKE
(photo: R.N. Spafford)

institutions are offering new courses in business fields and a new secondary school is being planned and budgeted for.

'The new hospital is now in use and a swimming pool and sports complex is in the final planning stage.

'We recently held a census which shows a small but steady increase in population and it is hoped that we can continue or increase this trend to fully utilise the present buoyant state of our economy.

'What, Mr. Chairman, of our political development?

'It is clear that there is an awareness of our growing international individualism even though we retain our links with Britain.

'Although we are a small group on a world scale Falkland Islanders have evolved a distinctive way of life over the past 150 years that sets us apart from other countries in the region.

'It is becoming increasingly clear that any change that may occur, as the result of pressure from outside the Islands, will not be a change from our present sovereign status to that of sovereignty of some other country or state but is more likely to be a concerted drive for increased autonomy within the British sphere of influence.

'Mr. Chairman,

'May I say once again on behalf of all Falkland Islanders that we are happy with the economic, social and political progress that we are making. We are happy with the association that we have with Great Britain and we will be happy to inform this Committee if at any time the majority of Falkland Islanders wish otherwise.'

*The Committee of Twenty-four.

BATTLE DAY

Last year we revived our commemoration of Falkland Islands Battle Day in England by laying wreaths at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, London on the morning of the nearest Saturday to 8th December. It was a great success and this year we shall again commemorate it by a wreath laying ceremony at the Cenotaph at 11 a.m. on Saturday, 5th December.

All members of the Association, the Falkland Islands

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

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

FALKLAND ISLANDS BUDGET FOR 1987 THE £28 MILLION RECORD

Among the expenditure approved were the following:

New Senior School complex	£5 Million
Housing: for year 1987/88	£1 Million
for the following two years	£2 Million
Repair of Stanley roads over the two year period 1988/90	£1 Million
To be set aside for an Inter-Islands Ferry in the year 1988/89	£1 Million
A new generator for the Power Station	£700,000
Contribution to and maintenance of a Swimming Pool	£250,000
Lights for Port William and Berkeley Sound	£100,000
Improvements to the Post Office	£90,000
Setting up a new Museum in Britannia House	£30,000

In his Address opening the Legco Session, His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Gordon Jewkes, said "We begin today what may come to be ranked as one of the most important budgetary sessions of Legislative Council in the history of this Colony: a session which could initiate a long and, I hope, steady advance from the relatively frugal times of the past 154 years to an era of greater affluence but not, I trust, a session when we shall see the traditional thrifty instincts, so characteristic of members and their predecessors, cast prematurely aside."

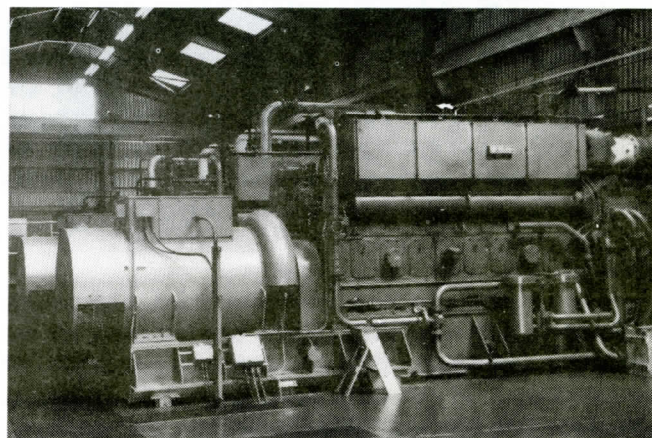
Introducing his seventeenth budget, the Financial Secretary, the Hon. Harold Rowlands, said that the appropriation bill, which totals over £28 Million, is undoubtedly a record. By comparison his first budget in 1968 was for £571,000 which included Development Aid.

It was forecast in the estimates for the current financial year (1986/87) that there would be a surplus of revenue over expenditure of £2,900. Revised estimates indicate that there will now be a surplus of £8.2 Million. "This makes the 1986/87 approved expenditure look ridiculous", Mr. Rowlands said, "Revenue accruing from the issue of fishing licences is responsible for this most admired disorder." The revenue was forecast at £7.3 Million. It is now revised at £21.1 Million.

OLD AGE PENSIONS RAISED DRAMATICALLY

All Councillors have individually campaigned to raise the Old Age Pension over the past years and they were delighted to approve Mr. Rowlands' proposals for the new rates:

- Married couples up from £36 to £50 per week
- Single people up from £24 to £33 per week
- Non-contributory Pensions:
- Married couples up from £31 to £43 per week
- Single people up from £22.50 to £31 per week



ONE OF THE NEW POWER STATION GENERATORS
(photo: R.N. Spafford)

Childrens' allowances up from £20 to £25 per month.
Abolished are Estate Duty and the charges for R/T Conversations.

It was agreed to make provision for the outright purchase of the Fishing Zones' Dornier aircraft, but such provision to be reserved pending further consideration by Legco.

DONATION TO U.K. FALKLAND ISLANDS COMMITTEE

Also approved at the Legco budgetary session was a donation to the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee of £5,000. This, of course, will be paid to the Falkland Islands Association, who administer the political wing, The U.K. Falkland Islands Committee. Members of the Association will be delighted to hear this, but no doubt official thanks will be expressed elsewhere.

THANK YOU LADY YOUNG

Eric Ogden, our Chairman, wrote to The Baroness Young on the completion of her special responsibility for the Falkland Islands at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, to thank her for her interest and unfailing support for the people of the Falkland Islands.

The Baroness Young replied:

"Dear Eric,

Thank you so much for your very kind letter on behalf of the Falkland Islands Committee. I am not retiring in any real sense as I want to play a full role in the House of Lords, and in particular keep up my great interest in foreign affairs.

I have had four enormously interesting and enjoyable years in the F.C.O., and I was particularly pleased to have Ministerial responsibility for the Falkland Islands, and to be able to visit the Islands themselves twice. You may be quite sure that I shall not forget the Falklands. I am so pleased that the Islands are beginning to prosper, and send to all the Islanders my best wishes. I do hope, too, that we shall keep in touch.

Many thanks again and all good wishes,
Yours ever,

Janet Young"

THE. HON. TERRY S. BETTS

Eric Ogden interviewed the Hon. Terry Betts, the most recently elected Member of the Falkland Islands Legislative Council, by letter and by tape recorder. The interview was planned long before we knew that he would be standing in a by-election for Council. In the event, the interview started on 29th January, 1987. At the time Terry was still Chairman of the General Employees Union, but, following the by-election in January, Eric was able to open the conversation by congratulating 36 year-old Terry Betts on his success in winning it. The interview continued until 28th April, when the last tape was received back and the draft will have been finally checked by Terry Betts in the Falklands during July. Carried out over a distance of 8,000 miles, this may be some sort of a record.

The first Betts, my great-great-grandfather John Betts, arrived in the Falkland Islands in the 1850's. He spent some time working with the gauchos in the cattle trade here. I am a fifth generation Falklands Betts and my two children, 13 year-old son Severin and 9 year-old daughter Amelia, are therefore sixth generation Falkland Islanders.

I have been working for the Falkland Islands Company for about ten years, starting off as just a stevedore; then I moved to the Agency, from the Agency to Insurance, and from Insurance to my present job as a Works Manager. Before that I had spent a greater part of my life in the Merchant Navy, working for four years with British Antarctic Survey, basically being a labourer.

THE UNION

The aim of the General Employees Union, whose motto is *Goodwill*, is to keep a fair balance between employee and employer, achieving this by mutual goodwill, not confrontation. In the early days, when I took over as chairman, that was very difficult because the employers tended to be rather arrogant and ignorant, but now the employers, both the members of the Sheep Owners Association and the Falkland Islands Company, and the Falkland Islands Government appreciate that the Union is a responsible body and, although its priorities are the interests of the members, it also has a deep interest in and concern for the future and well being of the Islands in general.

I see the Union, not only as a defender and supporter of our members, but as a stable corner-stone for Falklands democracy and democratic institutions in the Islands. I liken it to how the Unions in Britain used to be. We are a responsible Union: there isn't any point in bringing the Government or any employer to their knees - we are all in this together. So we must work together, develop together and become strong together.

Although the Union is actively involved in the Islands affairs, I would like to see it involved much more: these are changing times and we ought to have the Union office open at least five days a week for eight hours a day to speed up the tempo. For example I believe that the present Agreements with the Sheep Owners, the Company and the Government are becoming antiquated and it's now time for imagination and change.

Part of our 1986 Report referred to "Terms of Employment and the need for Redundancy Legislation" and, although we did pass information on to the Attorney General, sadly, nothing has been done about these during the past year. Part of the problem with the Legislative Council is that fifty per cent of them are Farm Managers and most of the Councillors do not appreciate the needs and requirements of a working class society. Also they should understand that the Union is there to help the Government not to hinder it.

The Union fully supports land sub-division, but it has never been involved in any of the major company decisions; it was certainly not consulted on the sale of Fox Bay, nor on



THE HON. TERRY BETTS
(photo: R.N. Spafford)

the sale of Port Howard.

A great opportunity to train Islanders was lost during the construction of Mount Pleasant Airport, the military complex and the Stanley/M.P.A. road. If the Union had carried out the fundamental rights of its members as people who live in a democratic society, that is the right to offer your labour to whomsoever you choose, then we would have made democracy in the Islands at that time look very suspect. The Union found itself with its hands tied - especially with the united Nations interest at that particular time.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Although I have been elected to the Legislative Council as an Independent, an individual, as someone with close contacts and understanding of and with the Union and its members, I shall certainly make every effort to get legislation passed on redundancy, health and safety at work and on maternity leave.

I think that the elected Councillors have a fair amount of say in major economics decisions. It will certainly be for us to decide what to do with our fishing revenues, not the British Government's O.D.A., but I fear that on the really 'Up market' political decisions, the permanent paid officers, whether the Governor, the Chief Executive or some other 'incomer' might just make those.

The future looks good, especially with the fishing, for this will allow the Falklands to be almost economically independent. We, as Councillors, will be able to decide priorities of what needs to be done and this should provide lots of job opportunities for our own Islands labour. Training has already been given to local people in fishing and the Development Corporation, and there is a place for new permanent immigrants with crafts and skills which they can use and share with our young people.

My priorities in Legco will be to ensure security and

THE HON. TERRY S. BETTS (continued)

prosperity for all who work and reside in the Falklands and, importantly, to create our own identity, and to show the rest of the world that we mean business. †

Terry Betts stood down as Chairman of the General Employees Union at the Annual General Meeting earlier this year and was made the Union's Honorary President.

THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES UNION

During Eric Ogden's interview with Terry Betts, the following facts were clarified:

The Falkland Islands General Employees Union presently has some 350 members: taking into account all employed persons, civil servants, West Store staff etc., that is about one third of the total employed population. The official governing body of the Union is the Executive Board made up of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and nine other members. Delegates, the equivalent of Shop Stewards in Britain, are found in Stanley and in the Camp. The Officers are elected annually: there is a Nomination Meeting each January when the names of those nominated for office are listed and put on postal ballots for Camp and for voting by secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting in Stanley.

The Union office is on Ross Road, just to the west of the Town Hall. It is open for three hours a day, five days a week, and is looked after by the Union Secretary. Any major decisions are, of course, taken by the Executive Board.

The new Chairman of the General Employees Union is



GAVIN SHORT
(photo: R.N. Spafford)

Gavin Short who, with his father, works as part of the jetty gang.

Gavin was Vice-Chairman of the Union and had been coached by Terry Betts to be his successor.

FIRST FALKLANDS POLITICAL PARTY

At the present time there are no political parties in the Falkland Islands and all candidates for election to Council stand as Independents. Now there is a more positive move to form a political party in the Falklands, which is being advertised as the 'Desire the Right Party'.

The initiative is being taken by Brook Hardcastle, the Falkland Islands Company General Farm Manager, who lives at Darwin and Robin Pitaluga, the owner of Salvador Farm.

They say that there is an encouraging interest among the voting population and some present Councillors to form a political party, and they are asking for Islanders to write to them with a view to calling a meeting and electing officers.

They suggest that the aim and objectives of the party would include the following.

To keep the sovereignty of the Islands within the British sphere of influence.

To seek an acceptable form of independence under the protection of the British flag.

To ensure the security of the Falkland Islanders' birthright.

They say that the formation of such a party in the Islands would have a considerable impact on local politics, bringing some cohesion of policies and ideas, and giving Councillors promoted and elected under the Party banner a broad base to act upon. They also say that Party members

would have much greater access to their elected Councillors through a full time party machine, giving a greater opportunity in the formation of policies both great and small.

These are interesting developments. Presumably this would also herald the birth of an opposition party with alternative aims and objectives, though at present it is hard to predict what these alternatives might be if they were to have popular appeal in the Islands.

Whilst some people in Britain have expressed disquiet at this initiative, others will view it as a natural extension of development in the Falklands coupled with progress in democracy within an expanding population.

In the early 1960's a political party called the National Progressive Party was formed in the Falklands, but it soon withered away and is now scarcely even remembered.

FOR THAT SPECIAL PRESENT

Falkland Islands wool and pattern books; knitwear; coins, stamps and first day covers, five Falkland Islands artists' work; books; maps; jewellery and many more interesting items from the Falklands Islands.

Visit our shop or by mail order. S.A.E. for price list. Falkland Islands Agency, Tucker Street, Wells, Somerset BA5 2DZ. (Tel: 0749-77902)

Falkland Islands Development Corporation

Development Update



"The Falkland Islands, probably for the first time in its history, has a source of income which should provide a sizeable surplus of income over expenditure for investment in development. Islanders now have the exciting, but daunting task of deciding for themselves on policies and priorities for investment. Decisions taken now will shape the whole pattern of life in the Islands over the next five to ten years and beyond."

— Gordon Jewkes CMG, Chairman,
Falkland Islands Development
Corporation.

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 1986.

Fisheries.

The declaration, in October 1986, of a 150-mile conservation and management zone around the Falkland Islands has given the Islands direct control of a major resource and created the potential for significant earnings — exclusive to the Islands — in the coming years.

The 1986 Report & Accounts of the Falkland Islands Development Corporation (FIDC) highlights the activities of Stanley Fisheries Limited (SFL), FIDC's fisheries arm, and its joint venture partners in the establishment of this important new industry.

SFL and its partners are investing in a variety of fisheries developments. These include buying and chartering squid jiggers and trawlers, developing port and bunkering facilities and cold store and fish processing operations.

In addition to developing an offshore industry SFL is also involved in the establishment of a viable crab fishery and assessing the potential for salmon farming at Fox Bay in West Falkland.

SFL is rapidly becoming one of the largest trading ventures in the Islands and will have its own annual report and accounts in 1987.

Agriculture.

A farmer's co-operative, Falkland Farmers Limited, opened in July 1986.

FIDC encouraged the formation of the co-operative by matching pound-for-pound every share purchased in the Islands. By the end of 1986, the co-operative had 125 shareholders. Turnover in the first year will be in excess of £250,000 and the co-operative will move into purpose-built premises in 1987.

Stanley Dairy Limited became operational in 1986 with the shipping to the Islands of an Ayrshire dairy herd. Stanley residents are now able to purchase fresh milk daily rather than relying on expensively imported UHT milk.

Falkland Islands Development Corporation

Development Update

The land improvement scheme funded by FIDC was reviewed in 1986 after two years of operation. Although the review showed a reduction in the number of applications, FIDC is confident that the scheme is popular with farmers. Each new subdivision of a large farm results in a substantial influx of applications.

Industry and Services.

The year's most significant development was FIDC's introduction in March of a general training scheme aimed at helping Islanders pursue alternative interests and careers.

FIDC's assistance takes two forms. Islanders are helped to identify the most suitable training course for their particular skills and the candidates are then provided with funds towards their air fares, training and accommodation costs.

The project has also been backed up with an apprenticeship scheme aimed at helping finance young apprentices on a 5-year training programme.

FIDC's Enterprise Grant Scheme approved 16 projects during the year. The grants were given for a variety of ventures including a cafe, a riding school, two shops, a bakery and a pottery.

Tourism.

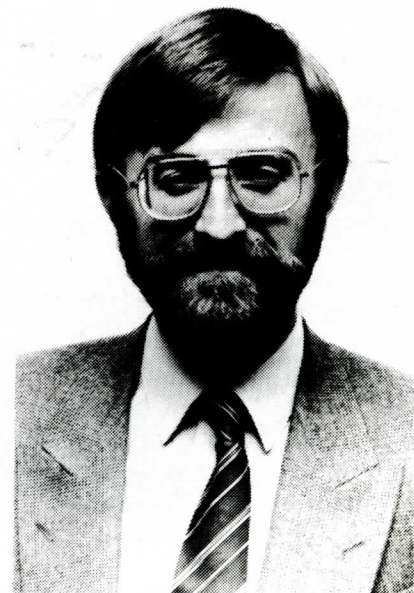
In 1986 FIDC progressed from the planning and research stage of tourism development through a construction phase and, in November, into actual operation.

During the year, FIDC invested £500,000 in the construction or refurbishment of three tourist lodges — a new lodge at Sea Lion Island and two converted large houses at Pebble Island and Port Howard. The lodges at Sea Lion and Port Howard are operated by Falkland Islands Tourism Limited, a subsidiary of FIDC.

FIDC is undertaking an extensive marketing campaign and is operating a tourism information service based in the UK. 1986 has been a highly successful year and the infrastructure is now in place to ensure further tourism development.

Reviewing FIDC's activities during 1986, General Manager, Simon Armstrong said: "Clearly, the development of the Island's fishing industry has created a source of income which will provide major benefits for the local community.

"But, FIDC's brief does not begin and end with the creation of one industry. 1986 has seen significant progress in the encouragement of the Islands' traditional industries and the identification of new employment opportunities. We hope to maintain this momentum during 1987."



TOURISM: THE BATTLE SCENE - FIVE YEARS ON

by Heather Boulter

Heather Boulter from Chesham and Teresa Matthews from St. Leonards were among the first party of tourists to travel to the Falkland Islands with Major and Mrs. Holt's Battlefield Tours. A florist by trade, Heather was particularly keen to study the wildlife and flora of the Islands - and she wasn't disappointed - but the abiding memory Heather brought home is of the Islanders themselves. The article is reprinted from the Buckinghamshire Examiner.

Coming in to land over the Falkland Islands, it was possible to see the area around Port Stanley spread out beneath us. Having lived through the anxious days of the 1982 conflict - albeit 8,000 miles away - we were familiar with the map and suddenly here it was, graphically laid out below our RAF Tri-Star plane.

The Islands now have the new mount Pleasant Airport (MPA) so flights from England arrive from RAF Brize Norton via Ascension Island.

I was travelling on the first Battlefields Tour of the Falklands. With my friend, Teresa Matthews, and 14 other tour members, we were to spend seven and a half days exploring the areas around Stanley and the outlying settlements which had featured so prominently during the retaking of the Islands.

The tour was arranged by Major & Mrs. Holt's Battlefield Tours and led by Lt.Col. Mike Martin of the Royal Hampshire Regiment. Normally tours are conducted around the European theatres of battlefields and, having been on the 170th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, I knew how well organised and educative the tour would be. My personal interest lay in the opportunity of meeting the Falklanders and seeing the wildlife and flora, so different from northern climes.

Our introduction to the problems of living 8,000 miles from the U.K. were soon displayed to us on the costly new road that connects MPA with Stanley. The 40 miles took 90 minutes to cover, over roughly broken stones, which have to be continually respread by road roller and are the cause of many a puncture.

Our airport bus developed its third puncture of the month on our first journey. The result of one such puncture ended in a fatal crash. With drainage ditches 10 - 12 feet deep either side of the road, and only crash barriers when the road winds through a minefield, no one takes any chances by going faster than 40 mph.

We had had the compulsory 15 minutes lecture about mines and their dangers, before we had collected our luggage, so we took a keen interest in the road signs warning that minefields were on either side of the road.

The landscape - treeless and with close-growing wind-blasted heath-like shrubs - has a feature not seen anywhere else in the world. For the "stone rivers" or "rivers of stone" are just that. Seen from the air, the silver-grey granite rocks look like vast rivers running statically down the mountainsides, but close up they are a jumble of boulders jostling one upon another on their way downhill.

We stayed at the Upland Goose in Stanley. This hotel housed the Argentine military and civilian high-ranking staff during the 74 days the Argentines occupied the Islands. When the journalists arrived with the British troops, they in turn lived in the waterfront hostelry.

LIVING HISTORY

Our local guide had sheltered with relatives and friends in the lounge of the hotel using flour bags instead of



HEATHER ON A WINDY DAY AT FITZROY

sandbags at the windows. To hear the experiences of the Islanders first-hand made the whole trip a living history, and we learnt much from their stories.

Such was the account of PC Fairfield who took part in the defence of Government House on April 1 and 2, 1982. Later, we were played a tape-recording, by local historian John Smith, of the sound of the bombardment and gunfire as Stanley was retaken, on June 14. We could only imagine the absolute terror that must have overshadowed the town dwellers.

Our first full day was beautifully sunny and even the constant wind dropped sufficiently for us to enjoy a picnic on Mount Tumbledown. The seemingly impregnable positions that the Scots Guards had so valiently fought over and won, were expertly shown to us by Graham Bound, a Falkland's journalist and travel agent.

He had lived through the war in Stanley and was able to tell us how the inhabitants survived their ordeal. He showed us an Argentine army field kitchen as it lay rusting among the spent bullets and discarded plimsolls that litter the mountainside.

After five years, a big campaign - Operation Slogger - has just removed a vast quantity of unwanted equipment, but the mountains still show signs of the hasty retreat of the invaders. To the glee of the Islanders, the army sold off the abandoned Argentine trucks very cheaply so that there are

TOURISM: THE BATTLE SCENE

many left-hand-drive vehicles on the roads. The most efficient form of motorised transport in the Islands is the ubiquitous Land Rover - no status symbol here, but a basic necessity of life.

In Camp, transport is provided by the horses which roam free across the plains, growing fat on the white grass. The sight of a group of horses and riders returning from a four-day journey was one I will remember forever.

Flying by the eight-seater Islander plane from Stanley Airport was great fun, even when the grass airstrip at Port Howard appeared from behind a mountain ridge with the windsock flying horizontally in a fierce cross-wind. These small planes are a vital link between the Camp (the settlement) and Stanley because there are few telephone lines outside the town. It is here that the 2 metre band radio comes into its own.

CRASHED RUINS

We flew to Pebble Island, the scene of an early SAS raid. The grass airstrip no longer holds the remains of the eleven Pucaras destroyed but, close by, the crashed ruins of a Skyhawk lie just as it dropped from the sky, felled by a British fired Sidewinder missile.

The island boasts an amazing range of wildlife and the increasing tourist industry allows the fortunate enthusiast to visit a place rich in rockhopper and gentoo penguins; sheathbills and sealions: cara-caras and king cormorants; the rare peregrine falcon and the even rarer black-necked swans, found only in Patagonia and on the Islands. Flying across the Falkland Sound to San Carlos in the Islander plane, we could see numerous albatrosses (my favourite bird) gracefully skimming the waves beneath us.

Here we met sheep-farming Islanders, Pat and Isobel Short, who recounted how they were woken early on May 21, 1982, by a soldier bearing the wonderful news - the British Task Force had arrived. Today the Blue Beach War Cemetery at San Carlos is carefully tended proudly by this couple. It was a moving moment to stand and remember the bravery of the men who fell so far from home.

There was also a poignant sight to greet us when we came upon the lonely hillside at Goose Green, where white stones mark the spot where Colonel "H" Jones fell. We had so many such moments and the care shown to the memorials display how much the Falklanders appreciate the sacrifice of those who died.

At Goose Green, the second largest settlement, we were shown the wooden village hall where, for 29 days, 114 people of the settlement were held. Islanders Terry and June McMullen showed us the small area allotted their family and described how they survived the terrifying ordeal.

We had flown to Goose Green but returned to Stanley overland. The journey, in a convoy of three dusty Land Rovers, took four and a half bone-shaking hours. The route lay across a pitted and pot-holed dirt track, making us realise the difficulties of the terrain in peacetime - let alone war.

Interesting though the historical sites were, I think my most lasting memories of the Falklands will be of the Islanders themselves and their great hospitality as they welcomed us into their community - their harsh environment seeming to produce a welcoming warmth and courtesy rarely found elsewhere. I will long remember these hardy, resolute but, above all, independent people, who remain so uniquely British.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AGENCY: OFFICIAL OPENING

The official Opening of Brian Paul's and Annabelle Spencer's shop in Tucker Street, Wells, called 'The Falkland Islands Agency' took place with great ceremony on Thursday, 21st May by Sir Rex Hunt CMG.

It was a lovely sunny day and there was a good crowd of Falkland Islanders and local supporters present; the local Blue Coat School Band played stirring airs on the pavement outside, there were Television and Press photographers galore and a large policeman to control the traffic. The Falkland Islands Association were well represented and it was a pleasure to welcome at the ceremony a member of the Falkland Islands Department of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office.

PORT STEPHENS FOR SUBDIVISION

The Falkland Islands Company report that Port Stephens, their last farm on West Falkland, is to be subdivided. Port Stephens has never made a profit for the Company and its subdivision was predictable; after Fox Bay West had been sold, Port Stephens became the subject of much speculative gossip, which, it is reported, accelerated the decision to sell.



SIR REX CUTS THE TAPE
(photo: R.N. Spafford)

FISHING INCREASED: BRITISH AND FALKLAND INVOLVEMENTS

Perhaps one of the most exciting prospects for Falkland Islands fishing lies in the increased involvement of the British fishing industry and also now of Falkland Islanders.

S.W.B. Fishing Ltd, the joint venture between Stanley Fisheries and Witte Boyd Ltd., which we wrote about in the May issue of Falkland Islands Newsletter, have purchased a deep sea factory trawler from Boyd Line for £1 million. The vessel, chartered to the Ministry of Defence in 1985 for submarine escort duty around the Falklands after the War, is being converted from warship to trawler with modern navigational equipment at the cost of £400,000 and is to be renamed the *Lord Shackleton* and registered in the Falkland Islands. Hull based marine architects Shiptech Ltd., the conversion designers, say that the vessel will be one of the most sophisticated fishing trawlers in the world. The company's new design concepts will transform the vessel into a leading fishing factory processing and freezing unit.

The *Lord Shackleton*, which is expected to reach Port Stanley in October, will fish for squid in season and supply its catch to the growing Japanese and Spanish markets. The ship will fish for other species during the remainder of the year. The conversion of the ship has employed a hundred marine construction workers and engineers in the Humberside area, and an additional forty-two men from the area will be needed to crew her. In anticipation of further Falklands orders Shiptech are now hoping to take on apprentices.

CLEAR COMMITMENT TO THE FALKLANDS

J. Marr of Hull is likely to make a decision soon about ordering its first new ship to fish off the Falklands. The Marr operations in the Falklands currently represent one of the strongest British commercial presences in the Islands and demonstrate their clear commitment to helping the Islanders develop the full potential of their fisheries. Already a hundred Marr employees, U.K. citizens and Falkland Islanders, have become involved. While in the Falklands earlier in the year, Graham Botterill, a director of J. Marr (Shipping) Ltd., interviewed a total of seventeen Falkland Islanders and took on another four as seamen on the patrol vessels. They are Charlie Coutts from Stanley, Norman Plumb from Goose Green, Andrew Miller from Keppel Island and Neil Goodwin from San Carlos.

In April the directors of Stanmarr Ltd, the joint venture between Stanley Fisheries Ltd and the Marr group of companies, held a board meeting in Hull and inspected Marr's fish processing plant and visited other related fisheries back-up activities in Hull.

FORTUNA LTD. - A NEW FALKLANDS COMPANY

The latest development has been the formation of a new fishing company, Fortuna Ltd, by two prominent Falkland Islanders, John Cheek and Stuart Wallace. This is the first wholly Falklands owned fishing company. Stuart Wallace told *Falkland Islands Newsletter* that they are now looking for a ship and they hope to go fishing themselves. Both men until recently were senior employees of Cable and Wireless in Stanley and John Cheek has been a member of Legco for some years.

THE SECOND SEASON

The second Falklands fishing season opened on 1st July and lasts until 31st December and only trawlers may be



(Left to Right) DAVID TAYLOR, SIMON ARMSTRONG AND DR. JOHN BEDDINGTON INSPECTING MARR'S FISH PROCESSING PLANT WITH FACTORY MANAGER SID JARVISIN HUT
(photo: J. Marr & Son)

licensed for this season. There are two areas:

- a. West Area. The area in the fishing waters west of 60° W Longitude.
- b. East Area. The area in the fishing waters east of 60° W Longitude.

Licence fees, payable in pounds sterling, are calculated per 100 GRT, depending on the area to be fished and the type of fish. The maximum licence fees per vessel are West and East Areas all species £9,722 per month, West and East Areas fin fish only £7,000 per month, West Area fin fish only £4,611 per month. Minimum fees (200 GRT vessel) are £2,327, £1,434 and £932 per month, respectively. Minimum licence period is two months.

FALKLANDS PATROL VESSELS

The crews are as follows:

	<i>Falkland Desire</i>	<i>Falkland Right</i>
Master	David Noble	Tony Barkworth
Mate	John Clarke	Billy Wilson
2nd Mate	Martin Lynch	Neil Amery
2nd Mate	Hamish Sunter	Billy Rendle
Comms officer	Roy Hunter	Ron Wilkinson
Chief Eng.	John Cooke	Norman Abbott
2nd Eng.	David Rogerson	Brian Carrier
2nd Eng.	Geoff Grice	Tim O'Sullivan Snr.
3rd Eng.	Tom Dixon	Kevin Mosson
Electrician	Domingo Espina	Eleodoro Balmores
Cook	Colin Nurse	David Wood
2nd Cook	Robert Leitch	Sean Barlow
Steward	David Graves	Jack Hardman
Bosun	Michael Scaparti	Ernie Cram
Seamen:	Brian Jessop	Harry Rich, Terry
Roger Bowman, Timothy Nobbs,		Findlay, Mike
Edward Seymour, Norman Plumb*		Smelt, Lee Hadfield,
Andrew Miller.*		Neil Goodwin*
Trainees:	Andrew Newman*	
	Herman Morrison*	

Warrak: 2nd Mate: Roger Harrison, Bosun: Ian Beal;
Seaman: Andrew Meen; Mechanic: Tim O'Sullivan Jr.

* Falkland Islander

NEW COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES FALKLAND ISLANDS

Major General A. N. (Neil) Carlier OBE has been appointed to be the new Commander British Forces Falkland Islands in succession to Rear Admiral Layman, who has left on attachment to the Royal College of Defence Studies.

Major General Carlier, who takes up his appointment this month was commissioned into the Royal Engineers in 1957 and obtained a degree in Civil Engineering after completing three years at the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham.

After serving in Cyprus and Borneo, followed by a four years tour as an instructor at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, he completed his staff training with a year at Shrivenham and a year at the Royal Naval Staff College at Greenwich.

Major General Carlier served for two years with the Flag Officer Carriers and Amphibious Ships; service in Germany and Northern Ireland followed and later he commanded 39 Engineer Regiment at Waterbeach. In 1980 he was appointed as Military Assistant to the Master General of the Ordnance and, before commanding 11 Engineer Group, he completed one year as Colonel ASD 2. His last duty was as a student on a years course at the Royal College of Defence Studies.

Married with a son and a daughter, Major General Carlier is a keen offshore sailor and has held a Flag Officer appointment in the Army Sailing Association for five years. He captained the Army team in the first round-the-world yacht race and on a number of other occasions. He is the present Commodore of the Royal Engineer Yacht Club.



MAJOR GENERAL NEIL CARLIER, OBE
(photo: Ministry of Defence)

THE UNITED KINGDOM FALKLAND ISLANDS TRUST

As it is some time since a report on the activities of the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Trust has been given in the *Newsletter*, it may be helpful to remind readers that this charity was set up at the instigation of the Falkland Islands Association in 1981 to support a broad range of charitable activities in the Falklands, particularly in the field of education, and promoting study and research into the development of agriculture and other industries in the Falklands.

There are at present seven Trustees under the Chairmanship of Major-General Nigel Gribbon, OBE. The President of the charity and also a Trustee, is Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal. The other Trustees are David Ainslie, Bill Turley, Delwyn Denis, OBE, Major-General Alan Mills, and (the most recent recruit) Sir Rex Hunt, CMG.

Substantial funds were raised in the aftermath of the 1982 war in conjunction with the Falklands Appeal, enabling the Trust to pay for two Falkland Islanders to receive advanced secretarial training at Pitmans College in London in 1983, and to provide a substantial bursary for another Islander for a two year course at The United World College of the Atlantic (in Wales), in 1983/85, as well as other lesser projects.

Over the past two years, finance has been made available to enable bound copies of early editions of the

Falkland Islands Journal to be published, and support may shortly be given for the publication of a further volume.

Various grants have been made for educational purposes in the Islands at the discretion of the Director of Education, including support of the Science Fair organised at the school in Stanley.

However, the Trust's major project, initiated in 1983 with the help of the International Institute of Biological Husbandry, and nearing completion of the Research Phase, has been the Agricultural Research Project. This is aimed at determining whether the soil (and hence the grass yields) in the Falklands can be improved by organic husbandry methods (as opposed to the use of chemical fertilizers). It is hoped that the local kelp resources may be used as the source of nutrients, saving the cost of importing fertilizer.

The initial research and analyses have been conducted by Jim McAdam of the Agricultural Botany Research Division, Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, and Department of Agricultural Botany, Queens University, Belfast (formerly with the Grasslands Trials Unit in the Falklands) based on trial plots on farms in both East and West Falkland. The trials are now nearing completion with encouraging results so far. A detailed report should be available in the early part of 1988, on the basis of which it is hoped that the Falkland Islands Government may take an interest in the development stage of the project.

Enquiries concerning the charity should be addressed to: The Chairman, The UK Falkland Islands Trust, 25 Victoria Street, Westminster, London, SW1H 0EX.

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

The annual Report and Accounts of the Falkland Islands Development Corporation were published on 30th July and this was marked by a buffet lunch at the new restaurant Montys in Stanley and a Reception at the Goring Hotel, London, hosted by the Governor and Mrs. Jewkes. Present also at the Reception in London was the Development Corporation's Manager, Simon Armstrong.

The very attractive booklet with some quite outstanding colour photos of the Falklands which contained the Report and Accounts had been prepared by Broad Street Associates, who are the firm now handling Falkland Islands Public Relations.

In the press release promoting the Report and Accounts, the Governor, Mr. Gordon Jewkes CMG, in his role as Chairman of the Development Corporation, stated,

"The Falkland Islands, probably for the first time in its history, has a source of income which should provide a sizeable surplus of income over expenditure for investment in development. Islanders now have the exciting, but daunting task of deciding for themselves on policies and priorities for investment. Decisions taken now will shape the whole pattern of life in the Islands over the next five to ten years and beyond."



STANLEY DAIRY NOW OPERATIONAL
(Photo: R.N. Spafford)

We have already reported on most of the new projects developed during the year such as Stanley Fisheries Ltd, the S.W.B. Fisheries crab venture, Montys Restaurant, Reflections Boutique, Bob Stewart's Stanley Bus Service and Tim Miller's Garden Centre at Manybranch Farm, and we have continued to write at length on tourism. We look forward to the first harvesting of Simon Hardcastle's pilot Salmon Farm very soon and for some results from the Hydroponic Market Garden towards the end of this year.

LENANTON AND THE FALKLANDS

The firm of John Lenanton & Son Limited have been supplying timber to the Falkland Islands for something over fifty years, and the Falkland Islands are probably their oldest customer.

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and more recently Lenanton supplied all the windows for the Mount Pleasant Airport complex.

John Lenanton & Son Limited is an independent family business of five generations of Lenantons and intends to stay that way. They are proud to be members of the Falklands Islands Association.

We congratulate John Lenanton & Son Limited on their 150th Anniversary this year, and we are most grateful to publish their full page advertisement, which permits more pages for this issue of the Falkland Islands Newsletter.

AIR SERVICE CLOSED

Falkland Islands Government Air Service has been forced to close down temporarily due to a lack of serviceable aircraft.

Whilst one aircraft had been dismantled for its regular 1,000 hour inspection and servicing, a second one, VP-FBG piloted by Eddie Anderson, with five passengers aboard, crashed during take off from Brookfield Farm on 24th June. No one was injured but the Islander is unfit to fly again. The third Islander had only a few hours left before it was due for its 1,000 hour overhaul, and those hours were set aside for emergencies. It was estimated that the Government Air Service would be inoperable for several weeks, leaving people on West Falkland and the outer islands isolated.

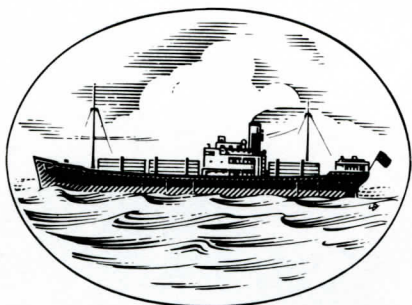
Fortunately Bristow's who operate large helicopters on charter to the British Forces on the Falklands, have come to the rescue by providing the Falkland Islands Government with a Sikorski on Tuesdays and Thursdays. As these helicopters have a much larger passenger capacity than an Islander, it is hoped to cope with the passenger and mail demand. Flight costs are being subsidised by the Falkland Islands Government and passengers are only required to pay the usual fares.

Meanwhile, it is understood, that while the crashed aircraft was fully insured and that there is a replacement fund for FIGAS planes, a replacement Islander aircraft, which is a more modern model, is being obtained.

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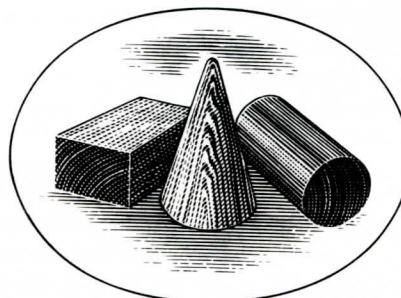
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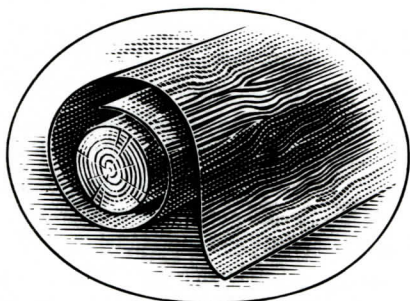
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SISTER BENNETT RETURNS

Christine Bennett, who trained as a nurse at Westminster Hospital, London, became a Staff Nurse in 1984, involved with general medicine, cardiology and the bone marrow transplant unit, and was seconded as a Staff Nurse to the Falklands for six months. She took her midwifery course at Birmingham Maternity Hospital in 1985 after returning to England.

Now Miss Bennett of Erdington, near Birmingham, has returned to the Falkland Islands to work as a Nursing Sister and midwife at the King Edward Memorial Hospital in Stanley.

She was recruited by the Overseas Development Administration as part of Britain's aid programme to the Falkland Islands.

We are delighted to include a charming photo of Sister Bennett, which is certain to make any sick patient feel better.



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FALKLAND ISLANDERS RIGHTS SAFEGUARDED

The following is the text of a letter sent to the Prime Minister after winning the General Election in June by our Chairman on behalf of the Falkland Islands Association.
'Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

This is to join with your friends and supporters in the Falkland Islands in sending you the congratulations of members of the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Association at the result of the General Election.

You will appreciate that all Falkland Islanders had a special interest in the outcome because of your support and concern for their freedom and security.

Whilst they had no votes here, we did all we could on their behalf to try to ensure that every Parliamentary Candidate had the real facts about the Falklands during the campaign and we also encouraged our individual members to support the candidate in their own area who best supported the people of the Falkland Islands.

We will continue to do all we can to support the efforts of yourself and your government to safeguard their right of self determination.

With you and your government the Falkland Islanders now have a renewal of time and opportunity to secure their own future in their own islands.

With Congratulations and Good Wishes,
Sincerely,
Eric Ogden, Chairman,
The Falkland Islands Association.'

The Prime Minister replied:

'Dear Mr. Ogden,

Thank you for your kind message of congratulations about the outcome of the General Election, which I very much appreciated. It is commendable that you took so much trouble to ensure that all Parliamentary Candidates were properly informed about the interests of the Falkland Islanders.

I can assure you that the Government will honour our pledges to the Falkland Islanders. We shall continue to *not* negotiate about sovereignty over the Islands, but shall respect the right of the people to decide their own future.

With best wishes,

Yours Sincerely,

Margaret Thatcher,

The Prime Minister.'

THE WAY FORWARD

32 page pamphlet on Falkland-British-Argentine relations, with foreword by Sir Rex Hunt and Introduction by Lord Shackleton. Available free to Association members who send S.A.E. 9" x 6" (20p stamp). For sale to others at 75p + p. & p. 25p.

BOOK REVIEWS

TWO LOVELY BOOKS

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND THEIR NATURAL HISTORY by Ian J. Strange, published by David and Charles of Newton Abbot 1987 in Great Britain and by Hippocrene Books of New York in the USA. Hard bound with dust cover: A4. 160 pages: 99 photos, 35 being in full colour, maps and diagrams. Appendix which includes a 'Selected List of Falkland Islands Flora', Kelps and Seaweeds, Checklists of Breeding Birds and Mammals. Chronology of Events from 1592 to 1986. Foreword by HRH The Prince Andrew, The Duke of York ISBN 0-7153-8833-9 (Great Britain). ISBN 0-87052-437-2 (USA) £12.95 (USA \$29.95).

Divided chiefly into chapters by region: coastal, interior and mountain, lowland and plains, offshore islands, there is also a chapter on discovery and another on early settlements, but do not expect this to be a definitive history book or about claims to sovereignty. This is primarily a book about natural history - and who better to describe the wild life of the Islands than Ian Strange? The photos are breath-taking, extra colour ones being sponsored by the Falkland Islands Development Corporation. This book is a 'must' for any tourist visiting the Falklands and a 'must' for the arm chair tourists' Falklands library.

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TALKS ON THE FALKLANDS

Geoff Moir is presently much in demand to give talks on the Falklands. The following are some of his engagements for October:

Thu	1	Taw & Torridge Philatelic Society, Devon
Tue	6	Farnham & District Philatelic Society, Surrey
Wed	7	Croydon Insurance and Banking Phil. Society
Tue	13	Banstead National Housewives Register
Thu	15	Croydon Fed. of Townswomen's Guilds: Talk No. 1
Thu	22	Croydon Fed. of Townswomen's Guilds: Talk No. 2
Fri	23	Thornton Heath Camera Club
Mon	26	Croydon South Rotary Club
Tue	27	Croydon Philatelic Society
Thu	29	Croydon Fed. of Townswomen's Guilds: Talk No. 3

If any Association members wish to attend, please ask Mr. Moir for details. His address is 37 Kingscote Rd., Croydon CRO 7DF (Tel: 01-654-9463)

FALKLANDS WEEK IN BATH

Plans are in hand for a Falklands Week at the Industrial Heritage Museum, Julian Road, Bath, Somerset, from inclusive Sunday, 25th October to Sunday, 1st November. This is being organised by Brian Paul and Annabelle Spencer in the Exhibition Room of the Museum from 2 to 5 p.m. each day.

They hope to have a different VIP each day: it is thought that Sir Rex Hunt will be attending the first day and Steve Whitley on another. A third day is likely to feature exhibits from the Falklands War Museum at RAF Yeovilton, and there could be stamps on a fourth.

SHIP IN THE WILDERNESS - VOYAGES OF THE MS LINDBLAD EXPLORER THROUGH THE LAST WILD PLACES ON EARTH, photographed by Jim Snyder, written and illustrated by Keith Shackleton, published by J. M. Dent & Sons Ltd, London and Melbourne, 1986. Hard bound with dust cover; A4, 200 pages and over 208 illustrations all in colour; maps and diagrams. Foreword by Sir Peter Scott. ISBN 0-460-04719-1. £14.95

As the sub-title indicates, this is the story of the voyages of the *Lindblad Explorer*, a little double hulled tourist ice ship, which always seemed to be popping into Stanley Harbour and disgorging for the day scarlet suited Americans of the blue-rinse age. For those who believe that the neat looking ship only ever visited the Antarctic with occasional day visits to Port Stanley en route, are in for a surprise: she also visited the South Pacific and the Galapagos and the Arctic, and this is reflected in the twelve chapters, half of which are about areas other than the Antarctic. Explorer and painter Keith Shackleton was among her passengers on most of her voyages and over fifty of the illustrations are delightful coloured notebook sketches by him. Jim Snyder, a young American photographer, worked among the crew and more than 150 of his beautiful colour photos illustrate the book.

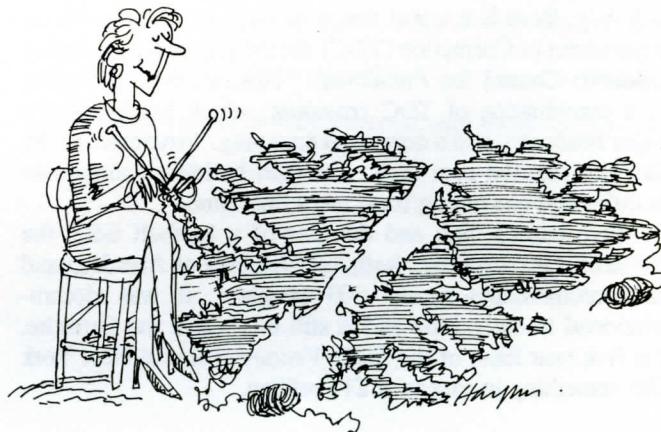
I once spent a day on the *Lindblad Explorer* and found everything about her magnificent and, to me, luxurious. I find this book to be a worthy tribute to that. The illustrations are delightful. Buy it!

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MORE TREES

Tim Miller reports that his Nurseries business (see the May Newsletter) is shaping up well. He has now completed the first phase of the initial tree planting contract for the Property Services Agency at Mount Pleasant Airport and was, at one stage, employing twelve men from Stanley on the site. While the tree planting contract for the Jersey Estate has been delayed until October, he is now setting up proposals to landscape the twenty-six house estate being built for Stanley Fisheries in 1988.

In September Tim is opening 'Manybranch Garden Centre', a small retail plant outlet in Stanley, where he will also be selling seeds, fertilisers and so on, like a garden centre in England.



Brian and Annabelle are reported to be the largest UK retailers, through their shop in Wells, of Falklands wool, at the present time.

OBITUARY

McDONALD HOBLEY



TV PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR 1954 - McDONALD HOBLEY
(photo: BBC Hulton Picture Library)

We are very saddened to learn of the death on 30th July at the age of 74 of Mr. Dennys Jack Valentine McDonald-Hobley, better known to most of us as 'Mac' Hobley. He was a very supportive member of both the Falkland Islands Association and the Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group, and was certainly the most famous Kelper living.

He was born in Church House Stanley, his father being assistant chaplain at the Cathedral for five years. After war service in the Royal Artillery, in 1946 he was selected from over 250 applicants to become the BBC TV's first post war announcer at the modest salary of £12 per week. In 1954 he was voted 'TV Personality of the Year'. By 1956, when his salary had risen to over £20, he moved to ABC Television to earn a massive £100 a week - so much that it made front page news. It is of note that he interviewed on television before she died, Ellaline Terris, the Falklands born famous actress and they compared their early lives, both their parents arriving in the Islands on board near ship wrecks, with both mothers expecting.

McDonald Hobley's parents were on the *Oravia*, which sank in November 1912, after grounding on the Billy Rock by Cape Pembroke Lighthouse.

In recent years Mac continued to work for television,

radio and on the stage in pantomime and in repertory. Last year he returned to the Falklands to make a broadcast on T.V. with Harry Secombe. He is survived by his third wife, Pauline.

MRS. DOROTHY HARDY



MRS. HARDY AT LINCOLN'S INN, JUNE '87
(photo: Eric Ogden)

Many Falkland Islanders and their supporters in Britain will be sorry to learn of the death on 3rd August at the age of 80 after a heart attack of Mrs. Dorothy Hardy.

Mrs. Hardy, who was born in Stanley, was married to Douglas Hardy, who died in 1969. Her parents at one time had the Rose Hotel in Stanley.

In recent years she lived in Brent Lea, Brentford, Middlesex and was a very determined member of the Falkland Islands Association. She was a great supporter of Association functions and many will remember her as a strong character supporting the Falkland Islanders determination to stay British.

The Reverend Peter Millam officiated at her funeral service and the Association sent a wreath in our remembrance of and affection for a fine Falkland Islands lady.

COASTELS FOR THE UNITED STATES

New York City has already leased the Falkland Islands Coastel *Bibby Venture* to house 396 convicts in a rapid expansion of their prison system to ease the City's crowded gaols. Now, in a feature article in *The Houston Post* of 19th July, there is a report that it is proposed that the Texas Department of Correction (TDC) should buy or lease another Falklands Coastel the *Pursuivant*. This has been prompted by a combination of TDC crowding, which has become a major headache, and a depressed economy. Promoters of the plan say that the cost is far less than building comparable facilities and converting them takes little time.

Five stories high and the size of a football field, the *Pursuivant* is owned by North Sea Ventures of Aberdeen and can accommodate nearly 900 people. It was decommissioned in early June and is still moored at the Canache. The five year lease of the *Bibby Venture* will cost New York City something in excess of £11 million.

ELLALINE TERRIS AND HER FATHER

Further to our piece on Ellaline Terris in the May 1987 Newsletter, Mrs. Margery Wharton has written to us. She says that the William Terriss Memorial Lifeboat House at Eastbourne was opened in 1898 and that it is now the Lifeboat Museum situated by the Wish Tower on the sea front. Originally it had a pitched roof but, following complaints that the seaview was blocked, the roof is now flat.

In the Museum there is a painting of William Terriss.

HIS GHOST

Mrs. Wharton also said that recently she heard a radio programme about ghosts, and it was said that William Terriss haunts the Underground at Charing Cross Station, having been seen on several occasions. Another of our readers, David Beech of the British Library, says "Not Charing Cross Station, but it is Covent Garden Underground Station where William Terriss' ghost is seen."

How about some Terriss history from readers in the Falklands? Since William Terriss was in partnership with Captain Puckle, some records must exist. Where, for example, did the Terriss family live?



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