



# Government News

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## News & Views

### IN MEMORIAM

GERARD THOMAS SPENCER JOHNSON and ROBERT HUGH FINLAYSON died bravely fighting the fire on board the FRIOPESCA UNO 21ST MAY 1989. Tributes from all over the world were received and the GOVERNMENT of the FALKLAND ISLANDS extends its deepest sympathy to the families and relatives of the deceased.

### Off to a Flying Start

A New Islander was delivered to the Islands on 29th May 1989. Sixty-one year old Captain Janette Ferguson of Ferguson Ferries made the 12 day delivery flight from the United Kingdom to the Falklands, the first woman ever to do so, routing through Iceland, Canada, United States of America, Carribean, Panama, Equador, Peru, Chile and around Cape Horn.

The ten seater Aircraft which was put into service at the beginning of June was manufactured in the Isle of Wight by Pilatus Britten Norman Limited and replaces the oldest of the present three Islanders which will have served six years service in the Falklands.

Andrew David Alsop took up the position of Chief Pilot 29 May 1989 replacing John Boyes who departed the Islands September last year.

Having spent eight years operating Scimitar and Buccaneer aircraft from HMS Centaur, Ark Royal and Victorios for the Royal Navy from 1957 to 1967, he joined Logan Air in

Orkney before being recruited by ODA to come to the Falklands as a pilot in 1983. He knows the Islands well having introduced the first Islander in 1979 and having spent some time working for British Antarctic Survey.

Peter Milner, General Manager, Falkland Islands Government Air Service says 'We are pleased to have Andrew with us, it means he and Paul Robertson can continue the service we have been striving to improve. However it will be necessary in the short term to operate only five days a week.'

Derek Clarke an Islander is presently being trained for the position of Aircraft Commander of FIGAS at the Oxford Air Training School in the UK and has recently undertaken his first solo flight of his course. He plans to return to the Falklands in May 1990 to take up his post.

### Local Contractor wins £160 Thousand Project

Paul Chapman of Stanley Decorating Services has won a £160 thousand contract to build the auxiliary buildings for the Fishops and FIGAS hangers, including workshops, stores, pilot debriefing centre and managerial offices.

"We are trying to encourage local contractors so it is good to see one doing well," says a spokesman for the Public Works Department.

Stanley Decorating Services' previous projects include decoration of the Town Hall and new Fire Station in Stanley and conversion of the Brewster Hospital.

### Tough Line On The Collection Of Dues

In an attempt to speed up the

process of collecting Government dues, new accounts are now being distributed with a definite paying time limit and follow up period.

Three major areas where action is being taken are Customs & Harbour Department, the Hospital and the Housing Department. According to Les Halliday, Customs and Harbour Master, "Although there are still outstanding monies to be collected I am pleased to say we have collected £51 thousand this last week since the crack down."

In addition in April a proposal was made to introduce writs to prohibit vessels leaving the port until harbour dues are paid and this is presently being considered.

The Financial Secretary, John Buckland-James says with the speeding up of billing procedure money can be more quickly collected in the future. "Any delay in payment means a depreciation in the funds available for the populace - a situation we have to remedy with tougher means. It is simply not acceptable for us to provide first class medical treatment and not be promptly paid" he explains.

### Fuchs Medal 1989 awarded to Myriam Booth

Miss Myriam Booth of B.A.S. Stanley Office, Falkland Islands, has been informed that she is to be awarded the Fuchs Medal 1989. A special gold medal struck to commemorate the Trans - Antarctic Expedition which under Sir Vivian Fuchs's leadership, made the first crossing of the Antarctic continent in 1957/58. Myriam receives the award inscribed "Our Valuable Kelper Helper" for her

outstanding devotion to the British Antarctic Survey interests.

Myriam came to the Falklands with her parents in 1955 and has been working for British Antarctic Survey since January 1961. She became sole charge of the B.A.S. Stanley office in May 1977. As part of her work she visited the Antarctic bases on the RRS John Briscoe in 1984 and travelled to the UK each year from 1983 to 1986 to assist in B.A.S. Headquarters, Cambridge activities.

Myriam will receive the award presented by Sir Vivian Fuchs at the B.A.S. reunion party held end June 1989. She will be the third woman to have received the Fuchs Medal; Eleanor Honeywill and Ann Todd being recipients in 1975 and 1987 respectively. Falkland Islander, Stirling Aldridge who worked on the B.A.S. ships for many years was also awarded the medal in 1986.

#### **Conservation Policy Reduces Fishing Licences: Second Season 1989**

The Falkland Islands Government received a total of 217 applications for three types of fishing licence for the season 1 July to 31 December 1989.

One hundred and eighty two applications were received to fish during August and September for all species, the main target of which is the Loligo squid. Since 1988, when 36 such licences were granted, a reduction in fishing effort has been observed to ensure enough stock survive to breed reducing the number of type "X" licences now being offered to 23.

Seven vessels applied to fish for finfish only, the main target of which is Hake. Due to an assessment of last year's Hake fishery which indicated that some reduction in fishing effort is needed, only 65 type "Y" licences are being offered.

The third type of licence being offered was type "Z" for Southern Blue Whitting and Hoki only. In previous years they have been valid for all species of finfish, restricted to the western half of the fishing zone. To allow a greater degree of management of the various finfish stocks, a species specific licence has now been introduced. The 28 licences being offered to Polish vessels fall within the recommended conservation limit.

#### **Activity at Stanley Airport**

The rehabilitation of the airport is well under way. The runway, taxiways and apron have recently been top-dressed and the threshold, centre line and edge markings have been repainted. The communications equipment and furniture for the improved terminal building including offices and control tower has now arrived and as soon as the installation of the radio equipment is complete the DCA and staff will be moving back into the tower.

Aircraft movements (landings and take-offs) at Stanley Airport for the first four months of 1989 were 733. Passengers for the same period consisted of 1,111 departures and 1,124 arrivals together with a number of sheep, dogs, cats, chickens and pigs.

#### **Baleen Whale Stamps Issued**

A set of four stamps depicting forms of Baleen Whale of the suborder Mysticeti were released 15th May 1989 and are on sale at the 3 Post Offices in the Falklands namely Port Stanley, Fox Bay and Mount Pleasant. The stamps were illustrated by Ian Strange. They feature 3 species of the family Balaenopteridae or Rorqual whales, namely Blue Whale, Minke Whale and Humpback and a fourth species from the family Balaenidae, Southern Right Whale.

This issue has been on the Falklands 5 year plan of stamp

releases. It is appropriate at this time, with feelings among the Islands population riding high against the killing of whales for scientific purposes by the Japanese. Unfortunately some of this slaughter takes place in the waters of the Antarctic Ocean, close to the Falklands.

A mint set of 4 stamps costs £1.21 and a first day cover sells at £1.50.

## **Whats in it for you**

### **A Splash Ahead**

The new swimming pool is planned to be open by the end of September 1988 and will later form part of the school complex. Twenty-five metres in length and 10 metres wide with 5 lanes, the pool will hold 70,000 gallons of water being 1 metre deep at the shallow end and 1.8 metres at the deep end. It will be heated from surplus energy from the power station 24 hours a day to 60-70°C and automatically sterilised every hour.

Provision has been made for changing rooms, lockers, foot bath, showers, toilets and seating for spectators. A childrens paddling pool (1 foot deep) will be available. McAdam design have given much thought to the decor, providing for non-slip tiles throughout the building, as well as halogen lighting and buff coloured tiles on the walls to enhance the airiness of the building.

Mr Jim Fairfield, appointed Pool Superintendent earlier in the year, has completed a number of training courses in Scotland in preparation for the opening including engineering and life-saving courses. Additional staff will be sought when the pool opens.

Anyone with a particular interest in club activity or booking the pool is welcome to contact the Education Department.

### **Policy Holders To Benefit**

Following negotiation with the Secretariat, new amendments have been introduced



concerning Passenger Liability designed to benefit new and existing holders of insurance policies for motor vehicles.

From 1st July 1989 premium loadings will be halved on all policies for drivers under 21 years of age and those with only provisional licenses. The property damage limit on Third Party policies will rise from £50 thousand to £100 thousand. Tractors will be covered in a new category which allows for their smaller risk compared to other "special type" vehicles.

### **The Road Ahead**

The Public Works Department (PWD) has been quick to take advantage of the availability of new plant, brought to the Islands by Colas Roads Ltd which produces asphalt for road surfacing.

A permanent work site for the plants operation is at Megabid, at the East end of the complex. PWD is confident that the plant will be sited, working and that surfacing of Stanley roads will be reinforced by the efficient in-house service early in 1990.

With a production capacity of up to 60 tonnes an hour, and a laying capacity of 100 tonnes per hour, the Parker Super - Roadmix 60 Asphalt mixing plant in conjunction with the Bitelli B.B 30 Paver will be able to lay between 30-50 metres of road an hour in widths up to 4m and in depths of up to 200 mm.

In addition to halving the price of the finish of the road, the plant will ease the job of pot hole repair and of laying sidewalks. It will overlay old existing concrete roads and construct new roads with a flexible surface suited to meet the demands of the Islands' traffic. The whole running of the plant can be operated virtually by one man.

With the purchase of this plant the Government is now in a position to supply Bituminous materials to P.S.A, M.O.D and the private sector.

### **Camp Education - 2 metre Radio Lessons**

The Education Department plan to continue using 2 metres for radio lessons for Camp children after the new telephone system is installed in Camp. A project is going ahead to place a repeater on Mount Alice, enabling radio schools to work southwest Falkland more easily. The frequency will be 147.800/147.200. In addition there are plans to replace the older equipment on the Pebble repeater.

### **Good News For Civil Servants**

Civil Servants' salaries are to be significantly increased on 1st July 1989 in line with recommendations contained in the Hamshaw report, a report commissioned by Government to improve the structure of the Civil Service as a whole.

The increases ranging from 9% to 25% are linked to form a comprehensive package. One aspect will be to shorten the period an officer may be away from a post at any one time and to safeguard the continuity of Government work for the community. The maximum amount of leave that can now be taken at any one time is 8 weeks. Except in the case of teaching staff, the minimum amount of leave that can be taken with a passage entitlement is 3 weeks.

Officers will have the option of having all outstanding vacation leave or leave in excess of 20 working days (28 calendar days) bought out at the new rates of pay prevailing on 1st July 1989. Those with confirmed leave arrangements for the year will be allowed to proceed or take up these options. "We are trying to improve conditions of service in an attempt to encourage more people to join the Service and to pursue a worthwhile career with Government," says Kathleen Clarke, Establishments Secretary. "To this end we have introduced better passage entitlements to enable officers to

take overseas leave more often and we have also introduced overtime payments where they did not exist before."

In addition, school leavers are now to be offered 2 or 3 year contracts with a gratuity of 15% of basic salary payable on successful completion.

Confinement leave of 12 weeks is also to be offered to officers with 2 years continuous service. The first 6 weeks of confinement leave will be at full normal pay. Extra provision has been made too for officers having to work unsocial hours on a regular basis and officers in certain grades will be paid at time and a quarter for unsocial hours worked.

### **FIDC Planning For Action**

The Falkland Islands Development Corporation (FIDC) recently commissioned two studies. For the first, David Moyes was engaged to advise on the communities needs for vocational training and the provision of a further education facility including building, capital equipment, staffing and ongoing costs.

During 25 April - 6 May 1989 David visited several settlements and met with education authorities, the training committee and distributed questionnaires to Islanders. His recommendations for vocational training and further education will become available to FIDC for analysis and implementation mid June.

For the second study Colin Dale, a freelance transport economist from Environmental Resources Ltd, London, was commissioned to produce an Internal Transport Action Plan.

Taking into account all previous transport studies Colin is to recommend a phased programme of transport priorities including the provision of facilities for Coastal Shipping and improved tracks. These recommendations will become available to FIDC for analysis and

implementation late June.

### **Falkland Telephone Project**

The most obvious activity in Stanley has been the civil works associated with the provision of the new cable network. Nearly all the cable duct has been laid and work is well under way building manholes and joint boxes in the pavements and roadways. Six large distribution cabinets will soon be in place. The main work of installing the cable into the ducts undertaken by TCL (Telephone Cables Limited) should start in early July and take 14 weeks to complete.

Approximately 50% of houses in Stanley having been wired from the first telephone socket inside the house to an external connection box which will be connected to the cable network. The aim is to have all existing customers connected to the new system as a priority. All other connections will follow immediately.

At the Cable & Wireless main office an extension to house the new "stystem - X" telephone switch and its associated equipment is nearly built. In early June, a team from the switch manufactures GPT (GEC Plessey Telecommunications) will commence installation aided by staff from C&W. The anticipated ready for service date for the new system is December 1989, however not all Stanley or Camp customers will have service at this instant.

In Camp most of the work is now complete, mast bases are in place and masts and aerials are being erected for the microwave radio transmission network. The radio and power equipment, some of it solar, and equipment shelters are being distributed to required locations. Already installation has begun at Sapper Hill, Mount Pleasant Peak, Fitzroy and Mount Pleasant airport.

## **A Day In The Life Of**

### **The Met Men Of The South Atlantic**

Compared with Britain, the Falklands weather is extremely changeable and can bring warm sunshine, rain, sleet and snow all in the space of one or two hours. Principal Met Officer, Mike Waller, explains: "In spite of this changeability the climate in the Falklands is much maligned. In fact the Islands receive more sunshine than the south of England. The main factor is the consistency and strength of the wind. In a cold spell this quickly leads to the danger of severe exposure to those ground forces who do not take adequate precautions. A man can suffer from hypothermia even in the summer".

The Met Men have a difficult job weather forecasting in that incoming weather information throughout the region is sparse. The South Atlantic Southern Command covers 1.4 million square miles and a two-metre diameter weather balloon is hardly a microdot on the radar screen. They rely heavily on the interpretation of weather satellite pictures received locally and computer information received via a direct link to the UK.

The hours are long and the work arduous, but the bountiful wildlife, fresh air and exhilarating scenery, make the job a rewarding one say the Met Men of the South Atlantic.

### **New Appointments**

#### **John Buckland James**

Took over the position of Financial Secretary January 1989 from Islander, Harold Rowlands. He has worked in Wales for the early part of his career in local government and the NHS, and lately overseas responsible as City Treasurer for a major local authority in Zimbabwe and as Health Finance Specialist for the Gambian Government. He brings a wealth of current expertise to the Island as administrator

of the Treasury.

#### **Mike Summers**

Took up the post of General Manager Falkland Islands Development Corporation January 1989. Having spent several years working for companies both in the UK and abroad in marketing, project finance, development and general management roles, he is well versed in many aspects of senior management. Although based in the UK for the majority of his career, he has been responsible for business in many developing countries from Africa to the far East and spent 2 years resident in Thailand in 1983/84.

#### **Graham Gleadell**

Took up the new post of Chief Development Economist April 1989 in Stanley. He returns to his native land after 20 years away working in New Zealand and the U.S.A. in various managerial and entrepreneurial positions including computers, software, futures market, strategic marketing and post graduate studies. His principal responsibility is to create policy advice.

#### **Mandy Harrod**

Took up the position of Chief Nursing Officer from Wendy Fitzgerald 20 May 1989 and is responsible for all nursing and midwifery services in the King Edward Memorial Hospital, the community of Stanley as well as outside settlements. Having been seconded from the West Hospital, London on two occasions and as present Nursing Sister at the King Edward, Mandy is no stranger to work in the Islands.

#### **David West**

Will take up the newly created post of Deputy Lands and Agricultural Officer in July of this year. Although he has not worked overseas before, he has gained experience in agronomy, husbandry and farm management on various farms in the U.K. Amongst the varied duties



of his post, he will be involved in the organisation of agricultural vocational training programmes for youngsters and adults alike.

#### Patrick Lurcock

Arrived with his wife, Sarah, mid March of this year to take up his appointment as Computer Technician in the Fisheries Department. In 1985 he graduated from the University of Aston in Birmingham with a B Sc (Hons) degree in Electrical & Electronic Engineering. He is no stranger to southern climes for from August 1985 to May 1988 he worked as a Geophysicist/Electronic Engineer at Hailey Base in Antarctica.

#### Nicola Summers

Took up the post of information Officer at the beginning of May this year. Having worked as in-house Press Officer to Selfridges Department Store and Capper Neill Engineering Company as well as various public relations agencies in the UK and the Far East, she is well prepared to bring her press liaison, marketing and communication skills to bear on the job of providing information for the various Government bodies and the community.

#### Robert Bustin

Takes up the position of Environmental Health Officer early July. He started his career with the HM Forces Royal Army Medical Corps and over a period of ten years worked for the UK Government responsible for housing, refuse, food control, safety and training.

#### Gerard Hoppe

Since the beginning of May 1989, Gerard, the new Senior Pasture Agronomist, has been completing his research on white grass for the Islands at the University of Belfast. In early June he will arrive with his wife and two children to continue his work in the Islands.

#### **New CBFFI Named**

Major General Paul Stevenson a

Falklands veteran who was commissioned in the Royal Marines in 1958 is to be appointed as Commander British Forces Falkland Islands in August 1989. He will succeed the present Commander, Air Vice-Marshal David Crwys-Williams, who is to become Director General of Royal Air Force Personal Services, based in London.

#### **New OC For Stanley**

Major R.A. Curtis is the new Officer Commanding, Stanley Administrative Detachment (SAD) responsible for maintaining military/civilian relationships.

### **Forthcoming Events**

#### **Falkland Craft Fair**

This year the Falkland Craft Fair will be held on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 July.

The first Falkland Craft Fair took place in Stanley on 12 July 1986 and is now an annual event encompassing a weekend in the middle of July to coincide with the end of Farmers Week. The establishment of a Falkland Craft Fair was encouraged by FIDC in their desire to see crafts in the Islands continue especially the older ones, such as horse gear-work and hornwork.

There are 12 competitive sections, made up of different classes, in the Craft Fair. These are: Homespun Wool, Knitting, Weaving, Sewing and Crochet, Embroidery and Tapestry, Soft Toy Making, Rugmaking and Macrame, Sheepskins, Hornwork, Gearmaking and Leatherwork, Woodwork, Modelmaking and Metalwork, Art, and Photography. There is also an "Any other handicraft item for display only" section. As the name suggests this section is not judged and is only for display.

"The response has been very good with the number of entries rising each year as more and more people decide to have a go and enter the show! says Natalie McPhee of F.I.D.C. "Items however must have been crafted in the Islands and must not have

been entered in a previous Falkland Craft Fair."

Prizes are awarded to the person with most points in each section. These prizes are normally hardback books on the relevant subject. Cups donated by the Falkland Islands Company Limited, Cable and Wireless PLC and the Falkland Islands Development Corporation are presented to the overall winner and the runner up in both Adult and Children's sections. A Rose Bowl donated by Standard Chartered Bank is presented to the person with most points in Sections A, B and C. These are retained for 1 year but miniature cups or medallions for retention are also presented. In each of the Children's classes cash prizes of £5 for 1st, £3 for 2nd £2 for 3rd are given.

#### **The Susan Whitley Memorial Craft Exhibition**

Children throughout the Falklands are busy working to complete their entries for the annual craft exhibition, to be held in the Gymnasium on June 24th and 25th.

#### **Cartoon Aid - Help The Children Smile**

Falkland Islands children have been asked to participate in "Cartoon Aid". Children throughout the world aged 7 to 14 are being asked to enter a cartoon drawing competition and the winning cartoon will be included in a book, the proceeds of which will be given to the Swiss Red Cross to finance a project in Sudan. The winner and their teacher will be flown to Switzerland all expenses paid for a week in April 1990! So get drawing! Schools will advise on closing dates for entries.

#### **Evening Class Schedule**

An expanded winter programme of evening classes in Stanley continues from June 12th ending week commencing 28th August. Anyone requiring information about correspondence classes should contact Mr Phil Middleton, the Further Education

Officer.

A charge of £1 per session, for the term (£12), is made to be paid to the Education Office by the third week of the course. Mrs Dey's course will be 9 sessions (£9).

#### Monday

7 pm - 9 pm Word processing/Typing (Mrs Murdoch)

7 pm - 9 pm Woodwork (Mr Nutter)

#### Tuesday

6.30 - 8.30 pm Word processing/Typing (Mrs Murdoch)

7 pm - 9 pm Art (Mrs Simpson)

#### Wednesday

7 pm - 8.30 pm English (Mrs Cheek)

7 pm - 8.30 pm Book Keeping (Mr Ewing)

7 pm - 8.30 pm French (Mr Barde)

#### Thursday

7 pm - 8.30 pm Spanish (Mr Whiteside)

7 pm - 8.30 pm Music (Mrs Dey)

In addition, Mr Mike Summers is offering four lectures free of charge on Business Management at the Senior School on **Mondays 19th June, 26th June, 3rd July and 10th July** from 7 to 8.30 pm. Topics covered will be Financial Management of your own business, Marketing, Production, Contracts and Contract Law, Legal requirements for running your own business.

#### Further Development at the Museum

Good progress continues to be made in the conversion of Britannia House into the Falkland Islands Museum. The traditional Falklands way of life is being presented, along with the Flora and Fauna of the Islands and many other facets of the Falklands history. Former bedrooms and bathrooms in the house create individual display areas giving the house a very homely atmosphere.

The work is on-going; the scope vast, especially when working to preserve an entire way of life and industry which is changing so rapidly. Help and support comes from many directions; from the Chairman of the Museum Committee, Joan Spruce along with committee members; from Archivist, Jane Cameron and from Military personell at Mount Pleasant, some of whom now spend their R&R assisting at the Museum.

"We have made a start on the installation of ultra violet screening on all the windows," explains John Smith the Curator, "but at the present time our priority is to carry out immediate first aid treatment on the items which arrive, to stabilise the condition and prevent further deterioration. When time permits the appropriate conservating work will be carried out."

A recent arrival to the Museum is a set of colour prints of the Dale watercolours. Frank Mitchell, former Managing Director FIC, discovered the original paintings which depict life in the 1850's when the main industry of the Islands concerned cattle. A hundred year old Symphonion brought to the Falklands in the 1890's and destroyed in the events of 1982 has also recently been restored to life. The result is now old time mechanical music in the grand manner, played on twenty four inch diameter tin records, driven by a huge clockwork motor.

One of the most amazing strokes of luck to come the Museums way recently was when the Directors of the locally based Fortuna Fishing Company gave the Museum the opportunity to go through the contents of the old Globe store warehouse before it was finally cleared away. This was a treasure trove of items, many of them untouched since the day when they were first taken from the wreck of the US ship John R Kelley in 1899. "This act of thoughtfulness indicates the awareness that now exists in

both the old and new communities in the Falklands towards preserving our history," says John.

#### The Warrah Returns Home

Visitors to the Museum will be fascinated to know that in recent months a specimen of the Falklands only indigenous quadreped has been located. The Warrah became extinct in the Islands over a hundred years ago but fortunately one of the very few specimens was taken to Europe during the last century and has remained intact in the National Museum of Natural History in Belgium. Arrangements are now well in hand for the Warrah-sometimes known as the Falklands Wolf-to be loaned for one year for display to Britannia House.

#### Calendar 1989

June 3 - 4 Johnny Walker Darts Tournament. Open darts competition in the Town Hall.

8 Memorial Service at Fitzroy.

10 Budget Session of the Legislative council.

14 Liberation Day - Church Services and Memorial Services.

23 Mid Winters' Day Annual Fancy Dress Ball in Town Hall.

July 3 - 7 Farmer's Week

7 - 8 British Forces Open Day + Auction of Military Equipment at MPA.

7 - 8 Governor's Cup Darts Match. Open competition in the Town Hall held in the evenings.

15 - 17 Craft Fair.

31 Open Season (shooting game birds) ends.

## Whats Abroad

#### Value of Trading Links with Chile

A number of local businessmen who have travelled to Chile have been very impressed by the enthusiasm of the business community in Punta Arenas who see good trading benefits with the Islands and the fishing fleets.

A wide variety of items have



been imported to the Islands including fresh, frozen and processed food stuffs, office and household furniture, building materials and domestic appliances, vehicles and gas, as well as items for fishing fleets.

According to Tom Swales of Stanley Services the traffic need not be all one way. "We are currently investigating the possibility of exporting goods as well", he says. "Interest has been expressed in receiving cattle and sheep from the Falklands and we are speaking to the various authorities in Chile about this".

At present the Indiana 1 which arrived in the Islands January 1989, provides transport for cargo and passengers on an

unscheduled basis between South America and the Islands. Passenger berths have been fully utilized but there is room for expansion of freight moved. There is no doubt that a regular vessel going to the coast would be more cost effective than travelling 8000 miles to the UK market place or that in terms of stock holding, the difference in 2 days compared to 28 days required for gas imported from the UK would mean a great financial saving. As more companies utilise the cargo handling operation at FIPASS the cost per unit of cargo would be lessened also.

#### Editors Note

Welcome to the first edition of the Government News. It is

essential in any community that the Government is able to keep its people informed of events, developments and new legislation and also to receive back comments and observations on the Government programme.

The Government News will be published monthly. It is specifically intended to communicate activities in the public sector and in no way will replace the Penguin News.

We would welcome your views on any matter which you feel should be covered in the Government News.

Please direct all correspondence to Nicola Summers, The Information Officer, The Secretariat, Stanley, Falkland Islands.



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## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Following the resignation of 3 elected members from the Legislative Council several questions have been asked of the Government. The areas that can be answered include:

**What has happened to Legislative Council as a result of the resignations ?**

The Legislative Council stands adjourned. The Council cannot meet again until there has been an election because it does not have a quorum. In order to have a quorum there must be 5 members of Legislative Council, of which 2 must come from Camp and 2 from Stanley.

**When are elections to fill the vacancies which have occurred going to take place ?**

This will be at the General Election in October. In his concluding speech the Governor indicated that a general election was to take place on 11 October this year. It is necessary to hold a General Election at that time because the 4 year term of the current Legislative Council expires in that month.

**Is it not possible to dissolve Legislative Council now and hold an election before 11 October 1989?**

No. Under the Constitution, and in the circumstances, there is no requirement for elections to be held before 11 October 1989. It would be both impracticable and unfair to hold either by-elections to fill the 3 seats which are currently vacant or to hold a General Election before that date. The reason for this is that the electoral register upon which

the General Election of 11 October 1989 is to be based, cannot become effective until 1 September 1989. Any election held before that date would be open only to those voters whose names appear on the current roll which is 3 years out of date. The old roll does not reflect accurately the current composition of the electorate in the Camp and Stanley constituencies nor does it show the true distribution between those constituencies.

**Why not hold an election on 1 September 1989 when the most up to date electoral register comes into force ?**

An election held on 1 September 1989 will not enable electors to vote by post or proxy. Furthermore, many nominations submitted on the basis of the old electoral roll will be invalid on the actual day of polling.

**Do we still have an Executive Council ?**

Yes. At the current time Executive Council is properly constituted and will continue to exercise the functions of the Government.

## 1989/90 Budget

The object of the Annual Budget, the most important planning exercise in the management of the Government, is to identify in financial terms, the levels of activity at which the various functions of Government will be provided.

The total cost of providing the Government services will be £25.5 million for the next financial year. Included in this figure is the payment of Social Benefits at the new rates payable from 1st January 1990. These are:

### Family Allowances

The monthly family allowance will increase to £33 per child, and the single parent allowance will increase to £28 per month.

### Non Contributory Old Age Pensions

The Non-Contributory Old Age Pension will increase to £57 per week for the married man, and £41 for the single person.

### Contributory Old Age Pension

The benefits under the Old Age Pensions Ordinance will increase to £66 per week for a married man, and £43 per week for single persons.

The amounts payable for contributory pensions will be — for the self-employed £9.50 per week, for employers £5.70 per week for employees £3.80 per week.

### Revenue

The bulk of the income to provide the money for the costs of the Government service comes from the charges made for the sale of Fishing Licences around the coast. Additional finance has to be raised from other sources of revenue.

Income Tax and Company Tax will remain unchanged for this coming financial year, certain other increases in forms of taxation and charges will occur.

### Customs Duty

The customs duty on beer, spirits and wines will remain unchanged.

The duty on tobacco will increase by one third which will mean that - Cigars will be increased to £40.43 per kilo i.e. 9p extra on a packet of 10.



Cigarettes will increase to £29.23 per kilo i.e. 11p extra on a packet of 20 cigarettes, Tobacco will increase to £26.57 per kilo i.e. 33p extra on a 50 gm pouch.

These increases are recommended to follow international recognition of the inherent health dangers as a result of smoking tobacco products.

#### **Other Increases - Personal Charges**

Rates will increase by 10% from 1st July 1989. Rents will increase by 15% from 1st October 1989 subject to a Rent Rebate Scheme being approved.

Dog Licences increased to £10 per annum per dog with effect from 1st January 1990.

Boarding School Fees will increase by 10% from the commencement of the third term (September) 1989.

First child from £60 to £66 per term. Second child from £40 to £44 per term. Subsequent children to remain free of charge.

Private Post Boxes to be increased to £10 per annum with effect from 1st January 1990.

#### **Other Increases - Commercial charges**

Harbour Dues will be increased by 10% from 1st January 1990.

Medical Fees increased by approximately 50% for Non-Entitled Persons (anyone not resident in the Islands except UK citizens).

Sale of Water to Ships, not subject to Income Tax, will be increased to £5 per tonne.

Charges for Broadcast Announcements will increase from 4p to 10p per word with the revised minimum charge of £2. The charge for a recorded message will increase to £5 per minute. The revised charges to be effective from 1st July 1989.

The sum of all the revenue from all sources will amount to £38.2 million. Total operating expenditure will amount to £25.5 million, providing a surplus of £12.7 million. Added to this will be capital income of £1.3 million which will mean that the sum of £14.0 million is available to finance a capital programme of £12.3 million.

### **Some Major Capital Projects - Cost 1989/90**

	£
New Senior School	1,500,000
Camp Tracks	1,500,000
New Telecommunications System	200,000
Jersey Estate (30 houses)	430,000
Electricity Supply Improvements	1,120,000
Stanley Road Improvements	1,320,000

These are matters that will affect the majority of people in the Islands one way or another. It is an ambitious programme of measured growth for the benefit of all.



# Government News

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## NEWS & VIEWS

### Tourism a Growing Market

The Falkland Islands Tourist Office has completed its third full season in tourism.

The promotional programme in the UK and in the Islands is now beginning to bear fruit with a 92% increase in the tourist trade over the 1987/88 season.

"Tour operators have reported higher bookings for the 1989/90 summer and four operators have requested space for extra tour groups to visit the Islands.

The York office which contacts tour groups targeting people principally interested in wildlife, battlefield tours, fishing, philately and birdwatching has received a particularly high number of enquiries for this coming year," states Graham Bound, Managing Director Falkland Islands Tourism (FIT).

Currently FIT is holding bookings for 39 groups for the summer season for about 200 visitors from the UK and Europe representing a further 39% over last season.

Despite the lack of air links between the Falklands and South America there continues to be a high level of interest from US citizens in visiting the Islands. Three US operators are planning seaborne or air charter trips this season.

Society Expeditions cruise ships "World Discoverer" and "Society Explorer" are expected to visit also during the coming summer and welcome newcomer the "MV Europa" will be carrying 600 passengers.

### Swimming Pool "Gift" for Falklands Forces

The Falkland Islands Government is to fund the provision of a much-needed indoor swimming pool for the use of service personnel at the military garrison at Mount Pleasant Airport.

An initial payment of £400,000 will be made in the financial year 1989-90 and a further £400,000 is earmarked for the following financial year. In addition, the Falkland Islands Government has approved in principle the sum of £125,000 per year towards the operating costs.

The project will be undertaken by the Field Squadron, Royal Engineers (and subsequent squadrons) and is scheduled to start later this year. It is due for completion in 1991.

"The Falkland Islands Government is delighted to fund this project which will be seen as a tangible contribution from us to defence costs," says the Chief Executive Ronald Sampson. "The Government also allows generous tax concessions from its budget to contractors at MPA that would otherwise be passed on to the Ministry of Defence."

The indoor pool will be located immediately adjacent to the existing main gymnasium complex at RAF Mount Pleasant. It will measure 33m x 13m and its depth will vary from 1.2m to 2.0m. As well as a spectator's gallery, support facilities will include changing rooms, showers and toilets which can also serve the needs of the existing gymnasium and squash courts. According to the Commander British Forces Falkland Islands,

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

### Southern Star up for Sale

The Southern Star, presently berthed at Falklands Interim Port and Storage System (FIPASS), which was purchased from Queensland, Australia for the purpose of developing tourism in the Falklands is up for sale.

"Financial projections show that the vessel will continue to lose as much as £6,000 a month which Executive Council have decided is unacceptable," explains Chief Development Economist, Graham Gleadell.

UK Brokers have indicated an interest in selling the vessel and an opening price has been recommended of £450,000. It is anticipated that the disposal will take some time due to the vessels characteristics and location.

### Loligo Fishing Closed Midnight 9th June 1989

According to Alastair Cameron, Director of Fisheries, the season for Loligo squid has been better than either of the two previous years of the Fishery. "However, recent monitoring and assessment of the stocks makes it clear that action is necessary to ensure conservation, and the



decision had to be taken, for the first time, to close the Loligo squid fishery before the end of the present season on 30 June" he says.

"Although 44 vessels from ten countries were affected, the continuing liaison with the fishing companies suggests that they fully understand the need for long term conservation measures."

The Falkland Islands Government recently allocated licences for the second season Loligo squid fishery for the months of August and September and these licences are not affected by the early termination of the present season by some 20 days.

The principle market for the Loligo squid is in the Mediterranean countries and the high levels of catches this year have depressed market prices. The Illex squid which is much prized in Japan and other Far East countries is also under close monitoring but no decision has yet been taken in respect of limiting the fishing for that species.

Approximately one third of the world supply of squid comes from waters around the Falkland Islands.

#### **Sub-Division and Sale of Port San Carlos**

The Falkland Islands Government purchased the farm Port San Carlos, including livestock, equipment and other assets from Port San Carlos Ltd on the 14th April 1989. "As part of the continuing policy of land reform involving the purchase of farms from absentee landowners and their resale to owner occupiers," explains Lands and Agricultural Officer, Owen Summers.

It is proposed that the property be sub-divided into five family farms which could incorporate a

range of camps to sustain flocks of between 4800 to 8100 sheep. A paper has been approved by Executive Council which proposed a strategy for the sale either as five subdivisions or as one unit.

A sales prospectus will be issued in July for prospective purchasers. It is expected that successful applicants will take over their section before next season.

The Government's policy of subdividing farms is showing considerable success in improving the number of sheep that the farms are able to run and also substantially increased yield from the wool crop. It has also served to maintain profitable employment in the camp where economic viability was suspect.

## **WHATS IN IT FOR YOU**

### **Better Value and Accommodation for Visitors**

The Falkland Islands Development Corporation (FIDC) to date has given assistance to Weddell Island, Saunders Island, Dunbar Farm and Chartres Farm for the conversion of redundant homes to self catering accommodation, bringing the number of self catering lodges available for visitors up to seven.

According to Mike Summers, General Manager FIDC, "We have provided financial assistance for the conversion also of several old farm managers' houses to comfortable accommodation on Port Howard and Pebble Island and for the building of a lodge at Sea Lion Island, which is wholly owned by FIDC."

These lodges are open throughout the year offering facilities to anglers, photographers, horse riders and wildlife enthusiasts. At Port Howard windsurfing and

canoeing are available and at Pebble Island sandysailing has just been introduced.

In Stanley itself visitors may be interested to know that the Upland Goose Hotel holds Special Nights offering food and entertainment twice a month and that the Museum, Britannia House, which is open during the week from 10am to 12 noon and from 2pm to 4pm will open for special tours on the weekend. Ring John Smith on 340 for more information. The Malvina House Hotel too caters for special parties. Brian Harper, the Chief Chef would welcome the opportunity to make visitors from the US, Middle East and Europe feel at home by cooking ethnic cuisine.

### **Scramble for Eggs**

A new commercial egg production unit has been established to the East of Stanley to house approximately 1,500 hens of the Warren Studler Isa variety. The stock is expected to produce an ample supply of eggs for the prospective initial market of 350 local households with the surplus of about 21% to be made available to the fishing boats and the military.

The project will be the responsibility of Poultry Products Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of FIDC managed by Geoff Pratlett, who has recently received comprehensive training in poultry husbandry in the UK. The involvement of FIDC in the farm conforms to its policy of developing local businesses and markets with the eventual aim of increasing self-sufficiency within the Islands. It is envisaged that after the initial set-up year the project will be managed as a commercial venture by a local company.

"Undoubtedly the availability of eggs from the farm will be welcomed in the Islands to

supplant the present seasonal nature of the supply, which can be expensive for those who do not keep their own poultry," says Geoff. This year will witness the sale of eggs in Stanley priced at between £1.20 and £1.40 a dozen. People will have the added luxury of being able to choose between three grades whatever the season.

Whilst the chicks, which were flown from the UK by Tri-star, are small, Geoff is working an 18 hour day to tend to the generator and bird's feeding requirements.

#### **Protection for Employees**

The Employment Protection Bill 1989 which provides protection for employees working in the Islands was passed during the later session of Legislative Council. A requirement of the new Ordinance will be that employees be given written particulars of the terms of employment within 13 weeks of starting work as well as itemized wage statements. If for any reason work should slacken-off, piece-workers having worked at least one month, will be entitled to guaranteed minimum earnings, even if there is no work for them to do.

Absence from work for any of the following reasons: being suspended on medical grounds, carrying out public duties or trade union duties, court attendance, seeking medical, dental or ante natal care, will entitle an employee to normal pay during the period of absence. A female employee will be provided with maternity leave, pay and a right to return to work if she has been with the company at least two years.

Anyone employed for two years or more may not be unfairly dismissed. In a case of unfair dismissal an employee can seek the right to be re-engaged or compensated. A person if

dismissed for reasons of redundancy, other than misconduct, after working two years, will be entitled to a redundancy payment calculated in accordance with his age, length of service and earnings. This will not apply to anyone employed on a long-term contract which is not renewed.

If a trade or business is transferred from one person to another the employee's period of employment at the time of transfer will count as a period of employment with the transferee and will not break the continuity of employment.

According to Attorney General, David Lang, "There is a tendency to over legislate, however we have not done that here. In essence the bill gives an employee rights in relation to his employer that would be applicable under statute in the United Kingdom." Full details will be made available in due course from the Secretariat.

#### **Education for Everyone**

The Education Bill caters for the education of school children and deals with adult education too. Looking to the future the bill provides for raising the school leaving age, if necessary, and for things like educational videos.

A Board of Education is to be appointed, consisting of five persons including two parents of children attending school in the Falklands, who are not employed as teachers, as public officers or as elected members of Legislative Council. The Board will be responsible in assisting and advising a Director of Education, who is to be appointed by the Governor, in the promotion of education in the Islands.

Inspection and supervision of all schools and educational institutions, management of the Camp education system,

supervising itinerant teachers and devising syllabuses will be functions of the Director also.

In addition the Director will be responsible for promoting the improvement of the national library service including the Stanley Town Library and the administration of overseas scholarships and training awards provided by the Government to anyone with Falkland Islands residence.

The bill allows for costs and expenses to be found by government for maintaining efficient education of children in Stanley and in Camp and to provide Bursaries, Scholarships and Training Awards. Children with special educational needs may be given financial assistance with travel, accommodation, clothing and maintenance expenses in connection with education in the Islands and overseas.

Parents with children in Camp will have a choice of sending their children to a Government school, the Camp education scheme or to make independent arrangements approved by the Director for their children's education - e.g. to receive correspondence classes or be taught by parents or others.

In each of the Junior and Senior Government schools, there is to be a committee of Managers to advise on the running of the school and the education.

#### **Good News on the Housing Front**

Determined that outstanding housing rents should be collected, the Government took a number of debtors to court and in March 1989 judgement was obtained against them.

According to Government Secretary, Colin Redston, "It is unacceptable that at a time of



serious housing shortage in Stanley, people should be allowed to go on living in Government quarters whilst making little or no effort to pay the rent, especially as these rents are heavily subsidised."

Other cases are presently being prepared aimed at recovering the sum of just over £13 thousand which is still owing. Meanwhile Housing Consultant, Mr Dick Phelps has arrived back in the Islands to assist with the implementation of various aspects of Government housing policy including a scheme to sell off a number of Government houses. It is hoped that this will be prepared by early August, in association with Standard Chartered Bank. Houses could become available for sale later in the year if the proposals are accepted.

The new Jersey Estate too looks due for completion in August 1989. This should go a long way towards easing the present housing shortage. Some Jersey houses have been allocated already and other allocations will follow shortly.

#### **Camp Airstrip Fire Appliances**

More than half of the new 250 litre airstrip fire appliances have now been delivered to Camp settlements and eight appliances have been commissioned by David Ford, the Sub-Fire Officer, who also trained the airstrip attendants in the use of the new appliances. The remainder of the appliances will be shipped as soon as possible and the necessary training and commissioning will be carried out thereafter, but this may depend on the building of a garage at some airstrips.

The Civil Aviation and Fire and Rescue Departments would like to place on record their

appreciation to those airstrip licensees where training has been carried out, for the enthusiasm shown and indeed for the number of persons who turned out to take part in the training, in the majority of cases involving all of the settlement adult population.

#### **The New Stanley Senior School**

The news that funds have been made available for the new Senior School in the 1989-90 budget has been very well received by all concerned. The architects are working on the plans for the school and are presently looking at the requirements for specialist rooms including a Home Economics area, Music and Commerce rooms and Science laboratories in consultation with teachers. Once these deliberations are completed the final plans will be available for public display. The New School Committee meets regularly and members welcome questions and comments from interested people. Even at this stage thought needs to be given to a name for this exciting community project! Any ideas?

#### **Local Agricultural Programme of Training for Islanders**

Early July 1989 saw the arrival of 2 members of the Scottish Agricultural Training Board in the Islands. Alan Smurthwaite from North East Orkney and John Pringle from Perthshire, both experienced instructors, are presently training welders, shearers and farm mechanics how to teach others their skills from the Instructional Training Course at Port Howard, which was set up by the Falkland Islands Development Corporation.

According to Rupert Haydock, Agricultural Economist who is responsible for the schemes

success, the idea is to build up a nucleus of agricultural training instructors who are local people who can pass on their skills so that people need not be sent overseas for training. In this way the cost of training will be brought down and the training given will be more appropriate to the Islands.

"We have adapted a group training system used in Scotland to provide young people with the skills they need to succeed their fathers and are assisting new subdivision holders to make their businesses more viable," says Rupert. "This will in effect give people an incentive to remain in Camp."

Trainees aged 15-17 years of age will be taken on farms for one year to work alongside farmers to learn practical experience. Monthly wages of between £65-£70 and travelling costs will be met by FIDC. It will be the responsibility of Group Training Organizers, Alison Hewitt, Ailsa Heathman, Lena Morrison and Jacqui Smith to find out the training needs of the Camp farms and to organise courses and training venues.

The newly appointed Deputy Lands and Agricultural Officer, David West, will administer the scheme and train local people to become training instructors who will then go on to teach others their skills. "As part of my work to develop a Farm Accounting System I have trained 59 people myself in farm account keeping," explains Rupert.

#### **New Appointments**

##### Ian Cox

Took up the position of Assistant General Manager, Operations for FIDC in June 1989. He is no stranger to employment overseas, having worked for a

number of companies in Oman and Nigeria as General Manager involved in profit planning and business control. While at FIDC he will be responsible for all operational aspects and for the performance of FIDC subsidiary companies. His experience of international marketing and business will also be utilised for the continued encouragement of trade links with South America, involving market analysis and negotiation.

#### William Somerville

The new Assistant General Manager, Administration who took up his position in June 1989 will co-ordinate all administrative procedures involved in the running of FIDC and all its subsidiaries. He has held several positions abroad as Financial Director and Company Secretary concerned with the preparation of budgets and annual accounts in addition to marketing and development of new business. He leaves his native Scotland where he has been running his own catering company to come to the Islands.

#### Graham Didlick

Took up his post as Constable in the Falkland Islands Police Force in May 1989. He is no stranger to the duties required of him in the Islands having served with the West Mercia Constabulary for 12 years part of the time in the Traffic Department in Worcester and on patrol duties in Shropshire.

#### Len McGill

Returned in June 1989 to take up the post of Detective Constable after being away since the beginning of February on a 5 months training course at the West Yorkshire Police Training School in Wakefield. Having attended a Scenes of Crime and CID course, Len will be responsible for CID work and forensic support for both CID and

uniformed branches of the Falkland Islands Police.

#### Roy McGill

Has been nominated to start his commercial pilots training early in 1990. The 54 week course will be taken at Oxford Air Training School in the UK. Roy, who is an assistant Air Traffic Controller with the Civil Aviation Department, will then fly with a UK air company for one month before becoming Type Rated on the Islander aircraft. He will return to his native Islands in 1991.

#### Morgan Goss

At present a licensed Aircraft Engineer with FIGAS, he commences his commercial pilots training early 1991 at Oxford Air Training School. He should return to his homeland with a commercial pilots license to fly with FIGAS in 1992.

## **A Day in the Life of**

### **The Travelling Teachers of the Falklands**

"We are the teacher equivalent of the "Flying Doctor". It is our job to get round the Camp by light aircraft, boat, land rover and sometimes all three in a day, to motivate and teach children up to the ages of 9 and 10 working alone at home in the most remote parts of the Islands. It can be quite exhausting and lonely living out of a suitcase and moving from one family to another every 10 to 14 days, having little contact with Port Stanley and other teaching staff, but I love it," explains Lesley Coutney, who has been teaching in East and West Falklands for four months.

"New Zealand where I come from is not unlike the Falklands. I am used to travelling for miles across country without seeing anybody and the "help your

neighbour" spirit of the small communities is something I grew up with. The close proximity with which you live with families, teaching often in their kitchens, means that you learn so much about them, how they live and what changes have taken place in their lifestyles. It is a real tonic that the children are outgoing, independent, used to hard work and so knowledgeable about their farms and that the parents are so interested and concerned for their childrens' education."

At present there are four travelling teachers; Sarah Dixon, Lynette Hepworth, Sandra Picone and Lesley who between them teach primary education to all the settlements in East and West Falklands and initiate schemes where by children go to one another's homes for schooling. According to Chief Education Officer, Phyllis Rendell, the distances between the 84 settlements makes it difficult for just the four teachers. "We are stretched at the moment and teachers are having to double up on work loads, however by August 1989 we hope to have six teachers to spread the load."

In charge of Camp education is Richard Fogerty who is assisted by Robert Collie and Jennifer Jones in giving daily live radio lessons, while Jacqui Robertson is working on the production of software packages for the children to use at home.

## **Forthcoming Events**

### **Infant/Junior Winter Concert Promises to be Different**

Music teachers, Shirley Dey, and Enid Dickson felt it was important to put on an evenings entertainment illustrating what can be done with music. Unlike previous concerts the winter concert, to be held in the Town Hall on 21 July, will illustrate all the topics



covered in the school music curriculum.

The programme will be introduced by the children and be divided into three parts; singing, instrumental work and creativity. "This is very much the childrens' concert. There has been a lot of excitement surrounding its organization, so much so that the choir has doubled to 45 members this week," states Shirley.

The instrumental work will range from pieces learned by ear to accompaniments and recorder groups. The creativity section will enable people to see how children have used a poem or song to invent their own sound. To break up the musical items the Vanda Pavan's Dance Group will perform and there will be play reading.

According to Shirley the concert promises to be informative and full of variety. "There is so much musical talent in the Islands. Children enjoy music whether they are musical or not because there is something for everyone. I believe they gain a confidence which can help them in other things by putting on a concert like this," says Shirley. "It takes time to nurture the talent but we are all very encouraged by the success of the first radio music lesson held with Fitzroy last week. We are hoping to have weekly lessons with other farms in Camp soon."

#### **Mount Pleasant Airport Open Day**

Friday 7 July when the military stage an action-packed Open Day promises to be a day to remember. There will be charity stalls and other fund-raising attractions. Static displays will feature the work of the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force in and around the garrison. A spectacular flying display will feature Phantoms, Hercules,

Chinooks, Sea Kings and Lynx aircraft. The threat of inclement weather will not affect activities as everything will take place in or can be viewed from the giant Timmy Hangar.

All farm owners and managers from Camp are invited to a lunchtime cocktail party during the Open Day. Those attending should contact Eileen Vidal via radio in Stanley or Major David Day on Military 4236.

#### **MPA'S First Ever Auction Sale**

MPA will stage its first ever auction sale on Saturday 8 July 1989. Lots will range from mobile accommodation units to building materials, tools and vehicles. The auctioneer will be Geoffrey Pratlett.

The event starts at 10 am near the Cast Park off Mare Harbour Road and will be sign-posted on the day.

Would-be bidders will have an ideal opportunity to view the lots on the preceding day.

#### **A First for Children of the Senior School**

Six delightful stamps featuring the winning designs from a Falkland Islands children competition are being prepared for issue on 4 September 1989 as a First Day Cover.

In February 1988 the Philatelic Bureau in Stanley asked the school if the children would be interested in designing a set of stamps to illustrate the Sports Week events which take place every year in Stanley in December and in Camp in March.

Under Art Teacher, Tim Simpson's supervision, the art classes of Senior 1-5 produced for competition designs covering the following themes: steer riding,

horse racing, gymkhana, sheep shearing, sheep dog trials and foot races. Several designs were put forward to the Stamp Advisory Committee and from these six were chosen to be made into stamps for release in December 1988. However a delay with a previous stamp issue has meant that these Sports Association Activity stamps will now be released this year. "I should like to have an exhibition of some of the entries put forward for the competition," says Tim, "as this is the first time that Falkland children have designed stamps for issue."

When the stamps become available a set will be sent to Brussels where an exhibition of childrens stamp designs worldwide is being held in 1990. On show will be the winning designs of Donna Newell, Karen Steen, Dilys Blackley, Becca Edwards, Sarah Gilding and Colin Shepherd.

#### **Calender 1989**

June 30-1 July Two Nighter at Fitzroy inclusive of darts match and fun fair

July 3-7 Farmer's Week. Public meeting held in Town Hall to discuss Farmers issues

7-8 British Forces Open Day & Auction of Military Equipment at MPA

7-8 Governor's Cup Darts Match. Open competition in the Town Hall held in the evenings 15-17 Craft Fair in the Gymnasium

31 Open Season (shooting game birds) ends

August 21 Infant/Junior Winter Concert in Town Hall

23 FIBS General Knowledge Winter Quiz Finals

#### **Whats Abroad**

Flying the Falklands Flag  
The Governments policy to maintain a Falkland Islands

presence at Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conferences and other Commonwealth meetings was maintained by the visit of Councillor John Cheek to Guyana recently.

"Being the first Caribbean and Atlantic CPA Regional Conference held for ten years and the fact that we are now on the Executive Board of that region, it was important for the Falklands to be represented," says John. "The main reason for going to these meetings is to meet politicians of so many countries and be able to put over the Falklands viewpoint. Even those who are friendly towards the Islands have sketchy knowledge of its background."

John left the Islands on 20 May. During his six day visit to London he had interviews with Andrew McEwan, Times Foreign Affairs

Correspondent, John Ezard of the Guardian, BBC Calling the Falklands and the BBC World Service. He met with Minister of State, Tim Eggar and other Foreign Office officials. "Our London Representative, Lewis Clifton, makes as much use as possible of visiting Councillors. It is helpful to him to have representatives of the Islands to discuss Government policies," explains John.

The Guyanan Conference was held on 31 May and amongst the topics discussed outside the agenda and of interest to the Falklands were territorial disputes experienced by other Commonwealth nations; Venezuela claiming an eastern chunk of Guyana, Belize ministers encountered claims from their neighbour Guatemala. Grenada had similar experiences to the Falklands even though

their invading forces were rather friendlier.

On the return trip through Port of Spain, a chance meeting with a Minister of Trinidad proved useful to highlight the Falkland situation once again. "We have to be prepared to do our own Public Relations if we are to make friends with other nations," says John. There will be a Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Barbados in early October involving 250 representatives of some nine thousand Parliamentarians from the CPA. Councillor Tony Blake will be representing the Falkland Islands at this event.

With four meetings a year, two Commonwealth Parliamentary Association meetings, two United Nations meetings and the Annual Party Conference, it is a heavy workload for Councillors but an extremely important one for the Islands.





# Government News

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### The 1989 Election

Prospective candidates hoping to stand for Legislative Council in the October election will be interested to know that the Attorney General's Chambers has recently produced a guide for electoral candidates.

Copies may be obtained by contacting the Attorney General's Chambers (local 73, military 2385/2892 or the Registrar General's Office (local 272).

### Falkland Islands Foundation Project

The Falkland Islands Foundation (FIF) recently congratulated the Government and the Falkland Islands Development Corporation (FIDC) on their progressive attitude towards safeguarding environmental interests. As a result of a report produced by Dr Katherine Thompson, "An Assessment of the Potential for Competition between Seabirds and Fisheries" a continuing monitoring programme has been established to study the number of Island birds breeding in the Colony, their feeding and their foraging habits.

In response to an initiative by FIDC in conjunction with the FIF, the Government is to finance this work during the forthcoming year. According to Roger Wilson, Secretary for the Falkland Islands Foundation, "comprehensive information on the ecology of the Falkland Islands" seabirds is necessary for sound conservation management in the future. The project so far has been a model of its kind," he says.

### Relocation of Falkland Islands Government Office London

The Falkland Islands Government Office has moved to new premises. All postal correspondence after 1 August 1989 should be directed to "Falkland House", 14 Broadway, Westminster, London SW1H 0BH. With the exception of the travel co-ordinator, all communication connections from 1 August 1989 should be made via: Telephone 01 222 2542, Facsimile 01 222 2375, Telex 8950476 FIGLON. The Travel Co-ordinator will continue to provide telephone communications from her current contact number which is: 01 222 5852.

"Falkland House" is conveniently situated directly opposite the Broadway entrance and exit of St James Park tube station. In addition the new office will mean more space for the team of four full time staff and more facilities which can be provided directly by them.

### £1200 raised for local charities

The money raised at the Mount Pleasant Airport Open Day will be donated to the Stanley Cathedral Restoration Fund and local causes which benefit children and young people.

The day, which saw over 600 visitors from Stanley and Camp, was heralded to be a big success. According to organizer, Wing Commander Peter Singleton, "the response of the communities and their generous support of the charity stalls was most heartening and made all the efforts by the military worthwhile."

### The Falklands Families Association

Early August saw the arrival in the Islands of two members of the Falkland Families Association, Sara Jones and Des Keoghane who came to organize a planned visit in January 1990 for 52 relatives of husbands and sons who were lost during the Conflict.

According to Norman Clarke, co-ordinator of the visit, "although the Association is a self financing group we do need to raise money (about £6,000) to off-set the cost of their travel round the Islands. Rosemary King is looking after the fund raising side of things and Nick Hadden is looking for accommodation for some of the families." Anyone who is able to help should contact Nick on Tel: 14.

This is the third pilgrimage of the families to the Islands to visit the memorial sites. During their time in the Islands from 23-31 January 1990 they hope also to see the wildlife and parts of Camp life. "Our links with these people is an important one," says Norman, "each one is a potential ambassador for the Islands and I know that both Sara and Des act as spokesmen on various Falklands orientated television and radio programmes in the UK. It is all good public relations for the Islands."

### Falkland Veterans to holiday in the Islands

For the first time Falkland Veterans, the brave men who were disabled during the Conflict or who have as a result experienced rehabilitation problems, will be able to return to the Islands on a sponsored

holiday planned in the summer of 1991. By extending the Falkland Families Appeal Fund to include the 82 Trust, money will be raised to transport selected individuals with their family. Donations may be made direct to the Trust at Standard Chartered Bank.

### **New Production Plan for Fox Bay Mill**

A four month study by the Falkland Islands Development Corporation (FIDC) of the Fox Bay Mill's performance and production costs has resulted in the approval by Executive Council of a new scheme to operate the Mill with improved financial results. The proposal put forward to Executive Council by General Manager FIDC, Mike Summers in June 1989 sets out to rationalize output into an agreed production programme for the year. In seeking new sales outlets it is proposed that the military market be fully satisfied, distributors in other countries be contacted, that a method of selling to war ships and fishing fleets that come to the Islands be sought and that the ways in which products are sold to the tourist market be refined. Customer reaction to the Mill products (mainly sweaters and yarn) will be tested to improve and modify design and colour combinations where appropriate.

The Falkland Mill, situated on West Falkland in Fox Bay East is the only wool mill on the Islands and has undergone a difficult development period. Richard and Grizelda Cockwell, the original owners set up the Mill in 1982 and have operated it for the last seven years, buying fleece from local farmers and converting varying quantities of wool to yarn each year to sell directly or knit up into sweaters and hats for sale.

The new plan is to produce and base costs on only five tonnes of product a year, for which there is a proven market in the Islands. "If we manage to sell five tonnes we can then consider further increased production to spread overhead costs with the real prospect of sustainable profits in the long term," explains Mike. "Our primary goal has to be profitability with a stable and properly rewarded workforce."

It now remains the job of Production Manager Geoff Healey, who has worked in the mill business for over 30 years and who's job it is to oversee a team of seven production workers, to establish firm and regular sales outlets for Mill products, including export possibilities with Chile, UK and the States. FIDC management will be responsible for commercial management and the initial marketing work.

According to Mike it is essential that the Falkland Islands is able to achieve more value added to its raw wool product. "Instead of selling raw wool at little more than £2 a kilo after sales costs in the Mill, we can achieve a sales value in excess of £25 a kilo by turning the raw wool into garments. All the expenditure in the production process remains in the Islands. By importing knitted goods to the Falklands in effect we have to sell 12 kilos of raw wool to purchase each imported sweater, virtually all of which money will disappear into the hands of overseas merchants," he says.

It can be seen that the overall economic benefit to the Falkland Islands of a project like Falkland Mill is very substantial indeed.

### **Hydatid - Keep up your guard**

The hydatid eradication scheme run by the Agriculture Department has been an ongoing battle for 20 years. The tape worm

parasite which is dangerous to humans as well as sheep, horses, cattle and pigs has now been pushed to less than 1% by constant vigilance by the vet and dog-owners.

"In order to break the life cycle of the parasite and destroy its eggs before they are shed into the environment, dogs who are carriers of the worm, need to be dosed with a pill or injection every six weeks," explains locum vet, Michael Reichel. Dog owners are warned to please keep up their guard. The next "pill day" is August 14.

### **A clean sweep for Stanley**

In April 1989 the Stanley Clean Up Campaign - introduced after the 1982 Conflict - to clear the town of debris - got moving again under the motivation of the Governor, H.E. Mr Fullerton. Twenty-two truck loads of rubbish were collected one Sunday from the West End to the Power House by the community with the assistance of the First Battalion Gordon Highlanders.

As part of the Campaign, the Attorney General's Chambers has recently issued a removal notice to owners of abandoned vehicles or vehicle parts found on Government property. "Vehicles which are not claimed before August 11 may be removed and disposed of," explains Crown Counsel, Robert Titterington. "The vehicles are both an eyesore and a danger particularly to children using the Scout Hut building."

Owners who are unable to move vehicles but would like to retain them will be interested to know that the Public Works Department are willing to advise on removals and that the Fire Department will remove any vehicle which it can use in its training programme.



Other government departments which are getting behind the campaign include the Public Works Department, who plan to put up litter signs to remind the public that a £50 fine is in existence for anyone dropping litter. The Education Department too has recently set up a litter campaign involving both the senior and junior schools. Keep up the good work.

## WHATS IN IT FOR YOU

### New premises for Falkland Islands Tourism

The recent move of the Tourism office to 56 John Street, Stanley will be a welcome improvement of the service to visitors wanting to holiday in the Islands. Now bookings and flight tickets can be arranged from the one office.

Not only is the site better located with more parking space available, but the building, known as the Pig and Whistle, has been transformed over a five month period into a tourist attraction itself. Legend has it that it houses its very own ghost. No sittings have been made to date by the new owners.

### Legal Aid - a possibility in the near future

One year ago on August 1, the first independent law practice in the Islands opened its doors, marking a significant change in the process of business development in the Falklands. The Stanley office of C & PH Chalmers was set up by resident partner Gavin Farquhar. In addition now, to assist with the increasing workload, the firm have working for them; John Swannell, an English lawyer from Norwich on secondment for six months, Kevin Kilmartin, who is concentrating on Court work and Sheila Butler, a Falkland Islander, who has been a tremendous asset to the firm as a legal secretary.

"We are very pleased with the way the business has gone in our first year. People feel more relaxed about coming to see us. I think we are managing to show that we are pleased to chat about any problem so that we can indicate at an early stage whether we can help. A significant development is that the Government are considering a Legal Aid Scheme in the near future which would provide financial assistance to anyone who does not have the means to pay for legal advice," explains Gavin.

The firm offers a broad spectrum of legal services including advice and representation relating to civil and criminal court cases, family law, sale and purchase of land including domestic properties and farms, Wills and all aspects of commercial and company law.

### Post Notes

Sometimes parcel mail can be exasperatingly slow. Jimmy Stephenson, Superintendent Post and Telecommunications explains why. "There is no airmail parcel post service to or from the Falkland Islands. There is only a seamaile parcel service. Although UK post offices have been circulated with this information, they still accept parcels for air mail transmission instead of seamaile. To reclaim the difference in postage between airmail and seamaile the wrappings should be returned to the sender to reclaim from the post office of sending," he says.

There is an alternative to sending parcels by seamaile and that is small packet post. Any parcel weighing less than 2 pounds can be sent airmail. However there is a slight drawback to the small packet rates of postage in that a small packet does not receive a number in the way that all parcels do and it therefore would be untraceable if it went missing.

According to Jimmy, "simply typing or writing "airmail" on a letter or paper and paying the postage will not guarantee that method of delivery. Although there is much less problem here in the Falkland Islands, as hand sorting is the order of the day, in the UK if a letter or paper does not have an official airmail wrapping or blue airmail sticker, then it is most likely that the automatic sorting machines will consign the mail to seamaile," he says.

If letters and more particularly papers which have been paid for airmail, are received seamaile, postage can be reimbursed if the wrapping is returned to the sender to complain to the post office of sending. Not much of a consolation - but if friends and contacts can be advised to use the airmail stickers it should speed the post up.

### Government introduce scheme to sell houses

The Falkland Island Government has invited bids for three of its houses with vacant possession. Offers for these properties are invited by sealed tender to the Secretariat. The closing date is 10 August, 1989.

According to Housing Consultant, Dick Phelps, bids are being invited as part of a process for working up a scheme for the sale of a number of government houses. "In order to get a fair idea of what price the houses should be offered at to sitting tenants, we are testing the market by inviting bids for three different types of housing," he explains. "we are also asking tenants of government properties to indicate their housing preferences and circumstances to help us finalize the scheme," he says.

### Employment of children and young persons

A number of questions have been asked of the Government

about the employment of young people. Some of the areas that can be clarified are:

**Q** At what age are children allowed to be employed?

**A** No child may be employed by any enterprise until he or she has reached 13 years of age. Unless over 15 years of age (the compulsory school age limit), a child cannot be employed on any school day before the close of school, on any day before 7 o'clock in the morning or after 7 o'clock in the evening, for more than two hours on a school day or for more than two hours on a Sunday. The work involved whether part-time, during weekends or during school holidays cannot have anything to do with lifting or carrying heavy items which may lead to injury.

Children under the age of 15 are prohibited from working on a ship, in power generation and supply, in demolition or in building works, in telegraphic or telephonic installation or in the transport of passengers or goods.

**Q** Cannot a boy or girl work during their lunch hour?

**A** Nobody under the age of 15 is allowed to work during the lunch hour on school days or after 7 o'clock in the evening, even during days other than school days, such as school holidays.

**Q** After the age of 15 what is the law about employment?

**A** The law also contains provisions prohibiting work by anyone under 18 between 10 o'clock in the evening and 5 o'clock in the morning or without a break of at least 11 hours from the end of one days work and the start of the next. For instance under the age of 18 it is not possible for somebody to be employed at night in transhipping fish or unloading ships.

**Q** Why is it necessary to have so much legislation?

**A** These local laws reflect the provisions of International Conventions which apply to the Falkland Islands and most other countries in the world. They are meant to prevent school children becoming overtired so that their performance at school does not suffer. As far as young people under 18 are concerned, the laws are meant to protect their health in the years after they have left school and before they become adults.

#### **Infant/Junior School Extension**

The contract for the Infant/Junior School extension has been awarded to, professional builder, Gordon Forbes. The extension will be built onto the northern side of the existing building, allowing the present hall to be converted into a large classroom and library. The new wing will have two floors providing a hall, 8 x 12.6 m in size with a special needs classroom and work shop below.

Further building is being considered for 1991 to take into account the expanding population of Stanley. The whole project is valued at £400 thousand.

#### **New Appointments**

##### Pauline Biggs

Has returned to the Islands having recently qualified as a teacher specialising in mathematics at secondary level. She will be teaching for the majority of the time in the Senior school from September, meanwhile she is making visits to Camp until two new travelling teachers arrive.

Pauline attended Thomas Peacocke School, Rye, then went onto York University to take a degree in mathematics followed by a postgraduate certificate in Education. She is the first Islander, for some considerable time, to return to teach in the Islands after qualifying.

##### Diane Cheek

Has recently taken up the appointment of Personal Assistant to London Representative, Lewis Clifton after successfully completing a two year HND course in secretarial studies at Newcastle Polytechnic.

##### Major General PT Stevenson OBE, RM

Assumed the Command of British Forces Falkland Islands on 9 August 1989.

## **A DAY IN THE LIFE OF**

### **The Radio Telephone Operator - Eileen Vidal**

Eileen who has been the Radio Telephone Operator in Stanley for 9 years is unique in her own way. Single handedly she assists the military, farmers, families in Camp and Stanley and travelling teachers. Some of the services she provides are; regular weather reports, selling wool through telegrams, taking store orders for deliveries to Camp, arranging farm visits for the Commanding Officer of the British Forces, receiving flight bookings, and arranging rest and recuperation duties and patrols for the military.

#### **The War Service**

During the 1982 conflict Eileen worked round the clock for the first 10 days before the invading Argentine forces curtailed her activities to one hour a day. She was able however to warn Darwin of when the Argentines were heading towards them, to keep Islanders informed about the safe whereabouts of their families, to confirm to the Endurance, off South Georgia, the number of invaders and types of ships and aircraft operating in Stanley and to inform the British Military that a civilian evacuation had taken place off Davies Street which gave them a straight line of fire on the Argentine troops. Towards the end of



the conflict, Eileen was instrumental in co-ordinating negotiations with the British Navy for a surrender on humanitarian grounds.

"I don't consider myself to be anything special," says Eileen. "I feel I am doing something useful by supplying a messenger service and I enjoy my work. It has not been easy, I was left with 3 children whilst working as a cook in Roy Cove and in 1978 when I first started working evenings in the RT Station from 4.30 pm to 10.00 pm, I had to bring my smallest child into work with me."

Full of memories, Eileen is able to recount the most amusing event that has taken place whilst operating the RT. "Immediately after the surrender, all the armoured vehicles in Stanley were congratulating one another over the 2 metre set giving me a lot of problems with interference. When I asked if they could move to another frequency to keep clear of the Government frequency, a reply came back "Lady we are the Government", "says Eileen.

Eileen's ties with the Islands go back 147 years. Her people settled in the Falklands in 1842. She has brought into the world 12 children and those alive today are spread throughout the world and the Islands businesses. Asked what she would do if she retired, Eileen states, "I should like to carry on working, if Maggie Thatcher can do so at her age, so can I."

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **Men from mountains in Nepal go diving in Falklands waters**

Shortly there will be two anchors on display outside Britannia House Museum. The anchor already on display was raised by HMS Brilliant in 1984. The second, thought to be an early 19th century anchor, was discovered

by the HMS Penelope in 1982 and is shortly to be raised by tug and landed on FIPASS from where it will be transported to the museum for permanent display. "At the time it was not possible to bring it ashore," explains John Smith, the Curator of the museum. "With the help of the diving team of the Gurka Engineers from Mount Pleasant under the command of Lieutenant David Faulkner, however we now have another fascinating asset for the Falklands museum. The input and enthusiasm of the military in this and other projects during recent months has been considerable."

According to John, the size of the anchor, (it weighs some 3-4 tons and stands 6-7 feet tall), indicates that it belonged to a very large ship and should be easy to identify from the shipping registers and maritime records.

### **Recording the Faces of the Falklands**

Another project underway at Britannia House is the creation of an "identikit" of the traditional Falkland Islander. By collecting as many photographs as possible the museum hopes to put on record the true "kelper" and what it is about his appearance that identifies him as a Falkland Islander.

Says Museum Curator, John Smith, "It is essential that we get the faces of the Falklands on record, it is by presenting and studying all aspects of the past that we can teach our young people about Falkland history. We are able to provide pupils from both the junior and senior schools who make regular visits to the museum with a much more active and interesting dimension to their history by involving the relatives of those in the class".

An overseas fishing company has recently indicated that it is willing to provide funds for the

purchase of a video screen and recorder to enable slides and photographs to be transferred to videotape. This will be a great advantage in illustrating talks to both the school children and visitors to the Islands. Cable and Wireless too have made a generous donation of £500 to enable the purchase of the original Document of Commission of Governor Thomas Edward Laws Moore. It is hoped that the Commission, which has been located in Sweden, will be displayed in the museum in the next two months.

Another splendid loan to the museum has been made by Mrs Judy Summers of an oil painting of her great, great grandfather, Sergeant Major Henry Phelton of the 2nd Life Guards-who came to the Islands in 1849 with the first group of Pensioners from the British Army to settle in Stanley.

A further item of interest which has come to hand recently is an early photograph of Louis Williams, the founder of the Globe store. It sadly has been damaged but as it is possibly the only photograph of Louis Williams in existence it is of great importance as a further record of the faces of the Falklands.

### **Calendar 1989**

August 23 FIBS General Knowledge Winter Quiz Finals

30 End of School Term (2)

September 1 Open Season (trout fishing) begins

9 Midnight - Government clocks in Stanley advance one hour to Summer time

(TBC. 15 - 29) Doghandlers Association Sheepdog trials held at Port Howard

29 - 30 The Three Bars Darts Tournament

## **WHATS ABROAD**

### **Britain's aid to the Falkland Islands**

The Minister for Overseas Development, Mr Christopher Patten MP, has agreed an allocation of £3m from the 1982 Falkland Islands Development Aid Grant to the Falkland Islands

Government for financing Phase 111 of the Falkland Islands Development Corporation (FIDC). The funds which will be disbursed by the Overseas Development Administration (ODA) during 1990-91 and 1991-92 will be used by FIDC to promote commercial enterprises, provide training, build

business premises and investigate new economic activities in the Islands.

The ODA has previously provided £8.5 million in grants which were used to help finance some 100 projects, provide 30 enterprise grants and a variety of training schemes and studies.





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### Camp Roads Programme

Executive Council has approved a plan put forward by the Transport Committee for the implementation of the "Camp Roads Programme". The Transport Committee is to seek prequalifications and tenders from suitably qualified consulting engineers to advise on final routes and preferred design for the roads before preparing tender documents and assisting with the evaluation of tenders from contractors.

It is expected that bids will be solicited from both UK and Chilean based contractors. In order to speed up the programme and to retain flexibility in the appointment and dismissal of contractors, it is planned that the major plant for the contract will be procured directly by the Public Works Department and leased to the successful contractor who will be responsible for its maintenance and upkeep. The plant will thereafter be retained in the Islands for maintenance of the road system.

It is likely that the first stretch of road to be built will be from Mount Pleasant to Darwin with the second phase on the East taking a road to whichever site is finally selected for the East ferry terminal. Roads are to be built on the West from Port Howard to Chartres, Chartres to Fox Bay and Chartres to Hill Cove/Roy Cove. Incentive is also to be given to self help schemes for those farms which are not on the main routes.

### Councillors' Allowances

With effect from 11 October 1989, the date of the next General Election, all Councillors

will receive a flat rate of £2,500 per annum. In addition there will be a payment of £200 for the meetings of Executive Council, Legislative Council and Standing Finance Committee attended. The rate of £200 will not apply for each meeting if there is more than one on any day.

### A Second Dairy for the Falklands

On the 29 July the Executive Board of the Falkland Islands Development Corporation (FIDC) approved the setting up of a company known as Mount Maria Dairy Limited to be wholly owned by FIDC and run by a manager/shareowner for the provision of milk on a commercial basis. The primary customer of the dairy is to be Port Howard, a settlement of about 15 households, but the potential for revenue growth through the supply of cream and yoghurt to other main areas is substantial.

The Development Corporation bought the dairy, livestock and equipment, plus a long term lease on some of the dairy paddocks, at the time that Port Howard was sold by J.L. Waldron Limited in 1987. It was envisaged then that it would provide an excellent business opportunity for a motivated individual who could eventually buy the business from FIDC and either rent or buy the buildings and equipment.

In its start-up phase, the dairy will be run at minimum capacity, being geared solely towards the needs of Port Howard. But improvements in pasture through more intensive husbandry and additions to the 70 mainly Ayrshire cattle will increase the range and quantity of products available, and it is expected that soon it will be

possible to buy Mount Maria Dairy products on both East and West Falklands.

Together with Backside Farm, which is the only other commercial dairy in the Islands and which provides milk for the Stanley population of just over 1,200, Mount Maria Dairy will provide a real alternative to longlife milk.

### Falkland Islands Interim Conservation and Management Zone

#### Fisheries Policy: 1990

The policy for 1990 continues with previous objectives of basing the management of the Fishery on appropriate conservation measures, encouraging the development of Falkland Islands participation in the Fishery, and broadly maintaining the established pattern of licensing.

In relation to the allocation of licences primarily for the catching of *Illex* squid, the Fisheries Policy seeks to encourage the involvement of National Associations in obtaining Voluntary Restraint Agreements. These agreements apply to International waters outside the Falkland Islands Control Zone (FICZ) and are necessary as the *Illex* caught in the FICZ migrate between the FICZ and International waters. The objective is to try and extend the conservation measures which apply within the FICZ to include the portion of the resource currently fished in International waters.

In respect of licences primarily for the catching of *Loligo* squid, the policy recognises the possibility of charter arrangements. Also, for the first time, the possibility of awarding long term licences is provided for. Hitherto licences have been

awarded on a season by season basis.

All enquiries regarding the above policy should be directed to John Barton, the Fisheries Department, Stanley.

#### **Fisheries Patrol**

The aerial surveillance role of the Falkland Island Control Zone (FICZ) is to be taken over by the Falkland Islands Government Air Service (FIGAS) and operated from Stanley Airport from 1 May 1990.

This will be achieved by the use of two fully equipped maritime patrol Islander aircraft. Such an operation will give seven days a week coverage, with both aircraft airborne for much of that time. This together with patrols of up to nine hours per day, will greatly increase and enhance the control of the FICZ by the Fisheries department. At present surveillance by the Dornier aircraft which is operated by Bristow Helicopters is limited to five days a week for an average of four hours a day.

In financial terms too, Government will be making a 70% saving on the replacement of a new fully equipped Islander (£637 thousand) compared to the cost of replacing an equivalent Dornier aircraft (£2.44 million). Further annual savings of £100 thousand can be expected in operating two Islander aircraft compared to the single Dornier. The total operating cost for the Islander aircraft per flying hour is £450.00 compared to the Dornier operating cost per flying hour which is approximately £1,500.00.

Delivery of the new aircraft from Pilatus Britten-Norman is expected to be around March of next year.

## **WHATS IN IT FOR YOU**

### **Housing for sale**

Government has approved a package of measures to respond to the Island's acute housing shortage. They include the selling of Government owned houses to sitting tenants and the transfer of mortgage lending from the public to the private sector as well as a major housebuilding project at East Stanley.

The plans which are reminiscent of the massive sale of Council houses in the UK during the early Thatcher years, are designed to make a real impact on local housing shortages in Port Stanley. Rapid economic growth in the Islands over the past two years had led to an increased demand for skilled labour but an acute shortage of permanent houses. Many local residents of long standing are still housed in temporary accommodation, in the form of portakabins and mobile homes.

The Government's solution is to release resources locked into the existing housing stock, use the money to provide new houses and improved infrastructure, and to encourage further private sector development.

In detail the plans include:

1. The sale of about 60-80 of the houses in Government ownership to sitting tenants at prices below the market value.
2. An end to subsidised home lending by Government with the transfer of many existing and new mortgages to the private banking sector, with Government financing the difference between the market and local rates of interest.
3. The construction of up to 100 new houses for sale at East Stanley (an increase of almost 20% over the number of current dwellings).

4. The introduction of equity sharing arrangements for both new and existing properties owned by Government to help Islanders who cannot afford to buy their homes outright.

5. Government to relieve private builders of costs of planned infrastructure provision and provide serviced plots for private building firms and individuals.

6. The rents on Government leases will be increasingly raised to levels that show an economic return on investment.

Commenting on the plan the Chief Executive Ronald Sampson said, "Forecasts suggest that we may need to almost double the housing stock in the Islands by the mid 1990's to meet the demand for new homes. The Government can best assist this process by providing more roads, sewers and other community facilities while ensuring greater private sector involvement in a planned housing market."

The Government believes that it could well be on the way to creating a property owning democracy in the Falklands by the end of the century.

### **Timing of the General Election**

A number of people have been asking Government why there need be such a delay from the resignation of some members of the Legislative Council in June to the holding of a general election or by-election. The Attorney General provides the answers. "If a general election had been called in June or July it would have had to be held on the basis of the old electoral roll which was prepared in 1986 because the new electoral roll which has been prepared this year does not come into force until 1 September", he said.



**Q** Why does it matter which electoral roll is used?

**A** "Using the 1986 electoral roll would have meant that all people who became 18 after the old roll was prepared would not have been able to vote. In addition, people who have moved from the Camp constituency to the Stanley constituency and vice versa since the old roll was prepared would only be able to vote and stand for election in the constituency in which they were in in 1986. To hold an election in those circumstances would, I think, be open to the greatest criticism: it could even be called undemocratic."

**Q** Who decided whether a general election should be called in June or not?

**A** "The decision was taken by the Governor after he had considered legal and constitutional advice. When the three Legislative Council members concerned resigned, he had already told Legislative Council that he intended to dissolve Legislative Council on 1 September and to have a general election on 11 October. He decided not to hold an election until the new electoral roll could be brought in."

**Q** Why do you think the Governor decided this?

**A** "He thought that it would be entirely wrong to hold a general election before September when so many more people would be able to vote after 1 September."

**Q** Why did the Governor not call by-elections for the vacant seats?

**A** "If the Governor had called by-elections, under the constitution, the persons elected would have been members of Legislative Council for only a short period prior to the General Election.

Elections take a great deal of time and effort. The Governor accepted that it would have been wasteful to hold by-elections, the winners of which would only have held office for a few weeks. It would have meant that there would be election campaigning in Stanley for many months.

**Q** Why couldn't the coming into force of the new electoral roll be brought forward?

**A** "This is because the date it comes into force is fixed by the Electoral Ordinance. It is most unfortunate that no new roll has been prepared since 1986. The Electoral Ordinance passed this year however provides for their preparation annually."

**Q** Why couldn't a General Election have been called this month to take place in September, using the new electoral rolls?

**A** "This possibility was carefully considered. However it could not be done because nomination papers can under the law be validly submitted from the time the general election is called. Nomination papers have to be prepared on the basis of the roll in force at the time they are submitted. All is well if the candidates, nominators and seconders are all on both rolls (old and new) and for the same constituency. Any election would be totally invalid if nomination papers valid at the time they were submitted are invalid at the time of election."

**Q** Surely if nomination papers are completed on the basis of the new rolls and are only lodged with the returning officer on or after the 1 September there would be no difficulty even if the general election were called now?

**A** "The law is that anybody may submit a nomination paper

from the moment the election is called. The returning officer could not refuse to accept it. After the 1 September, such papers might become invalid and thus invalidate the election. It is a fact also that many Islanders are away from the Islands from June to September.

**Q** When will the general election be called?

**A** "The Governor told Legislative Council that he would dissolve Legislative Council on 1 September, when the new rules become valid and that voting would then take place on 11 October."

**Q** Could voting take place earlier?

**A** "Voting cannot take place until at least 5 weeks after the announcement of an election. Voting could take place on 6th October (a Friday) but this would mean that no allowance could be made for any breakdown of printing machinery or anything of that kind. An election on a Friday is not a good idea because it means that counting of votes may have to be delayed until the Monday.

There are five days between the earliest possible date on which the general election could be held and the date on which I understand it will be held. Those five days have really been allowed to give an adequate safety margin and to allow voting to take place mid-week which seems to be the most convenient for voting.

If polling day is on 11 October it will be on a Wednesday (and polling day last time - 3 October - was a Thursday). Mid-week elections seem to be the practice here - as they are in most Commonwealth countries."

### **The Estancia Track moves forward**

"By Spring, if everything goes to plan, we will have the track heading past Estancia towards Green Patch," says a spokesman for the Public Works Department. Work started on the Estancia track, which turns off from Mount Pleasant Road, at the end of November 1985. Then there was limited labour, second hand plant and on some days only one truck available.

Today, at the Government controlled, locally managed, Pony Pass Quarry 3000 tonnes of aggregate are produced a week by five major machines and a crusher. With 13 trucks (two of which are being brought out this year) and two fuel bowzers to service the plant wherever the road team are working, progress is much improved.

At present work in a 150 metre stretch between Mount Kent and Mount Estancia has been difficult in the wet peat and blue clay. The swamp conditions has meant the need for more culverts to be put down in selected places. However with the ground returning to harder material, it is hoped that the track will continue past Estancia, towards Green Patch and then head towards the Malo River, on a separate track again from the Estancia.

According to Construction Superintendent, Alex Smith, the Malo area is to be recced before a decision can be made as to the route of the track to Teal Inlet. "If we can work out suitable culverting it is possible that the track will go through Long Creek, Coral Creek and Paso Grande. With the on-going co-operation we get from local landowners, I think I can safely say a decision on the best routing and the location of borrow pits will not be a difficult one," he explains. Whatever the route,

the team is expecting to continue working six days a week until the job is finished.

### **A DAY IN THE LIFE OF**

#### **Safe in the hands of the Falkland Islands Defence Force**

"It is not a matter of third time lucky that the Falkland Islands Defence Force (FIDF) have been able to complete the eight and a half mile run and skill at arms exercise to bring home the much coveted Penguin Hop March and Shoot trophy, presented by Courage Saccone and Speed Limited, there is a lot of enthusiasm and motivation amongst our soldiers. You find this with any territorial army," explains Commanding Officer FIDF, Brian Summers.

A small group of local volunteers 97 years ago formed the FIDF to defend the Islands after South American soldiers landed in Port William in 1892 aboard a Chilean warship. Today with better training, equipment and a varied programme of activity, there is a large contingent who play a major role in military exercises, in ceremonial events in the Islands, (of which there are 5 a year) and in entering a team for the Commonwealth Games. (The next one is 1994). According to Brian, "the important part in peacetime is to remain alert. We achieve this by regular Thursday training including First Aid training, organized weekend exercises and getting out to the Onion field firing range when we can," he says.

Although defense is an expensive business; to put one man in the field it costs £500 and another £250 per man to go out on parade, the cost is well worth spending to be in safe hands.

### **NEW APPOINTMENTS**

#### Owen Summers

Was appointed Director of

Agriculture to head the newly created Government Department of Agriculture on 31 August 1989. The new department will comprise two Government departments; Lands and Agriculture and Agricultural Research Centre, plus some aspects of the agricultural work carried out by the Falkland Islands Development Corporation (FIDC). His responsibilities include providing advice to the Government, the farming community and the Development Corporation on agricultural, veterinary, land sub-division, and training policy. Owen joined the Government in June 1973 as Assistant Meteorologist. In May 1981 he transferred to the Grassland Trials Unit (ARC) to take up the position of Agricultural Assistant. After two years of study at the West of Scotland Agricultural College, he returned to his native Islands in November 1984 to take up the post of Agricultural Officer.

#### John Barton

Was promoted to Deputy Director of Fisheries on 31 August 1989, responsible for overseeing the management and general operation of the Government Fisheries Department. A Falkland Islander, with a first degree in marine biology/oceanology from the University of Bangor, North Wales, and practical experience of working in fisheries in the Falklands, he will continue to be Acting Director of Fisheries.

#### Andrew Hamilton

Is to take up the position of Chief Medical Officer at the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital 4 October 1989. He replaces Dr. Derek Murphy who departed the Islands November last year and will have total responsibility for the administration of the medical services in the Islands. Having qualified as a doctor at Edinburgh University Medical



School in 1980 and worked mainly at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, Andrew was then appointed on 25 October 1988 Medical Officer in the Falklands.

#### Frances Joyce Bullock

Took up the position of Licensing Officer in Fisheries Department on 7 August 1989, replacing David Hall who recently joined JBG Falklands. Before joining the Fisheries Department where she is now responsible for the issue and monitoring of all fishing, export and transshipment licences, Frances worked in Stanley from September 1988, since her arrival in the Islands, as Customs Assistant in the Customs and Harbour Department.

#### Dr. Gail Cunningham

Has been appointed Medical Officer with effect from 15 August 1989 responsible for undertaking in-patient care within the Stanley hospital and out-patient domiciliary and community care. Born a Falkland Islander, she returns after training at the Medical Faculty University of Glasgow and Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Gail's father, Dr. Swanson Cunningham was Camp doctor at Fox Bay in 1958 to 1966.

#### Diane Bond

Recently took up the position as travelling teacher with the Camp Education department. Diane who is a qualified primary teacher and has taught in Manchester for two years before coming to the Islands will be responsible for children's schooling in Salvador, Port Louis and Bold Cove.

#### Jamie Peck

Is to attend the Chelsea College of Art & Design in London from 11 September 1989 to gain a National Diploma in General Art & Design. He hopes take a BEd degree in art before returning to teach in the Islands.

#### Frank Jaffray

An apprentice mechanic with the Public Works Department has been selected to attend a City & Guilds course, starting 18 September, in Plant Maintenance Mechanics at the Civil Engineering College in Kings Lynn, Norfolk.

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Battle Issue Stamps**

A set of four stamps featuring officers and their ships are to be issued on 8 December 1989 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of the River Plate and 75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Falklands.

The stamps commemorating the 1914 Battle of the Falklands will depict Admiral Sturdee with the British ship Invincible and Admiral Graf Von Spee with the German ship Scharnhorst which fought against each other in defence of the Islands. In this battle, British forces, after a dramatic race to the Falkland Islands, met a strong German force off the coast and destroyed it, thus eliminating German naval power from the Southern hemisphere.

Commemorating the 1939 Battle of the River Plate are a further pair of stamps illustrating Commodore Harwood with the British ship HMS Ajax and Captain Langsdorff with the German ship Graf Spee. In this battle, British cruisers, based on the Falklands, defeated the German pocket battleship Graf Spee, named by an odd fluke of fate after the German Admiral ousted at the Battle of the Falklands.

Four colours are to be used to enhance the stamps which look set to become a popular issue.

#### **Camp life - an experience for all children**

Children who do not have family or friends in Camp will soon

be able to experience life outside Stanley. According to Chief Education Officer, Phyl Rendell, organized groups of school children are presently being considered for the off-peak season at some of the lodges.

In addition to the lodges the Education Department would welcome hearing from families in Camp who would be interested in hosting one or more children for one or more week during the forthcoming summer holiday. Parents would be asked to make a payment for board and make the necessary transport arrangements. For more information contact Mrs Rendell at the Education Office.

#### **Evening Class Schedule**

Evening classes in Stanley will commence Monday 25 September to Monday 11 December 1989. A charge of £1 per session, £12 per term, is made and should be paid to the Education department by the third week of the course. Mrs Dey's course will be 11 sessions (£11). Contact Phil Middleton for course and enrolment details on tel. 289.

#### **Monday**

7 pm - 9 pm Word Processing/Typing (Mrs Murdoch)

7 pm - 8.30 pm English as a second language (Mrs Burgess)

#### **Tuesday**

6.30 - 8.30 pm Word Processing/Typing (Mrs Murdoch)

7 - 9 pm Art (Mrs Simpson)

#### **Wednesday**

7 - 8.30 pm English (Mrs Cheek)

7 - 8.30 pm Book Keeping (Mr Ewing)

#### **Thursday**

7 - 8.30 pm Spanish (Mr Whiteside)

7 - 8.30 pm Music (Mrs Dey) from 5 October

## CALENDAR 1989

September 1 Open Season (Trout Fishing) begins

9 Midnight-Government clocks in Stanley advance one hour to Summer time

12 Executive Council

21 School term begins

22 Doghandlers Association Sheepdog trials held at Port Howard

October 2 Spring Bank Holiday

11 Election Day

14 Darts Award Ceremony in Town Hall

16 Legislative Council (swearing in)

17 Executive Council

## WHATS ABROAD

### Anglo/Argentine Relations

For the first time in 5 years Britain and Argentina are moving towards normalization of relations. In his address to the United Nations Decolonization Committee, on 14 August 1989 in New York, the Honourable Councillor Tim Blake, said the Falkland Islanders welcomed these moves but also pointed out that contrary to popular belief, since upgrading the education system and medical facilities, the Islanders were dependent on the South American mainland for very little. He said that whilst it would be more convenient if the people of the Falklands could use a Latin-American airport as a staging post to the Islands with Argentine goodwill, it is not essential.

Of the two Argentine petitioners who addressed the special committee, James Lewis and Alexander Betts, the latter, it is believed, has historic connections with the Islands. His fami-

ly who now reside in Patagonia, came from the Mission Station at Keppel Island.

At the Conference held the same day, between the permanent representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations, Sir Crispin Tickell and the special representative of the Argentine Government, Ambassador Lucio Garcia Del Solar, it was stated that the British Government had on many occasions said that Britain would welcome the reintroduction of direct flights between Britain and Argentina by British Airways and Aerolineas Argentinas and that it would also like to see British vessels allowed access to Argentine ports. The British Government imposed no restrictions on Argentine vessels which called at British Ports.

At a further meeting on 16-18 August between the representatives the timing, agenda and conditions for a later substantive meeting were discussed and it was agreed that further talks would take place in Madrid, Spain on 17-18 October 1989.

The talks will take place under an umbrella of a formula which protects the position of each side with regard to sovereignty or territorial and maritime jurisdiction over the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, the South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas.

The meeting will cover British/Argentine relations (including the future of diplomatic and consular relations) in the following broad areas:

1. Measures to build confidence and avoid incidents in the military sphere.
2. Trade and financial relations.
3. Communications links: air and sea.
4. Fishery conservation and

future cooperation on fisheries.

5. Contacts between the Falkland Islands and the continental mainland.

6. Cultural, scientific and sporting relations.

7. Other bilateral matters.

In order to stress their commitment to the improvement of relations and to facilitate arrangements to this end, both sides agreed (subject to the agreement of their protecting powers) on a package of measures to improve diplomatic contacts and communications. In particular they undertook to permit the respective interests sections to enjoy their own direct secure communications: to have direct access at official level to foreign ministries and to remove the ceiling on numbers of staff.

The representatives of the United Kingdom and Argentina stressed the intention of their respective Governments to use the present opportunity to permit the normalisation of relations and the furtherance of mutual interest in peace and stability in the South Atlantic.

In the Falkland Islands, H.E. The Governor speaking on behalf of the Islanders said, "given that the talks are taking place, on the basis that the sovereignty question is set aside under an umbrella and that any talks are without prejudice to either side's position, we are of course happy to see them go ahead. We would welcome good relations between the UK and Argentina. The Islands are now economically buoyant and not dependent on South America. However, if one is a British territory oneself, it is preferable to live in proximity with a large neighbour that has good relations with Britain."











# Government News

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## NEWS & VIEWS

### The 1989 Election

An indicator that the Islanders are becoming more politically aware since the Conflict is the number of candidates who stood for the election this time round. Eighteen candidates were nominated, 10 of whom have never been on Council. In Camp there was a 94% turnout to the polling stations and in Stanley an 82% poll. Counting began 11 October 8.00pm and ended at midnight.

**Successful candidates for Stanley**  
Harold Theodore Rowlands 386  
Terence John Peck 381  
Gavin Philip Short 280  
Gerard Michael Robson 262

**Successful candidates for Camp**  
William Robert Luxton-Chartres 239  
Norma Edwards-Fox Bay West 197  
Ronald Eric Binnie-Fitzroy 169  
Kevin Seaton Kilmartin- Bluff Cove 151

These elected members will be responsible for the government of the Falkland Islands for the next four years.

The 16 October 1989 Legislative Council meeting saw the swearing in of elected members to Legislative Council and three members: the Honourables T. J. Peck, W. R. Luxton and Mrs N. Edwards were elected onto Executive Council to serve for a period of a year. Councillors indicated which committees they would be prepared to be chairman or members of:

**Housing Committee** - Hon. T. J. Peck - to chair

#### Board of Education

Hon. K. S. Kilmartin - to chair Hon. G. M. Robson

**Committee on Prerogative of Mercy** - Hon. N. Edwards

Hon. G. P. Short

**Museum Heritage & Archives Committee** (New Committee) - Hon. K. S. Kilmartin

**Historic Building Committee** - Hon. N. Edwards - to chair

**Training Awards Committee** - Hon. G. M. Robson - to chair

**Board of Health** - Hon. H. T. Rowlands

**Agricultural Advisory Committee**

- Hon. W. R. Luxton - to chair  
**Transport Committee** - Hon. W. R. Luxton - to chair

**Apprenticeship Board** - Hon. G. P. Short

**Fisheries Committee** (New Committee) - Hon. H. T. Rowlands - to chair  
Hon. R. E. Binnie

**FIDC Board** - Hon. K. S. Kilmartin  
**Building Committee** - Hon. T. J. Peck - to chair

**Military Affairs** - Hon. T. J. Peck  
Mrs. N. Edwards (alternative Chairman).

These responsibilities will be for the whole life of Legislative Council.

### The rebuilding and resurfacing of roads in Stanley

At present McAdam Design are preparing designs and documentation to allow tenders to be submitted for the reconstruction of John Street. The work involves resurfacing and realignment of the carriageway to allow footpaths to be continued along the full length on both sides. Plans are going ahead early in 1990 to concrete King Street and it is intended at present that the unsurfaced section of Davis Street and Fitzroy Road be resurfaced in dense bitumen.

### The terms of sale of Government housing

In reply to a number of questions about the sale of the Government houses the Financial Secretary, John Buckland James explains the Government's position on valuation; "The prices at which the houses are offered for sale are the market value. Offers received for two properties put up for sale by the Government recently, a Brewster bungalow and a Dorran bungalow, are one of the factors which helped to establish the market value and it is on this basis that the current valuations are fixed. There has been no attempt to place a value on individual houses within each type of dwelling. Any Brewster which has been improved through the efforts of a sitting tenant is valued at the same price as a basic dwelling of this type. In this way the conscientious tenant retains the benefit of his or her efforts to improve the property."

**Q** What about discounts for length of tenancy?

**A** "Rents of Government houses have not kept pace with inflation over the years, consequently current rent levels are heavily subsidised. The tenants occupying these properties have over the years been in receipt of this subsidy and to reduce the purchase price due to length of occupancy would give the Government tenant a double subsidy at the expense of the remainder of the community".

**Q** What is meant by the overall payment?

**A** "The overall repayment is the total amount that a purchaser will pay for a house over the period of the mortgage. The overall payment includes the repayment of the loan and the interest payable, i.e. the cost of borrowing the money, less the tax relief available on interest payments. The interest payable on a loan of £45 thousand over a 25 year period would be approximately £77,676. The total amount repayable, before tax relief, would be therefore £122,676. The tax relief available over the 25 year period would amount to approximately £23,303 (calculated at 30%), thus reducing the overall payment to £99,373. This compares favourably to the rent that would otherwise be paid over the 25 year period, which, allowing for rent increases, would total approximately £119 thousand."

**Q** What will the proceeds of the sale of the Government houses be spent on?

**A** "The proceeds will be used to build new houses to satisfy the demand within the community for suitable and adequate accommodation. Without these funds being obtained in this way other sources of finance will have to be found."

**Q** What housing development is planned for in 1990/91?

**A** "Executive Council has approved in principle the development of up to a hundred new dwellings and up to 20 serviced sites to the east of Stanley. The types of houses to be constructed in principle will be 25% single person units or maisonettes,



25% two-bedroomed detached houses and 50% three-bedroomed houses. The gross density of housing in principle will be no more than 4-6 per acre. A consultant is soon to be appointed to prepare a draft layout with sketch designs of the buildings together with estimated costings and a preliminary programme. The brief will also assume design of roads, footpaths, sewers and street lighting to be constructed in advance of the house building - the reverse of what has happened to date."

According to a spokesman for the Public Works Department one or two small sites have also been earmarked for single person schemes on the Jersey estate. In the meantime to cater for the immediate demand for housing McAdam Design will continue to undertake the designing of 18 flats to go on the Jersey estate. It is planned that the building of these will begin before this financial year end.

#### Catering Course a great success

"We shall definitely be organising further short training courses in the future after the success of this our first in the Islands," says Graham Bound, Director of Falkland Islands Tourism (FIT). "It was especially gratifying to see young people, interested in careers in the tourism, hotel and restaurant industries, taking part."

The 5 day catering course, held 21-25 September 1989 at Port Howard Lodge, which was funded by FIT and organized jointly with the University of Surrey Hotel and Tourism Management Department, was well attended. Thirteen took part in the course which was designed by tutor Chris Smith, 3 pupils from Stanley school, 2 cooks from Government House and the Manager of the Upland Goose Hotel, Bob Fiddes amongst them.

All of the food prepared during the cooking sessions was eaten at meal times. Emphasis was made on practical cookery using foods which are locally available such as lamb, beef, fish and vegetables, about a third of each day was spent on theory, with pupils learning about organization, costing, presentation, menus and portion control.

#### The work of the Stanley detachment of 33 Engineer Regiment (EOD)

Argentine troops buried some 25,000 mines in the beaches and heathland of the Falkland Islands during the conflict of 1982. The majority are still here, concealed by grass and sand dunes beyond the boundary fences of 117 minefields.

About 95% of the mines lie within a ten mile radius of Stanley, but there are also minefields around Port Howard, Fox Bay, Darwin, Goose Green and Fitzroy.

The minefields are an indelible reminder of the conflict. The skull and cross-bones warning signs will remain for the foreseeable future, the contents of the minefields are too dangerous to clear because the majority of the devices are plastic and consequently, virtually undetectable.

Charged with maintaining the boundary fences and destroying any stray mines are the Stanley-based Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) detachment, comprising - as has been the case since 1982 - personnel of 33 Engineer Regiment (EOD) based at Lodgehill Camp in Chattenden, Kent. All members of the detachment arrive in the Falklands after a period of intensive training and all will have completed a variety of courses at the tri-service Defence EOD School at Chattenden.

Depending on the location and find, type of ordnance (live or expended), and degree of urgency, one of the three agencies from the Royal Engineers, based in Stanley, the smaller Royal Army Ordnance Corps (ROAC) or RAF EOD units based at RAF Mount Pleasant, is then tasked with disposal. The Stanley personnel are kept busy with the destruction of rogue mines with the radio controlled REDFIRE (Remote Equipment Demolition Falkland Islands Royal Engineers), a modified version of the Mk 8 Wheelbarrow in common use in Northern Ireland. REDFIRE is able to scoop up, burn out and place charges against mines many hundred of yards away from the operator in his BV 206 tracked vehicle.

According to Captain Jim Bowden, the current Officer Commanding, "What outwardly might appear to be a simple job may not be at all because of the Argentine penchant for booby traps. It is real EOD work and it is unfortunate that two former detachment commanders suffered severe lower limb injuries after stepping on stray anti-personnel mines. However it is a vital public service we are doing and we enjoy our tour of duty in the Falklands." The catalogue of ordnance disposal since 1982 makes impressive reading. To date they have cleared 233,355 hectares of land of live and expended ordnance using visual and instrument search techniques.

## WHATS IN IT FOR YOU

### Stanley pool moves swimmingly forward

If all goes to plan and the outlook is

good, the children in school in Stanley should be using the new indoor swimming pool, located at the junction of Reservoir Road and MPA road, by this month and the general public soon after. The pool is fully heated and 25m long by 10m wide. At the shallow end the water is 90cm deep sloping to the deep end at 1.9m. It will take three hours for the 78,000 gallons of fresh water in the pool to be circulated around the purification and heating system. This system of filtration, heating, purification and disinfection will operate 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year providing clean water at a temperature of about 27 degrees C (81 degrees F). The well proven ozone purification unit in the system means that only a small amount of chlorine need be used which will be a great relief to users who suffer from "stinging eyes."

To encourage people to use the pool more often, a membership scheme will be brought into operation for regular users, enabling them to pay a reduced entry fee. Membership (6 month season) for adults will cost £23. Children and the elderly will be charged £11.50 per season. Annual membership (12 months) for adults will cost £45 and children and the elderly will be expected to pay £22. Entrance fees for non-member adults will be 90p per session, children and the elderly 45p per session. There will be a spectators entrance fee also of 15p.

#### Pool opening hours

#### Public swimming times

##### Term Time

Monday 4pm - 6pm  
 Tuesday 4pm - 6pm  
 Wednesday 4pm - 6pm  
 Thursday 11am - 12 noon  
 Friday 4pm - 7.30pm  
 Saturday 9am - 12.30pm & 2pm - 5pm  
 Sunday 12 noon - 5pm

##### Adults only

Monday to Friday 12 noon - 1pm

##### Ladies only

Tuesday 6.30pm - 7.30pm

##### Mums & Toddlers (under 5)

Tuesday 10am - 11am  
 Friday 10am - 11am

During Public holidays the pool will be open 12 noon to 5pm.

##### Pool available for hire

Monday 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Wednesday 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Outside hours the pool can be hired by arrangement. Lifesaving and swimming classes will be operated by qualified RLSS and SASA instructors. For more information



contact Swimming Pool Superintendent, Jim Fairfield at the Education Office on Tel. 289.

#### **First ever Handbook for Farmers**

"Farm Management Handbook and Statistical Review", produced August 1989 is the first ever compiled for the Falkland Islands. It is intended that the handbook, produced by Agricultural Economist Rupert Haydock, with the assistance of the Agricultural Department and the Falkland Islands Development Corporation staff, will give farmers the information they require to make their businesses more prosperous. "If the information is to be useful for the farmers, related businesses and advisors, it must be updated annually," explains Rupert.

The handbook contains 61 pages of farm business physical and financial information, general farm business information and a statistical review of the Falklands agriculture with tables and graphs illustrating the text. It has been distributed to 90 farms, Government Departments and Agricultural related businesses.

Compiling the handbook has taken 18 months. "First we had to seek out what was available and here farmers were very helpful in volunteering information. Then we had to research what information was relevant to the Islands and what would be useful to farmers wanting to develop. It has been a very worthwhile project and well received by those it was designed for," says Rupert.

#### **FIT on line**

Fishing aficionados will be happy to hear that Falkland Islands Tourism (FIT) has purchased 3 separate Portakabins at Port San Carlos for the purpose of creating self-catering units to take advantage of the bountiful supply of fish in the San Carlos River. Anyone hoping to use these facilities should contact Graham Bound at FIT on tel. 93.

#### **A sweet reminder of the Falklands**

Falkland Islands Tourism is responding to the demands of visiting tourists by selling souvenir jars of Diddle-dee jam this season. Islander Marlene Marsh of Shallow Harbour collects the red berries from ground-hugging shrubs in the Autumn, when the berries are at their best, to produce the jam which is then bottled and labelled 'Diddle-dee jam from the Falkland Islands'. Nigel Barton of McAdam Design is responsible for the colour design packaging.

The jam will sell for under a £1 at the Tourism office in John Street,

Stanley and contains a little bit of magic for believers in the story - "those that taste of the Diddle Dee berry will be certain to return to the Falklands."

## **A DAY IN THE LIFE OF**

"Our job basically is to cover a quarter of the "big cheese" each day. By the "big cheese" I mean the Falkland Islands Conservation Zone; this is divided into eight sectors and then into grid squares for easy reference. Each day we set out to patrol two sectors indicated by the Fisheries department," explains Chief Pilot, Alistair Gamley who has been flying the Dornier Fisheries Patrol in the Islands for the past year.

The Dornier is manned to fly seven days a week if necessary, but for most of the year is tasked by the Fisheries Operation (FISHOPS) in Stanley to fly Tuesday to Saturday during the day from Mount Pleasant Airport. Back up from the Bristow Helicopter operation at Mount Pleasant is a great boon to the maintenance and flexibility of this airborne patrol, as is the 24 hour a day facility provided by the Royal Air Force for flying.

Usually at the height of the fishing season, February - June and August - September, patrol takes four hours to complete its route. "We normally fly at 240 miles an hour at a thousand feet above sea level descending to 150 feet to report on the ships at the surface or participate in a man-over-board search. The first contact we have of a ship is usually on the radar screen. Julie McDonough-Young, the co-pilot and observer today will programme the aircraft computer which features VDU and radar with updated information of the day's routes and destinations so that the patrol might be economically and efficiently managed" says Alistair. Each day, the type of ship, its activity, registration, international call sign, the ships name and the time of sighting is recorded. A hostile intruder or anything untoward is reported immediately on HF radio so that the Fisheries Inspectorate, the Falkland Right or the Military can make a move on the ship in question.

According to Alistair, poachers will go through quite a lot to disguise themselves. "We do catch many of them including unlicensed vessels which duplicate identifications with other ships legitimately licensed to fish. Flight times too are varied to catch the ships which try to fish illegally under cover of darkness." "After engineers Ian McCloud and

Ian Price have given us the okay today we will take off towards Lively Island and Beauchene, along the continental shelf and out to the sector line between Argentine waters and our own. We may see an Argentine vessel at this point. The vast majority of ships at this time will be fishing for Blue Whiting, Patagonian Hake, Hoki and Loligo squid. Keep your eyes open too for whales and dolphins as we fly out to sea. There will be many Albatross, particularly as we pass clear of Beauchene Island. There are about two hundred thousand pairs nesting there," says Alistair.

Seven hundred miles of water, which is the mileage covered in one day on a patrol can be very tiring to scan for four hours but nothing beats having "smoko" sandwiched between the blue halo of sea and sky.

## **New Appointments & Training**

### James Stevens

Took up the position of Editor of the Penguin News 22 September, 1989. He replaces Rory Macleod who left the Islands earlier this year. Having started his career on the East Anglian Daily Times, James moved on to the Plymouth Western Morning News and the Birmingham Mail. He held the post of Senior Production Journalist for 10 years for the Daily Express in London and then Travel Writer. Later he worked as Editor for the Earls Court Times before starting his own Country newspaper in North Kent. For the past seven years he has freelanced as a Production Journalist. His son Richard Stevens lives on Port Sussex farm, East Falklands.

### Roy Carryer

Is to take up the position of Planning Officer at the beginning of November. Having qualified in Town and Regional Planning in 1979 at Dundee University, his career developed through borough and district Councils to his present post with the Shetland Islands Council, which is one of the few 'all purpose' planning authorities in the UK. Having worked five years in Shetland he has gained planning experience in an environment which has many similarities with the Falkland Islands.

### Julie Fisher

Took up the post of Assistant Customs Officer in the Customs and Harbour department September



September 11 1989 to be responsible for clearing passengers off incoming ships and through Mount Pleasant Airport. Julie's family immigrated to the Islands in November 1987. Two years before her father had worked on contract, building the airstrip and liked it so much he decided to leave his home in Wales and seek permanent residence in the Islands. Julie spent ten months in the Falkland Islands police force before taking up her present position.

#### Tracey Jones

Started work as Assistant Air Traffic Controller at Stanley Airport September 11 1989 and is responsible for providing the weather conditions to aircraft landing and taking off in Camp and Stanley. Before coming to the Islands Tracey worked as a Beauty Therapist in South Wales

#### **'A' level scholars**

Once again the Islands 'A' level students have returned from Peter Symonds College, Winchester with good results. Cindy Watts obtained passes in English Literature, History, Spanish and also attained a pass with merit in History at scholarship level. Barbara Steen obtained passes in English Literature and Social Biology. Sally Robertson passed in Spanish and French.

September 5, 1989 saw five new Falkland Islands students starting 'A' level courses at Peter Symonds. They are Tom Blake, Rosalind Cheek, Stephen Davies, Jane McGill and Donna Newell.

## **CALENDAR 1989**

- October 2 Spring Bank Holiday
- 11 Election Day
- 14 Darts Award Ceremony in Town Hall
- 16 Legislative Council (swearing in)
- 17 Executive Council
- November 12 Remembrance Sunday Memorial Service in Stanley

13 Start of School Winter Timetable

14 Executive Council

16 Legislative Council

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **Operation Raleigh to come to the Falklands**

Following on the heels of the recent participation in Operation Raleigh by students Sheena Newman and John McLeod, the organizers of Operation Raleigh are planning to send two recce teams to the Falkland Islands and South Georgia. Operation Raleigh was set up in the UK about 10 years ago to give young people adventure and travel experience. The purpose of this visit in early December of this year is to seek out adventure, community aid and conservation projects for which they might bring a full expedition in 1991/2.

The Falklands recce team consisting of leader, Ron Livingston (a descendant of Dr David Livingston), David Lane and Jonathan Stephen will fly to Punta Arenas and travel to Port Stanley on the MV Indiana. The Southern Ocean Mountaineering recce team led by Julian Freeman-Attwood will consist of Stephen Venables (Everest climber), Lindsay Criffin, Brian Davidson (Scientist) and Kees t'Hofp (Cameraman). This team will fly by RAF to Port Stanley and be transported to South Georgia aboard HMS Endurance.

According to Chief Education Officer, Phyllis Rendell the Education Department is very keen that young Falkland Islanders should become involved at the earliest stages with the recce groups. 'The sponsorship received from J. Marr Fishing Company, the financial assistance from the Falkland Islands Company towards clothing and the costs of the airfares provided for by the Falkland Islands Development Corporation, together with other generous donations, enabled two of our young Islanders to go to Kenya and work on various venture and community projects,' she explains.

## **WHATS ABROAD**

The Falkland Islands was again represented at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) when Councillor Tony Blake attended the 35th Annual Conference of the CPA in Bridgetown, Barbados on 15 October, 1989. Here views were exchanged between some 250 representatives of some nine thousand Parliamentarians on political, economic and other aspects of mutual interest.

Ministers, Speakers and Members discussed such topics as: the greenhouse effect, foreign occupation and the pooling of scientific and technical knowledge to promote the development of all Commonwealth countries. Two days at the beginning of the Conference period, 5 and 6 October, were devoted to the 9th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference of Members from Small Countries. On behalf of the Falklands Tony spoke and took part in discussions on Social and Economic Development - the Effect on Small States of the Single European Market and Other Large Trade Blocs; Land Ownership, Land Use and Landscape.

Councillor Robin Lee too was busy on the Falklands behalf attending the two Party Political Conferences for the Labour party 2-6 October held in Brighton and the Conservative party held in Blackpool 10-13 October.

#### **Editors Note:**

#### **The Falkland Islands Business Directory**

This month advertisers and entrants will receive copy for final approval. Any individual or established company wishing to be included that has not sent in details will have until the 27 October 1989 to do so, after which date there will be no further opportunity. For further details contact Nicola Summers, Information Officer, The Secretariat, Stanley. Tel: 278.

#### **Government News**

Due to holiday the next issue of Government News will be distributed in December.





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## EXCO BULLETIN

### Housing Prices-some change

The list of FIG houses for sale, approved on 12 September 1989 is to be amended. The selling price of Brewster Bungalows and Chalets are to remain at £60 thousand and £64 thousand respectively. The Dorrans houses should be sold for between £41-45 thousand depending on condition. Owing to an acute shortage of single accommodation a number of houses/flats will be retained by Government.

"Low Start" and "Extended Mortgages" will be available to purchasers of Government houses and others taking out Government and Standard Chartered Bank mortgages. With "Low Start" mortgages initial payments will be interest only but later payments will be of principal and interest. This makes the initial cost of buying a house lower. An "Extended Mortgage" is where payments are spread over a greater number of years so that each instalment is smaller than it would be otherwise.

This is a major step by Government which allows owner occupiers the opportunity to have a mortgage with the early years costs being low. Extending the mortgage also allows for lower monthly payments to assist house buyers further, although it must be pointed out that the total payment will be higher for this method of payment.

### Islander Aircraft

The Islander aircraft Bravo Fox-trot has been sold to the Flying Tiger Parachute Club in the UK. Council has recommended approval of the financing of the purchase of two new Pilatus Britten-Norman Islander aircraft to bring the number of aircraft to

five. The new aircraft will be specially built for patrolling the Falklands Interim Conservation Zone (FICZ).

Discussions are being held with Stanley Services Ltd for the supply of aviation fuel. The location of three aircraft fuelling points in Camp is also to be considered to improve the range of the maritime patrol and the efficiency of the flights of the Falkland Islands Government Air Service (FIGAS).

### Publication of up to date edition of the law

Council has authorised the Attorney General, David Lang to negotiate, through Crown Agents, a formal contract for the publication of the revised laws of the Falkland Islands. Initially 100 copies will be produced by late 1992. The public will be invited to order copies before printing begins. This edition is to be the first publication since 1951.

Since 1950 about 600 ordinances have been passed and published in The Falkland Islands Gazette. In order to read any part of the law at present, one has to refer to the original ordinance and look at 40 annual volumes of The Gazette to see the amendments. The revised laws will be published in loose leaf form in a number of volumes with annual supplements which will mean easier reference. This massive task which involves reprinting all the laws as amended, cutting out all the "dead wood" to produce a "clean text", will occupy two full time staff for a period of two years in the preparation of the new edition and may cost up to £200 thousand to complete it.

### Camp Roads Construction Committee

A new committee has been established with responsibilities

to administer building the camp road system. The Honourable W R Luxton will chair the committee and reports on plans will follow.

### New Allowance Committee

A new Allowance Committee has been established to review allowances payable within the Civil Service. The Establishments Secretary, Kathleen Clarke is to chair the committee.

### Proposed Fuel Depot at Stanley

Government has confirmed that consent be given to Stanley Services to arrange for the design, building and financing of a new fuel depot. Plans and designs are to be produced for consideration. The capital costs which run into millions of pounds, will be met by the company.

### Report on tenders for fishing patrol vessel

Council approved the recommendation of the Tender Board that the "Eastella" be chosen for a two-year charter as a Fisheries Patrol vessel. She will be renamed the Falkland Protector.

## NEWS & VIEWS

### Training for the future

Every year the Falkland Islands Government (FIG) has invited nominations for training awards from Government departments and applications from the private sector. This year the Falkland Islands Development Corporation (FIDC) is preparing a programme of vocational training to cater for the demands of the community after conducting an extensive survey of people's needs.

Training to date has utilised FIG and Overseas Development Administration (ODA) sponsorship,



however with the gradual withdrawal of ODA funding over the next three years, FIG is setting aside more funds to cover training. In addition, for the first time, Government is offering to sponsor students wanting to attend schools and colleges other than Peter Symonds' College, Winchester.

Since 1986, seventeen students have applied for A level training: six of the students have successfully completed their courses, three are working for Government, one is undertaking higher education and three plan to pursue further training. Out of the number of people who have applied for specific training and higher education, 23 have improved their skills or been promoted to better positions. Eight are presently undergoing training.

Courses inclusive of tuition fees, food, accommodation and travel can cost up to as much as £50 thousand as in the case of pilot training. Government tries to arrange training locally, for example, Police Cadet training. Recently it funded two Montessori Correspondence courses for local teachers and a number of short in-service courses for Government employees. For more information about Government training, contact Establishments Officer, Eileen Davies.

#### **Alteration of Postage Rates**

with effect from January 1990 postage rates will be increased to:

Surface Letters to all overseas countries - 25p per oz.

Airmail Letters to all overseas countries - 31p per ½ oz.

Aerogrammes (small) - 26p.

Aerogrammes (large) - 28p.

Small packets or printed papers - 20p per ½ oz.

#### **WHATS IN IT FOR YOU**

##### **New Opening Hours for the Museum**

The Government run museum, Britannia House has changed its

opening hours to include Sunday and evening visiting. The new hours are:

*Monday* - closed all day

*Tuesday* - open 10 am to noon, 2 pm to 4 pm, 6 pm to 8 pm

*Wednesday* - open 10 am to noon, 2 pm to 4 pm

*Thursday* - open 10 am to noon, 2 pm to 4 pm

*Friday* - open 10 am to noon, 2 pm to 4 pm

*Saturday* - closed all day

*Sunday* - open 10 am to noon.

#### **Assistance for small businesses**

The Falkland Islands Development Corporation (FIDC) recently produced a "Basic Account Book" aimed at small businesses. The majority of the book comprises "weekly summary sheets" on which all receipts and payments are recorded. The details from these sheets when transferred to the summary sheets enable the user to see clearly on a weekly, quarterly and annual basis, the income and expenditure of their business. Included also are "sales invoice sheets" to record payments and expenses, takings, payment of goods purchased, personal drawings, goods taken for own consumption and capital expenses. By completing the summary sheets it is possible to see whether the business is meeting, falling short of, or exceeding its targets.

Bill Somerville, FIDC Assistant General Manager Administration and Falkland Islander, Natalie McPhee, Projects Officer for FIDC saw the need for the book and are now adapting the system for hotels and guest houses. The Basic Account Book is available from FIDC and is priced at £10 (to cover the cost of production).

#### **A DAY IN THE LIFE OF**

##### **The workings of the Water Works**

'Responsible as I am for the population of Stanley's drinking water, my job is all about checking and double checking,' explains Derek Rozee, Senior Filtration Plant Technician. In the

Falklands the peaty soil which colours the water can exceed 500 hazen units and far exceeds the colour of most waters in the UK. In the UK liquid chemicals to purify and treat the water are delivered by bulk tanker, but here in the Islands the plant makes its own liquids from powder forms of chemicals. The principles of treatment are to use the minimum quantity of chemicals as possible to clarify the water. The dosing is carefully measured in milligrams per litre.

'Small measures of aluminium sulphate are used to remove the dark peaty colour of the water, sodium aluminate helps to promote floccing (the solidifying of dirt particles) and sodium carbonate is an alkaline which is added to raise the level of PH (acidity level),' explains Derek. In the final stage of treatment sufficient chlorine is added to bring about a residual chlorine level of 0.2 - 0.3 milligrams in the fully treated water.' The sterilised water filtration plant processes ten litres per second and up to 120 thousand gallons per day, water which is pumped from Moody Brook to the Dairy Pad-dock Reservoir.

The raw water has liquid chemicals added and is then gravity fed into the water filtration plant through to a clarifier from which clear water is drawn and delivered via two filters into a contact tank and once the filtration process is finished it is then ready to be put into service or into storage reservoirs at Sapper Hill and Murray Heights. If anything should go wrong an alarm is activated and the plant automatically shuts down, isolating the problem until it is dealt with. Two to three times an hour, day and night, samples of raw water, clarified water (during its treatment stage and prior to passing through filtration) and treated water are taken for testing. The aluminium content, residual chlorines and PH factor are also constantly monitored and a daily record kept to ensure that the high standard required by EEC guidelines are maintained. In recent months water samples both treated and



untreated have been sent to UK for chemical analysis. Bacteriological examination of the domestic supply has also been carried out in Stanley at the King Edward Memorial Hospital.

'I share the eight hour shifts with one other operator. The hours are long but the job is rewarding,' says Derek. 'As Sir Peter Crill CBE, the Bailiff of Jersey who officially opened the plant in 1989 said 'I have the satisfaction of doing something useful for the people of these Islands'.

## APPOINTMENTS

### Emma Reid

Took up the position of Swimming Pool Attendant for the Education Department 16 October 1989. Since leaving Stanley Senior School at the end of 1987, she has worked in the Islands for Falkland Farmers.

### Alison Fairfield

Started work as Senior Pool Attendant 1 October 1989. As a qualified Swimming Instructor, a Preliminary Teacher and examiner and First Aider, she comes highly recommended from Dingwall Leisure Centre, Scotland where she has worked since 1983.

### Robert Doole

Took up the post of Leading Fireman/ Mechanic on 7 October 1989 with the Fire and Rescue Department. He recently took local discharge from the Royal Corps of Transport to take up employment in the Islands. His duties with the Fire Department will include responsibility for the maintenance of fire equipment and machinery and participation in brigade training.

### Willie Harvey

Took up his appointment as Trainee Filtration Plant Technician 5 October 1989. An Islander, with family living in Hill Cove, his training will include learning about water treatment, control in instrument maintenance and pipe fitting.

### Dr Stuart Lane

Arrived in the Falklands 24 November to take up a short term contract as Medical Officer. This is his second visit to the Islands as he served as a locum in March to June 1989. His arrival brings the Medical Department up to its full complement of 4 medical officers. The Crown Agents are presently trying to recruit a permanent replacement for Dr Lane when he leaves next year.

### Captain Chris Francis

Captain Francis returned to the Falklands 28 November to take up a four month contract as pilot in the Government Air Service (FIGAS). His arrival is greatly welcomed by FIGAS who for the past few months have had to rely solely on the stalwart work of the Chief Pilot, Captain Andy Alsop. Captain Francis was a pilot for the Islands during December 1988 to March 1989.

### Alison Barton

Transferred from the position of Legal Assistant, Justice Department to Research Assistant, Legislature Department, 1st December, 1989. Her new responsibilities will be to establish a Councillors' office, to build up a reference library for the use by Elected Councillors, to organise meetings and to carry out research on behalf of Councillors.

Alison came to the Islands in 1985 and has worked at the Woollen Mill, Fox Bay as Administrative Assistant/Office Manager ARC and as Legal Assistant in the Justice Department since October 1986.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Museum offers musical introduction to the Islands

During the past year the Falkland Islands museum has quite unintentionally built up a collection of mechanical music of the

late 1800s and early twentieth century. After many hours of work most of these instruments are now again in working order. According to John Smith, Curator of the museum, 'the tunes from the musical instruments will be recorded onto tape which will then be used as background music at the museum. The instruments themselves will be played every six weeks to ensure that their mechanisms remain in working order. Thus, visitors to Britannia House as well as seeing the many other fascinating exhibits, will be able to experience a rather unusual musical treat.'

The largest of the instruments to be restored is a Symphonion, built in Leipzig about 1890; it came to the Falklands in 1896. For many years it was a great attraction in the bar of the Globe Hotel until it was destroyed during the 1982 Conflict. It has now been brought back to life after a total rebuild of both cabinet and mechanism, to play music provided by tin discs 24 inches in diameter perforated with hundred of tiny tags which connect with the key board.

Another old instrument on display is a hand wound Hurdy Gurdy built on the lines of a miniature grand piano. This plays perforated cardboard discs which have to be wound at the correct speed in order to recognise the tune. Restoration work is now being completed on a 100 year old musical box. It has six large brass cylinders each containing six tunes which include 'The William Tell Overture' and 'My Grandfathers Clock'.

To represent the early part of the twentieth century there is a 1912 Elba hand wound gramophone with a splendid collection of records including a particularly fine recording of 'The Angels Kiss' sung by the boy soprano, Clifford Adams.

'Restoration has involved a wide variety of participants,' says John, 'including Wing Commander Jarron, former OPs Officer, a Dornier Pilot, Peter Baldwin and alot of assistance has come from the Mount Pleasant Airport station workshops. In most cases Robin Edwins of the Fisheries department has assisted in woodwork- ing matters and Ronnie Clarke who works in the Blacksmith workshop of the Public Works department has been invaluable in making up parts in order to get instruments going again.'

### CALENDAR 1989

November 12 Remebrance Sunday.

Memorial services in Stanley

December 6 Legislative Council.

8 Battle Day. Public holiday to attend Church service and ceremonial parade in Stanley.

24 Gymkhana events commence 9.30 am/Steer Riding commences 2.30 pm at Butchery Paddock.

25 Christmas Day.

26 Horse Racing events commence 9.30 am/ Christmas Ball 10 pm - 1 am in Town Hall.

27 Horse Racing events commence 9.30 am /Christmas Ball 10 pm - 2 am/Prize Presentation 11 pm.

### WHATS ABROAD

#### Regular sailing for the Indiana

The Indiana, the passenger and cargo vessel which has in the past sailed intermittently between Stanley, the Uruguayan capital, Montevideo and Punta Arenas in Chile and back to the Falklands, is now sailing to a regular schedule.

The schedule issued by Stanley Services, the agents for the vessel has recently been published and runs to the end of 1990. The next four months estimated times of departure and arrival are as shown below:

Voyage	No	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
ETD	Stanley	29.12	18.1	5.2	23.2	9.3	29.3	12.4
ETA	Monte	3.1	22.1	9.2	27.2	13.3	2.4	17.4
ETD	Monte	4.1	23.1	10.2	1.3	15.3	4.4	18.4
ETA	Punta	10.1	29.1	16.2	-	21.3	-	-
ETD	Punta	12.1	30.1	17.2	-	23.3	-	-
ETA	Stanley	15.1	1.2	19.2	5.3	26.3	9.4	23.4

This shows a regular sailing pattern of bringing the vessel to Stanley approximately every three weeks, calling both at Monte and Punta at normal times and Monte only, during the peak fishing season. Stanley Services expect that the schedule will only alter in response to firm commercial demand. For details to book cargo or passengers contact Stanley Services Tel. 22622.





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## EXCO BULLETIN

### Charter Flights from Chile

Council were asked if they had any objections to charter flights from Chile being made with fishing vessel crews, tourists or to regular flights by Lan Chile if these could be arranged. No objections were raised and the matter is presently being looked into.

### Camp Tracks

Councillors were asked to agree the proposed sites for the ferry between East and West Falklands and were advised that the routing of the Camp Roads System was dependent on the ferry head sites having been selected. Port Howard was selected as ferry head for the West and New Haven in Lafonia the best site for the East.

Consultants will be appointed shortly to assist in the selection of routes for camp roads, the design of the system and its preparation for tender. There is still a long way to go in the provision of a ferry as a suitable vessel is yet to be identified. Councillors requested that a report be made into the likely life of the Forrest and Monsunen as it will be necessary to continue with Island shipping services.

### Budgetary Policy 1990-1991

It was proposed that a re-appraisal of the Capital programme be made to the maximum of £8 million and cuts in operating expenditure be made from £19 million to £16 million within two years.

### FIGAS Fuel Points

The Government Air Service is to fuel its own aircraft both at Stanley and Camp. Fuel points will be made available at Fox Bay, Saunders Island and North Arm to service the Inter Island operation as well as the patrol operation.

### Census 1990

A new Census will be carried out October/November of this year. The existing Census 1986 is very much out of date and does not provide all the information necessary for Government and the local public. The form of questionnaire will be approved by Executive Council to ensure the minimum of intrusion into peoples' business. In 1991 it is intended the Census be published and available in the public library for reference.

### Conservation and Environmental Assessment Report

The Government commissioned well known naturalist, Ian Strange, to produce a Conservation and Environmental Assessment report for consideration by Council in March 1990. The report establishes what the Islands want in the way of conservation and advises on legislation to suit these needs. It is intended that the report which covers some 27 different subjects, including the export of wildlife, tourism and conservation, potentially endangered species, fisheries, conservation in education in schools and conservation and the British Forces in the Falklands, will result in new conservation legislation being ready for consideration by Council at the Budget Session in May 1990.

### Planning Bill

The Attorney General has prepared a first draft of a new Planning Bill. The Bill which will be considered by Legislative Council in late May at the Budget Session will replace the present outdated planning legislation and provide powers for untidy plots of land and buildings in Stanley and the main settlements in Camp to be cleaned up.

### Hookers Point

The Commander of British Forces said that arrangements will be made in future to ensure that the Airport Road

is closed only for a matter of hours instead of days during rapier missile firing practice. Although Hookers Point is felt to be the best site for practical reasons, alternative sites are being sought.

### Old Peoples Home

As a matter of priority a site and funding is being sought for an Old Peoples Home where the elderly, who are in need of constant care and are unsuitable for sheltered accommodation, can be looked after.

### Conditions of service of Public Officers to be reviewed

Eric Hamshaw who visited the Islands late 1988 and who is an expert in Civil Service gradings has been invited to return to look at the grading structure of posts in the public service and to produce a report for Council's consideration.

### East Stanley Development

Consultants will shortly be appointed to draw up an overall site layout for the East Stanley Development. It was agreed that in general the new houses should be provided by private enterprise and not by Government but that Government would need to be involved in providing services like roads, sewers and electricity and land to individuals or building firms for the building of the new houses. It would also be involved in providing housing for welfare purposes.

### Building proposal rejected

Council rejected a proposal to provide six building plots between the north side of Jeremy Moore Avenue and the adjoining houses on Ross Road West because this would result in three rows of houses being very close together with very small gardens. It was felt that overcrowding was not appropriate for the Falklands where land was not scarce. The land is to be considered for public amenity use as a possible childrens' playground area.



### **Banking Licence Granted**

A five year banking licence is to be given to Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) under the Banking Ordinance. This will not prevent other banks coming to the Islands but will enable SCB to more satisfactorily plan development of its business in the Islands.

### **Establishment of a Media Trust Committee**

A Media Trust Committee is shortly to be set up under the Media Trust Ordinance 1989 to act as a Board of Directors in respect of Penguin News, the weekly local paper known as 'the voice of the Falklands'. The Board will be made up of local people outside Legislative Council and Government. It will be responsible for deciding the editorial and broad financial policy of the paper. In this way the Penguin News will remain entirely independent of Government with day to day decisions being left to the Editor, James Stevens. The Media Trust will also be responsible for the policy of Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station's policy. Government will continue to finance the two media outlets.

### **International Drugs Conference**

The Falkland Islands Government have been asked by the UK Government to send a representative to attend an International Drugs Conference 9 -11 April 1990. Although the Islands have been entirely untouched by the problem of illicit drug smuggling there is a need for international co-operation in fighting the problem. It is proposed that the Honourable Terry Peck will attend the discussions on developments and further measures to be taken.

In November 1989 Legislative Council passed legislation which made it possible to forfeit any illegal profits from illicit drug operations from anyone investing in the Islands anywhere in the world.

### **Vietnamese Boat People**

Council was asked to consider Father John Doran's request that the Islands accept a number of families of Vietnamese Boat People. The suggestion has been referred for further consideration.

### **World Cup to be broadcast live in Stanley**

A payment of £600 from Government funds to the Services, Sound and

Vision Corporation (SSVC) will enable 16 of the forthcoming World Cup matches to be seen on television locally on the same evening of the match. The total cost of Cable and Wireless receiving the live coverage by satellite and recording it for broadcast locally by SSVC amounts to £8 thousand. Contractors and others have raised the rest of the money.

A contribution of £1 thousand has been approved for the sending away of the Commonwealth Games team to New Zealand.

## **NEWS & VIEWS**

### **In the case of a minefield fire**

In response to the many questions following the recent fire in the minefield behind Stanley Common, Captain Sean Fawcett of the Joint Service Explosive Ordnance Disposal Department explains the procedure about what happens when a fire breaks out in a minefield area:

'The Fire Brigade informs us of the fire and depending on the location we will provide detailed advice of minefields in the area. In the case of a fire being close to or just outside a mined area we would if requested provide on site advice. We would not venture into the area nor expect the Fire Department to do so. Once the fire is burnt out the area is inspected to see if any mines have been exposed or disturbed. We inspect the minefields at least every 4 months, some more regularly than others, for instance at York Bay we keep a very careful watch on how the shifting sands disturb the fences surrounding the area.'

According to Fire Officer, Marvin Clarke a number of callers did ring in about the recent minefield fire to enquire what was being done to put it out. 'We have a policy never to go into a minefield and will only fight a fire when it is outside a mined area,' explains Marvin. 'It really is too dangerous to do otherwise.'

### **New Land and Property Laws**

The Attorney General has prepared two important bills; the Land Acquisition Bill and the Law of Property Bill. These were not dealt with by the meeting of Legislative Council (6 December 1989) because Government are anxious that the public should have the opportunity of looking at the bills and commenting upon them before they are considered by LEGCO in February 1990.

The Land Acquisition Bill deals with compulsory purchase and will replace out of date provisions in the Land Ordinance. The bill makes it clear that compulsory purchase will be the last resort if Government need to purchase land for public purposes and that ordinarily land required will be purchased by negotiation. In the case of a land dispute, Government will be required to justify the purchase to the Supreme Court (the Chief Justice) and pay fair and adequate compensation. If actual compensation cannot be agreed upon the Supreme Court has power to determine the amount.

Government intend to reform the law of land in the Falkland Islands. By passing the Law of Property Bill the current law will be revised and updated to make land transactions easier and the law more clear. It will give greater rights to tenants and mortgagees (lenders on the security of land) and spell out the restrictions on landlords and mortgagees. It will also enable the Standard Chartered Bank and others to more readily finance business and domestic borrowing for the purchase of farms and homes and supply the working capital for businesses. In addition the bill will provide a comprehensive text of the land law of the Falkland Islands, which has not been available previously.

### **Resolution of the Legislative Council**

On 6 December 1989 a motion was proposed by the Honourable Terry Peck MBE CPM to amend the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Council. There will now be a Standing Finance Committee consisting of the Financial Secretary, John Buckland-James and all elected members of the Legislative Council. The Financial Secretary will now be the Chairman of the Committee.

The functions of the committee shall continue to consider any request for the provision of funds additional to those already set aside by Ordinance, any financial reports submitted by the Financial Secretary and any other financial matters referred to it by the Governor for consideration.

### **British Antarctic Survey research FICZ squid resources**

The Falkland Islands Government has recently given grants totalling £45 thousand to British Antarctic Survey's Marine Life Sciences Division to carry out research on the life cycles of two species of squid which dominate the catch around the Islands.



Information on squid biology is scarce, yet, without this, the effective management of the Falkland Islands fishery, which is estimated to be worth £23.5 million per year, is impossible. Squid is by far the most important catch from the Falkland Islands fishery, comprising over 70% by weight and 85% of the value. They are a high price commodity, commanding up to £1500 per tonne on the international market. Illex, an offshore deepwater species, is mostly caught to the north of the Falklands and Loligo, an inshore species, is caught to the south and east of the Islands. The Illex fishery is conducted largely by jigging vessels which fish at night with lights to attract the schools of squid towards the surface and capture them with brightly colored lures armed with an array of barbless hooks. Loligo is caught with conventional otter trawls fished on the bottom from large trawlers.

Assessment of the size of the squid stocks during the course of each year's fishing season is made on a continuous basis from catch data supplied to the Renewable Resources Assessment Group at Imperial College, London, by the Falkland Islands Fishery Department. The fishery is thus regulated to prevent overexploitation. Although it is difficult to follow the growth of squid, it is now possible to assess accurately growth increments from a sectioned statolith (a small stony structure which lies at the back of the squid's head). Statoliths from both commercial squid species in the Falklands fishery are now routinely collected and sent by air to BAS for sectioning. Detailed analyses of the whole animals can provide data on growth, maturation and the fertility of the females during the fishing season. For the first time there is now data to allow the production of size and age growth curves.

It will soon be possible to determine how these squids allocate their resources between growth, reproduction and storage of energy. This data used in combination with demographic data from the fishery will enable a picture to be built up of the life cycle of Illex and Loligo, a picture which is all important to the continuing stability of the Islands economy and which will be of considerable value when the time comes to manage the exploitation of the Antarctic squid stocks which are so important to the food web of the Southern Ocean ecosystem.

#### Overfishing threat to *Illex argentinus*

The data collected from the Fisheries Department and research projects such as those undertaken by BAS and analysed at Imperial College have

shown that the Illex resource is in danger of being overfished. The Falklands Interim Conservation Zone (FICZ) has been successful at conserving stocks which occur within the boundaries, the main problem with Illex is that it occurs both in the FICZ and on the high seas. Approximately 75% of all fishing licence revenue comes from the sale of Illex licences and indeed 56% of all Falkland Islands Government (FIG) revenue is attributable to Illex.

Conservation measures taken in the FICZ are undermined by fishing for Illex on the high seas. In managing the Illex resource it is hoped to achieve an escapement rate of 40%. However in both 1988 and 1989 the escapements have been significantly below this target placing the future of the resources in jeopardy. If fishing effort on Illex continues at such levels there is an increasingly high probability that the fishery may collapse.

In an attempt to reduce the level of fishing effort, FIG has negotiated to achieve voluntary restraint agreements with all the fishing nations involved to delay and shorten the Illex fishing season and to reduce the number of fishing vessels which come to the South West Atlantic. It has been necessary to offer licences for the FICZ as an incentive to achieve the voluntary restraint agreements. Prohibiting fishing for Illex in the FICZ does not improve the situation markedly as most of the vessels would continue fishing on the high seas where the resource can still be overfished and additionally, revenue to FIG would be reduced considerably.

#### Patrol Vessels

Councillors after very careful consideration of whether it is sensible for the Falkland Islands Fishery Patrol to be reduced to one patrol vessel plus aircraft patrols concluded that it is essential to have two patrol vessels even though a reduction to one patrol vessel would have meant a saving of Colony funds. The Falkland Right is to be kept to the end of the present high season (until May 1990) to ensure preservation of fish stocks and protection of the interests of licencees.

## WHATS IN IT FOR YOU

### New UK Office for Falklands Tourist Board

With effect from 26 February 1990 Falkland Islands Tourism (FIT) will be represented in the UK by a full time staff member working in Falkland House. The newly refurbished building at 14 Broadway, London already provides an attractive display area for the Falklands publicity material and local

craft products, as well as an information point and support service for tour operators.

After four years of intense effort developing the tourism infrastructure and awareness of the Islands internationally, the Falklands have been established as a credible new destination. Miss Victoria Poland who is currently employed by the British Tourism Authority in Madrid, is to be appointed the FIT London Representative responsible for the continued development of tourism to the Falklands from the UK and the rest of Europe.

The change from using consultants Fielder Green Associates in York to a permanent employee is a sign of the maturing of Falkland Islands tourism and achieves substantial economies.

### Central Purchasing a great saving for Government

The Government Central Store is at present going through some major changes to introduce a centralised purchasing system. Over a five to six year period a plan to intergrade the seven scattered storage buildings will be phased in. According to Supplies Officer, Alan Jones, the idea of central purchasing was proposed back in May 1989 to cover items including stationery, building supplies, cement, chemicals, vehicles and motor spares which Government departments were each ordering individually. 'The function of channelling all Government purchases through one department prevents duplication, overstocking and gives more effective purchasing power,' explains Alan. 'We have started centrally purchasing stationery for all Government departments and are in the process of introducing a computerised stock control system. With bulk buying of lubrication oil through Stanley Services we have already saved approximately £3 thousand of Government's money this year and are now looking at doing the same exercise with buying gases.'

It will take time to complete a stock check of everything in the store, (some of which has been on the shelves since the building was erected by Governor Moody in the 1850s) ranging from coffin furniture to complete purpose built kitchens, but the system should be complete by March 1990.

Rather than continue using Crown Agents in the U.K. as a procurement agency the Central Store will use them as any other supplier, according to whether they can deliver the goods at the right price. 'There is no doubt



that the savings to be had by trading with Chile must be great and I believe the Government should be seriously looking at establishing a commercial link,' says Alan.

#### **Market Garden a Growing Success**

Since the recent renewed agreement of a seasonal contract with the military to supply up to 500 kilos of tomatoes, 150 kilos of lettuce and 250 kilos of cucumbers per week, the Market Garden in Port Stanley has successfully grown its business to accommodate its known market. Port Stanley's community needs account for a third of the market, fishing fleets and tourists aboard visiting vessels account for a further third and the military, the other third.

Commenting on the standard of the Market Garden produce, Major Fleming who was responsible for the procurement said, 'The quality is as good if not better than that which could be obtained from the Common Market.' The Market Garden guarantees quantity, quality and deliveries by Bob Stewart's Bus Service are guaranteed to coincide with the arrival of the Tri-Star. It is a very satisfactory arrangement all round.

To help with the expansion of the fresh vegetable and fruit business, Ron Buckland has been appointed Assistant to the Market Garden. Additionally three 60 foot long polyhouses have been erected adjacent to the existing buildings to plant strawberries, new potatoes and raspberries. According to Manager, Tim Miller some of the vegetables that have been produced have not yet received immediate acceptance in the Islands. 'We are keen to widen the variety of crops we can produce,' says Tim. 'At the Open Day we held this year we invited people to see and hear how the plants are grown in polythene sheeting suspended over water. We would like to increase interest in vegetables like pakchoi (oriental variety of cabbage), runner beans, green peppers and aubergine.'

Tim is looking to reduce the running cost of the Market Garden also. The greatest expenditure is the heating; during the day the temperature has to remain at a constant 15-16° C for the lettuce and 27-28° C for tomatoes. The other important element for the success of the garden is water. Nitrates, phosphates and fertilisers are fed into the water entering the garden and the strength of the fertilisers is

constantly monitored electronically which means that someone has to be on duty day and night. 'I am pleased to say that for the first time in its third year history the Market Garden is making an operating profit. Further efforts to reduce costs and increase revenue should continue to improve the situation,' says Mike Summers, General Manager of the Falkland Islands Development Corporation, the parent company to Stanley Growers.

## **A DAY IN THE LIFE OF**

### **Checking it out with the High Fliers**

'Flying is about being aware and planning. Our bible is' Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) - the Order and the Regulation' generated by Act of Parliament - it sets out the criteria that we work within,' explains Peter Milner, General Manager of the Government Air Service (FIGAS). 'It determines the required standard of cargo; including that pigs have to be scrubbed with carbolic soap before travelling, that liquids must be packaged in special containers 24 hours before flight and that livestock must be accompanied on the journey.'

Checking and double checking is the procedure every morning and evening. Stanley's runway is inspected each day and swept once a week. The engineer checks the electrical circuits, the pressure, starts the aircraft engines and taxis the plane to ensure that everything is in working order. The pilot then rechecks all the instruments including the radios. Until the aircraft is airborne, every movement is monitored by the fire engine, which includes one man equipped in asbestos fire fighting suit.

'Our work carries on after everybody goes home,' says Vernon Steen, Chief Engineer, 'a night inspection means checking over the aircraft again and logging all the information. We have log books for everything: one for the aircraft - hours flown and breakdowns, one for each engine, each propeller, a modification aircraft log book, component log cards and each pilot has to fill out a technical log as well.' On top of the normal inspections there are four types of checks which have to be carried out; the routine is done after 50, 100, 500 and 1000 flying hours are clocked up, the remedial check is generated by the routine checks and the repair overhaul checks on the individual life cycles of the various components. Although the checks and paperwork are time consuming - a

1000 hour check takes about four weeks, a big repair can generate a couple of hundred pages - it is very important to keep up the checks and records for the Civil Aviation Authority who visit once a year to make sure we are doing everything correctly. They inspect the books first and then the aircraft.

The Islander, like all aircraft, being critical on the centre of gravity means the weight of fuel, freight, passengers has to be calculated so as not to exceed the maximum permitted weight and keep the load in balance. 'Miscalculation would not only mean we would be flying with an illegal load but could mean losing control of the aircraft,' says Pilot, Chris Francis. Each pilot has a 'whiz-wheel' or centre of gravity calculator to effect these calculations.

To get a complete weather picture seven settlements are asked to report in each day the wind strength, cloud base and visibility. 'Because we have no instrument landing facilities out in the Camp we have limitations upon operating in the Camp in terms of visibility, wind strength and direction,' explains Chris. 'Every day has a different effect on the performance of the aircraft. The worst weather to fly in comfortably from a passengers point of view is strong winds as this gives a very bumpy ride over and behind the hills; the worst time to fly as far as the Camp airstrips are concerned is between July and October when the ground can be very spongy. In spite of this the weakest point of the aircraft, the nose wheel, has only been damaged twice in nine years.'

It is no small boast that the Civil Aviation Authority gave full appraisal and full approval recently to FIGAS for their records and maintenance of their aircraft.

## **NEW APPOINTMENTS**

### **Graham Brian France**

Took up his post as Building Control Officer, Public Works Department 9 January 1990. His responsibilities include all aspects of building control including processing applications, on-site inspections, enforcement, management and maintenance of housing stock. He will also be involved in updating the present building legislation to bring it into line with UK regulations.



### Darren Clifton

Recently returned to the Islands and took up the position as Police Constable 1st October 1989. Previously he worked as an Apprentice Carpenter with the Public Works Department from 1984 to 1987 before returning to the UK.

### Anthony John Beeching

Took up the position of Scientific Officer, Fisheries Department on 30 November 1989. Having graduated in Wales in 1986 in Aquatic Biology, he spent two years in Southampton working with salmon and trout before coming to the Falklands to sample and assess Fishery catches.

### Jonathon Clarke

Took up his appointment as Senior Fisheries Officer, 1st January 1990. Previously he worked at Peter Derham Associates. The Islands are well known to him as he has served as Master of the Falklands Desire and Falklands Right from January to July 1987 and July to October 1987 respectively.

### David Campbell Graham

Took up his duties as Senior Fisheries Officer to the Falkland Islands Government, 1st January 1990. He too has been seconded from Peter Derham Associates.

### Jenny Cox

Took over from Alison Barton as Legal Assistant in the Justice Department 3 January 1990. She brings to the Islands much experience gained working for senior officials in commerce and the EEC in the UK and Nigeria.

### **Congratulations to:**

#### Emily Margaret Reid

After receiving training in the Islands, Swimming Pool Attendant, Emily successfully obtained her Bronze Medallion in Life Saving.

#### Len McGill

Was recently promoted to Detective Sergeant, Falkland Islands Police.

## CALENDAR 1990

### January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 16 Executive Council
- 17 Standing Finance Committee
- 27 The Falklands are represented in the Commonwealth Games, New Zealand.

### February

- 4 Official Opening of Stanley Swimming Pool

- 8 Start of school term
- 13 Executive Council
- 14 Standing Finance Committee
- 15 Legislative Council
- 26 - 2 March Sporting events in West and East Falklands

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Education Department helping the community

'Since 1982 we have been talking about building a senior school for the community of the Falklands, with educational and recreational facilities, which will improve the quality of life and broaden the future for the young,' says Director of Education, Phyllis Rendell. 'Now we are to embark on the first step to making it a reality. Tenders go out shortly for the building project which it is hoped will commence in May 1990.'

There will be value for money for everyone - the 200 pupils will be provided with a wider range of better teaching facilities, the young students returning after training will have access to further education and the adult population will have the benefit of extended evening classes. Teachers will have subject dedicated rooms to teach music, art and craft, bio/chemistry and physics, geography, business and office studies, modern languages, home economics, mathematics and computer studies, craft design technology, english and history. All the classrooms including a special needs room, workshop and library will be well equipped and some fitted with black out blinds and projection screens.

'Our doors will not close at 4.00 pm,' explains Phyllis. 'There will be squash courts and a sports hall open in the evening as well as the daytime, a purpose built hall for public events, a sound proof auditorium for use for amateur dramatics and music practises at night, specially dedicated classrooms for adult and further education and an outdoor pavillion with running track and football pitch for those wanting to keep fit out of office hours.'

A Model of the proposed new Senior School project is on display in the foyer of the Swimming Pool, and can be viewed when the Pool is open or through the window at any time.

Going by the social success of Stanley

swimming pool, the new Senior school will bring the community even closer together. 'It is our intention next year to introduce community education with teachers, classes and schools working together on community projects,' says Phyllis. Already the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme has got going, Operation Raleigh links have been strengthened, Action Aid has funded children to go to school in Kenya and Cartoon Aid has been successfully set up.

With the figurehead of Operation Raleigh, Colonel Blashford-Snell's personal guarantee that there are places for Falkland Islanders on future expeditions, the Education Department looks set to embark on its first community project next year. The idea of Operation Raleigh according to team leader Ron Livingstone, who is presently visiting the Islands 21 December to 5 February 1990, is to put something back into the local community which will be of everlasting benefit to the countries visited on expedition. 'In the Falklands we are looking at conservation and pollution control. The study of driftwood can tell alot about the surroundings. We are also looking at the possibilities of reconstructing and repairing the Islands' stone corrals and passing on the technique of dry stone walling to local people. There may also be wildlife care projects and diving possibilities,' he explains. 'The main purpose of my present visit is to identify the projects and ways in which we can involve the local young people in them.'

## WHATS ABROAD

### Councillors-our International representatives

The Honourable Gerard Robson MLC is to attend the Caribbean Americas and Atlantic Region of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association in Bermuda 11-16 February, 1990 on behalf of the Falkland Islands.

He leaves the Falklands 31st January for prior meetings in London with the South Atlantic Council, Lord Shackleton, the Falkland Islands Committee and various press representatives, Foreign Office officials and Members of Parliament. Whilst in the UK, he will also visit Peter Symonds College and hopes to travel to the Channel Islands to see a number of hostels in Guernsey.

He will accompany a Falkland Islands Government sponsored group of Members of Parliament on his return to the Islands 22 February, 1990. The MPs will remain in the Islands until 28 February on a fact finding mission to acquaint themselves with the Falklands and the views of Islanders.



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# Government News

February/March 1990 No. 9

## EXCO BULLETIN

### **Tough line taken by Government over fishing breach**

On 9th February 1990 a Taiwanese flag vessel which had been allocated a licence through Fortuna and the Go-Rising Group, was found fishing south of 45° S and was therefore contravening the Voluntary Restraint Agreements (VRA). The vessel has had its licence revoked.

The VRA were set up as a result of evidence accumulated over recent years, which indicates that the level of fishing effort directed at Illex squid in the South West Atlantic is too high. The objectives of the VRA were to reduce the level of fishing effort on Illex south of 45° S, by reducing the number of vessels fishing compared to previous years and shortening the season.

Measures taken to conserve Illex within the Falklands Interim Conservation and Management Zone are undermined by the level of fishing occurring on the high seas. The aim of VRA is to improve the state of the Illex stock south of 45° S and consequently violations of the VRA are viewed very seriously and are being dealt with accordingly.

### **Licensing Ordinance to be made public**

A discussion paper on the Licensing Ordinance was considered and approved for general circulation in public areas so that as many views and comments as possible can be obtained. The paper contains a number of alternative proposals on major issues like: should licensing laws be amended or abandoned? Should 'Glory Hour' on Sunday be extended or done away with? Should the blacklist be retained or got rid of?

Councillors agreed that there should be a public meeting to discuss the paper held in the Town Hall after the paper has been widely circulated.

### **Embarkation Cards to remain**

Councillors were advised that it would be impossible to maintain adequate immigration records and statistics if Falkland Islanders were to be exempt from filling in embarkation cards. The restrictions on all British citizens would have to be removed since Islanders hold British passports.

### **Land Acquisition Bill deferred**

To enable the general public to have a greater opportunity of raising any queries on the Land Acquisition Bill, Councillors decided that discussions on the Bill should be deferred to the May session of LEGCO.

The Attorney General is endeavouring to raise a discussion session about the Bill on the radio and members of the public are invited to submit any questions to him or the Broadcasting Station (FIBS). All queries will be answered in writing or during the programme.

### **HF Transmitters an interference**

Councillors raised the point that a number of fishing companies using transmitters, some illegally, were causing interference with other VHF transmissions and in some cases with the new telephone system. Action will be taken by Government to deal with offenders.

### **Plans for Snake Hill**

A plan of Snake Hill was presented to Councillors showing schematic ideas of how some of the land could be laid out as a playground area. Councillors supported the establishment of an Adventure Playground in principle.

### **Coverage of World Cup Matches off**

The planned live TV coverage of selected World Cup Matches is being suspended because of unforeseen high costs of commentary and telephone charges.

### **The Southern Star**

Offers to purchase the vessel to date have been well below the asking price. An offer has been received from a local Captain to sail the vessel to the UK where it could be sold for a better price. This and other options are being investigated. Until such time as a decision about the vessel is made, it will be berthed at the FIC jetty where lower charges apply.

### **Vietnamese Refugees**

A negative response has been received by Councillors from their constituents on the proposal that the Falklands offer homes to a limited number of Vietnamese Refugees. One of the major constraints is the serious housing shortage.

### **Council getting to the root of the dentist situation**

Council deferred the establishment of a further Dental Officer's post until the effects of the forthcoming second dentist's visit can be assessed, but agreed that a locum Dental Technician be recruited for 4-5 months a year. The appointment of a second dental nurse was deferred also.

### **Agricultural Grants for all farms acceptable**

Council confirmed that there should not be discrimination in the allocation of funds. The allocation of grants in future is to be discussed by the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

## **NEWS & VIEWS**

### **Private advice from Government Legal Advisors**

Services provided by Crown Counsel have in the past been free of charge to individuals requiring legal representation. As from 1 March 1990 persons using Crown Counsel will be charged in respect of private legal work. Rates will depend on a persons eligibility to receive legal aid.

### **Housing mortgages and loans**

A major step in providing commercial mortgage facilities to the Falkland Islands has been achieved through the Standard Chartered Bank buying the portfolio of Government mortgages. Government will continue to provide interest relief grants to a wide range of qualifying buyers.

In keeping with the Government's continued policy of subsidising the purchase and construction of housing in the Islands, successful mortgagors will be eligible to apply for mortgage interest relief from Government at a rate of: 10% on purchase of existing dwellings, 7% on the purchase and construction of new dwellings in Stanley and 6% on the purchase and construction of new dwellings in Camp. Mortgage interest relief application forms are available from the Treasury.

### **New surge of life for Falkland Mill**

On 16 January 1990 Executive Council considered a report by the Development Corporation (FIDC) on the current performance and immediate future of Falkland Mill Ltd. The Mill, in common with the world woollen industry, has been affected by a significant reduction in demand for woollen products.

Whilst it is recognised that the Mill will not become financially viable in its present form, there is a firm belief that there is a future for a textile industry in the Islands based upon the unique and fine quality of Falkland wool. The Mill at Fox Bay is seen as the central point for the development of the industry.

Accordingly the Mill will enjoy continued financial support from the Government pending a review of its operation to continue fulfilling quality and production requirements demanded by local and world markets. The review will determine the long-term future of the Mill and its role in the industry and is anticipated to be completed for consideration within the 1990/91 Budget proposals.

According to FIDC's Assistant General Manager, Operations, Ian Cox, a more suitable small scale operation for the production of yarn is being sought which will be operated on a cottage scale with very much lower overheads than the current operation. The objective is to have a smaller profitable business which can supply all the yarn requirements of local businesses and is capable of being expanded if necessary to include export business.

'Finding the most suitable process will take some time,' says Ian. 'We must not let ourselves be rushed into making an inappropriate choice of equipment. Wool is our principal agricultural product and the only Falkland raw material which has real potential to increase our national wealth.'



In spite of these pending changes in the means of production, FIDC is already undertaking significant steps in marketing to improve the attractiveness of the Mill product. Four new solid colours: Wild Strawberry (bright red), Goose Green (dark green), Mount Harriet (purple) and Lake Sullivan (navy blue), are being tested. Assistance also is being given to the many people involved in Falkland woollen products to establish a Knitwear Association with the objectives of co-ordinating Falkland designs, marketing, pricing levels and other matters of common interest.

#### **Olympic Gold Medal Swimmer makes a splash in the Falklands**

The Stanley swimming pool opened with a splash 4 February 1990 when David Wilkie MBE, well known winner of eight Gold medals and three time World Record holder, dived into the 25 metre long pool and demonstrated his graceful breast stroke, which at the age of 16 in the 1970 Commonwealth Games won him his first bronze medal in the men's 200 metre race.

Declaring the pool officially open by unveiling a plaque which acknowledges the tremendous support from members of the Falkland Appeal Trust, the Swimming Pool Fund and the Falkland Islands Government, Mr Wilkie paid tribute to the people of the Islands for inviting him to their homeland and for their warm reception. His donation of a David Wilkie cup is gratefully accepted and will be matched by Falkland Printz, the new colour processing and printing firm. Mr Gordon Forbes, whose firm built the pool, completing the project in November last year, also has kindly donated a silver cup to the swimming pool.

In 1933 the first foundation stone for a swimming pool in Stanley was laid by Sir James O'Grady, the then Governor, but because of lack of funds the pool was never completed. It was a very proud moment for the present Governor, Mr Fullerton and his wife to witness along with Vice-Admiral Sir Patrick Bayly and the Honourable Lucinda Buxton who have all given their support to the pool project, the school children of Stanley participating in a demonstration of water sports for the many visitors in the newly completed swimming pool.

#### **Briefing Mission a first**

On 18 January 1990 the Commander British Forces invited the Legislative Councillors and all other council attendants to a tour of the Mount Pleasant Operation and Mare Harbour. It is believed to be the first time since the official opening of the Mount Pleasant Airport in 1986 that Legislative Councillors as a group have visited for a briefing session. The party who travelled by Bristow Helicopters were briefed by servicemen on their role and work, were shown over the many facilities and were given the opportunity to talk to a considerable number of the military garrison stationed at Mount Pleasant.

#### **Squid fishing season commences**

A large number of vessels came into Stanley recently to collect licences for the commencement of the Loligo season which began 1 February 1990. Thirty one licences have been allocated for this fishery which represents a significant reduction on the 44 licences allocated in 1989. The reduction is necessary to achieve conservation objectives. In 1989, despite closing the fishery early in June, the level of escapement was well below the recommended 40% target. A limited number of long term licences (4 years) have been allocated for Loligo to Fortuna Limited, Argos Fishing Company Ltd, Polar Ltd, SAFCO (South Atlantic Fishing Company), Stanmarr (Marr Falklands Ltd) and SWB (Witte Boyd Holdings Ltd.) The number of these licences may be increased and extended to Illex in the future if they prove successful. Falkland Islands participation in the Loligo fishery has continued to increase and now accounts for 21% of the total.

A number of Oriental jiggers which have been granted Illex licences also called into Stanley for briefing before making their way north to fish in international waters. Two hundred and seventeen licences have been offered this year which is a reduction on last year's allocation. The number of licences was determined by the Government with the objective of reducing the level of fishing effort on the Illex stock south of latitude 45° S including the FICZ. Agreements have been reached with all the major established fishing associations to voluntarily delay the start of fishing for Illex south of latitude 45° S, to finish earlier than usual and to reduce the overall number of vessels operating in this area, which is outside the FICZ, compared to 1989. The voluntary restraint agreements are being monitored and appropriate measures will be taken if they are not adhered to.

## **WHATS IN IT FOR YOU**

#### **Fisheries air patrol on line**

By early June the Falkland Islands Government Air Service (FIGAS) will be controlling two maritime aircraft as well as its three inter-Island aircraft. It will be flying up to a maximum of 14 hours a day inclusive of two fishery patrol flights. After getting used to the complex navigational and radar aids aboard the patrol



aircraft, pilots will interchange between the inter-Island and fishery patrol operations as required. Expected delivery from the UK of the first patrol aircraft is end of May, with the second aircraft arriving the beginning of June. It is hoped that there will be no less than six pilots to carry out both operations at any one time.

#### **Liquid Kelp Fertilizer Plant**

Using fresh deep water kelp, Islander Sam Miller is operating a plant on behalf of the Falkland Islands Trust to develop a multi-purpose fertiliser which could be of benefit to Falkland pasture improvement and gardeners alike. The fertiliser being produced is purely organic and being in liquid form, it can easily be sprayed on grasslands and crops, 'explains Sam.' It uses natural resources which are abundant around Falkland shores and coastlines. It is cheap to produce and is not labour intensive.

Although the plant is only producing around 30 to 40 litres a day, by March it will be up to its full capacity of 90 litres per day. 'With a larger plant we could turn this process into a commercial business,' says Sam. 'Interest in organic produce is worldwide according to David Stickland of Organic Farmers & Grower of UK, who believes that the Falklands have a valuable exportable product in unpolluted kelp extracts.'

In addition to the liquid fertiliser there are two other by-products of the process, the making of methane gas and the production of compost for trees and shrubs. Sam explains the start of the process. 'Fresh cow manure provided the base bacteria and this was left in the plant for three weeks to ferment and reproduce, then followed the introduction of kelp. The kelp stem and the polyp is minced up and water added to produce a pourable slurry, then fed into the plant, in small quantities to allow the bacteria to change over. The plant is thermostatically controlled at 33° C. An agitator motor with a propellor disperses the heat and keeps the mixture on the move to assist the bacteria action. As the bacteria feed on the kelp, they give off methane gas which is extracted and every time the plant is fed on freshly minced kelp, it produces a liquid fertiliser. Every so often, the plant has to be cleared of the sludge and this in itself is a valuable compost.'

Presently samples are being collected and sent to Dr Jim McAdam, Professor of Queen's University, Belfast for advice on the ratio for mixing with water. Dr McAdam has always shown a keen interest in sea-weed extracts and their application to pasture improvements. A recent experiment using imported extracts on whitegrass is being monitored by Senior Agronomist with the Agricultural Department, Gerald Hoppe and Steve Howlett at Fox Bay.

## **A DAY IN THE LIFE OF**

#### **Falkland Islands Tourism full of initiative**

'What Falkland Islands Tourism (FIT) is marketing is the unique opportunity to visit one of the truly unspoilt places left in the world and to see some 64 known breeding species of birds, three species of seal and some five recorded species of cetacean,' explains FIT Director, Graham Bound. Established in 1986 to develop the tourism industry, FIT now operate a marketing and booking service for the Islands with offices in Stanley, London and Mount Pleasant. There is also representation through 16 UK tour operators. According to Graham, FIT is also researching the possibility of setting up links with Chile as a source of clients and as a route for North American tourists.

Tourism is a growth industry in the Islands. In 1984 there were no hotels or lodges outside Stanley. Today there are four full service tourist lodges in Camp at Port Howard, Sea Lion Island, Pebble Island and Salvador. Self catering accommodation has expanded to include Dunbar, Pebble, Salvador and Carcass Islands. In 1984 one group of tourists visited the Islands during the year. Today the Islands receive 25 groups of regular tourists, and the 1989-90 season will have seen eleven visits by cruise ships. In addition there is now a substantial local tourism industry which did not exist before.

The challenge of extending the tourist season by keeping facilities open into the winter is one that FIT are hoping to meet. 'We are looking at doing more for the local market in the way of theme package breaks', says Graham. 'Our first promotion package this year, 'A Christmas at Pebble' which included wildlife tour, Christmas present and traditional Christmas fare, was a great success. We are presently offering a 'Valentine' weekend and horse riding courses at Port Howard. Other possibilities include 'Murder parties', marathon games weekends, golf, sand yachting and a Treasure Hunt at one of the settlements.'

The recent opening of the new Tourism office at Mount Pleasant, run by Valerie Muir, will assist with getting more publicity about the Islands as well as provide another sales outlet for promotional goods. Producing a guide to hotels and self-catering accommodation, individual destination leaflets and fact sheets is all part of the service. FIT are presently up-dating the Stanley Guide with the assistance of local historian and Chairman of the Museum Committee, Joan Spruce, and hoping to broadcast an edited version of the Tourism promotion video on SSVC television. To encourage more people to take an interest in Stanley, FIT are assisting in the production of a hill walking guide and setting up a maritime heritage guided trail which



will enable tourists to identify and appreciate the value of the wrecks in Stanley Harbour.

From November through to mid March when there is a concentration of cruise ships, individual tourists and package holiday tour groups to service with travel itineraries, lodge accommodation and transport over and across the Islands, the spin-off is good for local business. 'When a ship is due in we try and encourage shops to open for business and make special onshore arrangements. We post tourist mail, supply meat, eggs and Market Garden fresh produce and ensure visitors have the opportunity to buy the Falkland Mill wool products. To enable tourists from cruise ships sailing from Punta Arenas and South Georgia to spend more time in the Islands we are hoping to fly passengers in and out of the Islands through Mount Pleasant Airport,' explains Graham. 'Our goal is to get cruise parties to spend longer in the Islands.'

Next month with the handing over of incoming tourist group handling work to Stanley Services, the Tourism office will be able to dedicate itself much more to the job of long term marketing and development; in effect take on the role of a national tourist bureau. It is a sign of achievement that FIT, a subsidiary of the Development Corporation (FIDC), is able to hand over this part of its business to the private sector.

## NEW APPOINTMENTS

### Sandra Georgine Clark

Arrived in the Islands 9 January 1990 from New Zealand. A qualified primary teacher, she will be responsible for teaching children in Dunnose Head, Spring Point, Chartres, Teal River and Sheffield Farm.

### Alison Early

As a qualified primary teacher from South Island, New Zealand, she is well qualified to be a travelling teacher for children in Estancia, Brookfield, Port Louis and Horseshoe Bay. She arrived in the Islands 16 January.

### Diana Riach

Took up her post 18 January to teach children in Fox Bay West, Shallow Harbour, Weddell Island and Beaver Island. She comes from Scotland with a degree and Postgraduate Certificate of Education specialising in primary education.

### Captain Robert Stanley May

Has been appointed FIGAS Pilot from 6 February 1990. He served in the Royal Navy in 1954 and gained his commercial pilot's licence in 1962. He has flown with various Air Services in the UK (including Loganair) and has worked as a pilot in the West Indies and Australia.

### Jacqueline Joyce Hemingway

Took up the post of Health Visitor 19 January 1990. Previously employed by the Falklands Government as a Nursing Sister/Midwife from August 1986 to September 1988, she is a qualified SRN and SCM with a Diploma in Health Visiting. In this newly created post her duties will include post-natal care, establishing child development clinics, health education and assisting with care of the elderly.

### Mairi Ferguson

Will be arriving in the Islands 23 February 1990 to take up the post of Locum Dentist and assist the resident Dental Officer during the busy fishing season. The establishment of a second full time Dental Officer post and the recruitment of a Dental Mechanic to visit the Islands periodically is being considered.

### Elizabeth Marrow

Has been appointed as Scientific Officer, Fisheries Department 1 January 1990 after working for Peter Derham Associates for two years as a scientist for the Fisheries Department. She has a BSc(Hons) in Agricultural Zoology and MSc in Fisheries Biology and Management.

### Carol Wendy Teggart

Took up her post on 1 November 1989 as Assistant Producer for the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station (FIBS). An ex-Councillor and active member of the community, Wendy has proved her ability to cope admirably in the absence of Producer, Patrick Watts.

### Congratulations to:

#### Arthur John Barton

For his promotion to Director of Fisheries 1 January 1990. A Falkland Islander with a first degree in marine biology/oceanography and six years working experience in fisheries in the Falklands, he is a worthy asset to the Islands.

## CALENDAR

February 26-2 March Sporting events in West and East Falkland

March 10 Horticultural Show held in the Gymnasium.

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### A Reminder of the brave ship HMS Plymouth

The veteran Falklands frigate, HMS Plymouth, which survived four Argentine bombs during the 1982 Conflict, a major fire on board in 1986, a plan by the Ministry of Defence to sink her as missile target and a terrible storm last year in Plymouth where she was moored, is soon to stand on display in Gosport, Hampshire as a national museum to the Falklands campaign. The surrender of South Georgia was signed in her wardroom and she shot down two enemy aircraft and damaged others.

Jill Doyle who worked in the Islands from 1984-87 returned to present to the Falklands Museum, Britannia House on 16 January 1990 a unique plaque on behalf of the HMS Plymouth Warship Preservation Trust and to express thanks to the Falkland Islands Government for its donation by the former Governor, Sir Rex Hunt of £1 thousand in 1989 to the Plymouth Appeal. The Appeal is still trying to raise the £200 thousand it needs to buy her from the MOD. Donations will be gratefully received and can be sent to: HMS Plymouth Appeal, Sunday Express, Ludgate House, 245 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 9UX.

## WHATS ABROAD

Delegations of the British and Argentine Governments, as agreed at their meeting in Madrid in October 1989, met again in Madrid on 14 and 15 February 1990. The British delegation was led by Sir Crispin Tickell, United Kingdom Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and the Argentine delegation by Ambassador Lucio Garcia del Solar, Special Representative of the Government of Argentina.

Both delegations reaffirmed that the formula on sovereignty over the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands surrounding maritime areas, recorded in the Joint Statement of 19 October 1989, applied to this meeting and its consequences.

Both Governments wishing to develop further friendship and co-operation between two peoples, agreed to re-establish diplomatic relations following notification of the Protecting Powers. Embassies will be re-opened shortly and Ambassadors appointed in accordance with international practice.

The British delegation announced the decision of the British Government to lift the Protection Zone established around the Falkland Islands.

Both Governments approved with satisfaction the final report of the British-Argentine Working Group about measures to build confidence and avoid incidents in the military sphere and decided, under the terms of the formula on sovereignty referred to in paragraph 2 of this Joint Statement, the following:

(a) To establish an 'Interim reciprocal information and consultation system' for movements of units of their armed forces in areas of the South West Atlantic. The aims of this system are to increase confidence between the United Kingdom and Argentina and to contribute to achieving a more normal situation in the region without necessary delay.

(b) To establish a direct communication link between the Falkland Islands and the mainland in order to reduce the possibility of incidents, to limit their consequences in the case of occurrence, and to increase common knowledge of military activities in the South West Atlantic.

(c) To agree on a set of rules of reciprocal behaviour for naval and air units of their armed forces when operating in proximity.

(d) To agree on a mechanism for emergencies aimed at facilitating air and maritime search and rescue operations in the South-West Atlantic.

(e) To establish a system of exchange of information on the safety and control of air and maritime navigation.

(f) To continue bilateral consideration of these matters and to review the measures agreed upon within one year from their coming into force.

The agreements described in paragraph 5 will enter into force on the 31 March 1990. On the same day the decision mentioned in paragraph 4 will be implemented.



Both delegations expressed the satisfaction of their Governments with the report of the Working Group on fisheries which met in Paris on 18 and 19 December 1989. It was agreed that both governments should proceed - through their respective Foreign Ministries - to exchange available information on the operations of the fishing fleets, appropriate catch and effort statistics and analyses of the status of the stocks of the most significant off-shore species in the maritime area of the Atlantic Ocean between latitude 45 degrees S and latitude 60 degrees S. They also agreed to assess jointly such information, and to explore bilaterally the possibilities for co-operation and conservation.

Both governments decided to set up a Working Group on South Atlantic Affairs with the mandate to continue consideration of the issues entrusted to the two working groups mentioned in paragraphs 5 and 7 of this Joint Statement. The Working Group will meet as frequently as the parties consider necessary, its first meeting will be held within one year of the date of this Joint Statement.

Both delegations considered the situation regarding contacts between the Falkland Islands and the mainland and agreed to continue considering this matter. The British delegation recognised the Argentine readiness to facilitate communications and trading opportunities between the Islands and the mainland.

Both delegations expressed their agreement to a visit to the cemetery on the Falkland Islands by close relatives of Argentine nationals buried there. The visit - based on humanitarian considerations - will take place under the auspices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). Both governments will seek the good offices of the ICRC and agree, through diplomatic channels, on the arrangements for and timing of the visit.

Both delegations agreed that the feasibility and desirability of a general co-operation agreement should be examined through diplomatic channels.

Both governments, recognising that the promotion and reciprocal protection of investments should encourage private initiative and increase prosperity in both states, agreed to begin, through diplomatic channels, the negotiation of an Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement.

Both delegations agreed that it would be appropriate to abolish the requirement for visas for nationals of each country wishing to visit the other. This measure would become effective once negotiations had been concluded through diplomatic channels.

Both governments, conscious of the need to increase efforts to protect the environment, will work to ensure bilateral consultation and co-operation, including within the international institutions.

Both governments, recognising the threat which illicit drugs and drug abuse have created for all countries, agreed to explore ways of collaborating in this field, including exchanges of information, control of trafficking and an agreement to trace, freeze and confiscate the proceeds of drug trafficking. The Argentine delegation announced that its government would be represented at the world conference on 'Demand Reduction and the Cocaine Threat' to be held in London in April 1990.

Both delegations, noting the importance of current international trends towards greater political and economic interdependence and integration, agreed to consult through diplomatic channels on these trends, particularly those concerning the European Community and Latin America.

It was agreed that both Governments would jointly send the text of the present statement and its annexes to the Secretary General of the United Nations for distribution as an official document of the General Assembly and of the Security Council. The United Kingdom will transmit this Joint Statement to the Presidency and Commission of the European Community, and the Government of Argentina will do likewise to the Organisation of American States.

In conclusion, both delegations expressed their thanks to the Spanish government for its generous hospitality and support.

In response to the talks H.E. the Governor of the Falklands, Mr Fullerton, said 'I am satisfied that the Islands have received strong pledges that the defences of The Islands are not being weakened, they also have very strong pledges from the British Government that their right to self-determination will be preserved. These pledges were reiterated by Mr Tim Sainsbury, MP Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office during his visit earlier this month'.

#### **Is the greenhouse effect affecting the Falklands ?**

Scientists have warned for 30 years that the planet is likely to warm up faster in response to the increasing amounts of carbon dioxide and other 'greenhouse gases' pumped into the air from power stations, vehicles and other sites where fossil fuels are burned. It took a succession of six warm years through the 1980's and the panic offset by drought to make the greenhouse effect front page news in the UK and US. In the Falklands where car and factory pollution are non-existent is there a need to be concerned?

The greenhouse effect which is monitored from an island in the Pacific Ocean is a cumulative effect of man's activities on earth and unfortunately what he does affects the whole atmosphere. According to the Agriculture Department each year one sheep produces about seven and a half kg of methane gas so that the total for the Islands is about 5,700 tonnes. However this is just a tiny amount in the world scale of things. Other industries in the world are of much greater significance. Although there is no hard evidence to prepare people for the massive change that would take place if the greenhouse effect became a reality, forecasts suggest that the temperature 40 years from now will increase from 0.5° C to 1.5° C or even 2.5° C - the latter a warming rate more than ten times higher than anything experienced in the last million years.

A warmer world would mean a rise in mean sea level caused by thermal expansion of the oceans and by the melting of glaciers and polar land ice sheets. It is estimated that in the next 40 years the sea level will rise between 20 and 30 cm, a level which would leave some gardens in Stanley and in Camp under water.

Changes to ocean currents could alter fish populations by varying temperature, salinity and availability of nutrients. Fisheries would have to cope with fog and violent storms. Variations in rainfall could greatly affect river flow and groundwater storage, with important consequences for irrigation, water resources and navigation.

Agriculture too is likely to be affected in a variety of ways in a changing climate and it is possible that the consequences might even be beneficial in some regions. According to a recent report in New Zealand, for every one degree increase in temperature, crops would be able to be grown at altitudes 200m higher than at present and about 200m further South. As the climate warms, Falkland farmers may have to cope with temperate crops and an increase in weeds in their grasslands.

With regard to rainfall, the New Zealand report is that it will get wetter in the North and drier in the South. If this holds on the other side of the South Pole, the Falklands may get drier. A drier climate so say the experts would be preferred by Merino sheep. With less than 20 inches of rainfall a year in the Falklands, a drier climate could mean parts of the land without a covering of peat turning to desert areas.

Although all these factors cannot be substantiated or put into context as far as the Falklands is concerned, as Dr Salinger of the Meteorological Service, New Zealand says 'We cannot wait until scientists can definitely prove what is going to happen, because by that time it will be too late.' Whilst International action is essential to the solution of the problem, individual countries like the Falklands can play its part. Here is how:

1. Ask for products free of CFC (man-made compounds containing chlorine, fluorine and carbon) which is mainly used in aerosol propellants, as refrigerants and insulators and for cleaning electronic components.
2. In the home energy can be saved by draughtproofing, switching off unnecessary lights, home insulation and using low energy machines, particularly freezers.
3. Outside the home, car journeys could be reduced where unnecessary, the burning off of land stopped and new ways to improve energy efficiency be found to replace dependence on fossil fuels.

These small measures in themselves will save money as well as protect the environment and the world we depend on for our continued existence.





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## EXCO BULLETIN

### Charter Flights Montevideo-Falklands

Council raised no objections to the exchange crews for Polish fishing vessels being flown via Mount Pleasant International Airport by charter aircraft.

### M.V. "Southern Star"

Arrangements are in hand for the vessel to be moved to the River Blackwater in Essex. It is understood that such a berth will allow prospective buyers easy access to the vessel that has been laid up at the Falkland Islands Port and Storage System (FIPASS) since May 1989.

### Conservation Report

Mr Ian Strange's Conservation report will be sent to organisations and individuals concerned with conservation for comment. A committee will be established to consider well-known naturalist, Mr Ian Strange's recommendations. Consideration will be given to providing some copies for sale.

### Government Mobile Homes

Council agreed new rules for the allocation of mobile homes on the basis that only single adults not of advanced years would be able to occupy them. Those properties beyond economic repair should be stripped and destroyed when they become vacant. Consideration will be given to the replacement of cooking stoves.

### Property Valuations

The provision of property valuations by the Public Works Department is to be discontinued, except in exceptional cases, following the transfer of the mortgage system to the private sector. A charge of £75 will be made for property valuations provided in the future.

### Fishing Second Season 1990

The season for Loligo licences will be extended by one month (now August to October inclusive). The stock assessment has shown that some increase in effort can be permitted. It is more desirable to achieve the increase in fishing effort by extending the season than allow additional fishing effort for a shorter season.

### Planning Bill 1990

Council recommended that this Bill be published so that there is sufficient opportunity for adequate public discussion. It is also to be considered in detail by the Building Committee before its formal remission to the Legislature.

The Bill has been drafted so as to meet the policy points reflected in Executive Council's previous decisions, and the needs of the Falkland Islands. The Bill does not deal with materials and methods of construction required in relation to buildings and structures. It is concerned in rough terms, with aesthetics, public amenity, the environment and additionally, with orderly development.

### MV Blakeney and Cheong Yang Collision

A Commission of enquiry under the Commission of Inquiry Ordinance is to be set up to look into the accident which took place on 28 February 1990 which resulted in the MV Blakeney being put out of action. The Senior Magistrate will chair the Inquiry and two locally resident expert mariners will be invited to be the other Commissioners.

### Maidrops

The possibility of increased maidrops to some of the outer Islands is to be taken up with the Falkland Islands Government Air Service (FIGAS).

**Argentine Embassy in London**

Council were informed that the Falkland Islands Government Office (FIGO) in London had been approached by the newly established Argentine Embassy in London for copies of Government and other publications. Council agreed that if the Argentine Embassy wish to be provided with such publications it should apply through the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. FIGO should not itself respond to such requests, however should the Embassy wish to purchase a publication which was available to the public generally, there would be no objection to FIGO selling it to the Embassy.

**Argentine British Conference**

Councillors did not favour the attendance at this Conference of the London Representative, Lewis Clifton, on a participative basis. Councillors reiterated their previous position that if the Representative was to attend it should be as an observer only because they believed that the Falkland Islands should not imply any approval of persons representing Argentina until such time as Argentina abandoned its claim to the Falkland Islands.

**NEWS & VIEWS**

**Fisheries Update**

The Korean vessel "Dusung 1" which was licensed through Fortuna Ltd and was part of the Voluntary Restraint Agreement (VRA) with KOSAC, has had its licence revoked for contravening the VRA. This is indicative of the firm stance being taken on conservation by the Government.

Loligo fishing continues to the South and West of Beauchene Island with catches averaging over 40 tonnes daily. Illex fishing within the Falkland Interim Conservation Zone (FICZ) commenced at midnight 7 March 1990.

**Activity at Stanley Airport**

The auxiliary buildings for the FISHOPS and FIGAS hangars, including workshops, pilot debriefing centre, stores and managerial offices are now ready to move into and will be fully occupied by the end of March 1990.

Aircraft movements (landings and take-offs) for the whole period of 1989 were 1,912. Passengers for the same period consisted of 6,282 arrivals/departures. From the Summer of 1988 through to Summer 1990, air traffic movement has increased 40%.

**Healthy news from the Hospital**

During 1989/1990 twenty-one new babies were born in the King Edward Memorial Hospital. This is 3% more than were born last year. In 1988 three cases were referred to the UK for care and a further six in 1989. The ratio of mothers who are referred for special care in the Islands is lower when compared to other remote islands in New Zealand and Nova Scotia.

There have been no new hydatid cases since the last hydatid survey was carried out a year ago.

Dr Gail Cunningham this month started a Well Woman's Clinic. The clinics emphasis is on health and preventative medicine rather than illness and provides women with the opportunity of regular check-ups. These clinics are held Thursday mornings 10:00 - 11:50 AM.

**Increased job opportunities in Government**

During the period July 1988 to December 1989 there have been 37 new posts created throughout Government departments.

**Increase in residents immigrating**

In the year ending 31.12.89 the Immigration department dealt with a total of 7,875 civilian persons entering or departing the Islands through Mount Pleasant Airport and a further 648 arriving or leaving the Islands by sea. This figure does not include those tourists travelling on cruise ships who numbered 997.

Nationalities that these figures represent include British, Australians, New Zealanders, Germans, French, Italians, Koreans, Japanese, Polish, Russian, Taiwanese, Phillipinos, Dutch, Norwegians, Swiss, Americans, Canadians, Chileans, Venezuelans, Brazilians and Uruguayans.

Approximately 30 of those arriving at Mount Pleasant Airport were new immigrants to the Islands or residents returning to live after a long absence.



**Record number of visitors**

The Museum, Britannia House, for the period February 1989 to February 1990 saw just under 2 thousand visitors through its doors. Increased awareness of the Museum and regular opening hours has shown a 30% increase in visitors on last year.

**Cost of Living up**

The cost of living for the half year has increased by 6.37%. The quarter ended 31st December 1989.

**Stanley Senior School Project**

At a Standing Finance Committee meeting of 14 February 1990 it was agreed that tenders for the construction of the new Senior School should be sent out. At a further meeting, spread over two days, during which the Capital Programme and funds likely to be available for the school were discussed, it was agreed that provision for this project should go ahead. In line with current policy and on the basis of current prices it is expected that expenditure will not exceed £10 million.

In addition the Camp Road Programme is also planned to continue at a level of £2 million per annum.

**WHATS IN IT FOR YOU**

**Good news for "green fingered"**

A new scheme, launched by the Falklands Islands Development Corporation (FIDC) to improve the availability of locally grown vegetables in the Falklands is providing people in Camp with an alternative source of income. In offering to assist with finding outlets for vegetables from Camp, the most appropriate being potatoes, brassicas and durable root crops, the grower is relieved of immediate marketing concerns; the scheme will also hopefully arrest current tendency to buy sometimes expensive and lesser quality imported goods, at the expense of local capability.

Enterprise grants for capital equipment purchase have been approved for some people in West Falklands interested in the scheme and it is hoped that others in the Camp and in Stanley will take to growing vegetables for sale next season.

**Licensing law circulated for public comment**

The Attorney General has circulated, in accordance with a decision of Executive Council, the discussion paper prepared on possible reform of the licensing law. Copies have been sent to all justices of the Peace, all licensees and to a number of other interested persons and the Public Library. Licensees have been asked to make available copies of the discussion paper to interested customers also.

Views on the discussion paper are sought by the Attorney General by 31st March. It is intended that if the law is to be amended, a Bill will be prepared for consideration by the Legislative Council at its meeting in late May. It is possible that a public meeting will be held during March/April 1990.

**Wind power - a real possibility**

Following doubts expressed by farmers as to the suitability of the wind regime in the Falklands for the generation of electric power, the latest development is the decision to buy wind monitoring apparatus which will determine over a 12 month period the hourly wind speed and direction, the extent of wind turbulence and the monthly and seasonal variations. The data will be analysed off-site by transferring the removable data-chip to a computer in the UK which will provide a data-base for the Islands and determine the economic viability of having wind turbines in either Stanley or Camp.

In order to get a comprehensive understanding of wind patterns in the Islands one monitor will be stationed at Dunnose Head, West Falklands and one in Stanley, East Falklands. 'It is clear that if an adequate system is found to suit the Falklands climate, there is a lot of benefit to be gained from using low-cost, environmentally friendly energy sources,' explains Mike Summers, General Manager FIDC, responsible for sponsoring the project.

Already Port Howard and Pebble Island have completed the process of rehabilitating their repeaters (radio rebroadcasters) to include re-furbishment with wind generators inclusive of storm protection mechanisms and reliable battery charge regulations. Port Howard is also installing a micro-hydro power scheme and the necessary hydro-turbine and generator recently arrived in the Islands. When completed it should provide the settlement with a more comprehensive and cheaper supply of electricity which will especially benefit the Lodge.

At Sea Lion too, the original project of implementing a secondary battery-backed electrical system to provide 24 hour lighting, has been expanded into the installation of a solar water heating system to reduce the need to cut and burn peat during the summer months.

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF

### Getting to the grass roots of tussac management

A large proportion of the Falkland Islands population, especially outside Stanley is both directly and indirectly employed in agricultural activities; it is most important economically therefore and also in terms of social stability. Cattle ranching, popular in the 1800's has long since been overtaken by sheep farming, and today there are just under a 100 sheep farms with 720 thousand sheep of the Polworth, Corriedale and Romney breeds, producing just over 2 thousand tonnes annually of raw wool for export mainly to UK.

The Government's ongoing policy of subdividing farms has been successful in increasing the numbers of sheep that farms are able to run, substantially increasing the wool clip and maintaining profitable employment in the Camp. More recently farmers have become concerned about possible effects of overgrazing and consequent decline in carrying capacity of pastures, especially, white grass.

According to Gerry Hoppe, the Agriculture department's Senior Agronomist, there is a greater interest in tussac at present than at any time in the past. "Farmers are becoming more aware of the value of tussac as a highly nutritious fodder to supplement their flocks' feed which can be utilised at peak periods during the winter. It also affords shelter for sheep which is important during and after lambing," explains Gerry. 'Tussac is important from a naturalists point of view also, as it harbours a large amount of wildlife, helping to maintain species that are fast disappearing all over the world.'

Presently the Department of Agriculture is working in co-operation with a number of organisations; aiding research on tussac grass carried out in Northern Ireland and South Georgia. With the Operation Raleigh Group and Falkland Islands Trust too it is working on a programme to plant marram grass, tussac and trees on Cape Pembroke over the next few years. The future looks a promising one also for joint projects with the Falkland Islands Foundation.

"This is one of the exciting things about tussac", says Gerry, "it is of interest to everybody: conservationists, farmers and naturalists alike. We are looking at methods of establishing tussac grass and have started planting a number of trial coastal and inland sites on Sea Lion, Fox Bay East, Port Howard and Sapper Hill in Stanley. We have other projects set up which are monitoring tussac rust, a disease caused by fungus which attacks the surface of tussac leaves and stem-borer insects which can do alot of damage also. We are also researching ways of quickening the slow and laborious hand planting process by moving to mechanical methods, perhaps using a tree or cabbage planter."

It has taken Terry and Doreen Clifton of Sea Lion Island a winter to plant one acre by hand, working seven days a week. The land cannot be used for a further 3-5 years for grazing and for the next few years, it should only be grazed lightly until the tussac is well established.

"To arrest the decline of tussac and put into practise the growing knowledge we are building up on tussac grass is going to take time, but time well spent in the long run," says Gerry, "since solving these problems will enable farmers to increase revenue. Tussac provides the potential to increase lambing percentage and hogget survival: the keys to sheep industry in the Islands."

The Department of Agriculture would be pleased to hear from those with experience in tussac and those who wish to be involved.

## NEW APPOINTMENTS

### Appointment of Board of Visiting Justices

In accordance with the Prisons Ordinance, the following have been appointed to be members of the Board of Visiting Justices for one year with effect from the first day of January 1990 —

- Rose Mary McIlroy JP (Senior Member)
- Janet Lynda Cheek JP
- Terence George Spruce JP

### Captain Raymond Gorbutt

Took up the position of Chief Marine Officer 9 March 1990. He will be responsible to the Director of Fisheries for Harbour and Fisheries Operations. His duties will include directing the activities of the Fishery Protection Officers and ensuring the efficient operation of the fishery protection service. In addition he will be designated



Harbour Master responsible for ensuring that Harbour and marine activities are carried out in accordance with the Harbour Ordinance and relevant International and Local Merchant Shipping and general Maritime Regulations.

He brings to the job much experience from maritime posts in Gambia, Guinea and Mozambique.

David James Lewis

Took up the position of House Parent 12 February 1990 responsible to the Director of Education for the smooth running of the Stanley Hostel and care of the children living in the hostel.

Eddie Anderson

Recommended flying as a pilot for the Falkland Islands Government Air Service (FIGAS) 29 November 1989. An Islander, he has many years flying experience locally since starting his career in August 1979.

Paul Julian Williams

Returned to the Islands to join the Falkland Islands Police Force as Police Constable 18 December 1989. He knows the Falklands well having spent seven months working in the local Police force previously.

### CALENDAR

- April 10 Executive Council
- 11 Standing Finance Committee
- 13 Good Friday (Public Holiday)
- 21 Midnight - Government clocks in Stanley revert to local mean time (clocks put back one hour)
- 21 HM The Queen's Birthday - Ceremonial Parade in Stanley
- 23 Public Holiday to celebrate HM The Queen's Birthday
- 29 Sheep Dog Trials held on the West

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### **New Peat Cutting Machine comes into action**

Many people in Stanley will notice a new improved quality in their fuel next year when a new peat cutting machine comes into action. The need to improve the efficiency of peat extraction has been recognised by peat cutter Joe Newell and the Development Corporation (FIDC), with the purchase of a Klasmann Werke moss peat cutting machine which will reduce waste and enable 19 thousand yards of peat to be cut a year.

Currently machine cutting methods are reckoned to waste up to 30% of peat cut; the new machine should reduce this to less than 10%.

Permission has been granted by the Government Peat Officer, Mike Evans to reserve banks for the new cutter. Joe Newell will hire-purchase the new machine from FIDC.

#### **Anglo-United takes its hat off to the Museum**

Soon to go on display in the Museum, Britannia House is a ceremonial hat which was worn by the Argentine Military Commander, General Menendez as Governor of the Malvinas, South Georgia, South Sandwich Islands and Falkland Islands dependencies. The official top hat was bought by the previous owners of Coalite when it came up for auction at the Great Auction in London in September 1982. The successful bid was £5 thousand. The proceeds from the auction were for the South Atlantic Fund.

History was recreated 8 March 1990 when Mr McErlain, Chairman of Anglo-United, the company which bought out Coalite in July 1989, presented it to the Curator of the Museum, John Smith. The presentation was made on the very table previously housed in the Secretariat on which the surrender agreement between Major General Sir Jeremy Moore and the Argentine General Mario Menendez was signed 14 June 1982. Due to the efforts of one of the Directors of Anglo-United, Hugh Muirhead the hat will now go on display in the Museum alongside the surrender table. According to John efforts are also being made to track down the actual surrender document for safe keeping in the Museum also. "It is very fitting that the hat should come back to the Islands and be a reminder of the historical events that took place. It will ensure that the traumas of the 1982 Invasion and occupation are not forgotten. As time goes on there may be those who will tend to become complacent about Argentine intentions towards the Falklands," says John.

## WHATS ABROAD

### Councillors' Update

The Honourable Terry Peck is to attend an International Drugs Conference in the U.K. from 9 - 11 April 1990. He leaves the Islands on 4 April for London where he will be undertaking media training with the Central Office of Information. He will also be taking this opportunity to visit the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Falkland Island Association, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and key journalists.

On 14 April he will visit the Parachute Regiment in Aldershot to present a cheque on behalf of the Falkland Islands for the amount of £1 thousand. The Parachute Regiment served bravely in the 1982 Invasion. The money is going to the Parachute Regiment's charity appeal "Para 90" on the occasion of the Regiment's Golden Jubilee.

### Editors Note

The Falkland Islands Business Directory 1990 is scheduled for publication towards the end of March 1990. Every listed business will receive one free copy. Additional copies will be on sale at £5.00 from the Secretariat, Stanley or by contacting the Information Officer, Nicola Summers on Tel: 27244. The directory will be an important reference for people in the Islands and particularly for those outside the Falklands wishing to make official and commercial contacts.





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## EXCO BULLETIN

### Land Subdivision Policy

For a number of years the Government has adopted a policy of purchasing large farms from overseas owners, breaking them up into smaller units and financing their purchase by means of a Government mortgage. In effect Government has lent to the purchaser a considerable part of the purchase price at a concessionary interest rate, well below the market rate of interest.

Executive Council decided as a matter of policy that the Falkland Islands Government (FIG) would not be prepared to finance borrowing if a person who had already benefited from the scheme wished to purchase a further subdivision. In such cases the purchaser should obtain finance from commercial sources at commercial rates of interest. The reason for this is that FIG might find itself financing the amalgamation of farms which as a matter of general policy it had subdivided. Assistance through the Agriculture Grants Scheme would however, still be available to the amalgamated units.

This decision is not intended to prevent finance being obtained at low rates of interest. For example in a situation where there is a death in the family and a member of the family wants to buy out the interests in the farm from the other members of the family FIG would consider financial assistance.

### Vehicle Racing Association

A number of local people have got together to form the Falkland Islands Vehicle Racing Association and wish to organise motor rallies or similar events. As these events cannot take place on public roads, FIG have been asked to find suitable sites. In connection with this, five sites were considered by Executive Council at their recent meeting. Mount Tumbledown in Crown ownership, part of which is currently leased, was considered to be the most suitable site and the Director of Agriculture, Owen Summers, will be pursuing the matter with the current leaseholder.

The Director of Agriculture was also asked by Executive Council to identify a suitable site for learner motor cyclists.

Executive Council also considered and remitted to Legislative Council the Road Traffic (Special Provisions) Bill, which would allow the selected sites to be exempted from the provisions of the Road Traffic Ordinance.

### Falkland Islands Foundation

Executive Council considered a proposal for the allocation of funds to the Falkland Islands Foundation for a number of projects, including the restoration of the Whalebone Arch on Arch Green projected to take place in 1992 at a cost of £40 thousand. Council agreed that the restoration project should be brought forward and asked if this work, proposed to take place in the UK, could not be carried out in the Falklands. The Curator of Britannia House, John Smith, was asked to put forward a report to the Standing Finance Committee.

### Cable & Wireless

Executive Council was informed that officers had contacted Cable & Wireless (C&W) management concerning the disconnection of telephones for non-payment. C&W was asked if it could not give prior warning to people before cutting off the telephones particularly for Camp subscribers in the remoter areas.

Council was disappointed to learn that C&W are not prepared to make special arrangements to cater for such situations and further representations are expected to be made to the company.

### Navy Point

Council advised that £9 thousand be paid to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) in final settlement of all Navy Point assets transferred to FIG. The future use of Navy Point is to be considered further, including the disposal of assets situated there. The Camber House required designation as a building of architectural/historical interest.

### **Links with South America**

Executive Council was advised that a charter flight from Chile arrived in the Islands 8 April 1990. Seats on the aircraft to Chile were priced at \$500 US. The MOD agreed to cut landing fees at MPA by 50% to encourage future charter flights from South America.

### **Sale of Government Houses**

Council agreed that the prices attaching to the Government houses offered for sale to sitting tenants should be maintained for a further six months.

### **The Highway Code**

Council advised that the British Highway Code (BHC) be published in the Falklands in place of the present Road Code. Any amendments to be made to the BHC are to be approved by Executive Council and incorporated in an addendum to be issued with the booklet. The upgrading of the Falklands driving licence document was deemed desirable to make it more acceptable to the UK and other countries.

### **Merchant Shipping Legislation**

The need to apply a number of UK laws on the safety of shipping was noted by Executive Council, along with the prospective limitation of the Falklands register.

Port Stanley has been a Port of Registry for British ships for over 100 years. Under the Merchant Shipping Act of 1894, any ship which was a "British ship" could be registered in any British Port of Registry including the Falklands. This is perceived by the UK Government as creating problems; in small independent territories like the Falkland Islands, it is unlikely that sufficient expertise is available to apply and monitor properly the many shipping safety conventions which now apply to merchant shipping vessels.

The UK Government therefore plans to pass a law which when enacted will allow ships up to 500 gross registered tonnage, fishing vessels and British Antarctic Survey vessels to be registered in the Falklands. This however, is conditional upon the Falklands applying the numerous provisions of UK law relevant to safety which are required by international conventions relevant to ships up to this size. Many more would have to be applied, and enforced if larger ships were to be registered. There is no absolute requirement to apply these provisions; the alternative would be to have no registry of ships, or a much more limited one. Vessels removed from the register would have to be registered elsewhere.

The Attorney General has prepared the first draft of a Bill which because of its complexity, needs to be referred to the Department of Transport in the UK for advice before it is considered by Executive Council.

## **NEWS & VIEWS**

### **Argentinian next of kin visit**

Honourable members have agreed that the visit by close relatives of Argentine war dead in the Falklands will take place on humanitarian grounds and confirmed it must be carried out under the auspices of the International Red Cross.

The visit will be made by ship direct from the Argentinian mainland to Goose Green. This will avoid the need for transport within the Islands and accommodation, should the weather delay flights.

### **East Stanley Housing - Appointment of consultant architects**

Culpin Partnership have been appointed to carry out a full East Stanley housing development survey. The advantage of having a full survey drawing prepared now would be beneficial should further development take place at a later date. It would mean that any development of the area by the Private Sector would therefore be on serviced plots identified by the survey and would not require them using their own development plans.

### **World Cup 1990 TV Coverage**

The Daily Star newspaper has agreed to pay the costs of the first four matches of the 1990 World Cup being transmitted live to the Falklands.



### **Corporal Punishment in Schools**

The Education Ordinance states that boys over the age of 11 years can be corporally punished and that corporal punishment can only be carried out by a Head or Deputy Head teacher without causing injury.

The law only permits (subject to parents consent) corporal punishment of boys because under The Human Rights Convention applicable to the Falkland Islands, corporal punishment of girls is considered unacceptable and contrary to human dignity.

Incidents of corporal punishment in schools in the Falklands are very rare indeed, however Councillors, having heard the views of parents, decided to retain an ultimate deterrent in the Ordinance to support discipline in schools.

Parents are fully informed of any incident and have the right to object to their child being corporally punished. Parents wishing to do so should contact the Education Department.

### **Fisheries Update**

Vessels fishing for Loligo are still operating in the vicinity of Beauchene Island with catches remaining reasonably stable at between 20 and 30 tonnes per day.

Until recently the Illex fleet was scattered over the northern part of the zone but it is now concentrating its efforts close to the perimeter in the northwest. Catches vary considerably and range from 9 to 69 tonnes though the average would appear to be 28 tonnes.

Spaniards are still targeting Hake in the west of the zone but catches are only fair at around 6 tonnes per day, whilst to the north at West Falkland several Polish and Bulgarian vessels are now catching in the order of 25 tonnes per day of Whiptail Hake. At the present time the Fisheries Department has numerous scientific observers on various vessels, to monitor catches of all species. Both patrol vessel and aircraft continue to be fully employed at this busy time of year.

### **FIDF Training**

An important training exercise for the Falkland Islands Defence Force (FIDF) has been arranged to take place during 24-25 April 1990. Exercise Cape Petrel will take place throughout the Islands starting the morning of the 24th and finishing the evening of the 25th.

Employers are requested to co-operate in releasing members of the FIDF in their employ to take part in the military exercise.

### **Conservation & Environmental Assessment Report available**

Ian Strange's report is now available on request from the Secretariat at £10 a copy. For reference one has been placed in the Stanley library.

### **Stanley Swimming Pool statistics**

From 2 January to 26 March 1990 the swimming pool has had 7,950 customers, not including children under-five who are admitted free of charge. For the 75 days that the pool has been open between these dates there has been an average of 106 customers per day.

After successfully completing on 1st February 1990 a 12-week course on lifesaving (Pool Bronze Medallion), three new members; Debbie Gilding, Aletta Makin-Taylor and Daniella Watson are now doing pool duties. Six deep-water rescues have been carried out and, first aid has been administered by members of staff on 17 occasions.

## **WHATS IN IT FOR YOU**

### **Jersey Estate Housing**

This two phased housing scheme was commenced in 1988 under a £3.4 million contract awarded to the British joint venture company Laing-Mowlem-ARC (Construction). This initial contract was to provide the infrastructure for the whole project and supply 30 houses. The houses built were 12 four bedroomed, 10 three bedroomed and 8 one bedroomed units which was considered at the time to be the most pressing local housing requirement. These have now been constructed and are occupied by Falkland Islands tenants.

The design of the second phase of this scheme is now being finalised and will result in a contract to erect three compact apartment blocks before the end of 1990. These units will provide an additional 14 housing units consisting of 1 three bed roomed, 7 two bed roomed and 6 one bed roomed units which will satisfy the present demand for starter homes and single person units. Tenders for the work are expected by 20 April 1990 and completion is scheduled for December 1990/91.

#### **Electricity (Generation and Supply) Project**

This scheme is a phased improvement project which commenced in 1984 and is not expected to be completed until 1991.

In 1984 the Power Station of that time could produce and distribute 1.2 mega watts if all the equipment was "on stream" but the station was rated as a 1 mega watt station. In the following years a new station has been built and each year additional equipment, transformers and distribution cables has been installed to enable the production and distribution of 6.2 mega watts from a station rated as a 4.7 mega watt station.

This phased improvement will cost a total of £6 million but with current maximum demand of less than 47% of capability, electric supply for the immediate future is assured.

#### **Stanley Roads**

A programme to re-construct the Stanley roads was commenced in 1988 and will be on-going until the mid 1990s. Under this programme several streets have already been completed and work is "in hand" on Ross Road East and West and a contract has been awarded for the central town area road called John Street. It is expected that Fitzroy Road, Davis Street and King Street will be re-constructed this year at a total cost of approximately £450 thousand. This rate of re-construction expenditure is anticipated for the next four years by which time all the roads in Stanley town will be of either concrete or asphaltic pavement construction with at least a footpath along one side of the road.

The Public Works Department is available to take private orders for asphaltting as required. For more information contact Alex Smith, Construction Superintendent. Tel 27183.

#### **Camp Roads**

A programme has recently been commenced to construct up to 150 miles of camp roads which will link up the main settlements of both Islands. These roads are intended to connect to suitable jetties on either side of the Falkland Sound which will themselves be connected by car/lorry ferry.

The Falkland Islands Government (FIG) has allocated £10 million to a 5 year programme of work and has agreed the initial 120 miles of road and set the priority of construction for them.

Several Consulting Engineers and Agencies were invited to submit consultancy tenders for the design and supervision of this project and at the end of January 1990 Scott Wilson Kirkpatrick visited the Falklands and have now been appointed to undertake this work. They have completed the field work and will be preparing designs and reports for consideration by FIG shortly.

#### **New Commemorative Coin Issue**

Coin collectors will be interested to know that the Commissioners of Currency have decided to participate in the issue of a Falkland Islands coin to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the founding of The Save the Children Fund. The silver crowns will be available from the Treasury in the Secretariat, July 1990 for £25 each.

Each coin will bear a specially commissioned portrayal of children engaged in an activity characteristic of the country concerned; in the case of the Falklands, a young girl on horseback assisting with the rounding up of sheep. The inscription will read "Falkland Islands 1990" and the denomination "50" pence. The reverse side of the coin will feature a portrait of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II sculptured by Raphael Maklouf with the inscription "Queen Elizabeth The Second".

The Royal Mint in the U.K. will produce a limited edition of 20 thousand coins and every coin issued will make a financial contribution to The Save Children Fund for its work in establishing the conditions in which children all over the world can grow to a healthy maturity. The coins signify the continuing commitment of governments to protecting the interests of children and their partnership with The Save the Children Fund.



The Treasury have left a limited stock of 30 World Wildlife Fund commemorative coins which were issued in 1989 to mark the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the World Wildlife Fund. The reverse design bears a specially commissioned portrayal of a species of particular relevance to each country participating in the issue. In the case of the Falklands, it features a King Penguin with its young. The silver crowns are selling for £20 each and have a face value of 50 pence. For every coin sold a financial contribution will be made to the Fund in its work of conserving the natural resources of our planet.

#### **Training and Scholarships**

The newly expanded Scholarships and Training Awards Committee approved by Executive Council met 3 April 1990.

At this first meeting committee members discussed criteria for training, now and in the future and agreed that standard application forms should be made available for those people seeking training. Anyone requiring advice on training, or an application form, should apply to the Further Education Officer, Phil Middleton, at the Education Department or Tel. 27290.

#### **Donation by Stanley Services Ltd**

A donation of £500 towards Royal Life Saving Society badges, awards and courses for the Swimming Pool has recently been received by the Education Department from Stanley Services Ltd. According to Jim Fairfield, the Pool Superintendent, these items are on order and will be arriving shortly. In addition starting blocks and other pool equipment is due to arrive about 5 April 1990.

#### **Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme Revived**

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme which has been run through the Education Department at Darwin boarding school and Stanley school in previous years is now being run (as of 27th March 1990) by a National Board. In his capacity as President of the Award in the Falkland Islands, HE The Governor will chair a National Council made up of five persons plus officers of the National Award Committee of which Islander, Stuart Wallace has recently been elected Chairman.

Anyone between the ages of 14 - 25 interested in joining the Award Scheme should contact Phil Middleton, Secretary Duke of Edinburgh's Award Committee, for an application form. Tel 27290. Included in the £5 enrolment fee is the cost of handbooks, badges and certificates.

## **A DAY IN THE LIFE OF**

#### **The Philatelic Bureau**

For generations of stamp collectors the Falkland Islands and Dependencies have been a fascinating part of the philatelic world.

Today the Philatelic Bureau has a growing list of over 1,600 standing order and deposit account customers on a computerised system. A further 400 customers maintain a deposit account for "casual" orders. The weekly mail brings in a further 60 to 100 "one off" stamp orders per month. The Bureau has a cash sales counter open daily, with outlets at Mount Pleasant and Fox Bay. Additionally the Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group formed in 1970 has grown rapidly and now has 500 members all over the world.

Falkland Islands stamp sales account for £120 thousand of the Islands revenue which when compared to the Fisheries revenue is negligible but none the less important. In terms of publicity and exposure, articles in different stamp magazines have opened the eyes of the world to these remote Islands.

Times have changed considerably since 1861 when the first Postmaster was appointed. Prior to 1971 all philatelic requests were dealt with by the Post Office staff when, because of gradual increase of orders, a person was employed part time to process all philatelic requests. In 1975 a standing order system was introduced and in 1978 the Bureau was set up. Over the years the Bureau staff increased to 10 but with the computation of the standing order system in 1984, staff level has reduced to five. The new computer equipment installed in 1990 has three times the capacity of the old system to cope with further expansion.

The strict stamp issuing policy has kept the Falkland Islands among the top 10 of collectors countries. 'We have a set policy to produce only four sets of commemorative stamps a year from the Falkland Islands in addition to definitive issues,' explains Phyllis Stewart, Philatelic Bureau Manageress. 'We do participate in special issues for Royal occasions also, which takes us into a fifth issue, but this is our maximum allocation.'

For South Georgia and British Antarctic Territories we have an allocation of 2 commemorative issues per year.' 'We are careful too not to stock more than about 50 -70 thousand of each of the commemorative issues and generally no more than seven thousand First Day Covers. Crown agents order about the same amount for sale to major dealers throughout the world. Over production could flood the market and kill demand for a particular issue,' says Phyllis.

The Stamp Advisory Committee which was formed in the early 1960's is the body which according to Phyllis, 'picks the bones out of artist roughs for proposed stamp issues.' Working a year ahead and according to a five year plan, we select from a list of suggested topics for stamp issues, the most appropriate and engage an artist to illustrate the subject. Once we are satisfied that the roughs are accurate, the artist is required to deliver his finished designs to Crown Agents, who in turn pass them to the Foreign Commonwealth Office who will approve them with Her Majesty the Queen and pass them back to Crown agents to engage a stamp printer. The stamps are then printed in sheets of fifty and delivered about two months later. The work is interesting and satisfying, especially when our customers write in to say how beautiful Falkland stamps are,' says Phyllis.

The Philatelic Bureau would be pleased to hear from anyone with suggestions for stamp issues and those who wish to join the Philatelic Study Group. Those interested in the new specialised stamp catalogue of the Falkland Islands and Dependencies 1800-1990 should apply to Stefan Heijtz, Box 26048, S-100 41 Stockholm, Sweden. The sum of £17 will cover the post and packing for delivery anywhere in the world.

## NEW APPOINTMENTS

### John Rodney Tuckwood

Took up his appointment as Senior Plumer for Public Works Department 1st February 1990. He came to the Falklands in 1985 to work for Fairclough Miller and has been employed by Public Works since 1989.

### School Managers

The Education Department is in the process of having school managers appointed.

Anyone who is interested in the new Education Ordinance which makes provision for a Committee of Managers for Camp Education, Infant/Junior and Senior schools should contact the Education Department.

**Congratulations to:** David Taylor, the previous Chief Executive of the Falkland Islands, who has recently been appointed Governor of Montserrat. He will take up his new appointment towards the end of May 1990.

## CALENDAR

April	21	Midnight- Government clocks in Stanley revert to local mean time (clocks put back one hour)
	21	HM The Queen's Birthday - Ceremonial Parade in Stanley
	23	Public Holiday in lieu of HM The Queen's Birthday
	29	Sheep Dog Trials held on the West
May	8	Executive Council Meeting
	9	Stanley Finance Meeting
	10 - 11	Senior School Concert inclusive of a short play 'The Falklands Connection' (farce), creative dance and music to be held in Town Hall at 7 pm.
	19	Budget Session - Legislative Council
	25-26	May Ball & Prince Charming Dances

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### **A Gala Ahead**

Children aged between 4 - 11 will have the opportunity to demonstrate their swimming at a Swimming Gala to be held at Stanley Swimming Pool on 18 May 1990 between 2 and 4 pm. The public is very welcome to attend.



There will be novelty races for the 4 1/2 year olds, competitive races for junior swimmers, a diving display and individual "house" relay races between Saunders, Beaver and Lively. Medals and presentation cups will be awarded to the best boy and girl swimmers. All the prizes will be donated by Sullivan Shipping.

Plans are well ahead also for an Open Gala to be held 4 August 1990. The Gala is being sponsored by JBG Falklands who will supply the Bronze, Silver and Gold medals and some of the cups. Over 13 cups and trophies have been donated altogether towards this Gala. Other cups have been given by; Gordon Forbes Construction, McAdam Design, David Wilkie, Falkland Printz, Philomel Store and J & B Services.

A further School Gala, this time for senior school pupils, will be held 24 August 1990. As well as breast stroke, back and front crawl and butterfly races there will be medleys and relay races.

"By having three Galas per year we hope to encourage more people in the Falklands to take up swimming," says Phyllis Rendell, Director of Education. More classes for children and adults have been arranged and will commence:

For children, beginners and improvers - 28 May 1990

For adult ladies - 28 May 1990

For adult males - 29 May 1990

### **Junior School Extension Opening**

To mark the completion of the Junior School Extension an Opening ceremony will be held 23 May 1990 at 3 pm in the School Hall. The public are welcome to attend. There will be a short musical programme given by the school choir and infant 'Music Makers'.

## **WHATS ABROAD**

### **Labour support for the Falklands down**

According to a recent opinion polls taken by Gallup in Britain and Socmerc in Argentina, fewer than 30 per cent of Labour voters think the Falkland Islands should remain British, compared with nearly 50 per cent of Tory voters. Nearly 60 per cent of Labour voters think the Falkland Islands should be either independent or handed back to Argentina.

Seventy-five per cent of voters in Argentina think the Islands should become its province, with the Islanders way of life guaranteed. This idea appeals to 13 per cent in Britain.

Sixty per cent of Argentinians now believe that Islanders' interests should be taken into account, 58 per cent are prepared to contemplate negotiations and only one per cent wish to 'carry on with the Conflict.'

Councillors have recently seen a number of Members of Parliament from both Labour and Conservative governments to express their feeling of concern about continuing public support for the Islands. The Honourables Norma Edwards and Harold Rowlands during their visit to the UK, 5 - 21 November 1989, met with Conservative MPs including Martin Brandon Bravo, Robert Key, Ray Whitney and Neville Trotter. The Hon. Gerard Robson who visited the UK, 31 January - 17 February 1990, met Labour front bench MPs inclusive of George Foulkes, John McWilliam, Roland Boyes and Bruce George.

During the recent FIG sponsored Falklands visit (22 - 28 February 1990), Councillors spoke too with Labour MP, Elliott Morley and Conservative MPs; Nicholas Winterton, Gerald Bowden and Jacques Arnold. The Hon. Terry Peck during his recent UK visit, 4 -19 April 1990, also made the most of his opportunity to meet and put forward Islanders views to Conservative Minister, The Hon. Tim Sainsbury and others.

### **Falkland Islands video wins IVCA Craft Award**

The Falkland Islands Tourism's promotional video 'The Falkland Islands - Where Nature is Still in Charge' has won its makers, World Travel Video Productions (UK) Ltd, the International Visual Communications Association (IVCA) Craft Award for best sound track. Presentations and screenings took place at the IVCA's annual event 6 April 1990.

The 20 minute video which takes the viewer 'on safari' in the Falklands and is designed to attract ornithologists and other wildlife enthusiasts to the South Atlantic, has according to Graham Bound, FIT Director, resulted in more people visiting the Islands. "The video evokes a very different impression of the Falklands to that produced by the 1982 Conflict," he explains. "It has been an extremely successful marketing tool in

promoting the Islands and to date we have sold upwards of 600 or more."

The film will be distributed by Chatsworth Television Enterprises as part of the 'Travel Notebook' series, in a unique package arranged by World Travel Video. Copies of the video are also available on loan or for sale from FIT offices. For further information contact Victoria Poland in London Tel. 222 2542 or in Stanley Tel. 22215.





## EXCO BULLETIN

### Establishment changes in the Secretariat

Following Executive Council's approval on 8 May 1990 of a number of changes in the Government Secretariat's establishment, HE the Governor has appointed Clerk of Councils, Peter King to the new post of Senior Assistant Secretary. The post will be taken up in late June following the departure of the Government Secretary, Colin Redston, at the end of his contract.

This new post is the outcome of a review of the roles of the Chief Executive and Government Secretary. Councillors agreed that there is no longer any justification for two super-scale posts of Chief Executive and Government Secretary in the Secretariat and approved a recommendation to phase out the latter post. Due to the reduction in his involvement with the Falkland Islands Development Corporation and Stanley Fisheries, the Chief Executive is now able to devote considerably more time to general administrative matters. As Senior Administrative Assistant, Peter will underpin the Chief Executive in a variety of administrative tasks as well as having specific responsibilities for a number of areas of Government.

### Cost of Living Awards

Council approved a revised schedule for cost of living awards and their introduction 1 July 1990.

### Cost of Living Committee

It was agreed that the composition of the Cost of Living Committee should be enhanced by the addition of a female member. It was thought that the views and experience of a female, preferably a mother, would be beneficial in the task, which involved the collection of prices of not only household goods but clothing and in particular, childrens clothing.

### Government cover the cost of poll tax

Council agreed that the Falkland Government should cover the cost of the poll tax which students from the Islands would be liable for whilst studying in the UK on courses of 6 months or more.

### 1982 Conflict - 10th Anniversary commemorations

It was agreed that a committee should be established to consider what should be done to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the 1982 Conflict. The Hon Terry Peck will chair the committee.

### Snake Street

It was agreed that 2 acres of land at Snake Street be set aside for a children's adventure playground and that the remaining area be left as a "green area" for the time being.

### Legal Aid

Council agreed that legal aid should not be made available to Falkland Islanders in respect of legal proceedings in the UK.

### Old People's Home

A working group has been established to discuss the old people's home and a further report will be presented in due course setting out possible sites and costs for the project.

### Waste disposal

Councillors noted with concern that there had been reports of waste from South Georgia being shipped to the Islands for disposal. Council directed that these reports be investigated and have subsequently asked the Attorney General to prepare appropriate legislation enabling the Government to control the import and disposal of waste from overseas.

### **Rottweiler Dogs**

A decision has been made to prevent Rottweillers dogs (known to be savage) being permitted into the Falkland Islands. All dogs are subject to import control and a Government licence required for their import. This type of dog however will not be given an import licence.

### **FoxBay Mill**

Council approved the carry forward to 1990/91 of the vote surplus of £7,545 and a further provision of £12,695 in support of the Mill pending consideration of a report on its progress in due course.

### **Camp Rights of Way**

The rights of people to cross land on recognized tracks which has been customary practise in the Falkland Islands has recently been brought into doubt.

With changes in social structure as a result of the farm subdivision programme and the impending construction of Camp roads, it is essential that the rights of individuals and of land owners are clarified.

A Bill concerning these rights will be drawn up and presented to Legislative Council later this year.

### **Marine Safety Recommendations**

Council considered the report of the Commission of Inquiry into the collision between the MV Blakeney and MV Cheong Yang and agreed that the recommendations of the Commission be published.

#### **Recommendations**

1. Any vessel operating for gain, ie. carrying passengers or goods should be licenced to do so by the appropriate Falkland Islands authority. This licence should stipulate the keeping of a simple log book showing events in chronological order.
2. Any person being in charge of a vessel licensed to carry passengers or goods is to be licensed to a required standard by the appropriate Falkland Islands authority.
3. A better means of control of the approaches to Port Stanley is to be exercised, ie. legislation is to be put in place requiring all vessels when underway within a line joining Mengeary Point and Pembroke Head to maintain a VHF listening watch on Channel 16 or Channel 10; and a means of radar control is to be assessed with a view to early acquisition and installation of the same.
4. In view of the recent setting up of a marine department under the Government Marine Officer, it is considered that any future investigation with regard to a marine casualty should be more adequately prepared in its initial stages.

## **NEWS & VIEWS**

### **Allocation of Fishing Licences for the Second Season 1990**

The Falkland Islands Government received a total of 174 applications for 3 types of fishing licence for the season 1st July to 31st December 1990. One hundred applications were received to fish during August and September for all species, the main target of which is Loligo squid. Twenty type "X" licences have been offered compared to 23 in 1989. Although there is a small reduction in the number of vessels licenced this season, the total fishing effort remains similar to last year; in fact it has increased when the additional months fishing time are taken into account. This increase reflects the state of the Loligo stock, which last year enabled the season to be extended.

Fifty applied to fish for Finfish - all areas, the primary target of which is Hake. Due to the latest assessment of Hake stocks, which has indicated the requirement for a reduction in the level of fishing effort, only 19 type "Y" licences have been offered in monthly units with licence periods ranging from a single month to 4 months, compared to 65 which were offered in 1989.

Compared to last year the number of type "Z" licences being offered to catch Southern Blue Whiting and Hoki only, have been increased, largely as a result of applications from East German vessels and the reduction in type "Y" licences. The 30 licences being offered this year is well within the recommended conservation limits.



For further information contact John Barton, Director of Fisheries. Tel.27260.

#### **Illex fishery closed early to conserve stocks**

A decision had to be taken to close the Illex fishery in the Falklands Interim Conservation Zone (FICZ) on the 10 May 1990. Assessment of the Illex stock in the FICZ and adjacent areas, indicated that additional conservation measures are necessary to safeguard the resource.

The Falklands Government has been restricting fishing effort on Illex in the FICZ and additionally been encouraging voluntary restraint of fishing effort outside the conservation zone. Illex licences for the current fishing season were only allocated to vessels participating in the voluntary restraint agreement.

Catch rates of Illex during the current season have been lower than previous years and it has been calculated that the stock size is much smaller, consequently it is necessary to try and ensure sufficient squid survive until the end of the season to spawn. Illex squid only live for approximately one year. This fact combined with the last two years escapement figures, which have been significantly lower than 40% escapement recommended for the conservation of this species, means that there is an increasingly high probability that stock in the following and subsequent years will be small until any recovery is forthcoming.

The early closure affects approximately 137 vessels from 6 countries. In addition to closing the fishery, the Government is trying to achieve a further reduction in the level of fishing effort outside the zone.

#### **Limited Partnership Act**

Council have been invited to advise that the Limited Partnership Bill 1990 be presented to the Legislative Council at its Budget Session 19 May, 1990.

At present when a new business is set up, a new company is frequently formed for the purpose, to ensure its liability is limited. Keeping a company in being requires a good deal of administration including the preparation of accounts and the auditing of those accounts.

If the Limited Partnership Act is adopted, proprietors will benefit through not having to have the administration of a company and not having to have audited accounts. Accounts could be prepared in the ordinary way as a management tool, but it would not be necessary to bring in expensive outside audit expertise. The saving would be considerable.

#### **Introduction of new passports in the Falklands**

The European Community Common Format passport which has replaced the old British passports was introduced into the Falkland Islands on the 29th March this year and since then 24 have been issued to Islanders and overseas persons. The new passports which were introduced in the UK last year remain a national document in so much as each individual country retains its own national markings and emblems. Its introduction does not affect British citizenship of Falkland Islanders.

The cost of the passport remains the same at £15 and is ordinarily valid for the same period of 10 years. Holders of the old blue passports which are still in date, should not be alarmed as their passport need not be replaced until it has expired. Until about the year 2000, both the old passport and the new burgundy Common Format passport will be in existence and be valid for international travel as before.

Assistance can be sought from the Immigration Bureau in Stanley with regards to the issuing of passports and other related matters during normal office hours.Tel. 27466

#### **Stanley Roads**

The Standing Finance Committee recently approved the recommendation that a Consulting Engineer be appointed and tenders be sought from the private sector to carry out the design work associated with the proposed refurbishment of Fitzroy Road between Hebe Street and Philomel Hill.

The tender is to include the reconstruction of King Street.

#### **Revision of Old Age Pension Ordinance**

It is hoped that a revised paper can be produced for the November Legislative Council meeting. Careful consideration will be given to the proposal that a working wife be eligible for a personal pension.

The Falkland Islands Government pension scheme ensures that individuals reaching retirement age receive a minimum level of income through their Old Age Pension allowance, thereby avoiding the need to draw money from the Welfare Fund to assist in cases of financial hardship.

#### **Wrecks and Hulks Advisory Committee**

It was agreed that a Wrecks and Hulks Advisory Committee be established to act as an advisory body to FIG on wrecks and hulks and to ensure their further protection and conservation around the Falkland Islands.

The Committee's membership is:

The Hon Mrs Norma Edwards (Chairperson)  
Mr Les Halliday  
Receiver of Wrecks Mr John Smith  
Mr Dave Eynon  
Mrs Alison Barton

#### **Falkland Islands driving licences**

The Attorney General is currently addressing the problem that Falkland Island driving licences are not fully recognised in the UK by revising and reissuing new improved licences.

#### **Overseas training for Islands' students**

Ten Falkland Island students embarked on new training courses this year. The courses vary from a 3 year marine studies course, which Paul Blake is presently undertaking in Devon, to a 14 month aeronautical engineering course, which Gus Clausen and Kurt Whitney are undergoing in Scotland.

Eleven students went away this year to do their A' Levels. Last year 3 students completed their A' Level and other courses, 4 completed their first year of A' Level training and 7 students started their A' Level training.

In 1989 of the 266 students who entered for GCSE examinations, 90 received passes equivalent to O' Level, 11 with 'A' grades. This is especially good since the majority of the Falkland Island students were aged 15 and the GCSE is a 16 plus examination in UK.

#### **Notice to Travellers**

The Government has recently published a 'Notice to Travellers' dealing with restrictions on the importation of certain objects as a reminder of its existence.

Intending travellers to or from the Falkland Islands are asked to be aware that there are restrictions, and in some cases absolute prohibitions, on the exportation from or importation of a number of items such as guns, ammunition, animals, animal products, birds, bird eggs, rare plants and objects consisting of or made from parts of endangered species. The laws of the Falkland Islands and of overseas countries require licences to be obtained for the importation or exportation of certain items and it may be necessary to obtain a licence both in the country of departure and destination.

Breaches of the laws concerned may result in a criminal offence being committed and the confiscation of the offending items by the relevant customs authorities. For advice as to overseas countries' provisions contact the Collector of Customs, Les Halliday Tel. 27340/341. Sufficient time should be allowed for enquiries to be made overseas which may be necessary in certain instances.

## **WHATS IN IT FOR YOU**

#### **Salmon Farm Project - a success**

The salmon farm pilot project, established by the Development Corporation (FIDC) in 1985 to determine the suitability of Falkland Islands waters for rearing Atlantic salmon, is due to come to an end this winter. The project which covered the whole cycle from egg to harvested fish, has successfully proved that salmon respond very positively to Falkland conditions. The Norwegian expert, Eilif Dagsvold, in control of the project is optimistic over the above average growth and feed conversion rates in the sea-cages which promise high yields on investment.

Currently FIDC is looking to establish an overseas market for the product together with an outside investor.



The aim is to seek co-operation through minority equity involvement with a major foreign salmon production and marketing organization either in Chile, which is developing a major industry of its own, or elsewhere in the world.

Fish lovers will be able to sample some of the salmon this winter when the first batch is harvested. Perhaps the local restaurants will soon be offering freshly baked salmon as part of their everyday fare.

#### **More funding for the Stanley Library**

Stanley Services Ltd is to assist the library, which has been underfunded for years, with an annual contribution of £500. This generous contribution will help with the purchase of more books. The Education Department is grateful for Stanley Services' involvement and looks forward to working with the company in the future.

#### **Holidays for Stanley children in Camp**

The Education Department has linked 15 children so far with families living in Camp for a visit during the May/June holiday. Now that interest is increasing the department would be pleased to hear from anyone else in the Camp prepared to accommodate one or two children for a week in the September and January holidays. Parents are asked to pay hosts £5 per day to cover costs. For more information about the scheme contact the Education Department. Tel. 27289/90.

#### **Training for local businesses**

A number of local companies with the assistance of FIDC are improving the quality of their businesses and providing new opportunities for young Falkland Islanders through training.

Falkland Islands Tourism (FIT) recently took on Sally Robertson as a new trainee with the aim of making her conversant with all aspects of the business. The growth of FIT is recognition of the rapid expansion of tourism which by the 1993/94 season should be well established as a third industry in the Islands, grossing an annual revenue of over £1 million.

Stanley Growers too is recognizing the need to establish future management of the Market Garden and has taken on Jonathan Clarke, a school leaver to train in plant science, botany, conventional horticulture and basic financial control. He will be assisted in his training by the Department of Agriculture, an overseas horticultural establishment, a correspondence course and by Tim Miller, the Manager of the Market Garden.

Monty's restaurant, whose mounting popularity with the local community needs to be served by quality cooking and service, is receiving assistance with training their new chef, Tracy Saunders. The training for the City & Guild examination spans a 2-year period and could lead to further courses.

Two experienced employees from C & P H Chalmers and FIDC are also due to go away for further training. Kevin Kilmartin who has been practising law since 1988 will spend 3 months with a Norwich firm, Messers Daynes, Hill & Perks and sometime with C & PH Chalmers in Aberdeen. Natalie McPhee who has been Project Officer at FIDC for 6 years, will be furthering her knowledge and training into methods and systems of both rural and urban development with a regional Development Executive in UK.

The Department of Agriculture re-starts its training programme this winter offering a series of courses to all farmers.

Anyone interested in training courses which will assist them in their future work will be welcomed by the Development Corporation to discuss proposals. Tel. 27211

#### **FIT Project Grants Scheme**

Falkland Islands Tourism (FIT) would like to remind the public of its grant scheme. FIT can provide grants up to £3 thousand for approved projects which will improve services in local and overseas tourism.

FIT are particularly interested in assisting more farmers to refurbish their superfluous housing and adapt it to self-catering holiday accommodation for use by tourists. Already the grant scheme has assisted several such projects. Other areas appropriate for grant assistance are transport, crafts, sporting facilities and sales points. For more information contact Director of Tourism, Graham Bound Tel: 22215/16.

#### **New Spitfires stamp issue**

The new stamp issue of Spitfires is now available at Mount Pleasant and Stanley Post Offices. First Day Covers cost £1.60. (The Cover on its own is £1.25). A set of four mint stamps costs £1.31. A Souvenir Sheet

with the Presentation Spitfires is priced at £1.25. (The Souvenir Sheet on its own is £1.) The set makes a unique gift. The issue coming as it does during the year of the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain, proudly commemorates the vital part of the war effort made by the Falkland Islands during the dark days of the second World War.

In 1940 the people of the Falkland Islands in company with British residents overseas, decided that to contribute in a material way to the war effort they would set up a Spitfire Fund and a league was formed called the Fellowship of the Bellows. Under the administration of the Rev. Gerry Lowe, Church of England Chaplain, branches of the league were set up throughout the Islands and members were asked to contribute a penny for every German aircraft shot down. As a result of the fund the Islands Legislative Council were able to donate to Britain over £70 thousand for the purchase of 10 Spitfires. The fighters were designated as "Presentation Aircraft" and bore "Falkland Islands" on each side of the fuselage.

A plaque to commemorate this generous gift is on display in the Stanley Museum, Britannia House.

## **A DAY IN THE LIFE OF**

### **The Falklands Broadcasting Station**

With a record library, reception, news, production and presentation room all rolled into 2 rooms shared between 3 full-time and 4 part-time staff, the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station (FIBS) has done well over the years to extend the flow of news and local programmes which Islanders now receive. In conjunction with the British Forces Broadcasting Station (BFBS), the radio now broadcasts 24 hours a day, 8 hours of which are produced by FIBS. 'Before 1982 when I was running the Studio on my own, this kind of service was not possible. We were broadcasting for 6 and half hours a day then and using mostly BBC transcriptions and World Service relays. Today with 2 reporters we are able to produce 3 half-hour news magazine type programmes each week,' explains Patrick Watts, who has been Broadcasting Officer for 13 years and was the first full-time officer to be trained for the job.

With the advent of the new telephone system working in Camp, FIBS would like to hear more news from the remote parts of the Islands. 'It does not matter how small the item of news, it will always be of interest to someone,' says Patrick. The concept FIBS has always upheld of providing a personal service including the announcement of lost cats, which was considered old hat, is now something which is accepted by local radio stations everywhere.

FIBS success is that it cares about its audience. It transmits its news programmes live so as to remain alert to last minute local events as in the case of the recent North Arm search and rescue operation. Now also with the ability of BFBS to split frequencies, it can cater for the strong minority interested in sport on Medium wave, without upsetting its non-sporting audience who can continue to listen to music.

Not content with its achievement, Patrick wants more benefits for the community. 'I see the need for live informal phone-in discussion programmes. Once a fortnight we could arrange to have a Councillor, a Doctor, or a member of the Department of Agriculture on the line for people to discuss topical issues with. I am hoping too, that the Councillors will find money in the budget this year to refurbish the studio and replace the equipment, which was given to us by BFBS with a 5 year life span in 1982. Then we can start thinking about employing full-time continuity announcers who can undertake daytime shifts. Having full-time staff will no doubt enhance the quality of the service.'

## **NEW APPOINTMENTS**

### Sukey Cameron

Has been appointed Acting Representative for the Falkland Islands Government Office in London (FIGO) to succeed Lewis Clifton. The post will be taken up in July 1990 and the position of Representative confirmed after a 6 month probationary period.

Sukey, an Islander, has worked in FIGO as Administrative Assistant since the office opened in 1983. Previously she worked for 3 years as Executive Secretary of the Falkland Islands Association in London.

### Vernon Steen

Will take up his appointment as General Manager of Falkland Islands Government Air Service (FIGAS) to succeed Peter Milner who completes his contract in June 1990. Vernon, an Islander, has worked for FIGAS since 1976 and is presently the Chief Engineer.



## Bob Hancox

Took up his post 1 May 1990 as General Foreman/Engineer for the Public Works Department at Megabid. Previously he has worked in the Islands with Lang Mowlem Amey Roadstone Corporation (LMA) on Mount Pleasant airport and the airport road.

## CALENDAR

May	19	Budget Meeting of Legislative Council commencing 10 am in the Court and Council Chamber of the Town Hall.
	25 - 26	May Ball & Prince Charming Dances.
June	7	2nd School Term begins
	12	Executive Council Meeting
	13	Standing Finance Committee Meeting
	14	Liberation Day - A Public Holiday. Church services and memorial services.
	19	Falkland Islands Government / Falkland Islands Association Annual Reception held Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn, London commencing 6.30 pm. The Central Band of the Royal Air Force will "Beat Retreat".
	22	Mid Winters Day Annual Fancy Dress Ball.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### **Mystery of Beaked Whale discovery**

A 22 foot long whale, one of the 11 known beaked variety, has been discovered washed up on the shores of Keppel Island. According to John Smith, Curator of the Stanley Museum, the whale could be a rare species. 'We have had other whales washed up in the past, but nothing as unusual as this. I believe from the information and photographs that we have gathered so far that the whale is female. Two ribs and one side of its jaw are broken which could mean it was hit by a ship,' explains John. 'In order to identify it further, James McGhie, who made the discovery, has been helping me to sever the 3 foot long beaked head from the rotting corpse, working against the tide, daylight and weather conditions. With the assistance of Corporal Allan White of the Stanley Administration Detachment we now have the head preserved in good condition with 20% of its flesh, to bring into the Museum for further study. However it will not be easy since it weighs 256 lbs and is in a very high state of decomposition'.

The flesh on the rest of the body has been stripped, exposed and the bones secured to the beach for recovery at a later date so that the whole can be made up as an articulated model for eventual display. It is likely to be a two year project before all the jigsaw is pieced together, however with the guidance and assistance from the Merseyside Natural History Department in UK and the British Antarctic Scientific Survey Sea Mammal Research Unit, the mystery of the whale's identification will shortly be resolved.

### **New Business Centre for Stanley**

The Development Corporation has assisted a new commercial venture, jointly set-up by JBG Falklands Ltd, a local fishing company and C & P H Chalmers, the only local independent legal company, to provide office space for the business community.

Stanley Business Centre Ltd will be a purpose built split level office building in the centre of town, at the junction between Philomel Hill and Fitzroy Road. It will be known as Atlantic House and consist of 3 office units, one retail outlet, which is to be taken up by Falkland Fashions and a business/conference suite complete with secretarial services which will be rented out to local businesses and organizations. It is envisaged that the Centre will help alleviate the present necessity of using houses and portakabins as offices which aggravate even further the current housing shortage.

A membership fee system for priority rental is envisaged with non-members being permitted to rent during slacker periods. It is anticipated that the Centre will become the source of information for local businesses on contacts abroad and the dissemination point of information to businesses abroad. A full commercial reference library will also form part of the service.

For comprehensive information about businesses in the Falklands, contact the Secretariat to obtain 'The Falkland Islands Business Directory 1990.' Tel. 27242.

### **Cashmere - an alternative source of revenue**

A new venture which is to be run jointly between the Falkland Islands Company at Goose Green and FIDC, in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture, will test the suitability of cashmere goats to Falkland conditions. The aim is to find an additional source of revenue in the agricultural economy through diversification into alternative compatible species, and at the same time reap the benefits of a product undersupplied on the world market. Current market prices for cashmere wool run at nearly £60.00 a kilo and produce an average income to farming similar to that of sheep.

Similar trials on hill farms in Scotland suggest that goats mainly feed off drier, coarser grasses which are not generally favoured by sheep such as indigenous Falkland plants; Christmas Bush and Diddle-Dee. Since little is known about the long term effect of grazing habits on grassland, the initial introduction of goats will be treated as a pilot project, closely monitored by the Department of Agriculture over a period of years.

The Development Corporation plan to purchase 60 does which will arrive in the Islands this Spring and 5 bucks to follow at a later date to prevent kidding until November 1991, after which time there will be some indication as to their suitability in the Islands. The Agricultural Advisory Committee and Executive Board of FIDC who have examined and approved the project, see good possibilities of expanding Falkland Islands agriculture from a single cash crop industry with a second source. If the project is successful, it is expected that goats will be available for sale to other interested farmers.

### **WHATS ABROAD**

#### **Labours' lead soars to 24% in latest Gallup poll**

The latest Gallup poll for the Daily Telegraph shows that Labour has soared to its biggest lead over the Conservatives in more than 50 years of Gallup polling. According to the poll, only 24.3% of voters are satisfied with Mrs Thatcher at present.

Only once before has Mrs Thatcher's personal standing fallen to such low levels - during her first term as Prime Minister at the end of 1981. The Argentine invasion of the Falklands the following Spring and Britain's success in regaining the Islands helped Mrs Thatcher sweep to victory over a divided opposition in the 1983 General Election.

Whilst Mrs Thatcher has remained in power the safety of the Falkland Islands has been maintained. However with the Conservatives now facing a remodelled Labour party which is beginning to win back many of the skilled working class voters who defected to Mrs Thatcher in the 1980s, what would become of the Islands in the hands of the Labour party?

According to the Hon Gerard Robson although the probabilities of the Labour party winning the next General Election in Britain are at this moment quite high, a lot can happen in 2 years before the next election. 'There could be a resurgence of popularity to the Conservatives. In spite of this, I feel, we as Falkland Islanders have to come to terms with the fact that the next British Government may not be as sympathetic to our cause as the present one. We must put our case to and try to win the support of as many members of Parliament as possible, be they Labour, Conservative or any other party.'

'It is in our interests to take the initiative and actively seek support by going out and talking to as many people as possible in London or preferably here in the Islands. Almost all visiting MP's have gone away from the Falklands with a different viewpoint and we now have a number of friends from all parties,' states Councillor Robson. 'I believe we must carry this momentum on in the future so that if there is a change of government in 2 years time, we will at least have a good number of MP's firmly on our side.'

#### Editors Note

Due to holidays the next issue of Government News will be published July/August.